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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this lat day of December. A. D. M. B. HUNGATE. Notary Public. The burning question-What to select

The Christmas number of The Bee will be out Sunday. It will be worth waiting for.

for Christmas gifts.

Mississippi is to have a new capitol building, the contract having just been let. What a chance for another Albany state house job.

The cards in the senatorial game are only being shuffled as yet. There are usually more people anxious to play than there are seats around the table.

The only recreation left to Prize Fighters' Own" with the "glove suggests that if the United States contests" barred is to stir more vigbarrel.

commands very long at a time.

realize the fact after this that the only to give us a decided military advan- large city they always find certain supplace in Nebraska where an entertain- tage, that the world would open the ment of such magnitude can be made Panama route as checkmate. And to to pay even is in the metropolis.

Christmas present that never came. of friendly relations.

With the republicans in the impending legislature it is not the difficulty of finding speakership timber that besets tween eligible and available good men.

Bryan's alligator has been loaned to the State university museum. From moved by the reception of the docu- department announces that where roads the unusual size of the animal it is ments authorizing them to act and are not kept up so carriers can make hinted that possibly he might have they have notified the foreign ministrips on schedule time the routes will Preparations for the Annual Distribuswallowed the popocratic vote in this ters that they are ready to proceed as be abandoned. Rural communities

Railroads look forward to a holiday travel this year that will beat all records. People never before were enjoying prosperity so plentiful as to make structed to sign the joint agreement. to it that they do not realize what a them want to spend Christmas at home It seems that the government desires waste it is. When deprived of the without regard to the expense.

King Ak-Sar-Ben is serene notwithstanding the threat of the royal landlord to dispossess him of his royal domicile which has served as the scene of all his various court functions. Ak-Sar-Ben has only to command to have his wants satisfied.

has escaped, and as he took his head promptly accept the terms imposed by great deal of unjust and unequal taxa- of Agriculture and the heads thereof have ber of low music and dancing halls, which along with him the problem of en- the powers and that it is able to com- tion and the county assessor may afford regularly for several years back recomforcing the demand of some of the ply with most of them before spring. the best remedy, but the problem of mended that the distribution be discenting powers will be extremely difficult. if This gives an improved aspect to the revenue law revision is broader than the recommendations, for the seeds, paid charged with the most disgraceful profithe will only stay "escaped" the Chi- situation and promises a much earlier all that. The question of taxation must for out of public funds, constitute in gacy, and the no less significant case of the nese authorities will be relieved of con- settlement than had been generally ex- be studied carefully with particular many instances a cheap but effective form young men, sons or connections of dissiderable embarrassment.

kindly to the senate amendments to tives and perhaps his opportunities for ing to the future as well as the present. the canal treaty. If the canal is dug learning the feeling of the Chinese by means of American money England can rest assured that treaty or no of some of the ministers. treaty neither England or any other country will be allowed to gobble it up as England has done with the Suez ditch.

The prevalence of contagious diseases calls for the exercise of more than the ordinary precaution to prevent unnecessary spreading. This is true particu- Boers and especially the one last relarly of the children, who are more likely to be heedlessly exposed and who considerable loss, including four offi-only a little short of \$1,000,000. There usually furnish the most of the vic- cers, not only show unexpected activity is considerable complaint at the size tims. Common sense in the enforcement of parental watchfulness acts as pear to indicate a lack of generalship money was appropriated and has been specially selected business by dividing up many now has 55,000,000 inhabitants and the stitch in time.

twice passed the legislature only to be it is most remarkable that the British snuffed out by the supreme court, will should have experienced the recent rehave another trial at the coming ses- verses, which certainly reflect unfavorsion of the legislature. The supreme ably upon Kitchener's management of court membership might be enlarged the campaign. and part of it set to work grinding out The fact that all the available laws. In this manner statutes could mounted in antry at the military cen- party, would easily take the lead. With free distribution of seeds, and it is, as Mr. of the court could knock them out

States and the maintenance of public authority to fortify the proposed canal of bloodshed and devastation. permanently, but he believed that under the treaty, if amended as desired people. Doubtless the real object of day issues of this paper. the amendment is to reserve to the United States the right to close the ferred, intended to enlarge the privileges of the United States, some of which will probably be adopted.

