SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY

Observations in Ireland by P. M. Mullen, an Omaha Citizen.

UNLUCKY MAN WANTS TO SWEAR BY WIRE

Captain Webb Talks About Counterfeit Money-West Farnam Man Loses Confidence in Plumbers-Internal Revenue Queries.

"Conditions in Ireland are somewhat better than they were when I left there thirty years ago," said P. M. Mullen of North Twentieth street, who has just returned from a visit to his old home in the Emerald Isle, but they still lack a great deal of what they should be. The population is thinner because of emigration and the towns have changed almost as much as our western towns. The landlord system is responsible for it all. Land rents from \$5 to \$5 per acre per year, and with the importation of Amer ican farm products at a price so low that the Irish farmers cannot compete, the condition of the tenants is steadily growing worse. In the grocery stores there you can buy American canned goods for a little less than the same goods can be purchased here. Dry salt pork which we sell in Omaha for 10 cents a pound sells in Ireland at three pounds for a shilling. American canned beef sells for less than the beef can be raised for in that country, and as a result the large stockmen have failed and are failing today faster than ever known in the country before.

"In the land question there has been some improvement, and it would seem to me that England would extend the system in the light of the good results. They have a law there now whereby the government advances to the tenant enough money to purchase a certain amount of land, and the money is repaid in annual payments equal to about fifteen years' rental fee. Many men who were rebels of note have become loyal supporters of the crown because they have purchased their homes under the land not and are now the owners of their homes which they have improved. In Galway, or the Shannon side, I saw a large number of people living in huts on the roadside, the evicted tenants of Lord Clauricard and others. Their land lies idle and no one can take What Ireland wants now is a law to compel the landlords to sell at a fair valuation This would break up the large holdings. make the island produce more wealth and banish the discontent in the minds of th people. Their discontent is now taking the form of expressions of sympathy with the Boers, and it is hard to find an Irishman who is loyal to England outside the office holders.

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"I was deeply impressed with the fact that American manufactures have practically driven the British goods out of the marsay when she got that? She'd say, 'that ain't numberless opportunities of passing it, and ket. At my brother's farm all the tools are of American make, and when I remarked upon the circumstance he told me that there crazy,' and then like as not she'd elope with face represents, he has kept it with him someone. No, sir, that's got to have my until he turned it over to me last month. He were practically no English goods sold. The American goods prove to be of better quality private brand or it don't go: d'ye hear?" and are sold at a lower price." There was a nervous, furtive gleam in the eyes of the tall, dark stranger with the

Western Ution Sabbath School company? gratee and broad-brimmed felt hat as he entered the telegraph office and seizel a pad Who commissioned you a General Otis of the termined was by a close comparison with a of blanks. He was evidently laboring under English language? Is your electricity so diluted it won't carry cuss words? Things of the man in the prow of the boat in the a mental strain. The first three attempts are coming to a pretty pass when a man picture in the lower lefthand corner of the to write a message were abortive and he can't read his title clear in his mother bill, resembled a skull, when in the gencrumpled the paper and hurled it to the tongue without some upstart of a lightning uine bill the face is distinct. The plate floor with a gesture that was almost uggier criticises his vocabulary. You are a from which this bill was printed is a new vicious. Then he bit the end of his lead pencil and took a turn up and down the lobby. Finally he settled down to write. he oaths." The fourth trial was productive of better results, and he passed the sheet to the clerk. and stars and things after 'em?'' "How much?" he asked, thrusting his

hand in his nocket. counted the The clerk

## The Republican City Platform.

The Republicans of Omaha, in city convention, hereby promulgate the following platform:

FIRST-The Republican party has always been the party of progress. Entering upon the twentieth century, which we believe will be an era of progress and prosperity for nation, state and city greater than any yet known, we promise Omaha under a Republican administration a policy in the conduct of the municipal affairs that will result in the advancement and upbuilding of the city, promote public improvements, thereby furnishing employment to labor, and make Omaha, in fact as well as in name, the metropolis of the transmississippi country.

SECOND-We endorse the administration of Frank E. Moores during his term of office as mayor of the city of Omaha, and we point with justifiable pride to the fact that even his political opponents and personal enemies concede that he has been one of the most faithful and efficient mayors Omaha has ever had. We especially commend him for a second term to all voters, regardless of party, who favor a policy of progression rather than obstruction, and who believe in the advancement and upbuilding of Omaha.

