boundary, temporarily quieted by a pro-

case if the British empire advanced a

claim to sovereignty over the coast of

There is no doubt of the fact that

the nearly universal sentiment in this

country is opposed to conceding the de-

mands of the Canadian government in

concession will never be made. The

American people will not consent to the

surrender of a foot of Alaskan territory

now claimed by this country to Great

The women who have been entering

complaints against the custom house in-

spection of tourist luggage profess to

be still dissatisfied with the response

made by Secretary Shaw, promising to

women who signed the protest petition

had no specific charge to make, while

some of them had not even gone

through the custom house at all. These

ous now is the fact that ocean travel

retary Shaw can satisfy all the women,

We note that some of our esteemed

contemporaries evince a disposition to

poke fun at Senator Jones by intimating

that, having failed twice in succession to

manage a successful campaign for the

late democratic presidential candidate,

own canvass for a re-election to the sen-

ate. But this kind of argument over-

looks the fact that Jones was merely

deluding himself with the idea that he

was managing Mr. Bryan's campaigns,

when in truth Bryan persisted in dis-

porting himself to suit himself. If Jones

had wanted an experienced campaign

The Board of Education appears to be

entirely oblivious to the fact that the

issue of warrants before the taxes have

been levied to meet them has no au-

thority in law. In that respect the

school district is precisely in the same

mayor and council have stopped drawing

on as if the levy had already been

Omaha seems to be the most obstrep-

erous town on the map of the fire in-

surance rate makers. According to the

Chicago Tribune, the most stubborn op-

position the proposed increase in rates

has yet encountered comes from the

any effect on the officials of the West-

ern Union, as the combine is called, is

The promoters of the South Omaha

bonus they propose to ask for.

yet to be ascertained.

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GEORGE RASMUSSEN.
(Seal.) Notary Public.

It is not every pope who is able to celebrate a silver jubilee in commemoration of twenty-five years' service at the head of the church.

The approaching congressional campalgn in this district promises to be slightly tempestuous. Before every storm there is always a calm.

Isn't it pretty near time for the annual announcement of new gold discov-Alaska steamship companies?

The St. Louis exposition managers are up to the point of acknowledging the the first move.

women are more peculiar than men. strikes and threats of strikes. Here is another opportunity for the Omaha Woman's club.

Mayor Rose of Milwaukee will have whether he has kept within the proprithe game.

Workingmen out of a job who are willing to cultivate a Pingree potato patch this summer should not be backward in coming forward with their applications and place them on file with the Woman's club.

Now that Miss Stone has signed her contract for the promise of a lecture tour it would be the polite thing for those Bulgarian brigands to remit for a fat block of tickets just to show their appreciation of the enterprise.

The president's visit to the Charleston exposition involuntarily recalls the illfated visit of President McKinley to the Rainbow city at Buffalo. While no one apprehends a repetition of that dire catastrophe, most people will shudder at the mere recollection.

Douglas county republicans may not be conceded the privilege of naming the man who is to head the republican state ticket, but Douglas county is of sufficient importance to be entitled to at least one of the eight places at the disposal of the convention.

Rev. Dr. DeWitt Talmage has for sev eral weeks been dangerously ill and his life is said to be hanging almost by a thread, but that has not prevented the regular delivery of his sermons every Monday morning by the only Omaha religious daily, which always carries a full supply of fresh sermons in cold storage.

An up-to-date Chicago preacher is remembers of his congregation to church to hear his weekly sermons by estabconnection with the church to take care be prevented from attending. What he is unfortunately not yet disclosed.

It has become the fashion with peripatetic agitators and fanatical reformers to point at Omaha as one of the wickedest cities in the country, but these comparison is made between Omaha and other cities of like or larger population. St. Louis, for example, has 2,100 saloons, or one for every 185 of its population, while Omaha with 230 saloons has only one for 430 people. On the other hand, while Omaha has one policeman for every 1,066 of its population, St. Louis estimated at 600,000.