As the vow by which the committee's amendment was adopted ex. best artists and reproduced by the best ceeded the two-thirds majority neces- workmanship. In addition is an insary to ratify the treaty, ratification her frontispiece grouping photographic seems to be assured. What in that event, will be the action of the British government? Will it decline to accept the amended treaty, or will it, in the interest of international friendship. indicates that the government will not 27,770 be presumed that the unqualified dec. ever since the belfry was completed were not made without a pretty ac- camera. curate knowledge of the sentiment in official quarters. The rejection of the Britain would leave the Clayton-Bulwer convention in full force, since it has been admitted by the administration to be binding on this country. administration against taking any step. in the way of canal building, in contravention of the old treaty, so that if the senate, after ratifying the pending deem it to be his duty to veto that measure. This would mean the postponement for a year or two, and possibly longer, the beginning of work on an isthmian canal.

It is possible that the British government will deem it expedient to do nothing and await events, rather than enter into a controversy that might menace the good relations of the two countries. One of the London papers and newsboy. should determine to have a military crously at the contents of the garbage canal and Nicaragua should consent. then it will be open to Great Britain alone or in conjunction with other News from South Africa is to the maritime states to consider whether effect that General Botha has been another canal, not under the control located. The general does not allow of the United States, may not be himself to get lost from the British worth making. It is by no means improbable that if this country should light in pugifistic brutality. go ahead and build a canal under mili-Grand opera managers are likely to tary control, and it should be found this we could make no valid objec-

The burning of two cars of mail in Further action on this very important that wreck on the Burlington will matter is awaited with great interest, probably be heard from several times but in any event we do not think there in response to inquiries about the is likely to be any serious disturbance

READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

A disposition has been shown by some of the powers to question whether Li them, but the difficulty of choosing be- Hung Chang and Prince Ching. the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries, had tions. Doubt on this score has been resoon as the latter desire.

halting course suggests that there is the evil. more than this, that there is an ulterior purpose which it hesitates to disclose.

It is announced that Prince Tuen of the opinion that China will system is doubtless accountable for a has been acknowledged by the Department this is to be found in the enormous num-The British press does not take tions as any of the foreign representa- acted must be framed upon lines lookplenipotentiaries are better than those

REVERSES TO BRITISH ARMS. Lord Kitchener is having some disagreeable experience at the outset of his campaign in South Africa and there is danger that the prestige he won as a commander in the Soudan will be impaired. The recent successes of the ported, in which the British suffered a on the part of the burghers, but ap- of the expense account, but as the government is now prepared to foster a under the influence of chloroform. Ger on the British side. With an army expended those who kick can gain no more than twenty times as numerous other advantage now than to relieve The free high school law, which has as the estimated forces of the Boers, their feelings.

be enacted faster than the remainder ters has been ordered to South Africa an easier walkaway than they had this ing member of the senate and house of rep-

that there is still much work to be By a vote of 65 to 17 the United done before the Boers are subjugated. States senate adopted the amendment while at the same time demonstrating to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty offered its determination to go on in pursuit by the committee on foreign relations, of that end. The temerity of the Boers, Bee (without Sunday), One Year \$6.00 | which provides that the United States | their extraordinary mobility and the Bee and Sunday One Year \$6.00 | may take such measures as it may find | generalship they display all under the necessary for securing, by its own most adverse conditions, are indeed qualities may be admired the cerorder. The language of the amend- tainty that they are engaged in a ment is disingenuously vague. When hopeless struggle, without the least it was under consideration a few days prospect of assistance from any source. ago, in executive session, Senator compels the thought that it would be

THE CHRISTMAS BEE. Business letters and remittances should by the foreign relations committee, there would be ample provision for the Christmas number, in every way up to The Bee next Sunday will be a special defense of the canal by the American the high standard already set for holl

> The Illustrated Bee in particular which goes to every subscriber and canal to the warships of its enemies, patron, is a veritable Yuletide magazine, Several other amendments were of replete with appropriate features for every member of the household.

The beautiful colored cover presents a design in three characteristic panels il justrative of the occasion, made by the views of the Christmas enrols with which the day will be celebrated right here in Omaha churches.

