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Anything from South Omaha?

April showers are now due, according to the almanac.

Carrie Nation would doubtless feel worse had she not gathered in the gate receipts in advance.

When it comes to spring house cleaning, do not forget how effective a coat of fresh paint is as a contribution toward brightening up the city.

Wonder if the delegates assembling in Louisville to organize a consolidation of all the third parties secured permission in advance of Henry Watterson.

Lincoln has had a narrow escape from becoming another Topeka, where mayors are horsewhipped by gentle maidens who have an acute scent for prohibition whisky joints and bootleggers.

The outcome of the South Omaha election would indicate that the Omaha machine, by a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, as they say at sea, managed to land its candidate by an overwhelming majority.

The formal call for the republican state convention has been promulgated. now govern themselves accordingly without apprehension that there is a string tied to the action of their op-

It turns out that the disinterested zeal of the grocers to fight the Standard Oil company was not so much to relieve the public of the grinding exactions of an odious monopoly as to force the monopoly to make concessions to the

As to the school census, Omaha taxpersonnel of the force of enumerators as in having the work done well. The school census furnishes the gauge for our share of the state apportionment of school money.

No telegram of congratulation under date of Lincoln, Neb., has yet been given out for publication by Mr. Clark of Arkansas, who has practically received a certificate of election to succeed to Mr. Jones' seat in the United

Mayor Kelly's stool pigeon did not come out of the fray with much glory, having received only 25 out of 4,400 votes polled at the South Omaha election. Mr. Carley has a good case for heavy damages against the man who put him up for slaughter.

The total net earnings of the steel combine during the first year aggregate affords food for reflection, but it does not answer the question how much the

The eighth annual convention of the national officials of bureaus of labor These statisticians may congratulate ital and labor been productive of so much wealth to furnish them material to compile into statistics.

Des Moines has an opportunity to get reduced street rallway fares at hours their work are the principal passengers. on condition that no other companies The Des Moines company must be afraid of prospective or possible comA COUPLE OF TRUST LESSONS.

The disclosures just made regarding the National Asphalt and the National Salt companies are interesting and instructive. It appears that these disclosures did not come wholly as surprises, but they showed that the affairs of these corporations are in a far worse shape than anyone had imagined. The salt company acknowledged heavy losses in assets for the year and a decrease of \$750,000 in surplus after a payment of \$651,000 in dividends. It is stated that the surplus of the company now amounts to less than \$30,000, so that there is no likelihood of dividends the present year. The report upon the asphalt company disclosed a thoroughly rotten condition. The promoters of that from May to December of that year were \$1,500,000, when they were really but a little over \$300,000. "A wild overcapitalization," says the New York Sun, "apparently deliberate misrepresentation on the part of the officers of the concern as to earnings and business prospects, fixed charges at \$2,150,000 a year and net earnings \$350,000 a year government. In national and state elec--that was the asphalt company." What better argument could be desired

than is furnished by such facts for legislation subjecting to supervision and publicity corporations engaged in interstate trade? With such legislation, honestly enforced, companies like the above could not exist. Their promoters and officers would not be able to mislead the public respecting their business affairs and attract investors by fraudulent statements of their prospects and earnings. Supervision and a reasonable degree of publicity would put an end to the organization of corporations unmistakably intended, as in the case of those referred to, to defraud the public, for we suppose that none but the most credulous will believe that the men who organized those companies were honest in their purpose and seriously thought that the business would be sufficiently profitable to pay dividends on the greatly excessive capitalization. They have undoubtedly made money, but by methods hardly less criminal than highway robbery, though the law may not reach them. There are other corporations, it is not to be doubted, that are just as bad as the National Asphalt and National Salt companies and which in due time will be compelled to disclose their

Meanwhile there is no indication that these facts are attracting any attention at Washington. No step has been taken to put into the form of law the suggestion of President Roosevelt that publicity is the first essential in determining how to deal with the great industrial combinations. If there are men in congress who believe with the president that "in the interest of the public the government should have the right to inspect and examine the workings of the great corporations engaged in interstate business," they have as yet given no sign of such belief. Perhaps something will be done before the close of the session to give effect to the president's view of what is no though at present there is nothing to warrant expectation of this.

GERMAN MEAT EXCLUSION.