THIRD-We favor the municipal ownership of public utilities, and advocate the acquisition and operation of its water works system by the city of Omaha at the earliest time practicable. We also favor the city owning and operating its own electric lighting plant, at the earliest time practicable if possible before the expiration of the existing contract between the city and electric light company. We commend the positive stand taken by Mayor Moores in his messages from time to time, with reference to the water works and electric lighting plants, and in view of these utterances, approved by the people regardless of party, we deny to the Democratic party the exclusive right of championing municipal ownership of the water works, which it has assumed to do by incorporating in its platform, extracts from Mayor Moores' messages. And we also emphatically deny to the Democratic nominee for mayor the exclusive monopoly he assumes to himself of advocating the acquisition by the city of the water works plant.

In support of these declarations, and in behalf of the honest, faithful and efficient administration of city affairs, we pledge the nominees of this convention, and urge all Republicans and all those who favor an honest, efficient and progressive management of municipal business to support the Republican nominees.

received the bill through a bank in this

and kept it with him all these years in

fact that it was a counterfeit could be de-

genuine bill, when it was seen that the face

one to me, and I do not know whether it has

been captured by the government or not.

There are few of the bills in circulation

any way, but this will be traced down,

though it has been out of circulation for

"Can't help it. We can't handle such city, but which he was unable to determine

"Biasphemy, ch? Who appointed you hope he would be able to prove where he

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censor of this great, moral and educational obtained it. The only way in which the

# Speaking right out

If it wasn't for what it brought you, your money wouldn't possess much value. It isn't the money that you work for-it's what it brings. Make it go as far as possible-get the best returns. Every item you buy from us, every dollar invested, in any line, brings you the fullest returns. If it isn't that way, speak right out, and the money will be returned. Every sale must be satisfactory-it's our way and we insist upon it.



"Seventy-five cents." A silver dollar clanged on the counter. The clerk read the message. "Here, this will never do!"" he said. "We can't send such language as this over the

The tall stranger cleared his throat with a

vigor that threatened to disrupt his larynx. What's the matter with that language? The clerk ran his pencil through the objectionable words and passed the sheet back

As expurgated, the message read thus: - ---- luck ---- to the eternal ------ nation ---- everlasting and

---- if ever 1 ---- to ---- est ---ISAAC REGAN." - anyway!

yourself in some other way?"

Express mys ---- Say, my friend? I brought my son, Tommie, here a week ago to be treated for sore eyes, and now he's come down with whooping cough. My wife writes that our daughter has eloped with the hired man; my trunk is knocking around somewhere between here and the Atlantic seaboard, and I've lost my railroad ticket. Express myself in some other way? Well, I should say I could! If you could have heard ene an hour ago you'd have thought that message a translation from a

Latin pater noster!" You seem to have been unfortunate, it's true, but we can't send the message as it reads now."

"Well, how would you word it, then?" the telephone. "Why, 1'd say: "Trung missent. Tommle

sick, whooping cough. Railroad ticket lost and "And 'forgive our darling daughter,' eh

Young man, do you know what Marthy 'd

#### GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

What they are depends mostly on the condition of the eater. Most anything is good to eat if a man is properly, healthily hungry.

Every man is properly hungry at more or less distinct intervals if he is healthy. Corned beef and cabbage taste better to a healthy, hungry man than terrapin and pale de 101

gras to the jaded appetite of a dyspeptic. The enjoy-ment of eating lepends or the condition of the stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. If kidneys. If these do not these do their work

do their work properly there accumulates in them un-digested, fermenting, putrid, blood poison-ing matter. The appetite cannot be healthy till this is removed. A machine will not run if it is all clogged up with dirt. The stomach cannot appropriate food unless it is clean, and so healthy hunger cannot come. The stomach cannot be clean if the liver and bowels do not dispose of the food passed along to them. If poisonous, effete matter is allowed to accumulate and conmatter is allowed to accumulate and congest the liver and bowels more or less of it gets into the blood, and is carried all over the body. Is it any wonder that it makes you sick?

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is designed to correct all disorders of the digestive and blood making system and to drive all impurities out of the blood itself. It restores lost appetite and vitality, builds healthy flesh and muscle, changes sickness to health, misery to happiness.

John A. Calloway, Bsq. of No. 218 26th Street, John A. Calloway, Bsq. of No. 218 26th Street, Columbus, Ga., writes "I had catarch for four years and also liver and kidney trouble. In 1804 I was working at night and I broke out in lumps all over and when these left, the skin pected off. My eyes were sunken and I had pimples and brown spats on my face. Now these are all gone, and I believe I am entirely well. I have a good appetite, but before I commenced taking your 'Golden Medical Discovery' I had no appetite at all. Now I am like a child-ready is cat al any time of the day or night."

