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Notary Public.

The annual retirement of the free rail way pass should be shortly announced again.

Ak-Sar-Ben could not go homeless very long. He has been too good a host to be without a host for himself.

Say what you will, the Omaha fire department was never in better shape as an effective fire fighting force than it is today.

If the price of apples keeps on rising the forbidden fruit will come as high this winter as it did in the Garden of

swimmingly until be ran up against the Astronomers are not keno players or

they would have sald something different when they saw three planets in a row Sunday night Did you compare The Sunday Bee

with the other Sunday papers published hereabouts? The Bee stands so far superior in every respect that it is above comparison. Those Bulgarian brigands are doubt-

less consulting their own safety by keeping their mouths shut, but what an opportunity for letter writing they are overlooking.

If the county board wants to show good faith with the taxpayers it will abolish some of the courthouse sinecures before new taxeaters become established in them at the turn of the

If the grand jury persists in throwing bouquets at the city jail, the danger will be that that institution may become altogether too popular as a hostelry for hoboes and vags when the cold weather sets in.

The state school fund belongs to the children of Nebraska. The people will not countenance any manipulation of this sacred trust fund for private gain at the expense of the patrimony of the schools.

And now a rebellion is said to be brewing in the British northwest among South Africa and chills in the Klondike,

is not so easy to substantiate them.

Li Hung Chang's title is to be congenerations. The rights of the twentyruthlessly disregarded.

being inundated with correspondence relating to conflicting claims for recognition in federal appointments. Reconciling one office to ten office seekers is part of the senator business.

Omaha has just dedicated a new free hospital for the care of the sick and ments about Omaha being backward in philanthropy and true charity,

Rural mail delivery was started as an that he will ask congress to appropriate by abolishing the whole system.

### THE IOWA SENATORSHIPS.

The Iowa legislature which will convene in January will be called upon to state in the upper bouse of congress, one to succeed Senator William B. Allison at the expiration of his term and the other to fill out the unexpired term of the vacancy left by the death of Senator Gear, to which Senator J. P. Dolliver was appointed by Governor

Shaw. While the unusual demand upon one and the same legislature to fill two senatorships at the same time creates a prolific opportunity for contention between a multiplicity of candidates, the pros pects are that the Iowa legislature will be permitted to re-elect the present senators without any outside competition for the places.

The most formidable candidate two years ago for the seat then occupied by Senator Gear was Hon. A. B. Cummins, now governor-elect for the state. Mr Cummins, in an interview only the other day, said emphatically that he would not be a candidate nor would he allow his name to be used in connection with the senatorship the coming year. "At present," Mr. Cummins is reported to have said, "there are no candidates for United States senator in the field. Two will be elected at the next session of the legislature and there is every indication that Senators Allison and Dolliver will be their own successors."

The last republican state convention in ts platform declaration endorsed without equivocation the course pursued by Senators Allison and Dolliver as the representatives of lowa in national affairs in terms that were tantamount to a pledge of their re-election. Mr. Cummins unquestionably still cherishes senatorial ambitions, but with his elevation to the governorship is doubtless prepared to hold them in abeyance until a more promising opening presents.

Unless, therefore, some new and unexpected turn is taken in the situation the coming senatorial election will consist simply in a ratification of the appointment of Senator Dolliver and the extension for another six years of the commission so long and so honorably held by Senator Allison.

### THE FUTURE OF FUSION.

The letters printed by The Bee from prominent fusion leaders in Nebraska, expressing their views on the future of fusion in this state, will furnish food for thought for men of all parties.

As was naturally to have been one another as to the exact situation as well as to the prospective results of the election just completed. Those who favor the continuance of fusion are prolific with reasons to explain the defeat of the fusion ticket outside of fusion itself, while those who lay the blame to fusion argue against proceeding further along the lines of the old traction. The Iowa bank robber got along combination.

> Most suggestive of all is the forcess made by M. F. Harrington of the issues on which the future campaigus are to be fought. Without hesitation this well known populist expresses the belief that a socialistic program will be adopted by the forces hitherto combined in fusion which will include government ownership of railroads, public utilities, gold mines, iron mines and copper mines. It is significant that in this enumeration Mr. Harrington omits to mention silver mines and all reference to silver as a factor in politics. Silver as a cohesive element seems to have been discarded by all the contributors to this symposium.