The special illustrated Christmas articles cover a wide range, but most yield? The tone of the London press of them with direct local application. "Ringing In the Christmas Morn" has accept the changed treaty, and it must been the song of the Trinity chimes

"Cooking the Christmas Dinner" another theme of savory interest, es-Hay-Pauncefote treaty by Great pecially when, as in this instance, it is Omaha's principal hostelries.

More general is a group of striking churches in progressive Nebraska Moreover, this admission commits the towns in which Christmas services will be held, and an interesting story exwith pictures of the process.

The Bee's staff photographer de treaty, should pass the Nicaragua canal scribes the work of news photography. bill, the president would very likely with apt references to the pictures made for The Bee that have made hits all over the country.

> Carpenter's letter, as usual, is full of instructive material, spread out in the stories, Christmas poems and the Christmas aroma pervade the entire number. Bee, Sunday.

Insist on having it from newsdealer

NO MORE PRIZE FIGHTS.

of glove contests or boxing exhibitions

in any manner gets a foothold in any ities to allow them to hold on. This velopment. has been the experience of Omaha journals to defend it and popularize it.

government, but it draws the line at ularity. The net annual cost of "carrying prize fights.

Rural free delivery brings the question of good roads home to the farmproper authority to carry on negotia- ing communities in a manner which is likely to produce results. The Postal ultimately certain to be realized. lose every year many times the cost stood to be merely as to form and have begun to appreciate, they may not of material importance, but its wake up and adopt measures to remedy

The county commissioners' associa-Meanwhile the advices from the change of the precinct assessor for a nominated as trash. American minister, Mr. Conger, are single responsible assessor for the reassuring. He is reported as being whole county. The precinct assessor agricultural interests are concerned. This pected. Undoubtedly our minister is reference to conditions existing in this as well informed in regard to condi-state and whatever legislation is en-

The statisticians have been busy ever all happened. They have filled many ago-there are not enough people in this country who prefer calamity to prosperity to elect Bryan.

The total cost of the American commission at the Paris exposition was

Hill as a Leader.

Of all the grotesque propositions that powder or dynamite. were ever sprung in the history of Amerishows that the government realizes year, and the certainty of such a result, resentatives put an end to it

democratic party for doing the wrong thing, is the only reason for believing it the possibility of such a thing as the

nomination of Hill for president in 1904. The One Thing to Do.

Chicago Times-Herald, There is but one thing for us to do with of an American canal.

A Rude Awakening.

The sum voted by Parliament for fur-Lodge, who is in charge of the treaty, the part of wisdom for them to lay ther outlays in connection with the South expressed the opinion that it gave no down their arms and stop the work African war, after fourteen months of costly operations, is alone several times greater than England at the commencement dreamed it would cost to conquer the Boers. One's appreciation of an enemy sometimes improves on acquaintance.

Mirrors the Nations' Growth.

Chicago Record. The growth of Washington reflects in a ordinary a history, just as there is no other nation which, arising as a group of strug-

The growth of the American shipbuilding industry in recent years is indicated anew by the number of bidders for the building of the latest proposed additions to the new pavy. Instead of three bidders, as had been the case on previous similar occasions, there are now eightand all well equipped to perform the designated work

A Notable Incident.

It is a circumstance worthy of note that minister was besieged in Pekin, fighting illustrated by snapshots at the chefs in Chinese and be received not with mere speaks eloquently of the interesting qualitles of the Chinese minister, who has discharged with conspicious ability and highcomplicated nature during the troubles in his country.

RURAL PREE DELIVERY. Carrying the Postoffice to the Homes of the Farmers.

