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David B, Hill evidently still labels himself as a democrat.

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To anxious inquirer: No. the coronation has nothing to do with Carrienation.

With the house pulling for Nicaragua and the senate for Panama, an arbi-

Douglas county democrats fight it out in their primaries, but they never know who they are for until the convention starts working.

Coming down to hard pan, the only really tall timber before the republican state convention was planted in the lieutenant governor's place.

hial subject for discussion?

When the New Jersey silk mills resume, after agreement between men and owners, the word will come that everything is again "finer than silk."

An Omaha man suddenly dropped dead after voting at a democratic primary. Moral-Vote the republican ticket that you may live long and prosper,

France's historic king will have to take off his hat to the Omaha school board when it comes to marching up the hill and then marching down again.

Colonel Bryan's advantage as an editor will now come into play. He can take his pen in hand and tell just what he thinks of the oratory served up at the Tilden club feast.

We presume the democratic system in vogue here with a day intervening between primary and convention is designed especially for the benefit of those who operate on the political live stock

Congress is expected to adjourn within another two weeks, but the leaveto-print privilege will not be withdrawn until all members have ample opportunity to get their campaign speeches in type at government expense.

Not content with casting advance horoscopes for the convention, the political astrologers insist on making mind readings to explain the results. And their post-prandial dissertations are about as wide of the mark as their previous diagnosis.

The north half of the Louisville rallroad bridge was assessed in Indiana for \$1,000,000 for 1901. The west half of the Union Pacific Omaha bridge is assessed for \$1,568 in Nebraska. The railroad tax bureau can explain this discrepancy by pointing to the fact that The Bee building was assessed for only \$165,000 in 1901.

The attempt to name a street adjoining the federal building in Baltimore after Our Dave failed because it was misplaced. It should have been directed toward giving his name to the street adjoining the house that Mercer builds In that case, however, we will probably have to look for Mercer street neither in Baltimore nor in Omaha, but in Min-

Ex-President Cleveland's references to a democracy for the future "uncorrupted by offers of strange alliances" were doubtless designed for the benefit and as the cost of either will be great to the fusion fly paper by molasses of patronage and spolls. But Mr. Clevesion adhesive plaster.

RAILBOAD TAXATION IN KENTUCKY.

By a decision of the court of appeals the railroad corporations of Kentucky will be compelled to pay each year large sums to the various towns and cities. Only recently the assessmentz of the railways of the state have been increased from 20 to 100 per cent by the State Board of Valuation and Assessment, and under the decision handed down today the same basis will be employed by the cities and countles, taux greatly increasing the fixed charges of the various railways, and particularly the Louisville & Nashville, which suffered an increase of 100 per cent, its franchise being valued at \$60,000,000, as against \$30,000,000 heretofore. The decision was in the case of the Southern Railway against Auditor Coulter and other members of the State Board of Assessment and Valuation. It upheld the judgment of the lower court -

Frankfort (Ky.) special to Chicago Tribune. This righteous decision of the Kentucky supreme court establishes a precedent which sooner or later will be followed in every state of the union in spite of railroad attorneys and tax bureaus. The railroads have always exerted a powerful political influence in Kentucky, but in spite of all of the pressure they could bring the assessments have been increased by the State Board of Assessment this year from 30 to 100 per cent.

It will be noted that the assessment of the franchises of the Louisville & \$30,000,000 to \$60,000,000. If the franchise of the Louisville & Nashville railroad is worth \$60,000,000 in Kentucky, how much is the franchise of the Union Pacific worth in Nebraska? How much and how much those of the other roads? Up to this time these franchises, which are worth not less than \$200,000,000, .29,590 have escaped taxation altogether, but .. 20,470 that is not all. The tangible property of the railroads has practically been exempt from taxation for municipal purposes.

