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It is no easy job to freeze the plumber out of business.

The speculator who coppered Amalgamated stocks appears to be coming out a big winner.

No chance for a green Christmas this some quick work.

Not a train has been on time at St. Louis for two days. At that rate St. the trains.

The supreme court of Nebraska wants information.

Will Ben take it? This is the question that is agitating the minds of several men who are anxious to take possession

The special Christmas issue of The Illustrated Bee next Sunday will be unextra copies early.

Keep your ears tied up and do not twear at the weather man, who is doing need ice next summer.

show. When it is all over, the men feel.

Troubles are crowding thickly upon Admiral Schley. Boss Croker has declared in favor of the admiral as the next democratic candidate for the presidency.

Des Moines is having a hard time of it securing water for its proposed new army post. Water is certainly a necesthe canteen has been abolished.

An Iowa woman is suing the estate of a man who is dead for breach of promise. This does seem like taking advantage of a man when he cannot defend himself.

A prominent pugilist announces that he will retire from the ring on account of heart trouble. Retirement should be unnecessary as long as the vocal organs perform their usual functions.

The Omaha Fakery is anxious to stir up trouble between the governor of Nebraska and The Bee, with the full knowledge that such a scrimmage would be fun for the boys and death for the

doubt whether the Holt county ghost dancers will indulge in another midnight

during the civil war have just succeeded ring, as it did, with the nearly universal in getting together at a meeting held public judgment. Et. Louis. They can well afford to follow the example of the men who did the fighting.

On his recent trip there were a few bargains in steamship lines and other little enterprises which he did not have around to them this time.

ble cannot be maintained.

DECIDEDLY RICH AND RACY.

According to the home-made Lincoln correspondence of the Omaha Fakery, Governor Ezra P. Savage is eagerly girding his tenderloins for a fray with the editor of The Bee. The governor is represented as panting "for the onset with unconcealed contempt and hurling defiance straight into the editor's teeth." We are assured that it is only since the belligerent governor has been anointing his backbone with Mexican liniment that he has come to regard himself seriously as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination at the hands of the republican convention next summer.

We are reminded also that last spring. shortly after Dietrich had been elected senator, his excellency contemplated permanent retirement from public life to the shady repose of his Custer county bull ranch, because he had come to look | judgment. upon the office of governor not only as a burden difficult to bear, but as an expense which he could no longer afford to assume. But "when the little editor Business letters and remittances should be to assume. But "when the little editor lice to collect contributions from liquor ddressed. The Bee Publishing Company, threatened him with the weight of his dealers for the relief of the Galveston displeasure Governor Savage decided on | flood sufferers The Bee entered its prothe instant that he would be a candidate

> According to the mind-reader of the Omaha Fakery the sole purpose of the Custer county Gollath was to lock horns in a test of strength between the bullpuncher and the pencil-pusher. Being a typical frontiersman full of dash and courage and eager for an opportunity to dare not refuse for fear of incurring the participate in a general mix-up, the gov- displeasure of the authorities. ernor is said to have refused to knuckle under to the demands and commands of the doughty quill driver, and, in the lan- constituting the police force a city poor guage of the correspondent, "forcefully relief agency through whom contribuconsigned his little termenter to the nether regions and commenced to take but especially from those subject to poaccount of the men, arms and ammuni-lice supervision, tion."

We are further told that today it is well known that Governor Savage directed effort for the relief of people groom longeth for his bride." He does not propose to remain behind shelter to itself to all charitably inclined persons, await the assault, but to take the field but this duty can and should be perin person and assume the aggressive, formed without resort to the police because the aggressive is his way of fighting. "He throws away his luggage. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, A. D. 1901. M. B. HUNGATE. (Seal.) Notary Public. burns his bridges behind him and with conscientiously they may perform this down upon the enemy."

of jim-jams or under the influence of disrepute. some powerful narcotic. There certainly has been no occasion up to this time for any warlike preparations at the state house or for arming the university cayear unless the weather man gets in dets in defense of the governor. Neither pavy is the organization of a naval renating from the editor of The Bee have in a bill that has been introduced in quarrel with one another, been directed at the executive mansion congress. In reference to this the secsince its occupancy by the stalwart retary of the navy said in his annual Louis people should be able to catch frontiersman. There has been but one report that there is pressing need of paper and the governor during that sea service immediately upon an outperiod and that was concerning the break of war. He stated that the reit distinctly understood by all whom it Bartley parole. Neither the editor of sults of the Spanish-American war were resent him has asked the governor to knowledge of naval matters that steps grant a favor or given him an oppor-

tunity to refuse one. If the governor has been afflicted with of irresponsible newspaper writers and large increase in the men of the navy to profit.

