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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. We are all for expansion now-expansion of the area of sidewalks cleared of

Even the patient democratic mule objects to the load Congressman Wheeler sought to put upon him.

The pending meeting of the city council protracted by repeated recesses awaiting the outcome of tax levy litigation is likely to go down into history as the long session.

The World-Herald flashes another headline upon the public, "Ransom Paid -No Results." We protest against such local allusions in connection with those Bulgarian bandits.

Statistics show that the bank deposits of Nebraska amount to \$79.16 for each person in the state. Few Nebraskans are complaining these days about the financial situation.

Eastern papers are not likely to say anything for a few days about western blizzards. They have snow enough piled up on the sidewalks to keep them busy for a few days.

If that whispered offer to buy the auditorium site at an advance of \$20,000 party in Kansas will soon have gone therefore thought to be quite probable to \$25,000 over the purchase price is not a bluff the auditorium directory will do well to call it without delay.

A recent sale calls attention to the fact that Nebraska possesses the largest herd of pure bred Hereford eattle in the world. Nebraska is right in the front when it comes to breeding high grade animals.

Colonel Bryan is going to Columbus, O., to confer with Colonel Kilbourn, late democratic candidate for governor in that state. T. J. Phillips of Ottumwa, Ia., should not be overlooked in the calling list.

said to be a possibility. With so many hot air plants working overtime in this community the compressed air promoters need not expect to have the field to themselves.

Delegates to the woman's suffrage convention reported that the women of Spanish-American countries were apathetic in political matters. If the women in those countries were as active different conditions in Nebraska, may as the men no telling what might happen.

It is greatly to be feared that the taste of high-class band concerts at low-priced admission given our people by successive concert festivals has seriously impaired the ability of concert masters to command full prices for band music no matter how good or how popular.

A convention of musicians has deone pretends that "Yankee Doodle" is a strikes up the lively air.

An officer of the German army has been sentenced to six years imprisonment for killing a man in a duel. A consistent application of the same remedy will soon induce German officers to seek some more modern method of poulticing injuries to their dignity.

out a gymnasium and special physical to survive a little longer without them. better with the school finances,

PROTECT THE RUBAL MAIL DELIVERY. brief time it has been under trial, has proved such a success that the people look to congress to protect it, howsothe best interests of the service it will this. reject the recommendation of the house postoffice committee for the abolition of the carrier system as at present constituted to make way for a return to the old plan of star route contracts.

The pernicious influence which the contract scheme would have upon rural mail delivery can be readily foreseen. The contractor would, of necessity, be accorded the privilege of subletting his contract, and the selection of carriers according to their qualifications and fitness would be taken entirely out of the control of the postoffice authorities. If the requirement were enforced, as now, that the carrier be a resident along the route which he covers the invariable tendency would be toward either a combination of the local bidders for the star route contract, with resulting excessive prices or cut-throat competition, prompted by personal jealousy that would reduce the cost below its actual Such uncompromising Nicaragua advovalue, with a corresponding lowering of

the quality of the service. How vitally Nebraska is interested in this question will be understood when not be permitted to longer delay this it is known that this state already has most important enterprise. nearly 400 regular and substitute rural mail carriers, who were placed under the civil service rules by an order which but would, in all probability, throw the

ployment altogether. quence.

According to advices from Washington to look favorably upon the postoffice committee's recommendation are having reason that the removal of this tax their eyes opened to the pernicious concompanied. It ought not to have a brewers would get the benefit, it is comes up for action.

THE POPULIST DILEMMA IN KANSAS. purpose, upon giving up their party orform movement." Should the present

the way of the self-styled silver repub-

been forced in Kansas as a result of a ably effectively exerted. new ballot law, which prohibits the printing of candidates' names more than republican senators, we believe they once upon the official ballot, it is of path. The recent convening of demo- changes may be made in the house for the promotion of democratic su- the main it will be accepted by the premacy in the fusion field in Nebraska senate. So far as the question of giv-A compressed air plant for Omaha is paring for the time when the populists congress is to relieve the American pecof Nebraska will have to meet the ques- pie of taxation as far as this can be the populist organization in surround- can be determined what our governtion, or rather for the extinction of the people. populists, the populist press in Nebraska is already entering vigorous objection.