Under the decision of the Kentucky supreme court the property and fran-same taxes in cities as all other classes .....919.685 Less unsold and returned copies .... 10,796 of property. That principle will in due time prevail in Nebraska. Nowhere is Net total sales......908,889 the discrimination more flagrant than in the assessment at Omaha. Under the assessment made by the state board rehabilitation of the party. Both recthis year the west half of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, assessed for \$1,568, will pay just \$47.04 into the city from its traditional principles and that treasury of Omaha, when it should pay the only hope for it is to get back upon at least \$3,000 to \$5,000. The Frement | the old lines. Both plead for harmony & Elkhorn road for all its property, including right-of-way, depot grounds, racy will somehow or other escape from depots, terminals and property of every its present unhappy condition and be description, is assessed at \$12,900, and will pay \$387 in city taxes, when it should by rights pay at least \$4,000 to tration committee will have to come to \$6,000. The Burlington passenger and freight depots, depot grounds, terminal ishment, as has been done by the Bryan- fleet in Caribbean waters and thus making facilities, sidetracks and equipment will lites. He also administered a slap to the latter strong enough to cope with any pay only \$522 in taxes for city purposes that political element when he said that through that long and arduous voyage the

> taxes are included and collected before they pay their assessments.

> > THE SPOONER SUBSTITUTE.

The passage by the senate of the Spooner substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill that passed the house will be satisfactory to everybody except the extreme advocates of the Nicaragua route, who are unmoved by argument or facts. The substitute is, of course, a compromise. It does not determine the route to be selected, placing this responsibility upon the president under certain clearly specified conditions. If the president finds that the Panama Canal company can convey to the United States a satisfactory title and there can be secured from the government of Colombia by treaty control of the necessary territory as specified in the bill, then the president shall select the Panama route. Should it be found that these requirements cannot be met the president is authorized to proceed with the construction of a canal by the Nicaragua route, having first secured by treaty with Nicaragua and Costa Rica the necessary territory and other concessions.

It is the opinion of some of the ablest lawyers in the senate that there will be no difficulty in securing a clear and satisfactory title to the property of the Panama Canal company. As to the concessions that will be required from Colombia, it is also believed that there will be little difficulty in obtaining them. The government of that republic has shown a most earnest desire that the United States shall complete the canal and has recently signified its willingness to grant the most liberal concessions to this government. There are certainly no greater difficulties, as shown by negotiations thus far, in the way of securing necessary concessions from Colombia than from Nicaragua and Costa Rica. All these countries are anxious, there is no doubt, to make the best bargain they can, but they will finally accept such terms as the United

States deems to be fair and reasonable. The two routes have received the most thorough investigation and consideration and the weight of expert and scienthie opinion is unquestionably on the side of Panama. Both are practicable, but the Panama is the safer route, as the floor. Because the convention put has been abundantly demonstrated by recent conditions. The highest scientific opinion is unfavorable to Nicaragua and although the extreme partisans of that route have persistently endeavored to discredit this opinion it is undoubtedly accepted by a large majority of the public. A canal on the Panama route would cost for construction considerably less than by the Nicaragua route

of democrats in the western states stuck | the financial consideration is important. Whether or not the house will adopt the Spooner substitute for its bill is a land's admonition will only make the question about which no confident pre-Nebruska files more greedy for the fu- diction can be made. What is known

considerable change of opinion among house members, but perhaps not suffibility is that the house will adhere to

PARTY ORGANIZATION.

A question has arisen whether the re publican state convention just held placed the authority to appoint the secretary and other officers of the state with the candidates on the state ticket. vention of 1901 to vest the chairman brooks no competition. with the power to name the secretary. We think this precedent is all wrong because it proceeds on the mistaken theory that the secretary is a clerk to the chairman instead of an officer of the committee who should derive his authority from and be responsible to the same body as the chairman.

The convention itself, of course, is the embodiment of the party and after its adjournment the party organization is represented by the state committee, whose members are directly accountable to use a clothes brush. Nashville alone has been raised from to their constituencies in their respective districts. The officers of the committee should be chosen by the convention or by the state committee. The secretary in particular should be a man of capacity and experience, in touch with political conditions and able to perform his duties without waiting on the chairman for minute directions.