> One political battle is scarce concluded before the lines begin to form for the next. The question "To fuse or not to fuse?" will be debated steadfastly and seriously in Nebraska for some time to come and into the next year's

# IRRIGATION IN THE COMING CONGRESS.

The subject of irrigation promises to take up the attention of the legislators in the coming congress much more than it has the attention of previous sessions. Remembering the fact that the last river and harbor bill was killed by Senator Carter because of the refusal of congress to give recognition to the claims of the friends of irrigation, the irrigation bills presented to the next congress may be expected to be accorded at least courteous treatment.

Just what form the irrigation legislation will ultimately take it would be difficult to foretell at this time. Several plans have been proposed, between the Klondike miners. With fever in which congress will be asked to choose. On the one side we have those who be-John Bull is certainly having a hard lieve that the best way to promote irrigation projects is to cede the semiarid lands still remaining in the public It is easy to pass along rumors, but it domain to the several states and to rely This probably explains why those ven- the construction of irrigation works. dors of "well-defined rumors" are not On the other side are those who believe over-running the grand jury room to tell that no good results can come from relying on the individual states to take such action as they may see fit and that the only true solution is to secure ferred as a tribute to his memory as a congressional appropriations to defray hereditary honor through twenty-three the expense of building the irrigating ditches and reservoirs, leaving the genfourth generation seem to have been eral government to secure its return by the sale of the lands to settlers after it of livestock purchased for conversion into has been brought within the cultivation Nebraska's new senators complain of area. All that the federal government has done so far has been to make a small appropriation for purposes of iu-

vestigation and experiment. Whatever course may be finally adopted, some systematic plan should be pursued and a consistent policy agreed on, so that all that will be needed of future congresses will be to afflicted. Every day gives additional take the succeeding steps and make the contradiction to the slanderous state- necessary appropriations without opening up anew the whole question at each session. President Roosevelt, according to the best reports, has been giving the irrigation problem careful study and experiment. But the postmaster gen. his personal familiarity with the siteral is so well satisfied with its success untion in the western states, where most of the semi-arid land is located. \$6,000,000 to maintain and extend it. should enable him to make recom-And no congressman will move to amend mendations of a practical character. Whatever the president says will have there.

# great weight in determining the direct

tion of congressional action.

It is certainly to be hoped that con choose two senators to represent the gress will meet the issue promptly instead of, as in former instances, be queathing the problem unsolved to its successors.

> the delay in the work is really due to slow in starting the necessary prelimilearn from the lesson of experience in the collapse. this matter, as year after year we suffer from streets remaining torn up and impassable through the winter because the repaying contracts have not been entered until late in the fall.

The only way the consolidation of city through changes in the constitutional and statutory provisions under which city and county are organized. If these force and with each year a corresponding saving to the taxpayers in the expense of government. An extra session of the legislature would save its cost several times over to the taxpayers of Omaba in a single year.

be the active factor in the comunityof-interest deal was only \$80,000. A have to make good all such expenses,

Queen Lil still labors under the hallucination that Uncle Sam owes her money for damages committed by the revolutionary government that relieved her of her crown. Queen Lil evidently over her former domain.

range bronchos to Africa for use in the can maintain profits through lean years on there are likely to be some lively times when the boots and saddles call sounds for the first time.

No custodian of public funds who is in him need hesitate a moment to take dreamed of, and it is, of course, possible the people into his confidence by keeppected, the party leaders of the two ing them informed as to the amounts and that time will show that the growth branches of the alliance differ among and whereabouts of the public moneys of the nation will fully take care of all the in his care.

brisk business ahead of them. The

Several places are vacant in the revein the south. Anyone who is in a hurry to secure life insurance money for his heirs can have the position by applying to the government at Washington.

Charleston is putting on its best bib and tucker in preparation of the exposi- then be something original and of benefit tion to be opened in that city December No southern winter tour will be complete this year without Charleston on the itinerary.