REPORT ON CANAL BILL.

The report of the house committee on the best he can. Besides you will all the Nicaragua canal bill proposes to concentrate authority and responsibility for the construction of the proposed New York women are having a dog canal in the hands of the president, instead of devolving the responsibility who do the judging should know how upon a commission, as provided in the the people who officiate at baby shows | bill of Senator Morgan. We have no doubt this will be approved by the

Mr. Hepburn, chairman of the house confinittee on commerce, is opposed to a commission for the reason that he thinks it would remove the responsibility for the honest and efficient administration of so great a trust from the head of the government, where it properly belongs. He would have the president absolutely free in the choice of officials who are to take charge of the work, that he may of the government in handling the enormous amount of money to be expended retary of the navy. in the construction of the canal. There is no doubt this is the correct position. but the senate will very likely make an earnest effort to have the commission plan adopted, that body having a weakness for commissions. However, it is safe to say that public opinion will be very strongly on the side of the house responsibility in the hands of the president and therefore that it will prevail.

SCHLEY'S BILL OF EXCEPTIONS It was the very general public sentithe newspapers of the country on the findings of the Schley court of inquiry. The appointment of D. Clem Deaver that the controversy should be allowed as receiver of the O'Neill land office has to close with the court's decision. It so far as defensive and offensive purbeen confirmed by the senate, but we was felt that although a majority of the court had found against the applicant on most of the specifications of the Navy department the opinion given by Admiral Dewey was an ample vindica-Two church organizations which split | tion of Rear Admiral Schley, concur-

Feeling keenly, however, that the findings of a majority of the court are unfair and unjust, Schley asks that they be disapproved by the secretary of the The plan of a national naval reserve J. Pierpont Morgan is going to Europe. navy and that he be afforded an opportunity, through further investigation, to show why the opinion of the majority to be no doubt of securing the proposed should not be approved. The bill of ex- legislation. time to inspect, but he hopes to get ceptions submitted by Schley's counsel certainly makes a very strong case against the majority of the court of in-The Commercial club seems at last to quiry and will persuade many who have reached the conclusion that the thought that the controversy should against The Bee, which he accuses of efficiency of the fire department does have been dropped that Schley has refusing to respect his private business not depend on the reinstatement of ex- taken the proper course. It now rests because he is the ardent friend of Con-Chief Redell. The idea that any one with the secretary of the navy to decide gressman Mercer. In this Mr. Blackman in the public service is indispensa- whether there shall be further proceed- burn labors under a hallucination. His

versy as his sense of duty dictates. of Rear Admiral Sampson against the individual opinion of Admiral Dewey, though it is not probable that the protest will have much effect upon the popular

WRONG IN PRINCIPLE. When Mayor Moores ordered the police to collect contributions from liquor test on the ground that the police should not be employed for the purpose of raising charity funds or any other kind of surveillance. It goes without saying that such exactions are regarded as forced contributions which saloon keepers and keepers of other public resorts

The same reason holds good now as against the order issued by the mayor tions are to be collected from all classes.

Mayor Moores' action is unquestionably inspired by good motives. A well-"longs for the fray even as the bride temporarily suffering for want of fuel, clothing and provisions will commend force. No matter how well police officers may be fitted for the work or how a loaded pistol in either hand charges function, it is fundamentally wrong and opens the way for scandal of the "well-We are at a loss to divine whether the defined rumor" class sure to be circubrilliant genius who concocted this flam- lated by malicious partisans who catch boyant tale was suffering from a case at every straw to bring the police into

A NATIONAL NAVAL RESERVE.