It is possible that the opposition of the proposed exclusion from Germany with the declared purpose of our government to retaliate, may induce the decision. The German meat men assert that there is nothing injurious in the use of borax, in which they are undoubtedly correct, and they also assert that the proposed regulations would work them much injury, which of course is the chief consideration. They ential newspapers, one of which shows that the menace of retaliation has produced some effect, remarking that German industries "must foot the bill and receive severe blows as a result of American reprisals for the exclusion of borax-prepared meats." There could of prisals when our government accepted the view of the German imperial health board in regard to the injurious nature

Meanwhile American packers appear not to be particularly disturbed over the matter. They will doubtless welcome the position taken by the German preserved meat dealers, because its influence will be serviceable elsewhere whether or not it shall have any effect upon their own government. The meat exporters of this country would not suffer very seriously from loss of the German trade, but there is danger of by borax injuring their trade with other countries. The attitude of the German meat men will tend to minimize this danger.

PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

United States the right to construct a more than \$111,000,000. This certainly canal along the Panama route, which the Colombian minister and the counsel for the canal company have been same plants would have carned had engaged for several weeks in preparthey been operated separately without ing, will be presented to the State department this week. It is said that the treaty contains an unqualified statement showing that the officials of the Colombian government unite with the limited stockholders of the new Panama Canal company and the receiver for the old company, who was recognized by the court which authorized him to item in the Indian bill, Our Dave may be deed to the United States a clear and good title to the canal property. The general counsel for the new company says the idea that a good title could exploded by the treaty.

Whatever reason there may have been for doubt whether a clear title could be secured would seem to have Cuba is and has always been a foreign been cleared away by a recent decision country, never having been brought unof the civil tribunal of the Seine at der our sovereignty, except for purposes petition to offer such concessions volun- Paris authorizing the cession to the of occupation. Up to the present, how-

property. The tribunal was given special jurisdiction by a legislative act in 1893 over all rights of action of any character whatever accruing to owners of obligations emitted by the Universal company of the Panama interoceanic canal and over all actions emanating from the receiver. The decision of this tribunal therefore puts an end to all question as to title, so far as the Panama company is concerned, and it appears that the Colombian government and very earnestly desires that the United States shall accept the property and complete the canal. This being the situation, Senator Morgan and other opponents of the Panama route must find some new reason for their opposicorporation declared in 1900 that profits tion, which may be somewhat difficult If the terms presented by Colombia are reasonable.

THE OUTCOME IN SOUTH OMAHA. The people of South Omaha are to be congratulated upon the outcome of their city election, which is the culmination of their effort to secure better municipal tions South Omaha has always been a democratic stronghold. In 1900 it gave Bryan over 900 majority. The election of Frank Koutsky as mayor, together with most of the candidates on the republican city ticket, could not have been brought about without a general upa desire to redeem South Omaha from

The first victory for good government was scored in the republican primaries when Mayor Kelly and the boodle gang he represented were buried under an avalanche of votes, in spite of the fact that they had control of all the municipal and party machinery. The republicans rallied to Koutsky because he had a clean record and enjoyed the confidence of the community.

When the democrats in defiance of public sentiment placed at the head of their ticket a man identified with the recent school board frauds, the better element of the party repudiated the tainted candidate and gave their support to a clean republican. The attempt to stop the democratic defection by bugbears and roorbacks failed to have its expected effect. Intelligent voters of South Omaha were not to be stampeded by such stupid tactics and the tidal wave in favor of Koutsky also carried with it nearly all of his associates on the republican ticket.

The advent of the new administration will, we confidently believe, inaugurate a new era in the management of the municipal affairs of South Omaha. With the assurance of an economic and efficient city government the Magic city should enter upon a period of unexampled progress and prosperity.