> and work more under cover. In the meantime no harm will be done

by keeping an eye on Kansas.

A SIMPLE SOLUTION. A simple solution of the question of Spooner amendment to the house canal bill. This amendment proposes to entrust to the president the duty of cutting a waterway along the Panama nounced "Yankee Doodle" and several route if a clear title can be secured considered of importance enough to warother national airs as musical trash. No from the French company for the sum rant the expenditure of so much money. they ask for their property and if the classic, but for all that every American | necessary concessions can be obtained steps a little bit higher when the band from Colombia. Otherwise the canal shall be constructed on the Nicaragua

route. isfactory to the Nicaragua advocates, whose claims have been very greatly weakened by the report of the canal commission favorable to Panama. They assert that the French company cannot give a clear title. Why not let this matter be investigated by Presi-Having managed to worry along with- dent Roosevelt, who can certainly be trusted to do so, as well as to make culture training up to this time, the terms with Colombia, if that govern-High school pupils will doubtless be able ment is disposed to be fair and reasonable, and of this there is at least the The gymnasium will come in due time assurance of its minister to this counas soon as the school board catches up try. Regarding the ability of the Pan-

The rural mail delivery, even in the that there can be no doubt about it. the benefit of a certain corporation in a ever threatened. If congress considers dent should not be authorized to do Journal, that is always so eager to de-

bian minister to the United States said in Lincoln? that his country would seek only a fair equivalent for privileges granted. He states that Colombia is desirous of offering every possible facility to the government of the United States for the completion of the Panama canal, "not only because she fully appreciates the importance of this work to the commerce of the world, but because, following her traditional policy, she is anxlous to draw closer the friendly relations that have always existed between the two countries."

Let this matter be left to the determination of President Roosevelt, who can be depended upon to see that American interests are properly cared for. cates as Senator Morgan, who is by mittee on interoceanic canals, should

TAX REDUCTION IN THE SENATE. went into effect the first of the present | the war tax reduction bill is a subject month, although the entire service is yet of speculation and probably nothing in its infancy. The resurrection of the definite will be known until the measure star route contract system would not comes before that body. Recent Washonly destroy the effect of the civil serv- ington advices have stated that there ice rule promulgated by the president, will be considerable opposition to cutting off the whole \$77,000,000 of revenue greater part of the carriers out of em- and that this opposition will come from those who do not wish to see the sur-Rural mail delivery was welcomed plus entirely wiped out. Among these, largely because it promised to do away it is stated, are the senators who are with the remnants of the star routes and anxious that a large concession be made the people will not sit idly by while it is in the tariff in Cuban sugar and tosubverted for an extension of the very bacco. How numerous these senators contract system it was expected to cur- are does not at present appear. There tail. The rural mail delivery is in es- is opposition in the senate to the resence different only in degree from the moval of the beer and tea taxes, more city mail delivery, but we can easily particularly the tax on tea. A canvass imagine the outcry that would be raised of senatorial opinion seems to warrant were it proposed to district all of our the view that the duty on tea will be cities and let the contract to carry the retained and the tax on beer will be cut mail to the lowest bidder. Yet, should in two. This would save \$12,000,000 of the present scheme succeed, we might revenue on tea and \$8,000,000 on beer, expect this proposition as a logical se- making the revenue reduction \$57,000,-000 instead of \$77,000,000.

There is undoubtedly a very considermembers of congress who were disposed able public sentiment favorable to retaining part of the beer tax, for the would be of no advantage to the resequences with which it would be actail dealer or the consumer. Only the single vote recorded for it when it urged. As to the duty on tea the importers are divided, one favoring its retention and others opposing it, while the wholesale grocers are practically Kansas populists are to decide defi- unanimous in favoring the removal of nitely this week, through a delegate con- the duty. When the question of imposvention which has been called for that ing a duty on tea was before congress was said by the importers that the ganization and party name and packing effect of levying a duty would be bene as many of their followers as they can ficial in inducing the importation of a carry with them over into the demo- better quality of that article. It is now cratic camp. The most reliable in held by some of the importers that formation from the seat of the disturb- such has not been the case, while those ance is to the effect that no serious diffi- who favor retention of the duty insist culty will be encountered in thus finally that there has been improvement in the consummating the long-cherished plan quality of tea coming into the country of democracy to swallow completely its and that the duty has not been felt by former associates in the so-called "re- consumers. With the trade thus divided senators feel more at liberty to program be carried out the populist act as expediency may dictate and it is that the tea duty will be retained. As licans, who disbanded more than a year to the beer tax of course the brewing interest is a unit for its removal and While this political assignment has this influence will be strongly and prob