An imperative requirement in connection with the building up of the commands nor threats of any sort ema- serve force, provision for which is made umpires, and between seasons the managers The Bee nor anybody authorized to rep- such as to assure everyone having should at once be taken to meet the one certain and positive requirement and flowers in other portions. which will face the nation upon an outa nightmare about an imaginary con- break of war-the immediate necessity spiracy he has simply been the victim at that exigent time, if it comes, of a retary of the navy, be made from the seafaring class, who, having acquired the habit of the sea, are at home on the

water. President Roosevelt in his message also urged that provision be made for a national naval reserve, organized and trained under the direction of the Navy the chief executive whenever war becomes imminent. He said: "It should be a real auxiliary to the naval seagoing peace establishment and offer material to be drawn on at once for manning our ships in time of war. It should be composed of graduates of the naval academy, graduates of the naval steamers, longshore schooners, lishing the coast population about such centers as life-saving stations and lighthouses." The bill introduced in the senate by be the sole responsible representative Senator Hale provides for carrying out the suggestions of the president and sec-

In this particular the United States composed of the ocean-going element of their merchant marine. All of their great ships today are more or less officered and commanded and manned by naval reserve forces. This service proposition to place all authority and tends to stimulate the ambition of American youth for entering the merchant marine service. It has the tendency to elevate the service in that those on the ships commissioned by the ment, as indicated in the comments of the uniform and be considered a regular part of the navy of the United States. At present we have a large number of poses of the United States are concerned, not crystallized for military discipline of the navy, so that in the plishing. event of war they would be immediately

available. It is manifestly worse than useless to go on increasing the navy without providing the force necessary to man the ships in times of national emergency. will meet this requirement and its expediency is so obvious that there ought

the republican congressional committee. has broken out in a fresh complaint ings in the case and he is in a position private business, which is not very ence or anything else.

which must be somewhat embarrassing. voluminous, has always been respected, He may confidently be expected, how- but when he attempts to procure exever, to take such action in the matter clusive franchises for suburban railas he conscientiously believes to be roads over all the public roads in Dougright and just, uninfluenced by any per- las county designed to enrich the promosonal considerations. There is a not ters and speculators in franchises withuncommon opinion that the secretary of out making any return to the taxpayers, the navy is under the control of a clique | The Bee considers it its duty to expose in his department, but there is no sub- the job and call a halt. In taking this an opportunity to decide between substan- ments of actual business. Public confistantial ground for the opinion and the course The Bee does not make Mr. tial prosperity and speculative prosperity, dence has been so acutely shaken by the long and honorable public service of Blackburn a target because he as-Secretary Long warrants the belief that sumes political guardianship over he has acted and will continue to act our congressman, but because what in regard to this unfortunate contro- he calls his private business is gloom has hung over them for fully six is so flat in that quarter. public business. Any other man in Interest in the situation is perhaps or out of politics doing the same thing somewhat strengthened by the protest would have been treated in the same

For once the Lincoln Journal has passed a sound criticism on Omaha's which were worn last spring. municipal affairs when it says that the tax-levying power should be concentrated in one responsible body. The Bee regard to the demands of other branches of the city government. The independent taxing power accorded to the school and the sooner it is taken away the betfunds from parties who are under police ter it will be for the taxpayers and the general public.

Nebraska democrats are keeping up B. Hill a democrat?" David says he is, but when the doctors come to diagnose the case they find the symptoms of democracy in the west such a varying quantity that their task is by no means easy. The disease has become complicated with so many other ailments that it has about lost its original characteristics.

A circular has been sent broadcast over Iowa containing a proposed new congressional apportionment. As arranged it would if enacted produce as lively a clash of congressional ambitions as was ever seen. If taken seriously the majority of the present congressional delegation could be depended on to spend the holiday vacation with their constituents.

The tabulations of the national bank statements just issued indicate that Omaha banks are in a pretty good way, all yellow journal sensations about the financial decrepitude of the city to the contrary notwithstanding.

Just Like Prize Fighting. Baltimore American.

Base ball is a great game. All during the summer the players quarrel with the

We're All Right. St. Louis Republic.

With corn in Nebraska selling at 70 cents conversation between the editor of this such a force from which to draw for a bushel farmers with even fractional crops of the cereal are not in such a bad way for the coming of Christmas.

The Spice of Life. Indianapolis News.

This is a great country. Floods and rains in one section and freezing cold weather in another, to say nothing of orange groves

An Impracticable Scheme.

Philadelphia Record. The failure of the Pan-American congress his own fool friends who are trying to from an existing reserve—an increase tion might have been foreseen. Compulsory to agree upon a plan of compulsory arbitraexcelled as a holiday number. Order precipitate a fight by which they hope which must, in the main, said the sec. arbitration involves a partial surrender of national sovereignty, even if it be confined in its scope to questions of boundary or other disputes not compromising honor.