INTERSTATE LAW AMENDMENT.

Today hearings will begin before the visional agreement between the Amerisenate committees on interstate and can and British governments, is the foreign commerce in regard to the pro- most serious matter of controversy beposed amendments to the interstate tween the two governments and an commerce act and are expected to oc- earnest effort ought to be made to settle cupy the attention of these committees It in the near future. As the matter for a couple of weeks. Those who are now stands it is likely at any time to to give their views to the committees seriously threaten friendly relations berepresent commercial organizations in tween the two countries. It seems to every section of the country and men be a foregone conclusion that the Canaprominent in railway management will dian demand in regard to the boundary also be heard. It is expected that a will never be conceded by the United great deal of interesting and useful in States. The best authorities insist, with formation will be elicited which will a show of testimony founded upon throw much light upon the prevalent treaties, that the American position is sentiment among business men and rail- absolutely sound and unassailable. A way managers in regard to the proposed | writer who has recently reviewed the

The chalrman of the executive com- impartial spirit takes the position that

Britain.

mittee of the interstate commerce law the American position is perfectly corconvention. Mr. Bacon, who is now in rect; that every foot of territory claimed Washington, advocates what is known by this country it is clearly entitled to. as the Corliss bill, which proposes to He shows most convincingly that the enlarge the powers of the Interstate | Canadian demand is utterly unwar-Commerce commission, but does not pro- ranted and preposterous and declares vide for pooling, as does the measure that "there is no more reason for the introduced in the senate by Mr. Elkins. United States to allow its right to the In this he voices the practically unani- possession of this unbroken Alaskan mous judgment of the convention he territory to be referred to the decision represents. In a late interview Mr. of foreign judges than would be the Bacon expressed the opinion that recent developments have been such as to make it incumbent upon congress to Georgia or the port of Baltimore and act. "The time is opportune," he said, proposed that this demand should be "and further delay would arouse such referred to the judgment of subjects of a feeling of resentment in commercial third powers." circles as to render possible serious agitation for radical measures against the carriers. Public opinion is in sympathy with the present movement. This is apparent from expressions by prominent statesmen and business men, by the testimony submitted to the industrial commission on the subject of transportation and in the known desire of certain representative railroad men to meet the friends of the proposed legislation in a spirit of compromise." He stated that conservative railway officials privately admit the justice of the demands Less unsold and returned copies 9,907 of the shippers, asserting that something must be done to satisfy public sentiment. He pointed to the fact that remedy the abuses as far as possible. a number of the state legislatures have Secretary Shaw found that most of the passed resolutions urging upon congress the necessity for prompt remedial legis-

It would seem that congress should need no more enlightenment in regard complaints are really nothing new, but to public sentiment in this matter; that have been heard for many years, alin view of the disclosures of the last though what makes them more numerthree months regarding the widespread and persistent violations of the inter- has been multiplied so many fold in restate commerce law congress can re- cent year. It is doubtful whether Secquire nothing more to convince it of the necessity for so amending that act as no matter what he does, but that is no to make it more effective. There is reason why he should not take every no objection, however, to the hearings reasonable measure to prevent unnecesto be held and the testimony that will sary annoyance of the tourists by cuseries on the Yukon for the benefit of be submitted will be regarded with gen- toms officers. eral interest.

THE UNREST OF LABOR.

With the opening of spring comes necessity of postponing their show till always the periodic effort of working-1904, but they want Uncle Sam to make men to secure better terms of employment, either by the reduction of hours or the increase of wages. Symptoms of In his lecture on "Peculiar People" our unrest are manifested again this year in old friend J. B. Kitchen insists that various sections of the country in

In New England and in the factory centers of the middle states the heavy employers have for the most part made voluntary concessions to reasonable deto watch the Commoner to find out mands or have submitted their differences with wage workers to arbitration. eties in shying his presidential castor These peaceful victories of labor are into the democratic ring at this stage of due chiefly to the fact that the unexampled prosperity of the country has stimulated consumption and American mills and factories find themselves with more orders than they are able to fill.