As we have already said regarding the will be disposed to regard the popular special interest to Nebraska because demand for the removal of the war the allied forces of reform in the two taxes, as their party was pledged to do states have largely traveled the same by its last national convention. A few cratic editors to form an organization measure, but it is safe to say that in affords conclusive proof that the more ing tartif concessions to Cuban products far-sighted democratic leaders in this is concerned, that should have no bearstate are looking forward to and pre- ing on the matter. The first duty of tion whether their organization shall be done with safety to the national maintained, in view of the dissolution of revenue. When this has been done it ing states and in the national field. ment can do for Cuban interests, with Against this open move for amalgama- a due regard for those of our own

A combination proposing to finance Their protests, coupled with the slightly the street railway lines of New York contemplates borrowing \$150,000,000. constrain the democrats to go slower It has not been so many years since only the strongest governments would think of floating a loan of such dimensions, but corporation consolidations have grown to such proportions that they almost cast governmental operations in the shade. Nothing but industrial concanal routes is in the passage of the ditions of the most promising sort would permit the financing of such gigantic enterprises and in no other country in the world would the problem of rapid transit for the people of one city be

The state land commissioner an nounces 22,000 acres of school land in Nebraska are now available for lease. This is a large amount of land, but compared with the amount not leased a few years ago it is a mere trifle. Another thing worthy of note is the fact much larger rentals than the rate proposed in the government land-leasing bill now before congress, and the passage of that bill would mean a considerable loss of revenue to the school fund for no one would give more for state land than for that leased of the general government.

An inquisitive contributor of the Lincoln Journal propounds in that paper

miral Walker has expressed the opinion | Lincoln rushed through a franchise for It will not be very difficult to ascertain single evening. Is it possible they do whether or not a clear title can be had such things in the good city of Lincoln and there is no reason why the presi- without so much as a protest from the nounce the Omaha council for every Colombia, it seems safe to assume, move of questionable advisability? How will not be unreasonably exacting in is it that our vigilant watchman down the matter of concessions. In a re- at Lincoln can always see black specks cently published statement the Colom- in Omaha while overlooking black spots

Omaha grocers have been invited to walk into the parlor of a co-operative oll company about to be launched in the shadow of the Standard Oil works at Cleveland. Omaha grocers have had their eyeteeth cut and will walk into no parlor until they assure themselves that there is no trick furniture installed

The National Bird.

Baltimore American. If eggs keep going up it will be a very time before the hen challenges the Eagle to prove his title as the national bird.

Bubble Days of Copper. Brooklyn Eagle.

of Amalgamated Copper. Such boundings sufferance chairman of the senate com- and shrinkages have not been seen since the bubble days of South Sea companies. Let it Go at That. Globe-Democrat.

The truth about the attitude of foreign powers during the war between the United States and Spain is that all were careful to What will be done by the senate with avoid an overt act that could offend this

> Hoch and Hominy Chicago Tribune.

If Prince Henry sees in the crowd that greets him on his arrival in this country a fierce-looking man with a chip on his shoulder he will know it is Windy Wheeler

Deserting the "Plain People,"

Indianapolis Journal. Ex-Senator Pettigrew, so long a champion of the people, is now declaring that President Hill's railroad merger is all right, but Mr. Pettigrew has made a pile of money in stocks by taking Mr. Hill's advice.

Woes of the Poor Bank Wrecker. Washington Post.

The gentleman who touched off that Detroit bank is seriously ill with nervous are clamoring for their money and disturbing the poor man ought to be ashamed of themselves. The bank wrecker is able to sit up and talk like a martyr. He even goes so far as to intimate that he will consent to serve one year in prison if they can find a judge heartless enough to send him there.

Suggestion for a Swap.

Army and Navy Journal. The Philippines will probably be worth us and Canada and the British West Indies are of little value now to the home country, except as a menace to the United States, and a possible source of future differences between two countries which should ever be at peace, but which can only establish peace upon enduring foundations by considering the material interests of one another. Now that we have an equivalent to offer, let us make a trade for British possessions within the purview of the Monroe

Doctrine of Fair Trade.