Boston Globe.

Promise is made that there will be fully 9 000 signatures to a petition soon to be presented to President Roosevelt urging department and subject to the call of which would prevent England from securing supplies of any kind, even horses and mules, in this country. Such a petition would "mean business," not gush.

Another Wonder in Sight.

Philadelphia North American. Sig. Marconi sent up a kite and got three telegraphic dots from somewhere. across the Atlantic, but if Sig. Tesla knows militia, officers and crews of coast line a hawk from a handsaw it was a signal from Mars and Marconi has been poaching vessels and steam yachts, together with upon his preserve. Marvelous things happen to these wizards of science when nobody is looking.

At the End of the Rope.

San Francisco Chronicle. The prompt conviction and punishment of the army officers who were involved in the hemp frauds at Manila ought to have a good effect on all army men in the Philippines. is behind other great maritime powers. The penalty for any frauds in Manila ought Other nations have their naval reserves, to be severer than at home, for any corruption in the army in the islands hurts in a double way, and the chief damage is the loss of prestige of American arms.

Premature Enthusiasm.

Washington Star. It is always an inventor's privilege to be confident and the American public cannot help sharing to a degree the enthusiasm of Marconi in his wireless telegraphy expertments. What Marconi hopes to attain is so important that there is a practical senti-United States navy are entitled to wear ment in his favor as well as a disinterested desire in the popular mind to see a plucky and persistent effort crowned with success. At the same time so many plausible inventions have failed and brought grief to nuseagoing officers and men, but they are, merous small investors that many people have grown wary and will hesitate about bestowing full faith in the commercial practicability of the idea until it is no longer necessary to employ the old-fashservice. The idea is to organize and loned telegraph system to convey informakeep them in touch with and under the tion of what wireless telegraphy is accom-

Better Save the Pigs.

Beatrice Express. Pigs, as well as hogs, are quoted from day to day in the market reports. This means that everything in the hog line that will bring any sort of a price is being sabrificed by penny wise, pound foolish farmers. The venerable brood sow, the shoat that is blossoming into glorious hoghood, the prize hog and the runt-everything that will make sausage is being sold because feed is short. As the inevitable consequence there will be an unprecedented shortage of hogs next summer and as sure as cause and effect Thomas W. Blackburn, chairman of are related to each other the price of swine then will be as remarkable as the price of corn is now. Stockmen, farm pa pers and farmers of experience are pointing out this fact every day and urging the agriculturists to hold their hogs, but the sacri fice goes on. The man who does hold onto his swine will be in the swim in a few months hence, or it is useless to draw deductions from history, precedent, experi-

No Lack of Prosperity

Baltimore American.

Is this country still reveling in a burst as leading forces—has passed through a seof splendid prosperity, or has it struck a ries of unsettling reverses since the North-retrogressive movement? This question ern Pacific episode. Only one of these reis pertinent just now, because it affords verses has had any bearing on the move-Perhaps the question, with its suggestions losses sustained on account of rank maof doubt, would never be asked were it nipulation that the great outside element not for the trouble which the speculative is touching the speculative market very markets have encountered. A cloud of gingerly at present. That is why business months. The stockbroker and the plunger find things very dull. Fictitious security which also affects the speculative, was the

opposed the bill giving the school board sign of decreasing prosperity?" Under or-

collapsed because of special reasons, it the discussion on the subject, "Is David can be understood why general trade should depression. Even the latter depression is as if he had seen his best day. But his not be judged by speculative depression. expected to enjoy a transient respite after Speculation-which is a species of artificial January 1. trading, with expectations and sentiment

The chief adverse factor in actual trade

values have been shriveling. Stock ex- corn shortage. The high price, however, change business has been diminishing. On to which the cereal has since attained has these accounts the frequenters of "the more than counterbalanced the shortage in street," as the speculative neighborhood crop. The buying power of the farming is familiarly called, have lost those smiles class has, consequently, not been crippled. Moreover, the shaky industrial conditions Observing this change in the one special in Germany, which at one time menaced locality, the average citizen is disposed to the volume of our foreign business, have make inquiry: "Is this loss of smile on wonderfully improved, so that even that the part of the speculator a premonitory particular obstacle to our progress is removed. On top of these intangible evifree reign to inflate the tax rate without dinary circumstances the question would dences comes the more practical showing be aptly put. In this particular case, how- of our railroad reports and our weekly ever, the speculative market and the actual bank clearances. They continue to business market are at variance. Stock show increases over the phenomenal speculation is flat, while general business record of last year. Railroad companies board has had a most pernicious effect is active. The two lines of trading have, cannot find cars enough to move their for once, taken divergent courses. It traffic and the bank clearings in all secpresents an instance in which speculation tions of the country are disclosing a is dull, despite an animated foreign and splendid expansion in the present evolution of business. All this testimony in favor When it is recalled that speculation has of continued prosperity is entirely too overwhelming to be offset by more speculative

TREND OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

How the Daily Newspapers Line Up on the Schley Verdict.