> In the west, and especially in the larger cities, the demands of labor for higher pay and reduced hours have been confined principally to the building trades. In some instances these demands have been conceded, while in others they have brought on a strain that may seriously affect building enterprises projected for the coming season. Capitalists feel reluctant to invest money in buildings unless they have reasonable assurance that the investment will yield as good returns as money loaned on mortgages or converted

into securities and bonds. These conditions face the mechanics engaged in the building trades in Omaha and must be kept in view in the adjustment of the wage scale. While workingmen have a right to demand their full share of prevailing prosperity, it is not to their interest to make de mands that would check the erection of buildings and other improvement and thus prevent the attainment of their object by reducing the opportunities for

employment.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE. The dispute in regard to the Alaskan boundary has been given fresh interest by the report that in American territory near the border of Alaska British and Canadian officials are making surveys and encroachments on territory not included in the agreement entered into by the American and British governments. It is asserted that these officials sorting to a new method for bringing are removing and destroying ancient landmarks and monuments long ago erected by the Russian government to wage workers. lishing a nursery and kindergarten in mark the Alaskan boundary. A resolution was introduced in the house of repof the children during morning service resentatives a few days ago asking the for the mothers who might otherwise secretary of state to inform congress what steps, if any, the State departproposes to do to fetch the fathers along ment has taken to ascertain the facts as to the alleged encroachments upon American territory and the alleged removal and destruction of landmarks and monuments and to prevent the same.

According to Washington advices of a few days ago an investigation had been assertions are contradicted every time ordered by the authorities, but the facts prising green goods men. were not officially made public. It appears probable, however, that there is substantial ground for the report that the Canadian authorities have been exceeding their rights and if this shall be established there will be a very determined demand on our government to take decisive steps to put a stop to any has one for every 461 of its population, invasion of American rights in Alaska. The dispute regarding the Alaska

them is the official Filipino. And, while the committee is explaining these points, it might as well tell the country, also, why the coin is wanted, anyway.

A Few Cold Truths.

Indianapolis News When the democrats reflect that Senator Jones could not bring about his own election they begin to see what a poor manner they have had. As if this were not enough, the party has been saddled with a candidate, too, that couldn't carry his own state.

Consider the Expert.

New York Press. Expert testimony in criminal cases is fallen into disfavor. There are other experts, however, which maintain their standing in the community. There are the expert accountants. Do you know, offhand, what an expert accountant is No. Wellchanges in the interstate commerce act. whole subject in a perfectly candid and without desiring to be personal-an expert accountant is a person capable of warping the long-established principle that 2 and 2 make 4.

Which Does Not Spell Hill.

New York Sun The democratic party would be without brains and the only majorities upon which it can rely. Obviously, therefore, the time has come when to the south belongs the shaping of the democratic national policy, and logically the candidate nominated by the democratic national convention in 1904 should be a representative of the dominant southern democracy.

Poorly Paid Life Savers.

New York World. In a few brief lines from the rockbound Massachusetts coast is condensed a pitiful tragedy of the sea. A distressed barge in the offing; a lifeboat with a crew of seven to the rescue; a rush of angry waters engulfing the little vessel and then swift death for six hardy lifesavers. Not even on the high seas when hurricanes rage is mari-Alaska and it is safe to say that such time adventure so dangerous as the oft-repeated experiences of the government lifesaving crews. And these heroes, who value not their own lives and take no heed of fame, are paid starvation wages by the government for ten months in each year and are laid off without pay during the remaining two months.