# A World Without Heroes.

Baltimore News. What will this world do when all its pet heroes are banished by superabundance of testimony? William Tell long ago went the way of the unreliable. Then the iconoclasts doubted whether Phil Sheridan rode to Winchester on an eventful day. Now they are questioning whether General Israel

Putnam really galloped down a flight of advertising the products of one country stone steps on a gallant charger. Poor George Washington! It will be his turn

# Vain Threats of Violence.

New York Tribune The shoemakers of Vienna will gain noth ing by carrying out their threat to smash the windows of all shops in which American shoes are sold. That is no way to meet competition in trade. They should rather see if they cannot make as good shoes as those imported from America, and at as low a price. If they can, they need not fear American competition. If they cannot, there is no use in their trying to smash with paving stones the law of the survival of

# Peace Tests of Bravery.

New York Mail and Express. Peace has its tests of a sailor's or a soldier's bravery no less severe than those of war, though they may be less glorious. Few civilians would fancy the duty which has been assigned to several naval officers of themselves up in the new submarine torpedo boat Fulton, of sinking then below the surface of the water and of remaining there from twelve to fifteen hours. The officers and men who are to undergo this experience will breathe bottled upon the states to make provision for air, so to speak, the necessary supply of atmospheric fluid being contained in compressed air flasks.

# Strides of Livestock Industry.

Minneapolis Times. It requires a goodly number of animals to furnish meat for this country and its foreign customers. For the nine months ending September 30 last receipts at the five chief livestock markets were 5,236,cattle, 13,413,669 hogs and 5,331,135 sheep, or a grand total of 23,981,180 head food in three-fourths of a year. The re-

ceipts were more than 1,500,000 head in excess of those last year, for the corresponding period. Each of the five great livestock markets reports largely increased receipts, as compared with last year.

Congressional Hoodoos

Springfield Republican. The misfortunes of that party of congressmen in getting back home from the be seen. But we are inclined to think are rather extraordinary. Three army transports in succession have men who care only for the spoils will be Members of the push, having cooled off a broken down under them or run aground in carrying them no further that Japan. They must now he in danger of never being able gratulating him on the wisdom and patriotto get back home, for sailors have their superstitions, and this reputation attained of his policy. by the party for hoodooing a ship is be coming widespread. The broken-down transports have also carried the reports from the American authorities in the islands, on which the president and his advisers were relying to make up their ansual statements to congress of the situation

# The Railroad Octopus.

6,000 years.

some pretty bad scrapes during the last

Informity of Preight Rates.

students of the transportation problem, but

of many of the most enlightened railway

men, that the evil of discrimination in rates which is the real evil of the present situa-

tion, can best be avoided by permitting

agreements among the roads and by the

assumption by the government of the prac-

ical enforcement of such agreements and

the direct supervision of rates, extending

to the fixing of rates when uniformity and

tairness cannot otherwise be attained. So

long as the law continues to forbid and

thwart agreements it will tend to stimu-

late community of ownership. Consolida-

tion is possibly unavoidable in any event.

but it is undoubtedly hastened by the

present law, with no compensating advan-

Harriman's Smooth Work

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

company to own the two northern roads, it

cannot use that control in relation to the

involved in the Burlington acquisition at a

very high rental. The Union Pacific, in

other words, will help manage the Burling-

ton and have some voice in the control of

its two rival transcontinental lines to the

north, while the latter will not exclusively

manage the Burlington, even though bear-

ing the brunt of any losses growing out

in Union Pacific affairs. The victory is

The End of Rate Wars.

New York Sun.

What has taken place in the world of

iron and steel has, by the great railread

reaty just ratified, occurred in the north

western railroad world and very probably

through the entire west. The radical diffi-

culty in the western railroad situation has

been rate cutting. This is usually spoken

of as a money loss solely affecting the rail-

But the worst evil about it was its dam

age to the business interests of the coun

try. No merchant could ship goods or pay

for their shipment to him with the slight

obviously with the Union Pacific.

rage in the prevention of discrimination.

is the general opinion, not only of

New York Times

An Old Story.