The proposition to create the office of fire coroner will meet with no objections from Omaha taxpayers, providing the creation of the office will not increase the city pay roll. This can readily be done if the city gas inspector, who coroner. At present the gas inspector's office is a sinecure that should have inspector can be made useful as well as ornamental by performing the functions

The duties of the fire coroner will one man. His functions, as outlined in the resolution adopted by the council, will be to ascertain the causes of fire, estimating the damage and checking up stances the fire coroner will probably his duties will not interfere in the least with those now devolving upon and pre

If the council can be induced to resist posed to the inspection of explosives, the duties of the gas inspector and fire charging him with the inspection of ter. warehouses and buildings in which exvention is worth a pound of cure. If we can prevent fires from explosive oils oner the trouble of inspecting salvage besides making charges for the inspection of the premises of dealers in explosives pay his salary. These suggestions ought not to meet with opposition from the fire insurance companies, who are more interested in prevention of fires than they are in the salvage of the

The proposition to have Attorney General Knox come to the rescue of the club women by untangling the contention over the color question seems destined to prove abortive. No one has been able to discover where any legal issue is involved, as the matter of membership in the club women's federation formulated into their constitution. The club women will have to straddle the color line if they cannot muster up courage enough to get on one side or the

The appropriation for maintaining ported to be again in precarious condition. There is no serious danger, how ever, of its going by the board. Even should the senate fall to include the depended on to appear at the proper moment after it gets into conference committee and rescue the supply depot midst sonorous stage thunder and fiery

It is not exact to say that Cuba will United States of the Panama canal ever, it has never had a government of thought three million a mere bagatelle.

Minority Rule in the South

Last year at the opening of the short way abridged, except for participation in resession, almost a year before President McKinley died, and while there was at sentation therein shall be reduced in the least a probability that the Hanna ship proportion which the number of such male subsidy bill could be passed, and before citizens shall bear to the whole number Cuban reciprocity had even been discussed as an issue, it required all the influence of the administration to avert an inquiry as disfranchisement of the colored voters of the south. There was indeed a brief and futile discussion of the matter in the house, despite the opposition of the administration leaders, who finally got the

times more influence with congress than the Roosevelt administration possesses, was ered the question is whether the voting the earnest conviction of such men as Mr. Crumpacker, Mr. Olimsted and others that to allow their interests to be passed upon the issue presented by disfranchisement at by senators and representatives who are the south transcended all party questions elected by what is and what is intended in importance and challenged the integrity to be the permanent, but dominant minority of the constitution. The conclusion on of the male inhabitants of the south. which these gentlemen stood then has not been affected by anything which has occurred since the last session. The challenge presented by certain disfranchise- responsibility for raising the "sectional" ment methods followed in the south is as issue. To what an extent disfranchisemen peremptory now as it was then. That chal- makes a state a close corporation is seen lenge is to the clause in section 2 of article in the fact that Mississippi cast but 50,190 xiv of the constitution-the fourteenth amendment-which says:

heaval among the voters impelled with dent and vice president of the United the aggregate of all votes cast in the first citizens of the United States, or in any aspect and probable tendency.

of male citizens 21 years of age in such The resolution which it is proposed to

bellion or other crime, the basis of repre-

to the means, methods and extent of the bring forward as the warrant for investi gating disfranchisement provides for a gen eral inquiry and gives the opponents of legislative action on this subject any oppor tunity there may be for argument that you can do an unconstitutional thing in a controublesome question out of the way by stitutional way. Reduced to its last analysis referring it to the committee on the census. the question is whether the United States The difficulty which most troubled the by its silence shall tacitly consent to a McKinley administration, which had many practical modification of the constitution in intent and purpose. Sectionally consid millions of the north and west can afford

If the south insists that its basis of rep resentation in congress shall include vote less millions it cannot wholly escape the votes in 1900 in electing seven congress men, counting all tickets. The aggregate "But when the right to vote at any elec- of the votes cast for the seven successful tion for the choice of electors for presi- candidates was 47,549. In Massachusetts States, representatives in congress, the and second districts alone at the same elecexecutive and judicial officers of a state, tion was 56,411, and the aggregate of the or the members of the legislature thereof, votes cast for the two successful candidates is denied to any of the male inhabitants was 34,124. Such a contrast of bases of elecof such state, being 21 years of age, and tion speaks for itself, both in its present

its own. Previous to its war of liberation its foreign affairs were directed by and subject to the Spanish government and since the withdrawal of Spain it has occupied a sort of position of tutelage to the United States. On May 20 Cuba will present to us a foreign government responsible for its relations with this and other countries and our dealings with Cuba will have to be through the diplomatic arm of the government, instead of, as now, through the military

When Sloane offered himself as independent candidate for mayor in South Omaha he was boosted by the popocrats because they expected him to draw heavily from disaffected republicans. Now the same popocrats are abusing him for drawing away votes from the democratic candidate.