Portland Oregonian The annual report of the postmaster general is always an interesting document. most attractive form, while Christmas The report submitted a few days ago is During the past twenty years thirty-three will be studied with additional interest, ligion. On the other hand, there had been Watch for the forthcoming Christmas tween the people and this most democratic of all the departments of governmental

It is safe to assume that a very large number of "the 21,000,000 people scattered over 100,000,000 square miles of territory to whose doors it is the task of the govern-The edict of Mayor Moores that no ment to arrange for free rural mail delivmore prize fights will be tolerated in ery," will make this cause their own to the Omaha masquerading under the name extent of wishing ardently for its early will meet with the hearty approval of served by the government's carriers by the Whenever the prize fighting fraternity to its completion are stupendous also. A as well as portraits of Mohammedan women. 000,000; West Shore railway 4s, \$1,150,000; little study of the matter in detail, as presented in this report, will enable the people to indorse the statement that rural free port which endeavors to bring every mail delivery is the most salient, significant possible influence to bear on the author- and far-reaching feature of the postal de-

The postmaster general proposes to work out a scheme that a few years ago was reperiodically when pugilism has been garded as the dream of the idealist and he introduced under various disguises, only has figured the expense down to a point to find public sentiment decidedly ad- that makes it practicable. Upon the simverse in spite of the attempts of yellow ple basis that it will put the farmer in closer communication with the outside world, enabling him to keep abreast the The sober-minded public, especially times, free rural mail delivery may well in Omaha, wants no puritanical city rest for indorsement, being assured of popthe postoffice to the home" is estimated at \$13,782,224. This relatively small cost, in the view of the man best calculated from close study of the facts and conditions that govern the proposition, justifies the attempt as well worth undertaking and as

SEED TIME IN CONGRESS.

Philadelphia Ledger

The usual bill is before congress to ap It appears that the British govern- of good roads in time and inability to propriate a sum of money with which to ment is the only one now obstructing reach the market with produce than purchase garden and flower seeds for free negotiations, the latest advices being it would cost to provide good roads. distribution to some of the constituents that its minister has not yet been in but they have become so accustomed of the senators and representatives. The government annually gives away 24,000,000 packets of garden seeds and tens of thousands of dollars' worth of flower and field some amendment to the terms, under- privileges of free delivery, which they seeds. The specifications call for 241,000 pounds of lettuce, onion, cucumber, beet radish and melon seeds and 15,000 bushels of sugar corn, peas and beans, besides many thousand pounds and bushels of other products, some of which have a claim to value for food or ornamental purposes, and tion of Nebraska will advocate the ex- much of which can only be rightfully de-

of bribe which some of the members are loath to part with.

Burnet Landreth, secretary of the Wholesale Seedsmen's league, has issued a up public sentiment against the continuance of the practice by the government of maksince election figuring out just how it ing free distribution of seeds. He says: "If the government established a seed

shop and sold its seeds it would certainly columns of figures, and when it is all be a most active competitor in the seed done arrive at the same result that the business, but it does worse-it gives them for 1899 have but just been tabulated; that less inquisitive mortal reached long away. It has established a seed shop, they excite but slight attention abroad larger, with two or three exceptions, than may be due to the fact that they reveal the any of the fifty or sixty large seed establishments in this country. It runs against people which has been characteristic of them a most active competition.

> government, and the competition is annually getting worse, and can only have deaths was but 21,394. M. Bertillon, in an the one effect of driving some reputable essay on these figures, says grimly that dealers out of the business, and yet the among various firms the sum of ten million of government dollars annually (ship subsidy bill). The government takes care not to antagonize any other interest except the seed business, yet it might ust as well present to the farmers' wives baking sods or soap or to the coal miner

Mr. Landreth's conclusions are logical democracy, with Hill at the head of the victousness of the practice of government