Public sentiment on the case of Admiral Schley, as reflected by the newspapers of the country, overwhelmingly approves the judgment rendered by Admiral Dewey, president of the court of inquiry. An examination of seventy-eight representative summer he and his partners refused \$14,- triumph over all unfavorable circum datly newspapers, published in the leading cities between the two oceans, shows a remarkable preponderance of sentiment in favor of the claims of Admiral Schley. Political partisanship does not enter the discussion. Of the newspapers examined fortyfour are republican, twenty-one democratic and thirteen independent. On the divided judgment of the court of inquiry they line ip as follows:

Favor of Dewey's verdict...... Favor of Benham-Ramsay verdict.....

With the exception of five papers published in the south the list represents northern sentiment distinctively. Of the papers adverse to Schley six are published in New York state, two in Massachusetts and four scattered through the middle west.

EVILS OF WATERED STOCK.

Every Class of Trusts Saddled with Tremendous Debts.

Baltimore American. The president struck the keynote of the trust problem when he suggested as their principal evil overcapitalization. That is he very point. The public for several probable that those who gobbled up nearly all the land in England during the middle ages had the same view of their proceedngs; but the statutes of Mortmain put an end to the delusion before the entire king dom had been swallowed. It is possible of course, that a few great capitalists can be so wise as to discover that the laws of political economy based on an experience exterding over many centuries are altogether false and wrong. The world, however, is not likely to reverse its procedure without a protest, in spite of this colossal aggregation of philanthropy.

Some trusts-little affairs of a local haracter-may have been of advantage to those who formed them, but such as these are not the combinations that are doing the damage. When millionaires combine to form a trust of industries with which they have no legitimate connection, suspicion must arise at once, and their declaration that they propose to serve the public will not carry conviction to intelligent people. The ordinary individual in business transactions is selfish, and men who have amassed millions n business transactions are not unlike the ordinary individual. These promoters, who have no business in the trusts which they promote, have some other purpose or it would be unworthy of their consideration; in other words, it is natural to infer that

they are after big money. It is possible to make large sums by buying up rival industries and destroying enough to pay heavy dividends with those that are left. Something of this sort has been done by these promoters. But this restricts the field of labor and takes the bread out of honest men's mouths. It is also a dangerous experiment. It is safer to buy up kindred enterprises, capitalize the whole at prices far beyond its value and pocket the difference as the price of promotion. This is the worst evil of these huge combinations. They are saddled with tremendous debts, the interest on which it may be possible to pay as long as there are prosperity and public confidence, while the dividends can be realized by raising prices on an unsuspecting community. The terrible wrong inflicted on the people will become apparent when a crisis strikes these enterprises. They will tumble to pieces like balloons struck by a hurricane and the disaster will be universal and prolonged. It is against such a catastrophe that the lawmakers should provide.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The kaiser's way of making war on anarchy is to start a crusade against beer. General Botha may have been shot through the leg, but as long as his horse's legs are all right he doesn't mind a little

thing like that.

Ralph Hall Caine, the son of the famous hold Words, the weekly paper founded and her child there, but the tots are not so enfor some time edited by Charles Dickens. E. S. Candler, jr., a new member of the Mississippi delegation to congress, says he made his first dollar by hauling cordwood behind a yoke of oxen to a country town and selling it.

When Dr. White, the American ambassador at Berlin, was presented to the late Field Marshal von Moltke as a man who had been born at Homer, had taught at Ithaca and a resident of Syracuse, the latter said: "I suppose I shall have to talk Greek to him.

Congressman Perkins of New York is the leader of the house easily in literary ability. From 1890 to 1895 he lived in Paris, engaged in work on French history. "A Life of Richelleu" and "France Under Louis XV" were, in part, the result of his labors during the period.