Baltimore American. It is the old story of the man who borrowed a hundred dollars to protect his Those paving contractors will have to credit and then borrowed \$150 to pay back hurry if they hope to complete most of the money. There was a limit to the their contracts this year. But in fact process, of course, and the final crash shattered credit and man too. As the credit of the property owners who have been so placed on them is all the more reprehensithese roads was good the great burden ble. The time will come when they will naries in spite of repeated admonition. have to meet it and no one, not even the It seems as if Omaha people will never promoters, can predict how soon will be

### The Coming Issue

Chicago Tribune. An issue of tremendous consequence is thus being brought to the whole country. It is a matter for conjecture if these railroad and financial manipulators comprehend what this issue is. The failure of and county can be brought about is full and effective government regulation which the roads have so far succeeded in breaking down means government ownership, nothing less than that. And toward just that conclusion the combinations are changes could be had through an extra forcing the country. It will be a great session of the legislature several years mistake to suppose that the present would be saved in putting them into patience of the people with the growing domination of monopoly is a test of what the public temper will always prove to be.

### The Wrath to Come.

New York World. All these railroads are burdened with stocks and bonds to many times the value of the actual property they purport to rep-The incorporation fee for the new resent. Fully as dangerous to this gigan-Northern Securities company that is to tic creation as to the public will be any failure justly to apportion earnings, any policy tending to favor one city or section or set of producers at the expense of anlittle item like that doesn't count. The other. Long before public wrath had gathpatrons and shippers along the roads ered the wrath of injured bond and stockbelonging to the railway combine will holders would be beating fiercely against the foundations which Messrs. Morgan, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt and Harriman have

### Fat and Lean Years.

Philadelphia Press. On the business of the last two or three years there is a profit on this vast capital. does not appreciate the beauties of the Will those years last? No man can tell. free government that has been extended Taking the experience of the past, the odds are against it. Taking the hopes of the present, the odds are for it. The slow The British government is shipping against a profit. Not even consolidation cavalry. Unless the journey across salt these long lines running through the thinly water tames the spirit of the animals settled plains of that elevated interior plateau far west of the Mississippi.

### Inherent Weakness of Inflation.

United States Investor. It is possible that the prosperity of this country in the future is going to exceed faithfully executing the trust reposed that of the past in a ratio never before that Messrs. Morgan and Hill have divined inflation they have lately been trying to inject into the raffroad capitalization of the Local jobbers report active trade in United States. But those of us who have all lines of goods. This means that the long memories know how easy it is for even small retailers in the cities and towns the greatest bankers and railroad managers. The injustice and positive criminality of of the territory tributary to Omaha see The so-called "constructive imagination." in the world to overdo things at times, the old system disappears and the moderawhich both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hill appear management takes its place. area of prosperity shows no signs of con- to possess in extraordinary measure, is a This is the meaning of the settlement of noble faculty, but it has got the world into the Northern Pacific controversy.

Norfolk News: If Nebraska must

Friend Telegraph: It is a question

whether the men who accept positions as

commissioners to the St. Louis exposition

for with a hope that the legislature will

afterward reimburse them, do not run a

great deal of risk. It is questionable

whether these expositions pay a per-

centage of the money expended or

o pour any more money into expositions

and the time is fast coming when they

will be entirely discontinued either as a

financial venture or as a good means of

Lincoln Post: A number of western states

exhibit at the world's fair in 1903, and in

this they are acting wisely. It is not too

soon, either, for the great commonwealth of

number of years than Nebraska has made

brief span of years in which her remark-

benefits to be received from a creditable

showing at the St. Louis fair are manifold.

but the chief aim should be to attract the

till open to those who seek a home within

her borders. Let every citizen invest all

enthusiasm he can muster in advertising

National Application of the Policy

Pursued When Governor.

President Roosevelt is clearly following

he policy which he adopted when he was

the men suggested by the party organiza-

ions in the various states, but he insists

that these men must be fit. And if fit men

are not proposed within a reasonable time

he is taking the matter in his own hands.