Hartford (Conn.) Courant (rep.). We deplore the whole drift of things, and cannot see how those steering the combinations fail to see the port that they are heading for. Indeed, it looks to us as if some of them did see and proposed to land their craft in the United States treasury. The magnitude of such a misfortune cannot be measured in advance. It would mean the making over of our social and political system. But what else can come, if combinations can be made as wide as the continent and as long as from the gulf to Hudson's bay. The end of such magnificent schemes is empire and the people will step in at that point and take the new empire into their own hands. We shudder even at the possibility of such a developstands there, and that the short-sighted schemes of momentary aggrandizement by

BANKRUPT FROM THE START. Asphalt Trust Revealed as a Huge

Swindle. New York Evening Post. The chief point of financial interest in the recent developments regarding the he could hardly be expected to develop the company is badly insolvent today, bu better managerial luck in conducting his that, apparently, it was never solvent. The cold and unfeeling report by the Audit company, after examining the books, indicates this with entire distinctness. The national trust really began business in October, 1900, when it absorbed the Asphalt Company of America, much in the fashion of the more recent "stock-holding companies." It is sued bonds for the paidup stock of this junior company, and assumed that concern's \$30,000,000 fixed liabilities. This represented am annual fixed charge of \$1,800,000, against manager he should have called in Bryan which the company is now shown to have carned but \$371,000 net in 1901, and, of course, less in 1900. The plea of the old management that its Venezuela experiment was costly, and that one subsidiary concern was a total failure, does not hep mat ters. The truth appears to be that, even if the company had not sunk the half-million dollars accounted for by these two enterprises it would still have earned last year position as the city, but, while the less than half of its fixed charges. Moreover, it may properly be asked how long it is since a company's creditors have acwarrants while the levy is hung up by cepted outright blunders in management as the courts, the school board keeps right

a valid excuse for bankruptcy. PERSONAL NOTES.

Dewet seems too busy at present to bother with armistices and peace conferences.

The governor of Louisiana complains that the British government is maintaining a military camp a few miles from New Orleans. And General Jackson is now in an-Omaha Fire Underwriters' association. other world.

Zenas Crane, a brother of Governo Whether their remonstrance will have Crane of Massachusetts, has given to Pittsfield. Mass., the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of establishing there a musuem of natural history and art.

Hugh McCulloch, a grandson of President Johnson's secretary of the treasury, died in Florence, Italy, last week. A volume of bridge no longer have any reason for poems written by him and entitled "The keeping their plans under the hat. If Quest of Heracles" was published in 1894. anything more is to come out of the Henry H. Edes, at a recent meeting of scheme than political hot air, they might the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, read as well take the people into their cona paper in which he said that Prof. John Winthrop and not George Washington was fidence and let them know who is to the first person to receive from Harvard capitalize the scheme and how much college the degree of doctor of laws. Miss Mary Burkhart, the woman who is

unning for congress in Kentucky, de-Last year's agricultural exports from clares that, if elected, she will go to conthe United States made a recordgress, and there is no law to prevent her But article 1, section 5, of the constitution breaker. Last year's consumption of may operate to prevent her staying there. agricultural products within the United Alvah Dunning, the old Adirondack trap-States was also a record-breaker. Big per, bunter, fisherman and guide, who was crops would not mean half as much asphyxlated by gas at a Utica hotel remoney if it were not for big demand cently, always said he trapped the last from an army, steadily employed, of beaver in the lower Adirondack region. where the old woodsman had spent most of the eighty-six years of his life.

Charles W. Lynde of Blue Point, L. I.,

million, has declared his intention of be-

in the United States.

coming a British subject, renouncing he

subject of graves and their care, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the democratic party will stay buried.

Gold Brick Game, Haltimore American The Danish ministry has disowned Captain Christmas. The impression seems to prevail with some that the gallant captain with the festive name fell among enter-

Effect of Experience.

Washington Post.

Mr. Bryan writes entertainingly on the

A Mongrel Coin.