Cecil Rhodes' last lament might more properly have been; "So many to do, and

A Revised Version.

Detroit Free Press.

so few done.' Explanations in Order. Philadelphia Press. Colonel Watterson has been compelled to send out a diagram to explain what he

meant. An explanation of the diagram will come later. It Was Enough. Washington Post. Many of the members of that Colorado

was enough for them to know that he was a Pullman porter. In the Civil War Overf

Gentlemen of congress, it is not possible that over 200 worthy orphans of union soldiers should have been overlooked for forty years. It is too late to pension them now. hardly take up much of the time of any Please to consider the civil war as over. It

New York Tribune. Illegal rebates on railroads have had much to do with the growth of the power of the combination which has raised the price of meats in most of the cities, towns days a month in the inspection and and villages of the country. Will the Inchecking up of salvage, Consequently terstate Commerce commission succeed in lessening this abuse?

Frenks of Time's Whirligin

Chicago Chronicle It has been discovered that the corona ion souvenir buttons Americans are eagerly Thus doth the whirligig of time bring a gentle revenge. It was discovered on the field of Antietam that the buttons on coroner might be further enlarged by the gray jackets were all made in Manches-

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The treaty of friendship between the United States and Spain, which only awaits Madrid to make it effective, will give satis faction to this country. The trade between Spain and the United States has greatly increased since the close of the war in 1898. It is much larger now than it was before that conflict and the general tendency is upward. All the conditions point to a permanent peace between the two countries. This is a source of special gratification to

A Story with a Moral.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The sudden pain and sorrow of the rail way combinations over the disposition of President Roosevelt to enforce the anti trust law recalls the case of the country man who was grinning at the way his buildog got hold of people in his playful nippy sort of way, until there happened along a stout young fellow with a walking stick as big as his arm, which he promptly uplifted Horror spread over the dog owner's face "Look out." he cried in accents of reproof, "that's the way to spile dawgs, that is. The man with the stick allowed that he had no particular objections to spilin' dogs when it was necessary. The railway people think President Roosevelt is an excellent intentioned young man, but given to spoiling things.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. "It did not look very large to me," said J. Pierpont Morgan when on the witness stand in answer to a question about the purchase of \$26,000,000 of Northern Pacific stocks for J. J. Hill, as to which he was twitted by the examining counsel for not remembering all the details of the transaction. "It did not look very large to me. The amount of cash involved was not more Not more than \$3,000,000. their millions about with less concern than

NEW YORK'S EASTER PARADE.

Greatest Show on Earth Favored with Smiling Skies.

Alleghenies to the Rockies was stormtossed on Easter Sunday, giving to the glad the sob of rooted sorrow and making floral headwear look like thirty cents, New York reveled in genial sunshine, blue skies and balmy air. It was so unusual at this season, so rare a smile of Providence in that locality, that the people turned out in their best clothes and paraded along the avenues for the edification of each other. "It is no exaggeration to say," writes the correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, "that for beauty and joyousness the city surpassed itself. The churches were crowded to the doors. The music was of the highest order of excellence. The floral display was magnificent. The 'parade of spring fashions' on Fifth avenue crowded that great thorough-Park. Tens of thousands visited the cemeteries. Others less seriously disposed spent the day on their wheels or in their autos or behind their fast horses. The Speedof interest in wheeling and the Coney Island bicycle path resembled the palmy days of four years ago."

"The sight of the day," reports the New York Times, "was when the church services were over and the crowds poured into the streets. There was a tremendous crowd on Fifth avenue, but the old-time parade did not occur. Perhaps there were too many horses and automobiles to make the parade possible. It was impossible for one to see across the street or to be se the street, and then there was a the guilt or innocence of their victim. It vast horde of people out to witness the exit of the churchgoers of Fifth avenue, and the sightseers were filled with ambition to show off their finery of the Bowery and Baxter street, so that fashionable people, dreading the rivalry hastened home. Few had ordered their carriages, and the hack drivers did an enormous business at rates so extravagant that they reaped a rich harvest.