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS

The Russian paval authorities are building what seems to be intended for a destroyer of the craft known as torpedo boat destroyers. At all events, she is to be a destroyer of quite abnormal proportions. She is in course of construction at Elbing. is called the Novic and is to have a disthe Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and that is placement of about 3,000 tons and a speed forces, the defense of the United wonderful, but however much those to abrogate it so that there may be no of twenty-five knots. In a seaway she will more confusion on this score which shall be able to overhaul a flotilla of destroyers. operate to defeat or postpone the building each a tenth her size and much more fragile. She will have a turtle-back deck of two inches of Krupp armor rising from below her water line and completely protecting her vitals from injury by any light gun fire. Whereas an ordinary destroyer carries admirer of strenuous life. only a few twelve and three-pounders, this Russian ship has six 4.7 weapons, besides in New York arrayed against Tammany, ernment or other public securities. Wileight three-pounders and a couple of Maxims As each body thinks it is the rightful heir Ham H. Vanderbilt held at the time of and she is fitted with no less than six ter- to the leaves and fishes, Tammany has no his death some \$35,000,000 in United States pedo tubes, all of them, however, above cause for alarm. water. She will be able to discharge torpedoes ahead or astern and can use four tubes on a broadside. Even the Elswick spect to aroused public sentiment. constructors have never given a man-ofwar, twice or three times her size, more way the greater growth of the entire na- than five tubes. The Novic, therefore, will tion. There is probably no important capital be incomparably the most powerful of any Washington conferring with some fragments in the world which has had so extra- vessels of her class if she fulfills expecta- of his party. Mr. Hill from upon the tions and there does not appear to be any reason why she should not. Particular care | Hasty jumping on the corpse he fears would gling colonies, has within a century taken hes been taken to give her good seagoing hurt the feelings of the mourners. its stand among the foremost world powers. qualities. Several other vessels upon similar lines are to be built at St. Peters-

Owing to the complaints that have been addressed by the porte to the Hungarian government concerning the alleged persecution of the Mohammedan population of Besnia, the Hungarian prime minister was interpellated in the Reichsrath the other day. The minister, M. Szell, defended the Bosnian authorities and denied the charges made by the leading Mohammedans in the

He said that whatever cause for complaint there might have been in the past, owing within six months of the time when our to the unequal treatment of the different creeds, that had been put an end to by the chamber, returns to Washington greatly larations of the leading newspapers how it is done is told by pen and for his life and the lives of his family present administration. For instance, against imperial troops, Minister Wu, the strangers are not allowed to enter Morepresentative at Washington of the im- hammedan dwellings and notice must be cordingly an active contest was quietly deperial government, should appear before given of domiciliary visits in order to ena lecture audience in New York to de- able the females to retire, while women of his political estate. liver an address upon the religion of the can only be unveiled in presence of the cadi. curiosity, but with warm and friendly in- permitted both in the army and the city rivals New York in "depravity and terest. It is an evidence of the broad and schools. The Mohammedan civil code and enlightened spirit of the Americans. It law of inheritance are in force and are ad- of all decent people at the spring campaign ministered by Mohammedan judges. The festivals when the usual festivals are obplaining how Christmas toys are made, mindedness duties of a most difficult and served. The inhabitants were also allowed ever been afflicted with." to celebrate the sultan's jubilee.

IN 1882 a Mohammedan consistory was created, which is maintained not by the population, but at the cost of the governnent. Of the sixty-two municipalities in Bosnia no fewer than sixty have Mohamme dan burgomasters. As to the alleged Caththe late Cornelius Vanderbilt were filed olic proselytism the prime minister observed that only two cases had been reported and they had occurred in Dalmatia. no exception to the general rule. Indeed, it Mohammedans in all had changed their resirce it indicates a still closer relation be- within the same period twenty converts to the Mohammedan faith.

Last summer the illustrated postal card craze extended to Constantinople, and the It is noted that while he was for years cards containing photographic and pen- the controlling power in the New York Cendrawn reproductions of government build- trai Railroad company he held at the time ings, mosques, street scenes, and types of of his death only 20,000 shares of Central Mussulman life became very popular among stock, out of a present total of 1,150,000 tourists in the Levant. Recently, by virtue shares. His holdings of New York and of an imperial irade, the sublime porte Harlem stock were 40,468 shares, of a presrealization. We are assured that one-sixth has forbidden the introduction into the Ot- ent market value of \$8,498,280. toman empire or the manufacture therin upon current market values his other imof picture postal cards bearing or signify- portant holdings were: New York Centralthe forces that have addressed themselves all other Mussulman religious buildings, \$4,825,000; Beech Creek railway stock, \$2,-This decision of the Council of Ministers Beech Creek rallway 4s, \$1,090,000; Chicago has been transmitted to the foreign lega- & Northwestern railway stock, 16,256 tions in Constantinople, with the request shares, \$3,363,750; Wagner Palace Car comthat it be communicated to all whom it pany shares, 20,000, \$3,400,000; 7,207 shares

may concern. the police seized all such cards found in the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. the possession of salesmen of Turkish na- Louis company, \$2,227,750; 33,060 shares of tionality in Constantinople and bought up the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, \$1,235,613, at cost price all they could find in the pos- and 1,372 shares of the Union Trust comsession of citizens of other states.