And the beauty of the whole situation lies

in the fact that the president's demands

are so reasonable that the men whom he

turns down cannot object in public. They

have got to say that they care more for

the proper conduct of governmental busi-

ness than for the distribution of patronage.

And the president is only insisting on that.

And he is so honest and straightforward

about it that they are disarmed when they

feel like fighting. How long he will be

ism, to say nothing of the business sense.

and News for Gumshoe Bill.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

what can an old soldier do but respond?

Brooklyn Eagle

sentation of the state's industry.

able development has been wrought. The

whether the people of this state desire

without pay and to raise the funds there

to the state.

among another.

# PERSONAL NOTES.

will be the same to one man as to another.

Casper Sabo of Jerseyville, Ill., is a Hunrepresented at the St. Louis World's fair garian and served under Louis Kossuth and the News is here to suggest that the people fought for his country's liberty. relieve the state of the burden of making Minister Wu dislikes for various reasons such an exhibit and that the funds be raised the publicity given to his daughter. One by popular subscription. That the exhibit

of the reasons is that he has no daugh-An agent of the pure food commission has orralled an entire carload of a glucose mixture consigned to a Chicago firm under

the guise of "pure clover honey. No sooner was the automobile exhibition losed in New York than boxes for the horse show were sold to the amount of \$30,000, or \$5,000 more than last year.

Paul Du Chaillu, the famous adventurer, in St. Petersburg, where he is studying the Russian language and is making progress with his coming work on Russia. President Roosevelt sets an example to many professional men in the orderly arrangement of things in his office desk. He has to do no rough riding over misplaced papers to find what he wants.

Cantain Bernley of Quebec is planning are already beginning preparations for an take with him large kites fitted with came-These will enable him, even if he Nebraska to begin drafting plans and specifails to get to the pole, to take photo- when election day shall roll around. fications for a meritorious display of her graphs of many points which he cannot

marvelous resources. No other state can present greater achievements in the same Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, at cal society spoke on the extreme longevity and this being true one of the first points o emphasize in making an exhibit is the doyen of the society is Francois Michau, who was 19 years old about the time of the battle of Waterloo.

Miss Harriet Maxwell Converse and Prof. Frederick Starr of the University of Chipeople of other states to the advantages cago are making investigations among the Iroquois Indians in reference to their folk gardless of what may come about. songs, including medicine, witch, death and all of the ceremonial chants which have the state in a practical way, and, in doing hitherto been unpublished.

this the Post suggests that advertising While in Pittsburg the other day Andrew should not consist of delightfully furnished Carnegie was forced to leave the house in drawing rooms alone, but that a sufficient which he was staying by a rear door and sum be appropriated to make our state drive off in a carriage to escape a crowd of buildings resplendent with a true reprepeople begging money for charitable objects-many of them for libraries, Mr. Car-CHARACTERISTIC OF ROOSEVELT. negie receives more than 300 begging let-

ters a day. Peter Deville has arrived in San Francisco after two years' travel in Alaeka. He was in the Moon country, between the Porcupine and Mackenzie rivers, and asserts that he found there a race of white people who, he thinks, are Sir John Frankgovernor. He is willing to appoint to office lin's descendants. Deville tried them with French, Russtan, Spanish and English, bu

they could not understand any of them. The marked down jag of Commander Til tey of Samoa might be disposed of for fraction of the estimated cost, \$25,000, if the Navy department would adopt the Nevada plan. In that state, some years ago, a pro hibitionist who fractured his pledge ap pealed to the legislature to reinstate him in the good graces of his tribe, and the law makers gallantly responded in this form "Resolved, by the legislature of the state of Nevada, the governor concurring, That the drink of whisky taken by Johnson Sides is the Magnolia saloon, July 11, 1887, be and is hereby annulled."

able to keep the spoilsmen down remains to The esteemed Dick Croker is not to be that it will not be very long before the rudely kicked out of Tammany's throne snarling at his heels, while the rest of the bit, have come to the conclusion that Richcountry, regardless of party, will be conard has been joited enough by the enemy. For friends to jump on him while he ta down would constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." "He will probably stay right here for a while until the sting of our latest licking has lessened a little," says one of the Indians, "and until he can get out with-Senator Vest's health has improved thin out its appearing on the face of it that he fall and he has gained fifteen pounds. He was driven. Then he may go abroad again, is disincitned to accept another term in and once abroad it may become so evident the senate, but when the clarion sounds that his health will not stand another campaign that he will decide not to come back."