"In the early afternoon there was a parade much like the old-time display of fashion on Fifth avenue, but it was held along the walks of Riverside Drive. Next to the fact that men of fashion have not agreed on any particular style of silk hat was the beauty of the gowns of the women. Men who are known in Wall street and at the prominent clubs paraded in their long coats of splendid fit, gray trousers and patent leather shoes. They wore in the lapels of their coats as a rule lilies of the valley, though many preferred a bunch of violets. Their clothing was singularly similar, but the man who could say that his silk hat was the right thing must have been supremely content with his own individual judgment. There were tall hats that sloped toward the crown or went straight to the top in the French style, and there were low-crowned bell-shaped hats with wide brims that would look well on any caricature of John Bull, and there were all sorts of other hats."

"The Easter bonnet was out in full glory and the picture hat seemed to have the best of it-not a plumed Gainsborough, but a hat with a wide brim tilted forward over the eyes and curved far back over the hair, where there was a bow with long ends, much like the affair one sees in the for Prussia through the Franco-Prussian pictures of Jennie Lind, or perhaps better | war. of Clara Louise Kellogg. An equal favorite was a Spanish toque, or a headgear that a woman wears on the side of her head, like He worked as a compositor before the war a toreador. There were many other shapes, on the old Journal, was stage manager of but the most of these patterns must be in the milliners' shops unsold, for the new picture bats and the Spanish bats appear to have all been bought up before Easter. "Many women wore, even in the sunshine, where it must have been a discom-

fort, a long flowing cloak of light silk, and in many patterns, the polka-dot being the most seen. The conspicuous thing about the wrap was the yoke. This was trimmed with expensive lace, mostly white or cream color. Women called them "yokes," men insisted on describing them as "turn down collars running all the way round and fastening in the front." One man inthe time of Queen Elizabeth, with the exception that the collars then stood up, and, instead of fastening in the front, flared

"It would be quite impossible," says a New York letter, "to estimate with any degree of accuracy how many millions of dollars were spent for flowers this Easter there been such a lavish display. This is confirmed by the testimony of all the florists and is attested by the evidence of one's senses. The floral decorations in the nificence. St. Patrick's cathedral was a field of littles, roses and palms, two great crosses of lilies being especially conspicuous. In St. George's church potted gerantums were so arranged as to make a white cross against a background of red. In the afternoon the pots of flowers were the ordinary housewife for the few dollars distributed among 1,200 children. Southern with which she pays her grocery bill. But ivy covered the back of Dr. Parkhurst's his own, that Morgan was talking shout muda lily was not as conspicuous this year no wonder a man who is the financial agent as formerly, but there has been a large in transactions which sometimes require importation of illy builts from Japan. These the aggregation of hundreds of millions have to be cultivated for a long time be-

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WHY BEEF HAS GONE UP. Large Supply of Prosperity and Short

Crop of Corn. Chicago Tribune.

There has been an advance in the price of beef-an advance which from the point of view of the consumer has no redeeming While all the favored land from the features. There are widely varying ex- His age is 79 years. planations of this rise in price. The one which seems to meet with the most favor in New York is that the Chicago packers constitute a "combine" which has the consumers of the country by the throat. It is alleged that but for this "combine" the price of beef would not be so exorbitant as to make many poor New Yorkers become regetarians much against their will.

The Chicago packers are accused of making money at both ends-of paying the cattle raisers less than a fair price for their live stock and then exacting an excessive price for their dressed meat. These packers have no doubt at one time and another had their little combinations to keep down the price of cattle and keep up that of meat, but this latest advance in the price of beef is not fairly chargeable to them. fare from the Washington Arch to Central The explanation of the secretary of agriculture that the advance is due to a large supply of prosperity and a small supply of corn s undoubtedly the correct one. When Americans are hard up they manage to live way was filled. There was a notable revival on inferior meats or on bread and potatoes. When prosperous they demand beef. Never were there so many people who consider themselves entitled to demand this superior meat as there are now. Naturally this increasing demand has its effect on prices.

There was a notable shortage in the corn crop last year. It has cost the cattle raisers more to feed their cattle. Such is the to get back when they sell their cattle all that has been spent on them and a good deal more. The men who own cattle are not grumbling at this time. They are n accusing the packers of robbing them, as they have done when cattle on the hoof brought much less than they do now. The cattlemen are fat and saucy at this time.