T. L. Glenn of Idaho, one of the new members of congress, says that whatever success he attained is due to having read when most of his neighbors slept, or while he was waiting the preparation of his meals, as he Oglesby. seldom had the opportunity to study during the daytime.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Etchings of People and Events at the National Capital.

Utah, which is good enough to be true, years, The senator not so long ago was working with a pick and shovel for \$2 a day. Last 000,000 for one of their mines. The senator stances. "No horseman," said he in his is used to life in the open and the atmos- address, "has ever lost his love for the phere of the senate oppresses him. Last boree. The man who has an automobile to Thursday he sat down beside Senator Heit- not a man who rears and breeds and feeds

feld, also a westerner, and said: "Henry, what do you think of this game, with us throughout the ages." inyway'

Heitfeld, being now schooled in the wiles another. "Why do you ask?" he inquired as many predicted it would. If the trolley language in their talk to suit me. Why he has found employment in other and less

relations committee had adjourned one of thing on wheels. its meetings, what had been accomplished The senator thought for a moment and then replied that about the only action had been a motion to remove the injunction of secrecy on the text of the new treaty with Great Britain.

"But," was the next suggestion, "the full ext of the treaty was printed this morning in every paper in the United States."

"Just so, just so," said the senator; "Perhaps I met him at the beginning of his second hour," said Dawson. text of the treaty was printed this morning | He in every paper in the United States." 'that's the reason the injunction of seyears has been involved in a maze of unccreey was placed upon the treaty. We certainty with regard to these combina-tions. Some have claimed that the trusts not a paper in the country would print its were an evolution of trade. It is highly full text."

Crecy was placed upon the treaty. We you spoke of me as a common liar."

Whoever told you that sir, must have been trying to break it to you gently. It is highly full text." certainty with regard to these combina- knew that if we made it public at once

> "I witnessed a sad sight at the Mare Island navy yard a few weeks ago," cald Thomas L. Walker of Vallejo, Cal., to a Washington Post reporter. "A number of sailors were brought to the yard from various points for admission to the hospital for the insane at Ukiah, and among them was Warrant Officer Osborne Deignan, a member of the valorous crew that accompanied Hobson on his daring but unsuccessful attempt to block Santiago harbor. Deignan's home is in Iowa, and after serving for a number of years in the merchant marine he enlisted in the navy, and was a member of the crew of the New York at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. When Hobson called fo volunteers to accompany him in the Merrimac. Deignan was one of the first to offer his services. He and his companions were captured and confined in Morro castle until after the surrender of Santiago, and when he came home after the war the citizens of his town gave him a rousing reception. winding up by presenting him with a sword. Representative Hull of Iowa secured the consent of congress to the admission of Deignan to the Naval academy, as he was still a young man, but he was a sailor and an enlisted man clear through, and refused to accept the chance for promotion. . He preferred to take his chances as a warrant officer and was advanced several grades on account of his gallant conduct. Deignan was assigned to one of the ships in the South Atlantic squadron, and late in the fall showed signs of mental aberration. He was closely watched, and when the case became thoroughly developed he was sent to

this country. Senator Chauncey M. Depew prepared a remarkable biography of himself which appears in the congressional directory. It is one of the longest in the book, notwithstanding his term of service as a senator is one of the shortest of all the members of that impressive body. As one senator put it: "Depew's biography is as long and as interesting as one of his after-dinner speeches." The most interesting part of the iography is that conveying the information that he was married in December, 1901, to Miss May Palmer. Inasmuch as the senator has not been married to Miss Palmer and will not be until the latter part of this month, he is receiving many congratulations on his enterprise as a chronicler of current events. The directory containing the announcement of his marriage appeared December 2.

Little Archibald Roosevelt, the president's son, who is attending a kindergarten in Washington, is now known as the bully of that educational institution. The mothers of the other little tots attending the school novelist, who is barely 17, is editing House- are bragging because Mrs. Roosevelt sends thusiastic over Archibald's presence. The other day a lady who has a little girl attending the kindergarten asked her how she liked little Archibald.

"I don't like him," came the decisive "He butted me twice in the stom-Investigation proved that Archibald's fa

around the play ground. A bachelor member of congress, who is not as handsome as Apollo, dropped into Clerk McDowell's office in the capitol, the other day, relates the Washington Post, to seek sympathy because the lady on whom

vorite amusement is lowering his head like

a billy goat and butting the other pupils

he had looked with favor was about to be married to another man. "That reminds me," said Mr. McDowell, of the incident which happened when Governor Dick Oglesby went down to Joliet to inspect the state prison. In one of the cells was a very ugly man.