Minneapolis Times. If Governor Cummins correctly reflects the sentiment of his party in Iowa, fair trade is good republican doctrine there and tariff revision is regarded as a road thereunto. In his Lincoln day address at Lincoin he set forth a great truth in few words when he declared that consumers have a better right to competition than producers have to protection and therefore when a manufacturing interest has destroyed home competition and become a monopoly it should enjoy a protective bonus no longer. The proposition is a logical one pense. and western republicans in large numbers recognize its force and its application to present conditions.

> A Hope for the Trusts. United States Investor.

At the start the trust movement looked like a card house, which might collapse at any moment, scattering ruin on all sides. Today there is some ground for the hope that the water in the trusts will be ejected by the promoters themselves, before it has had a chance to get in its mischievous work. Some of the trusts have already begun to reduce their capitalizations, and if this tendency should become general, the evil outcome of the industrial combine movement would no doubt be greatly modi-More rational views regarding the capitalization of the industrial plant of the United States have begun to prevail, and this fact may very likely not be without a marked effect upon the temper of the investing public. Apart from its present over-capitalization, the industrial situation is such as to arouse the liveliest expectations of continued prosperity.

Native Novels in Favor. Buffalo Express What was the average character of the books published last year? Of the 8,141 books issued in America, how many deserve to live? The lists show that 1901 was not remarkable for the number of its important original works. Biography was the strongest class of the year, and even the number of important biographies was not large. The truth seems to be that, although there are more readers than ever before, those readers are wasting a good part of their time on the most ephemeral of literature. The remarkable thing about the history of fiction in 1901 was not the number of great novels that appeared, but the hundreds of thousands of copies of certain books sold. The pleasantest feature of the situation is the fact that the cheap British novel appears to be yielding its place to the native novel, which, if no better than the other, is at least Amer-

> Premature Rejoicing. Portland Oregonian.

General Dewet is the king of runners, a when brought to bay he is the prince of With the inability of the Boer to feel fatigue, the Boer's intrepidity in the presence of danger and the Boer's stubbornness in the face of defeat, he is, moreover, at home on the veldt or among And, whether afoot or that the state is receiving for this land mounted, herding with cattle as a protection and a decoy, or in bivouac with his tattered troops, he has proved himself aggravated ancient enmittes and promoted more than a match for Britain's ablest generals by successfully eluding capture and striking unexpected blows. His time interlocked voices confuse one another on will come. The persistent Briton has no intention of abandoning the chase and the intrepld quarry will eventually be caught or killed, but Lord Kitchener should take counsel of experience and not report either of these events again until the Boer general has been delivered, dead or alive, into his hands. Laughter is unseemly in the presence of bitter strife and of premaams company to give a clear title Ad- the question why the city council of ture rejoicing England has had enough.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The ultimate fact, which is of all the most important to remember, is that the estentaous British claim upon our gratitude because of exceptional and signal service to the United States in preventing or discouraging a European coalition against this ountry, is mere trumpery. Cleveland Plain Dealer: The amusing

eature of this four-year-old controversy is he seriousness with which the two parties evidently imagine that the United States is taking a deep interest in the question whether the British "Codlin" or the German Short" was the real friend of the American 'Little Nell" in the spring of 1898. Indianapolis Journal: The latest state

ent from the British government regarding Lord Pauncefote's proposal of April 14, 1898, relative to intervention by the powers, is that it was made on his own initiative and without instructions from his government. That being the case, it seems to be "up to" Lord Pauncefote to rise for a personal explanation. Probably the truth is he made the proposition at the earnest solicitation of the minister of Austria-Hun-

Detroit Free Press: It has been repreented to the people of the United States In a thousand different ways that this country really owed a debt of gratitude to Great Britain, and that but for her we in those days, but some of us could look There must be a lot of rubber in the stock should have faced a European coalition in he spring of 1898. It has been hammered into our ears that we ought to be willing to make important sacrifices of our own national interests to pay this debt. Now that the curtain has been lifted the debt has disappeared.