It is said that this interdiction is founded cific holdings, aggregating over \$20,000,000 in upon the prohibition in the Koran forbid- value, aside from a cash "em of \$1,213,571. dirg the use among the faithful of the Other items amounting to over \$100,000 representation of all animal and even and less than \$1,000,000 are quite too nuegetable life in any picture or decoration. merous to mention. It is calculated that It is estimated by foreign merchants in Constantinople that the irade will prove eraged less than 4 per cent, or less than a severe blow to a perfectly legitimate, artistic industry, and it is pointed out by insurance on his life and for a man in his the manufacturers of these cards in Paris and Brussels, as well as in Constantinople, that the tourists would be obliged to give up a very pleasant amusement, as the little pictures of mosques, open-air religious eremonies, pilgrimages, as well as pictures of Turkish women in costume presented a truthful and interesting panorama of life in the Levant.

The annual day of humiliation and prayer was recently observed, according to the long-established custom, in Prussia, and good many of the Berlin newspapers took occasion to print articles upon the recent deterioration in public morality. They asserted that the rapid industrial development of the country and the corresponding improvement in the financial condition of the community have resulted in an alarming growth of social evils and abuses. Statistics, they said, prove that vice is increasing steadily and rapidly not only in the great cities, but in suburban and country districts. The growing luxury of the wealthier class has brought about loose The money expended annually in seeds habits of living, while vice and dissipafor distribution is thrown away as far as tion are only too evidently upon the in crease among the masses. An evidence of have been established lately in all directions. Among the signs of the times are tinguished families, who are charged with making a living by means of systematic cheating in the gambling practised in the fashionable clubs, of which they were memcircular letter urging the members to work bers. In all this, doubtless, there is sufficient cause for humiliation, but the day seems to have been kept, as usual, as a general holiday, with much more merrymaking than of prayer or meditation

The statistics of population in France same tendency to national shrinkage in French census reports for ten years. The "For years the seed trade has been the figures for 1899 report births as 847,627. only business thus crushed down by the which is 10,000 less than the average for the past decade. The excess of births over France is in the position of a man dying France but 38,000,000.

Starting a Rough House. Chicago Chroni

The action of General Wood in abolishing he Havana Bar association because it de fended judges whom he had dismissed from office is typical of the blundering, bulldozing policy which has made the United States can politics, the reorganization of the and clearly show the absurdity and even more detested by the Cubans than ever Spain was. It is surprising that General Wood, who has usually been considerate of Cubar susceptibilities, should have made such a blunder. The air of Cuba seems fatal to intelligence and sound sense.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Eugene Debs has reached the selemn con usion that he was counted out.

polls in the future.

Illinois legislature. Indiana's kindly feeling toward voting machines encountered a frost when the price was found to be \$500 each.

For the third time in a year Governor his hands. And yet he is not an ardent

Senator Platt of New York has aban doned his state police scheme, out of re-

pal home rule is still a firmly-rooted Amer ican institution David Bennett Hill is circulating around proposition to reorganize immediately

The esteemed Richard Croker realizes at his winter residence in England the hardship of not having a pull with the government. He is obliged to pay an income tax on \$25,000 a year. This will necessitate another Tenderloin "come-down," which will make the red lights blink.

The republicans of Washington elected

twenty-six of the thirty-four members of their state senate and sixty of the eighty members of the house of representatives. Thus they will have a two-thirds vote in each house, and will be able to pass any bill over the veto of the opposition governor. Senator Vest, who has long been a leader on the democratic side of the improved in health. He was barely able to get about at the last session and acveloping in Missouri over the inheritance

Without qualification or reservation, the The customary prayers and ablutions are Philadelphia Press admits that the Quaker foulness" of government. It urges a union to "put their condemnation upon official minarets are illuminated on Mohammedan blackmail, police terrorism and the foulest municipal administration Philadelphia has

THE VANDERBILT ESTATE.