"Well, I don't wish. So I can't swear over your telegraph line, ch? "No. sir." "Can't even say damn?" "No, sir." "Ner gee whillikins?" "Yes, I guess that would go. "Well, I don't want to say gee whillikins obstinate enough to want to say damn." 'Can't do it, sir." "Then you can go to ----, sir." "Very well, sir." One West Farnam street man has lost con-

"Yes, if you wish."

"We can put dashes in there in place of

"Blanks, you mean, with little astonishers

blasphemy."

dence in plumbers. During the recent cold wave the water pipes in his house burst and Wo're not permitted to accept messages he "called up" a plumber, telling him of containing profanity. Can't you express the accident and the number of his house When he returned home for lunch the water had flooded the lower floor and the cook

was working in six inches of water. When he got back to the office, and before he could notify the plumber that his job was a rush order, that worthy came in with a bill of \$15 ] for repairing pipes. The householder pro-tested that the pipes had never been repaired and the plumber was as positive that they bad. Nothing but a visit to the house would had. Nothing but a visit to the house would burgy, is there?" convince either, and when they arrived at the scene of the flood the plumber showed the reply. where a perfect job of plumbing had been

cet neighbor. The householder refuses to pay the bill and the plumber claims that the repairs were made at the number given over

secret service, is one of the busicst men in ren. Albany, Wis. It digests what you est & Pacific. He was a bustler and when any-

the federal building. His territory embraces | and cannot fall to cure. Iowa and Nobraska and it is his especial business to run down counterfelters and

passers of counterfeit money. Speaking of the work at this station the captain said: An improved shoestring, patented by a not what we would call a messenger boy, metallic tip a soft rubber tip, which is but rather a messenger man, for I was full moded in place over the ends of the fiber and will retain its position as long as the grown. "There is little or no counterfeiting of bills going on now, in the opinion of the government, but at the same time vigilance is maintained. It would be a good thing if string lasts. Trousers legs can be stretched and creased the newspapers would publish the laws relating to counterfeit money, as many lawabiding citizens are technically guilty of violations of the law and by their silence have

often enabled counterfeiters to escape. It trougers. is unlawful for persons to carry or keep any counterfeit money, and it is their duty when any comes into their hand to send it to the nearest secret service afficer with a statement as to how it came into their pos-statement as to how it came into their pos-the cover, the cap being held in place by frictional arms engaging the sides of the pos-statement as to how it came into their pos-the cover, the cap being held in place by frictional arms engaging the sides of the plana distings has undergone a wonderior in vestments. He is too modest to change and I have been identified with it while all of this has been going on. I never exactly liked the the dea of carrying plana distings has the into their pos-the cover, the cap being held in place by frictional arms engaging the sides of the plana distings has undergone a wondering of the sides of the plana distings has undergone a wondering of the sides of the plana distings has undergone a wonder the solution is that he has stuck to one line of business. lived in one session. You see, the officers may be at work can

running down a series of counterfeits and To do away with the necessity of tying may have lost track of the makers when a specimen of the counterfeit they are tracing may be sent them from some unexpected quarter and put the officers immediately are folded to imitate a knot.

quarter and put the officers immediately upon the right track again, while if the per-son sending in the specimen had remained silent, as many honest people do under the circumstances, the counterfeiters would have escaped. The United States government is so anxious to obtain all the counterfeit mover in circulation with a statement of haw it came into the hands of its present hold-ers that I was sent to Carroll, I.a., last week to secure a counterfeit \$5-bill which was known to be in a bank at that place. The

to secure a counterfeit \$5-bill which was known to be in a bank at that place. The bill is a poor sine etching which apparently would deceive no one, but it was accepted by an officer of the bank and was not no-ticed for several days. These bills do not cause the government much trouble, as they are so crude that generally they only circu-late for a short time among very ignorant people and are detected by the first person of average intelligence to whom they are

or average interior to show they are the presented. "But here is a bill of a different character," and the captain displayed a national bank note for \$100. It purported to have been is-sued by an eastern bank in 1875, and was a remarkably good counterfeit. "This par-

remarkably good counterfeit. "This par-ticular bill has an interesting bistory," re-sumed the captain, "As you see by the name upon it it came into the hand of a citizen of Omaba in 1884, and although he has had

messenger. He was first employed by the seen countless herds of buffalo on the Ne- death lays him low. Thirty-seven years is old Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph company braska prairies and Indians were in those a long while to remain on the pay roll of "Here are some of the questions we have away back in the days when telegraphy was days a very common sight. The red men one institution, and men with the tenacity to answer," remarked Collector Houtz, read- in its infancy. When the Western Union were amazed when they first saw the tele- of George Gardner are not encountered ing from a much-folded letter "I am a sprang into existence and the Atlantic & graph. The sight of the wires was a nov- every day. male carrier on a route from this town, and | Pacific passed into history Mr. Gardner con- | elty of itself, but the song the wires sing