# BAKING POWDER

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A cream of tartar powder, absolutely pure.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

FUSION DOCTORS CONSULT.

And what does the Hill-Morgan interest Fullerton Post (dem.): The Post will get out of it all? It has paid an extravaof attempt to discover "how it happened," ut will continue to keep the fires burning gant price for Burlington-amounting to along the line so that the outposts will an 8 per cent rental-and will not be alhave no trouble in seeing the entrenchlowed to enjoy the exclusive benefits of the acquisition. It has had to pay the ments. Those who have strayed away will be back in time and all be given a hearty Union Pacific for the costs incurred by the welcome. All we ask in the meantime is latter in buying into Northern Pacific con-'read and think," trol. And while holding control of the new Oakland Independent (pop.):

lection does not bring any cheering Burlington to injure the Union Pacific, and promises for the future to the fusion party of the state, judging by the face of the it must still bear the body of the burden returns. Knox county, herotofore fusion. went republican by 175 majority. Saunders county, the strongest populist county in the state, gave a majority less than 100 his year and several of the county officera elected are republicans. In these countles, however, there was dissatisfaction in the ranks of the fusion party and the result of that acquisition, and will have no voice may not indicate the true condition of forces must get together, better, perhaps, things.

O'Neill Independent (pop.): "What do you think of a fusion with the democrats now?" is a question that has been propounded to us many times since election. We are a fusionist, most pronounced. We worked for a fusion in the last county onvention and all previous conventions, An equitable fusion might drive a few democrats into the republican party; it might lose the populist a few narrow partisans, but it would keep the true and sincere element of the reform forces together and a combination of this kind would be invincible in Holt county.

roads themselves and their stockholders. St. Paul Phonograph (pop.): But the main general cause of the result is the ascendency of the stomach cult. The floating element which determines national elecest degree of certainty that he was not ions and the elections in close states, vote, paying more for the same service than was not according to principle, but according to his neighbor. Some merchants were enthe condition of their bodily feelings. They abled to make large fortunes, others were are concerned only about what they shall ruined and the mercantile community as a eat and drink; if they have plenty of that whole had just cause for complaint against they are satisfied with the party in power; the railroads for what was going on. No if they have not they invariably vote for a one supposes that in future rate cutting in change. Another weakening influence on the west will be totally abolished, but there the fusion side is the decadence of populist will be far less of it in the future than enthusiasm, which springs from causes althere ever was in the past. Freight tariffs ready pointed out in the Phonograph and which we shall more fully discuss in the future.

Beatrice Democrat: The fact that the tion and fair play of a more enlightened fusionists got everiastingly knocked out in the recent state election simply shows that Nebraska is a republican state and that the former successes have been of no permanent advantage. It is true that Holcomb ed a whole lot of republican rottenness and gave the state a good administration, but the republican vote was attracted to fusion support more by ghost stories than by any desire in the direction of real reform. The democratic party would have been much stronger today if it had never allied with the pops. But the gentlemen who were running the machine saw a profit to them in temporary success and will probably do the same thing over again, though fusion will never again win in Nebraska.

Auburn Granger (pop.): If the fusionits, populists, democrats or independents who have been so nearly swept from the earth had busted themselves with matters of needed and practical reform and practiced rigid but righteous economy instead of busying themselves reciting the shortcomings of the republicans and then aping their cussed practices there would have been but a small force of republicans to contest for official honors in 1901. And now the same proposition holds true. If the republicans will busy themselves with matters of needed and practical reform and practice rigid but righteous economy instead of busying themselves with reciting an expedition to the north pole. He will the shortcomings of their opponents and then aping practices there will be but a diminutive force to meet them at the polls Stanton Register (pop.): Nebraska is no