Washington Post: Foreign envoys protested to the State department against a misrepresentation so injurious, so fiagrantly and impudently false. The newspapers, however, were worked, as usual, Millions of honest men in this country and in England believed it all devoutly. There was gush about "blood is thicker than water:" there were hands across the sea. Jo Chamberlain went around, speechmaking, full of references to "this compact, this understanding, this alliance, if you please." On this side the country rang with fatuous and ignorant laudation of England. Our markets were opened to her for the purchase of war material to crush the South African republics. A high officer of our army sat at a New York banquet, where two dead queens and the present king of England were toasted before any one thought of the president of the United States. The British embassy at this capital was hailed as the social arbiter for Americans, Adulation, toadylsm, servile rapture on every hand, praise and solicitation on every lip. And what now? The prostration and the yulgar depositors who truth has been told at last. We know that England plotted our downfall in. 1898. Does the love feast outlast even this revelation or do we recover our national dignity-that dignity so long trailed in the mire of folly and humiliation?

PERSONAL NOTES.

General William D. Blackmar of Boston possesses the chair in which General Grant sat while writing out the articles of capitulation at Appomattox.

Governor Stone of Pennsylvania said at convention of the school directors of the state that he thought their office should be made a salaried one. The Keystone state already pays out \$5,500,000 every year for the maintenance of its public schools.

Dr. Robert J. Irvine, physician in charge of the Sing Sing hospital, advocates an indeterminate sentence for criminals, so that those who show no evidence of reform need not be released. He says the present system sends prisoners out worse morally than when they go in.

Hughes Le Roux, the distinguished French author, journalist and explorer, who has hard. Finally she said: just arrived in this country, says that he has promised his son that he shall come here to live and make his way. M. Le Roux will remain in this country three months and deliver ninety-three lectures.

Governor Crane and council of Massachusetts have decided on March 17 as the she pleaded: day for the dedication of the Dorchester Heights monument. So St. Patrick's day and Evacuation day may again easily be 'properly" observed, as so often heretofore, without protest and partially at public ex-

Lieutenant Edwin R. Stuart of the corn of engineers, on duty at West Point, carries off the honors this year of the military service institution. To him has been awarded the prize gold medal, a life membership in the institution, and the sum of \$100 for his essay, the subject being "Disappearing Guns.

John H. Davis, father of the new march ioness of Dufferin and Ava, started in bustness in Philadelphia as a banker and broker, under the firm name of Glendinning Davis & Armory. Later the two latter members of the firm went to New York where they have been in business ever since. Mr. Davis is well known in New York and English society.

Charles Clinton, an old soldier and a prominent resident of Avondale, O., has presented that city with a handsome Lincoln statute. It was executed by W. Granville Hastings and consists two figures, one a statue of Lincoln, seven feet ten inches in height, and the other a female figure of Fame inscribing the name of Lincoln on the tablet of immortals.

Alexander R. Shepherd, former governor Washington, who expended practically all his own fortune years ago in the development of the national capital along farsighted lines and who then became interested in extensive silver mines in Mexico, is to return to Washington to live. He will again make that city his home as soon as his present large business interests can be arranged in a satisfactory manner.

PARTY LINE TELEPHONES.

Great Institution for Spreading De mestic Trouble. Chicago Chronicle.

ng the telephone service declares that the party line system must be abolished. Every patron of the party line telephone will concur in this implied blessing, provided it be not vouchsafed at an increased cost and worse service. The party line wire has afforded the mos

fertile means of wire-pulling during current

The special council committee investigat-

controversy in various women's organizations whose excitements have taken up more than an equitable proportion of public attention in this city for some weeks. The party line has enabled promiscuous eighborhoods to indulge in uniform familiarity with the affairs of one another's butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. Profound family secrets have been unnaciously and in many cases, it may be feared, disastrously divulged to sometimes

innocent, but oftener guilty, listeners at the other receivers on the party line. The party line has broken ancient friendships, an unprecedented measure of profanity, articulate and inarticulate, especially when the party line. The busy man, frenzied in a balked ef-

fort to get an instantaneous reply to an important query, has found in the fixity of tenure by another subscriber on his party wire a wholly unsuspected fountain of im plety in himself The party wire ought to go if a cheaper

and better device can be provided as substitute.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Etchings of People and Events at the National Capital.