'How did you get in here?' asked "'Abduction,' was the reply. 'I tried to run off with a girl and they caught me."

"'I'll pardon you as soon as I got bare to Springfield,' said the governor. 'I den't see how you could expect to get a will be

any other way." The homely bachelor congressman laughed loudly. Then, as the application of the story dawned upon him, the smile fallfrom his face and he walked out of M. Dowell's office without saying a word.

SECOND WIND FOR THE HORSE.

Strikes a Pace Quite Satisfactory to the Owner.

Chicago Inter Ocean Secretary Wilson's reference to the American horse in his address at the live stock exhibition the other night directs attention to the decline and fall and subsequent rise of that noblest of animals.

A few interesting statistics will tell the story. In 1868 the total number of horses in the country was 5,756,940, valued at \$432,696,226. In 1892 the number had increased to 15,498,140, and the high water valuation mark of \$1,007,500,636 reached. There were 1,000,000 more horses in the country the next year, but their value had declined and a decline both in number and value set in and continued until 1800 when the former was 14,364,667 and the latter only \$452,647,396, showing a shrinkage in value of more than 50 per cent in five years. In fact, the value of the 14,364,396 horses in the United States in 1897 was only \$20,000,000 more than the value placed upon 5,756,940 horses in 1868.

These were sad days for the horse. He was thrown out of the street car business everywhere and the bicycle superseded him in millions of homes. For a time it looked friends were confident that he would rise again in public favor and their loyalty to

him was soon rewarded. In 1898 the reaction in his favor began That year the number of horses in the country was smaller than it had been for eight years, but the value of the stock advanced to \$475,362,407; the following year the value of about the same number advanced to \$511,074,813, and in 1900 a smaller Here is a story told by a Washington number by over 200,000 reached a valuation orrespondent about Senator Kearns of of \$603,969,442, the highest point in all

Secretary Wilson is a friend of the horse and a firm believer in his ultimate horses. And so that gallant animal will be

There is the best of reason for this optimistic view of the horse situation. The of diplomacy, answered the question with bicycle did not succeed in supplanting him, "Oh." replied Kearns, "they use too much has superseded him on the traction lines ion't they say what they mean instead of exacting fields. There is little danger that bundling it all up in a lot of unnecessary the automobile will render him useless. Behind the mere utilitarian point involved in the case there is a sentimental regard Some one asked Senator Cullom of Illi- for the horse that cannot be weakened by nois, the other day, just after the foreign any puffing, blowing, whizzing, dust-raising

SMILING REMARKS.

Philadelphia Press: "Isn't it ridiculous to say talk is cheap?"
"Of course it is, for we frequently refer to talk as 'gas.'

Chicago Tribune: "I am told, sir, that

Philadelphia Record: Miss Gush—Isn't her complexion lovely? It's like a beautifully tinted china cup, I saw—Miss Kostique—Yes; it certainly is a beautifully painted mug.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "You're not so much," said the man who used the ver-nacular of the curbstone.

"Well," said the other man, "I fancy I'd have to be much less in order to escape being much more than your much devel-oped lack of muchiness."

Philadelphia Press: "Dead, ch? What illed him?
"His unlimited faith."
"Ah! Christian Science?"
"No; he took the advice of all his friends

who suggested remedies. Washington Star: "Do you think the world is growing worse or better?" "I shouldn't venture an opinion," said the man who makes no pretensions to being

a philosopher. "One's impressions on that point are likely to depend largely on the kind of society he happens to get into." WHERE, O WHERE, IS HE!

Chicago News.

who was glad it Warm for aye? The man who couldn't let well enough alone, ause it was a here is he now, Anyhow? Is he sifting on the snow banks

Giving thanks
For the weather, say?
Nay, nay,
is he luxuriating in atmosphere,

And calling for more? Not on your ornate And up-to-date Two-for-a-quarter tintype. manner strenuous as Teddy, wants to have the weather man take cold wave and dump it in the lake wants to have it het,

oiling, steaming, smoking pot to the brim With sunstrokes and hot winds all in trim Rampant as a carnival of crime. He wants it right away And wants it to stay,

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