Americans who feel that cheap steaks and coast beef are essential to their happiness should pray for an enormous corn crop this year. In the event of such a crop it will cost less to fatten beef and it will be easier for the beef lovers to get their hearts' desire. If they must blame somebody for present high prices let it be Providence, not the packers.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Edward Everett Hale is now regarded as

When Johnnie comes marching home from Cuba he will make two nations glad. Henry Watterson likes the United States but not the way in which it is managed. Nelson Kneass, who wrote the music of 'Ben Bolt" to the words of Thomas Dunn English, died a vagaboad.

Aszon French, who died in Pittsburg th other day, was the inventor of the spiral car spring now used by all rallroads. Charles Felton Pidgin, author of the well

known novel "Quincy Adams Sawyer," has invented a number of machines for the mechanical tabulation of statistics. In honor of the accession of the young king of Spain, whose coronation takes place on May 12, the queen regent proposes that

a general amnesty should be granted to all prisoners them undergoing sentence. Rudolph von Kaltenborn, one of the best known Germans in this country, died at Merrill, Wis., several days ago. He was an officer in the Hessian army and served

"Uncle Henry" Davis, printer and actor died last week in Louisville, Ky., aged 85. stage and for a few years taught a school of acting in Louisville.

Patrolman John M. Penniman, who has served on the Boston police force for fiftyfour years, was retired on Friday last at his own request and will hereafter receive a pensioh of \$600 a year. He was the oldest officer in point of service in the city.

A BUNCH OF SMILES.

Chicago Post: "What's the matter with grandfather?"
"He's insuited. You see, he's nearly 90, and he happened to hear you remark that the good die young."

Judge: Gladys—Is young Mr. Jackson in business for himself? Ethel—Well, hardly. We have been en-gaged for two weeks now.

Somerville Journal: Ned-Why don't you play golf, old man?
Tom-To tell the truth, I haven't got
the right kind of legs.

Boston Transcript: Horkins-Bother birth and opportunity! A man has his future in his own hands. What I am I made myself.

Synnex-Oh, well; I wouldn't feel bad about it, Horkins. Of course you woudn't to it again.

Chicago Tribune: "Why do they call heae congressional appropriations for ivers and harbors 'pork'?" asked one of rivers and narbors pork; asked one of the visitors.
"I have sometimes wondered at that myself," said Senator Lotsmun. "The lo-calities that don't get anything always do a lot of beefing over it."

Philadelphia Press: The tenderfoot was announcing his intention or showing the foolish westerners a thing or two about high life.

"I," he asserted, "have plenty of dough, Don't forget that." demand for beef that the cattlemen are able dealer, "will be a pudding for us."

Judge: "What's this bill, "To flowers for church, \$639" " asked the treasurer of the official board. "That is for the Easter flowers," ex-plained the chairman.

Washington Star: "What do you think we had better do about this man who keeps saying things against you?"
"Let him alone," answered the practical politician. "When the people get tired of hearing him, they'll say that he's a bora and that I'm probably a much-misrepresented man."

TELL THE POLICEMAN.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post If you bear a load of trouble that you think may bend you double and the burden grows no lighter a you plod along the way.

If today is one of sorrow and no joy in sight tomorrow, if the sun of golden promise sends to you no cheery ray.

have cares too great to mention hat require their whole atten-

go and sing your doleful to the policeman on the

Every man upon his shoulders bears some burdens big as boulders and none of them cares to have you pile your own upon the load.

Doesn't care to hear you chewing at the rag in grum reviewing of the way you feel the prickings of mistortune's cruel goad.

Though he listens to your freiting he is earnestly regretting that he cannot bid you wander to the land of flery heat—

Or, to more politely put it, he is wishing you would cut it and would go and tell your troubles to the copper on the beat.

Bear the load 'neath which you labor; do not seek to have a neighbor go ahead and brush aside the thorns that in your path are thrown. For, although he may not show it, may not care to let you know it, you can bet your frowning features he has troubles of his own. his own.

of his own.

If it gives you satisfaction thus to keep your jaw in action seek a sympathetic hearer out upon the quiet street—
When you see a big star glisten there you'll find an ear to listen and your troubles you can tell to the policeman on the beat.



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