"As it seems to be quite the thing fo Nebraskans visiting Washington to tell grasshopper stories, I will add my little mite to the crop which has already been Storled Eloquence and Antmated sprung," said Judge W. M. Robertson o Norfolk, Neb., to the Washington Post "My story happens to be true, not intimating, of course, that some of the others have been otherwise. At the same time, my story will appear, from its title, to be anything but a correct statement of facts. I am going to tell you how the grasshoppers ate up the salaries of the state officers in Nebraska.

"Now, as a matter of fact," continued Judge Robertson, "that action on the insects'-or, I should say, the animals'part, is not nearly as paradoxical as one would suppose, for the grasshoppers really are responsible for the low salaries still paid our officials. You see, it was this way: Nebraska was admitted to the union in 1867, but in 1874 it became necessary to frame a new constitution. We went down to the constitutional convention prepared to do all sorts of things. One crowd, to which I belonged, favored, among other things, pretty fair salaries for state officers. The other gang favored low salaries.

"We were a rather frontier community ahead and see where the officers' duties were going to be much greater, socially, as well as officially. The opposition presented a provision that all the state officers be paid \$2,500 per annum, flat, with two exceptions, the latter to receive \$2,000. A vigorous fight followed, in which the contention was made that in view of the bad crops, brought about by the visit of grasshoppers, the people could not afford to pay more. The dread of the plague was still so fresh in so many minds that our gang lost, and the salaries were fixed as I have stated.

"Since then it has always been impos sible to raise them. Whenever a movement looking toward this end has been started in the legislature, some old populist member has risen from the depths of his chair and said: 'Wal, \$2,500 has always been ernough so fur, and I'm thinkin' it'll always be ernough. Thar's plenty of good men ready to take the job at thet figure. So there you are. If the grasshoppers haven't eaten up the salaries, what has?"

While the president and Mrs. Roosevel were in Groton attending Theodore junior during his critical illness the other Roosevelt children had the run of the White House. Miss Alice Roosevelt and her aunt, Miss Carew, were there to hold them in but were not very successful. Bright and early on the morning the president started for Groton Archibald appeared in the public reception room and announced to the White House employes that if they would accompany him to the red room he would show them how Kubelik acted the day he gave a recital at the White House. No one accepted the invitation, but shortly from the red room came a series of the most fearful crashes ever given out by a tortured plano. When Pinckney reached the spot he found Archie using a tennis racket for a violin and at the same time bringing forth amazing sounds from the plane with such portions of his anatomy as were available for pounding the keys. Shortly afterward Kermit demanded of Assistant Secretary Loeb that the horses be ordered out so that he could hitch them to his fire engine.

"Yes," said Speaker Henderson to a correspondent, "a good many people ask me how I lost my leg. Generally I tell them, but I always think of the story of the Iowan who had both legs cut off by a buzz-saw. One day he was riding in a railroad train and an old lady who sat across the aisle from him stared at his stumps pretty "'Pardon me, sir, but will you tell me

how you lost your legs?" "'No, I won't,' the legless man replied. The old lady sighed and settled back in her seat. Pretty soon she began staring again and, unable to conceal her curiosity,

"I wish you would tell me how you lost your legs. "The man relented 'Well,' he said, 'I'll tell you if you will

promise not to ask any more questions. Now, mind, you can't ask another question. 'I promise,' said the old lady in quiver of excitement. "'Well,' said the legless man, 'I had them chawed off.'

"Not often do I have an opportunity to get newspaper fellows on a gridiron," remarked Senator Tillman of South Carolina, "but I have got two of them on the fire now and I propose to give them a good roasting.

The "pitchfork" senator then went on to explain, reports the Washington Post, that through the influence of his head political rival, Senator McLaurin, the president has nominated the editor of a South Carolina paper for postmaster at Greenville. The editor referred to, while professing to be a democrat, has for some time past denounced Senator Tillman as only a southern editor can when he has a grievance agains a political opponent. When he was making his attacks upon Senator Tillman, he had no idea that he would become a presidential appointee under a republican administra-

Senator Tillman has secured copies o all of the objectional articles published in the Greenville paper and invoked senatorial courtesy to defeat the nomination on personal grounds. The owner of the paper has filed a statement to the effect that he is responsible for the articles complained of and appeals to the republican senators not Cften in dreams I think of thee, Especially those nights when I Before retiring, heedlessly. Have over-much indulged in pis. Then I am sure to see thee near, And on! thy advent anguish brings! In dead of night thy wrath I fear, Thou horse with eighteen legs—and wings.

to punish the editor. Senator Tillman declares that he has succeeded in holding up the nomination and in the meantime he has had the supreme satisfaction of having two of his enemies pleading to him for mercy.