The schedules of the personal estate of

Schedule of the Property Filed in New York Court. Springfield (Mass.) Republican

with the surrogate at New York yesterday. It appears from these that he left personal property of an appraised value at the time of his death, in September of last year, of \$52,999.868. The present value is about \$53,690,000. This vast property is made up of all sorts of stocks and bonds-rallroad, to a large extent, naturally, but with a large mixture of bank, coal company, street traction, hotel, club and other shares. Raned of the New York, New Haven & Hart-Soon after the publication of the trade ford company, \$1,513,470; 33,500 shares of pany, \$1,920,000. These are all the spethe income from his personal property av-\$2,000,000 annually. He carried only \$25,000

> amount. Mr. Vanderbilt's real estate is roughly estimated as worth \$20,000,000, bringing the total estate up to about \$73,000,000. Henry Clews wrote in his book, "Twenty-eight Years in Wall Street," that Cornelius Vanderbilt's share in the estate of his father William H. Vanderbilt, amounted to about \$62,000,000, the share of William K. Vanderbilt being the same. That was in 1885,

> circumstances even this was a surprising

the year of William H.'s death. Hardly two years later Clews, the leading gossip of the "street," said that Cornellus was understood to be worth \$50,000,000. That was Buffato, N. Y., is so well satisfied with evidently an exaggeration, though the voting muchines that it will use them in all scheduled list of his personalty now shows that his investments had been of quite a Representative Onion is rolling to the miscellaneous character and not always ront as one of the strong men of the gilt-edged. It is probable that the great residue of the older Vanderbilt's estate which was divided between Cornelius and William K., was overestimated in value at the time and that Cornelius increased materially the value of his inheritance during his lifetime. But his father more than Pingree of Michigan has a legislature on doubled the value of the inheritance which came to him from old Commodore Vandertilt. It is a noteworthy fact that the es-There are eighteen organized movements tate under consideration contains no govbonds.

CHAFF THAT CHEERS.

Washington Star: "I suppose there is a great deal of suspense in a political ca-"Yes." answered Senator Sorghum. "But the suspense isn't as bad as the expense."

Detroit Journal: Here the king gave thirty conspirators.
"And yet," observed his majesty, sadly, "there are those who insist that kingeraft involves little or no headwork!"

Indianapolis Press: "But, man, you must admit that war is a necessity in the elevation of the race."
"Oh, if it comes to the question of the elevation of humanity the hangman is as good as any of them in that line."

Cleveland Plaindealer: "Oh. well, you prude, I don't care for your kisses." "You needn't send me any over the tele "Sour currents."

Detroit Free Press: "I shall order a model luncheon," said Tenspot, as he scanned the bill of fare,
"What is your idea of a modest lunchcon," asked Bunting,
"Well, for example, I shall have dressed tenspotents."

Brooklyn Life: Punter—I tell you, doctor, old Casburn is business clear through."
Rev. Howland Yale—On the contrary I know him to be a most charitable man.
Punter—May be, but he would examine the balance sheet if all the directors were bishops and Providence in the chair.

Indianapolis Journal: "We had a pro-fessional parior oracle at our party."
"Did she entertain the guests?"
"They entertained her. She says nine out of ten asked her what we were going to give them to eat."

Philadelphia Press: "My daughter," remarked Mrs. Nexdore, "has developed a perfect passion for music."
"Yes?" returned Mrs. Peppery. "I'll warrant it isn't as strong as the passion your daughter's music arouses in my hus-

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Madeline S. Bridges. God's grace be with you, fearless elf!
The city's streets are strange and wild,
And yet, quite by your dauntless self.
You tread the mazes, little child!
The sea's blue dream is in your eves,
Your brown cheek shows health's ruddy

Tose
And where the deepest crimson lies
A baby dimple comes and goes. watch you as you dive and dart I watch you as you dive and dart
Over the roadway's crowded space.
Hanging on car and dodging cart—
A gamin, with a cherub's face,
A gamin, with a cherub's soul!
'Twas such a little time ago
You slipped the angel's sweet control,
Earth's fitful, wearying life to know.

What is there in the years for you?
The place of master or of slave?
Good to attain, or ill to rue?
Perchance, a tiny wayside grave.
Oh, small strong soul, yet life seems gay
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