Philadelphia Press. The bill providing for a Philippine dollar, as favorably reported by the senate the coin is to be in English, Pilipino and liquid mystery, Reader No. 3 took the high-Chinese. Why Chinese, when Chinese are ball for a text and dailied with the subto be excluded from the islands, is not ject for two solemn hours. By the time by Filipino. spoken by the natives, and it will take a the class rushed the growler and postjudicial interpretation to decide which of poned the readings.

Chicago Chronicle (dem).

Taxing Corporations

The decision of Judges Grosscup and to this decision, shall be "the true net Humphrey in the cases of the tax on cor- earnings" of a corporation. The amount of porations before the United States circuit carnings shall be capitalized on a ratio of dication in the federal courts.

It will be recollected that in "the schoolma'ams' case," as it was called, before is allowed for dividends, apparently noth-State Judge Thompson at Springfield the ing could be fairer than this rule. The State Board of Equalization reassessed the property of several Chicago corporations. The board fixed total corporate valuations in Chicago at over \$58,000,000.

From this assessment by the state equalizing board an appeal was taken to the United States circuit court on the ground that the collection of taxes on this assessof equal protection under the laws and a violation of the fourteenth amendment.

That is how the case got into the federal court. The United States tribunals are coming very close to all the people. They tope except for the southern states. There are interfering with the execution of state laws. This is a startling change from the original understanding of the limitations on federal judicial power.

The federal court sets aside the rule of State Judge Thompson for corporate assesaments. Incidentally the state law for the valuation of corporate property by estimating the value of the stock and bonds of a corporation is nullified. An entirely new rule for assessment is established.

The market quotations of the stock and bonds of a corporation on a given day shall not be the test of valuation for the entire property. The valuation shall be fixed by the general earning power of the property on a 6 per cent basis. This excludes the quotations of "rigid" or speculative mar- shall make the assessment. kets from the calculation in estimating the taxable valuation of property. It reverses the rule of the state board, which the basis of corporate assessments. The basis of the assessment, according lay it down.

ourt is of the highest importance and in- 6 per cent dividends. The sum thus ascererest. In some respects it is an entirely tained shall be regarded as the value of new departure from former lines of adju- the corporate property, including the franchises and the tangible property.

Except that an unusually large per cent capital stock of property paying & per cent dividends is worth \$1.50 on its face dollar value. But probably allowances were made

for fluctuations in corporate earnings as between hard times and "flush times." The net earnings forming the basis of ssessment, of course, are estimated after all fixed charges are paid, including imment would be a denial to the corporations pairment and depreciation of property with the expense of renewal. The cost of exensions, meaning permanent improvements, shall not be deducted from the gross earnings in ascertaining the amount of the net earnings.

From the total valuation so sacertained 30 per cent shall be deducted, as it is supposed that all property in the state is assessed at not over 70 per cent of its value. This part of the rule of assessments is against the corporations, for the general assessment is much less than 70 per cent of cash values. It makes up, however, for the lower valuation based on earnings that yield 6 per cent dividends. So the general equity of the rule is maintained.

The principal thing about this decision, however, is that the United States court assumes power to fix rules for assessment in Illinois which set aside state laws and reverse the decisions of its highest court in a matter purely of state legislation and policy. United States masters in chancery

This is a great stretch of jurisdiction under the overworked fourteenth amend- every schoolboy knows it's only a jumble ment. But as the federal courts are the took the market prices on a given day as final judges of the limits of their own jurisdiction the law must be taken as they

ABOUT FUSION AND FUSIONISTS.

Madison Mail (Ex-Senator Allen, pop.) The announcement of a press dispatch Wednesday that the editor of the Mail was then in Louisville, Ky., is untrue. We have at no time intended to join Jo Parker's meeting of political traitors and renegades.

Holdrege Citizen: It may be fusion again this year, but certain it is there is plenty of confusion as yet in the allied forces of reform. Once more the old wrangle is going on as to whether the fellow who labels himself populist or the one who calls himself a democrat and lets it go at that is to have the privilege of leading the forces to the conflict this fall.