EULOGY HABIT IN CONGRESS.

Bursts of Poetry. Kansas City Star. The Congressional Record is a periodical such a unique character that there

should be no surprise at the statement that it is at its happlest when most doleful. Members of congress can become eloquent over a bill for a federal building at Takahaset, they can rise to heights of imaginstive oratory on the Declaration of Independence, but they never really sound the depths of pathos or soar to the summits of sublimity until they set out to eulogize the character of some deceased colleague. When the house gives itself up to memorial services there is an onion in every eye.

On most occasions congressmen abstain from versification, but at memorial services all rules are waived and a "Dictionary of Quotations" is at every member's elbow Among the most effective eulogies of the last session was one over a member from Indiana. "Mr. Speaker." began his griefstricken colleague impressively, "can storied urn of animated bust back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?" The speaker's answer was not inserted in the Record. A recent service was prolific in verse. A member from Pennsylvania began by lug-

Theirs not to make reply Theirs not to reason why. Theirs but to do or die. This familiar bit was followed by the stanza of a hymn:

One by one our days are weaning, From things earthly go toward Gorgeous harvest days of gleaning, In the full track of the Lord.

Another speaker took up the strain. There is one thing, Mr. Speaker, that is certain, and that is death, while there is nothing more uncertain than life." A flash of lightning, a break of the wave Man passes from life to his rest in the

grave. Nobody denied this and another colleague declared that death "brought terror and dismay," and asked, "Who can take his Somebody else then essayed this place?' flight: "While green grass will cover his grave, blue skies bend o'er it and sweet birds sing near it, yet greener than the grass. fairer than the skies, sweeter than the birds will be his fragrant memory." This, it seems is a stock piece of orstory on such occasions. Another member, coming in later, offered the same thing as "a flower plucked from the garden of eloquence. Two members could not forbear repeating His life was gentle and the elements So mix'd in him that nature might stand up And say to all the world, "This was a mrn."

At the last session two ardent sulogists inserted their speeches under "leave to print." When their pathos appeared in the Record they were distressed to find the addresses identical. The Washington eulogy vender had unfortunately sold the same speech to both congressmen under the impression that it was to be used on two separate occasions.

PLEASANTLY PUT.

Philadelphia Press: Scrimp—You don't seem to bother much about the future. Lightart—No, that never worries me un-til it becomes the present.

Somerville Journal: Polly—Can you name all the presidents in order?
Cholly—No, but I can give you a list of a dozen new engagements that haven't been announced as yet.

is they used to. Washington Star: "I am afraid that your

"That's where you wrong him," answered Farmer Corntossel. "I never saw anybody as determined not to work as Josh is."

Chicago Tribune: "There's a fellow somewhere downtown that looks exactly like me. I am taken for him a dozen times a day."
"That's funny."
"Yes, but it isn't as funny as it used to be. I've found out he owes a small bill at nearly every cigar store in town."

Somerville Journal: The man who wants to give up something during Lent might begin by giving up his seat in the street car to any lady that he sees standing.

Detroit Free Press: Lucie-I always give the prettiest embroidered things I do to my mother.
Marie—That is kind and thoughtful in Lucie-Yes; then I can borrow them Philadelphia Press: Caller-Fd like to in-erest you in a new insurance scheme that— Business Man-Get out! I'm tired talk-

Business Man-Get out! I'm tired talk-ing to insurance men. Caller-Ah! that's just it. Our scheme is to insure you against the visits of insur-Judge: Mrs. Jones-What's become of that silk smoking jacket you gave your husband for his birthday?

Mrs. Smith—Oh. I had to make that over into a sofa pillow. He actually wanted to sit around and smoke in it.

IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT. Somerville Journal.

Often in dreams I think of thes.
When sleep has overcome my will
Thy well known form I seem to see
And through my being runs a thrill.
I strive for freedom from thy thrall,
But all my struggle is in vain.
Again, and once again, I fall,
And so the night is passed in pain.



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