Mr. Gardner Talks,

when the neighbors ask me I carry packages tinued at his work. Notwithstanding his to and from the town for them, like sacks long association with telegraphic environ-The occasion demands damn, and I'm just of coal, sacks of flour and such things, 1 get ments ho never learned to be an operator. ever, the Indians were never guilty of vanof coal, sacks of flour and such things. I get ments he never learned to be an operator. ever, the Indians were never guilty of van-from 10 to 25 cents a arrant, and I want to Graduating from messenger service he be-dalism. They looked upon the wires with lives in Boston. know if I got to put a stamp on the pack- came an expert lineman and still holds the superstitious awe, and probably felt that Lady Emily Foley of England, who died

graph wires that this veteran doesn't under-One day last week a prominent Omaha stand. He says he never cared to be an under direction of many different bosses and Ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom,

will be one of the debutantes of a season soon to come. She is also a graduate of the other day the telegraph department of Omaha High school. Picking up the conv. The bushing

ago," he continued, "and I expect to end my are as Greek to me. I cannot understand "Certainly not; why do you ask?" was days here. I have grown old in the service a word they say."

of the Western Union and I like the work. "Well, there should be, should there not, I also like Omaha. I have seen a network done on the pipes of the householder's near- | for this law distinctly provides for a stamp of telegraph wires placed over this country

Captain John Webb, of the United States duced marvelous results," writes L. H. War- Rosewater was manager of the old Atantic

but rather a messenger man, for I was full He Watches Business Grew.

graph business has undergone a wonderful other investments. He is too modest to

### THE OLD-TIMERS.

Ex-Senator Ingalls' mother is still living

ages.' As the carrier of the 'males' forgot to write his address on the letter of inquiry he cannot be answered and will remain in ble to climb a pole with as much agility as

doubt as to the necessity of stamping the packages." many a younger man and he declares he expects to be a lineman as long as he lives. There is nothing about the repair of tele-triendly. There is nothing about the repair of tele-triendly. "During my long service I have worked tablishment.

family, called upon the collector of internal revenue and secured a copy of the internal when he receives a call to make a long member of his family is a daughter whole. One jaunt to fix some obstreperous wire. "I wouldn't trade places with any man." a genial lot. I have often been asked why largest land owner in North Carolina.

General E. S. Bragg of Wisconsin, who commanded what was known as the Iron a word they say." Expert Pole Climber. It is an interesting sight to see Mr. Gard-ner climb a pole. He puts on his spikes and goes at it as confidently as though he were were blocked on the spikes and goes at it as confidently as though he were blocked on the spikes and the second of th

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805 South Twenty-third street, and his "While one messenger could easily attend rental property in that neighborhood brings I Trousers legs can be stretched and created in the work it is now necessary acterial property in that neighborhood brings is to everything that came to Omaha when 1 him an annual income of considerable importance. He also has a cash fund laid strips closer together at one end, the red to employ a small army of boys. The televisities to employ a small army of boys are to spread the strips inside the graph business has undergone a wonderful other investments. He is too modest to



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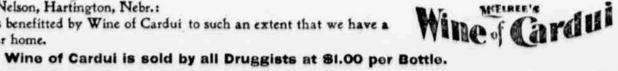
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for this law distinctly provides for a stamp on conveyances." "I had dyspepsia for years. No medicine was so effective as Kodel Dyspepsia Cure. It gave immediate relief. Two bottles pro-duced marvelous results," writes L. H. War-ren. Albany, Wis. It digests what you eat and cannot fall to cure. SOME LATE INVENTIONS. No medicine and cannot fall to cure in the cure days differed greatly from the present method. I never had a bicycle and a uniform as the chaps of today have. 1 was

seven years' continuous work, beginning as to make repairs along the road. I have he will never quit work until sickness or

yet he has wealth enough to keep himself and family in luxury the balance of their days, even though he should cease work

today. He lives in a well-appointed home, of eleven children