David City Banner: The World-Herald has remained as quiet as a clam regarding ex-Treasurer Meserve pocketing \$3,000 ment. But the fact that the possibility received as interest on state school money which he loaned out to banks, and the Nebraska Independent has made all kinds men already rich beyond the ability to of excuses for the ex-treasurer. Such account their treasure are driving us that tions on the part of the party organs of way, ought to be emphasized and repeated the state have disgusted many fusionists until the public senses the situation and and helped to drive them into the repub-

lican party. Albion Argus (pop.): It makes a person weary who is acquainted with the facts in the case to read excuses made for Meserve farming out the state's cash, because of the "old tin can" safe at the capitol There is not a safer place in the state for asphalt trust's affairs is not the fact that lock steel safe in a good vault. Why soldiers are located. A crowd of tourists the real reason and don't lie about the state's repository.

Fremont Tribune (rep.): The fact that C. J. Smyth was attorney for J. B. Meserve and cleared that gentleman of embezzling smile upon his benevolent countenance, interest on state school moneys by taking advantage of a technicality will not operate to an overwhelming extent in making him, any more than Meserve, the fusion candidate for governor. The Tribune is disposed to prophesy that when the "antis" come together they will finally conclude to nominate Mr. Bryan for the place and pour forth their libations of love at his throne once more. No doubt his personal integrity and the cohorts who are moved by a sort of religious frenzy when he is an issue can ask for support on the ground that he can't put in force any of his mildewed notions of national affairs, and that therefore he can do little harm. Make a note of it that the barn dweller will be in the midst of the lightning and that his rod will receive the bolt.

Wahoo New Era (pop.): Populists may as well be prepared to accept fusion or cooperation, as some prefer to call it, because the leaders of the party are bending all their energies in that direction. Chairman DeFrance was careful not to give the number of votes reported against fusion, nor the name of the counties that voted in the negative. The New Era. however, will not wage a war of opposition unless constrained thereto; our position is so well known that it needs no further elucidation. The question as far as we are concerned will be left to the decision of the populist voters of this country, to be decided when they select their delegates to the next county convention. Furthermore we do not wish to again call down upon we do not wish to again call down upon our head the vengeance of the republican leaders of this county for opposing fusion: boy's hand with his right and that of the a certain clique of republicans are always acting in collusion with a ring of fusion politicians.

In joys for which she yearn'd.

That leg refused to take a part. In joys for which she yearn'd.

Twould go to church, but "bike" or dance the dancer of a quadrille in the grand right and left. After he had greeted each who has an angel's leg.

Columbus Telegram (dem.): Senator Allen has undertaken another job which will prove as difficult as his late endeavor to prove that Thomas Jefferson did not write the Declaration of Independence. now he is victously swinging his bull whip in a mad effort to silence all those democratic and populist editors who have dared express disapproval of the action of Messrs Porter and Meserve, who went out of office carrying with them money which belonged in the state treasury. Mr. Allen directly says that those democrats and populists who criticise Porter and Meserve are fur nishing ammunition for the political enemy For shame that one who has been elevated so high by Nebraska democrats and populists should stoop to such base argument Senator Allen is a lawyer, and a good one. possessed of property estimated at an even He knows that both Porter and Meserve violated the official cath to which they subscribed when assuming office, and yet allegiance to the United States. This Blue he has the brazen nerve to refer to these Point austere man is likely to be the only discredited public servants as "good citisufferer by his self-expatriation. America zens and worthy gentlemen." But perhaps can well afford to lose one millionaire, in Senator Allen does not really remember view of the million subjects of Great what the constitution of Nebraska save regarding the touching and handling of money which belongs to the people. our copy of the state statutes is authentic