more in the permanent republican column than it was four years ago. The people recent meeting of the French Astronom- are too intelligent to slavishly follow party name regardless of conditions. The mere attained by members of the society. The fact that the fusionists had two supreme judges was the cause of Sedgwick getting I many votes. The principal cause of Sedgwick's election was the 30,000 voters who did not go to the poils. It is useless for anyone to claim that the majority of the electors of Nebraska are republicans rehave just as good a chance of carrying the state in 1902 as we had in 1900, as far as the state ticket is concerned, and we have as many sure voters to count on in the beginning of the campaign. What is wanted An overflow of gladness for my heart.

is the drafting of our strongest vote get ters as candidates on the state ticket acto prevent combinations from being made in the conventions that give us weak men. Grand Island Democratz The Democrat believes that any arguments pro and con concerning the question of future fusion between the reform parties are decided; premature and but the reflex action of de feat. Whether or not there shall be fusion will be determined by the logic of events transpiring before the next campaign, and until that time it is well to be forbearing and considerate, lest greater division be brought about among those who should be political friends. The paramount issue in this country today is not money, not tariff. not imperialism, not trusts, but that greater and overshadowing question as to whether the classes or the masses shall rule. To the democracy are committed the care and keeping of the latter's interestand upon this vital proposition the reform in one organization, but at least in a way that there may be concert of action and singleness of purpose in righting the wrongs of that larger body of citizens in the sweat of whose faces this republic has achieved all her greatness and the classes all their amassed and uncounted millions Study and talk it over among yourselves. but never lose sight of the necessity for harmony and the power of an unbroken

### BREEZY REMARKS.

Philadelphia Press: Tess Oh, yes, she married a man with a highly-honored Jess-What! I never considered "Scadds" a highly-honored name.

Tess-Well, you should see the way to a
honored at the bank.

Boston Transcript: Johnny-What is an Edage?
Pa—An adage is an epigrammatic sophistry manufactured to prevent one from dring something he wants to do or to induce him to do something he doesn't.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I never fully realized how shamefully corrupt our municipal elections are."
"What's opened your eyes?"
"Why, I worked all day for the reform ticket and better government and they never gave me a cent for it."

Baltimore American: "Please, sir." said the negligent messenger boy, "I forgot to deliver the message."
"You did?" snorted the sarcastic employer. "Well, you take the first train to Washington. They'll give you the command of a vessel in the navy, with that record."

Record-Herald: Chicago Record-Herald: "Great grief, man! What's happened to you? Have you been kicked in the face by a mule?"
"No. Our cook's husband, from whom she got a divorce several months ago, has been coming around, bothering her, and last night she got after him with a couple of flatirons."
"But what has that to do with your cass?"

"I was an innocent bystander." Washington Star: "Do you think your constituents will lend their endorsement to

constituents will tend their endorsement to your coarse?" said the friend.
"I never thought about it," answered Senator Sorghum. "But if my constituents will keep out o' debt and not ask me for endorsements I'll be willing to take chances on needing theirs." Chicago Post: "Well." remarked Noah thoughtfully, as he looked out over the waste of water, "it will be pretty lonely when we get ashore." "Yes," answered Japhet; "there won't be

enough of the neighbors left to get up a court of inquiry and prove that we didn't know how to run the ship." Cleveland Plain Dealer: "She's a ver-cautions woman, especially about gossip No woman ever heard her retail any scan But I am told that stories confided to her in secrecy do get out somehow."
"Yes, I know. You see she tells them all
to her husband."

OPULENCE OF CONTENT.

Aloysius Coll in Success. I am not rich in heaps of yellow gold: But, when the bubbling bobolink has told. His dreaming of the twilight in the more, My heart o'erflows, so much of joy I held.

I am not clothed in scarlet robes of kings; But, when the crimson cardinal so sings, That song and raiment flash at once have the ermine sweet, without the

Not mine the learning of some men that when I hear a lambkin, from afar, Is great as had I found an unknown star,

I have not castles, lands, or gems of art; But not for these would I my treasure part.-Content enough to fill my soul with



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