Britain who have found permanent homes That was a downright mean trick played on the girls of the Women's Christian then the Nebraska constitution, speaking of state officials, says: "They shall not re Temperance union of Philadelphia by the chemical class of the University of Pennceive to their own use any fee, costs, intersylvania on April 1. The girls came joy- est upon public moneys in their hands or ously, by invitation, to bear papers on the under their control." Secretary Porter deleterious effect of alcoholic drink. Five admits that he has run counter to the conpapers were prepared. The first was a stitution. Mr. Meserve practically admits scientific discussion of the cocktail. Three the receipt of interest on public money. committee, provides that the inacription on hours were consumed in explaining the And yet Senator Allen proposes to discredit the party standing of every democrat or populist who condemns those unworthy public servants. For shame that a man clear; neither is it clear what is meant No. 3 took the stage to analyze a gin fizs of Senator Allen's recognized ability should There are many dialects the girls fied. Thereupon two members of seek to teach the damnable doctrine that vice becomes virtue when committed by one of our own political school,

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The other day a magician, who is astonshing Washington with exhibitions of the black art, paid a visit to Secretary of the is so good a lawyer that he knows when he Freasury Shaw, and turned a neat trick is coming up against a hard proposition on the master of the nation's money cheet, and he goes around it. "Now Mr. Secretary," said the magician, please take this \$10 bill and see if it is all right.

and give it official recognition." "All right," said the magician, "please crush it up and hold it tightly in your The secretary followed the directions and held on to the bill like a miser.

"Yes sir," said Secretary Shaw, "I stake

"You're quite sure its there now, Mr. Secretary?" "Sure: sure's you're born."

"Open your hand," said the magician. The bill had disappeared. "Well, that beats all!" said the secretary.

very much mystified. "And a nice man for secretary of the treasury of the United States, indeed," said Mrs. Shaw, who was standing by.

Senator Millard of Nebraska, was in the War department yesterday calling upon the quartermaster general, reports the Washington Post. As he emerged from General funds than that provided for the treasurer Ludington's office he walked along the corat the state house-the very best time ridor where the wax figures of Uncle Sam's was gathered about the cases inspecting in their judgment it was better for him to the uniforms, which the soldiers of the reviolate the law and put the money in cir- public have worn since continental times. culation than to keep it locked up? Give One man, more inquiring than the rest, approached Mr. Millard.

"Say," he asked, "are these some of the soldiers that were killed in the late war?" "No," replied the senator, without a "these are some of the soldlers we are saving to be killed in the next war.

"There is the man who nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the first office he ever held," said a gentleman quoted by the Washington Star. And then he brought over to the table the man referred to, Mr. William Leary, and introduced him to the visitors. "Billy" Leary is one of the best known newspaper men and politicians in New York.

"I remember the occasion very well, continued the speaker. "Billy was a district leader and it came time to nominate an assemblyman from his district. The party managers got their heads together and picked out Theodore Roosevelt, a young fellow who had been doing some good work in the district in an unosten-

"'Roosevelt's the man for assemblyman," was the unanimous decision, and they told Billy to nominate him in the convention. That was the beginning of the office holding career of Mr. Roosevelt, which has culminated in his holding the highest office
in the gift of the people."

Above, with wings, I'll need no legs,
So'll give her one of mine.
The girls and surgeons all agreed—
The splicing turned out fine.

The other day the principal of a New York private school led about twenty of his pupils into the East room of the White

"Stand them in a row," ordered the president as soon as he saw the teacher and his charges. This was done, and Mr. Roose. She soon got well, took out her "bike"-

boy in this way he faced the line. The young visitors looked expectant.

"Do all of you boys belong to a base hall nine?" asked the president.

Twenty mouths were stretched from ear to ear and twenty heads ducked in ar-"That's good," said the president, and he turned on his beel without giving his

youthful visitors a word about patriotist

or the glorious country in which they wer

privileged to live.

is nothing to him.

Few people know that Senator John (Spooner of Wisconsin was at one time a cowpuncher" on the plains. It was years ago, when the buffalo ran in countless thousands, that the senator followed the trail and assisted at many a roundup. He has not forgotten his early training and every summer he treats himself to a long horseback ride through Yellowstone park, A little faunt of sixty miles or so in a day

Congressman Joe Cannon gave the members of the house appropriations committee a shock the other day by casually referring to his Quaker parentage. Mr. Cannon has the reputation of being able to weave in more swear words in a single sentence than any other member of the house.

"If Cannon's parents were Quakers," said one of the members of the appropriations committee, "then Cannon is a shining example of how far a man can stray from the path in which he has been taught to

Senator Stewart was making a speech before a committee. Senator Mitchell criticised his use of the word "intrinsic." "It's all right," growled Stewart.

"Webster doesn't say so," ventured Mitchell. "Webster! What Webster?"

"Webster's dictionary." "Huh," said Senator Stewart, "I'm tired of having that book quoted at me. Why.

of words. In the senate, observes the Washington Post, there is the retort direct, as when Senator Money said to Senator Wellington "You lie." There is the retort sarcastic, as when Senator Wolcott declined to answer Senator Carey because "it is a waste of lather to shave an ass." And there is the retort courteous, as illustrated by the

following dialogue between Senator Bailey and Spooner: Mr. Bailey-The senator from Wisconsin

Mr. Spooner-I may have gone around the senator, but I did not go around the proposition. (Laughter.) Mr. Bailey-I am ready to concede that

my reputation that this is a genuine bill the senator from Wisconsin can easily get around me, small as he is, Mr. Spooner-The man who can go around the senator can go around anything.

> PLASHES OF FUN. Washington Star: "The difference be tween a mule an' some human beles, said Uncle Eben, "is dat de mule only kicks once in a while, an' when he does, it "mounts to sumpin'."

Philadelphia Press: "Our legislators," protested the machine politician, "are not as bad as they're painted."
"No?" replied the plain citizen. "Well, they're certainly not as good as they're whitewashed."

Chicago Tribune: "Is it clear to you now?" asked the instructor, after a length-ened exegesis concerning the relative importance of positive and negative forces. "Not quite, professor," said the young woman with the banged hair. "It's partly sloudy still." cloudy still.

Puck: Ethel-What did you say to papa last night?
Ferdy-N-Nothing. I was so scared that I didn't open my mouth. Ethel-Oh! That accounts for it.

Philadelphia Record: "I will kill you." hissed the villain with the tinfoil sword, "and that will be the end." "No, it won't." retorted the beautiful heroine, "this is New York, and if you kill me the case will go on forever."

Baltimore Herald: "The Philippines are at our door knocking; yes, sir, knocking, said the ardent imperialist. "Yes." said the man who was reading the war news, "they do seem to be doing a whole lot of knocking the last few years". vears!

Chicago Tribune: "What I want to know a this," said the man with the scheme. How much will it cost to get this ordinance through the city council?"
"Sir," exclaimed the alderman from the Steenth ward, reddening with indignation, "your question is an insuit! How-er-"your question is an insult! How-er-how much can you afford to spend to have it put through?"

THE ANGEL'S LEG.

Kate Thyson Marr in Town Topics. There were two girls, such jolly friends, As I'll proceed to show.
One was a daisy up to date,
The other somewhat slow.
One rode a "bike" and danced and sung
And like a sailor row'd.
A Sunday school the other taught,
Or stayed at home and sewed.

"The "bikey" girl she broke her leg-Twas amputated, too; Her friend look sick, and knew she'd die, So pondered what to do—

The good girl died, her leg was left. Her friends had it in tow. Twas catching on in real good shape, But grafted legs are alow. The surgeons smiled and called the job The surgeons smiled and called the job
"A scientific spee;"
The girl who longed for more good spins
Was happy as could be.



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