Under present circumstances, it may make no difference in the character of the officers no matter by whom they are named, but the principle of direct responsibility to the rank and file of the party through its convention or state

DEMOCRATIC REHABILITATION. Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill have told the democrats of the country what they deem to be necessary to the ognize the fact that the partly is badly and both profess faith that the democrestored to popular confidence.

Mr. Cleveland deprecated the calling of harsh names and inaugurating a sysin 1902, when they ought to pay at least the democratic party never thrives "by Oregon was followed by the American peo-When all the railroads and other coring prejudice and selfish anticipal history. When at last her safe arrival on porations enjoying valuable special tion." He must have had in mind the Florida coast was announced, ready for privileges pay their share toward the when he made this declaration the class exultation and confidence—sentiments amply cost of state and city government, the appeals and the invocations to prejudice vindicated a little later when the Oregon tax rate will be reduced proportionately of the democratic lender in the last two played so indispensable a part in the great and property values will increase. In national campaigns. In the opinion of sea drama off Santiago. products of the state and their own it fights its successful battles and, of more than a moment's notice, could set out course, he regards the tariff as chief in with his ship on a voyage such as no other when president he did nothing to repress, but he was chiefly concerned mishap or an hour's delay; who could rush about the system of tariff taxation her into the goal after such a voyage ahead Whose robbing exactions are far bevond the needs of economical and legitimate government expenditure," and he ting the bitter experience of the country as the result of his tariff policy.

> David B. Hill discussed the democratic averse to playing the part of demagogue. He assailed the foreign policy of the administration, denounced President Roosevelt for what he said in his Decoration day address, charged that free speech had been suppressed, talked about the failure to do something for the Boers and abused General Wood, What this has to do with rehabilitating How the Roll of Honor Grows with the democratic party is not apparent, but this and much more of the same character, constituted the greater part of the speech made by Mr. Hill at the pensioners April 30 was 998,303, and that opening of the Tilden club quarters in there were 355,259 claims pending, of which New York. He further disclosed his 33,611 are due to the war with Spain. character as a demagogue by lauding Clevland and extolling Bryan-which likely to be helpful to the democracy.

has increased the party demoralization, confidence, by more fully exposing its named in the following table: lack of statesmanship, patriotism and progressive ideas. It is evidently not so much what Rose-

water did in the convention that worries the local popocratic organ but what he did not do. It was hoping the con-Stucfer and suppress the demand for up new candidates for governor and treasurer, gave Douglas county the lieutenant governorship, and inserted a 20,000 strong tax reform plank in the platform, the popocrats are dismally and dreadfully disappointed and, as usual, want to lay the blame for all their woes on

The railroads of Nebraska must have money to burn but not to pay taxes. applications in connection with the Spanish Their tax bureau has made a contract with an Omaha agency for placing of March 8, 1991. Over 3,000 of them had cuts of 312 inches of their Bulletin appeared before June 30 of that year to Number 11, advertising Rosewater and seek restoration during a second widow-The Bee as tax shirkers, with the folas the Hepburn bill was passed by the lowing instructions: "Please send copy realized as you

house with practical unanimity, only of your paper to each of the railroad three votes being recorded against it. offices in Omaha, the B. & M., Union Undoubtedly there has since been a very Pacific, the Elkhorn and to me for checking purposes each week. If this work is done in good shape we expect clent to pass the substitute. The proba- to continue beyond the 312 inches." If this work keeps up the railroad manathe Nicaragua bill and in that case gers will wake up some morning to find there will be no canal legislation at this the state all ablaze and no escape in sight even in a cyclone cellar. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make

A trip through Nebraska at this season of the year, when corn shoots are leaping out of the ground, affords the committee with the state chairman or best object lesson on what constitutes the basis of Nebraska's greatness and said that Thompson and Rosewater had so often that some really believe it, that The precedent was set by the state con- prosperity. As a corn state, Nebraska

Mutual Relief.

Baltimore American. From the eagerness with which Boers and is evident that each is grateful for the help given to let the other go.

A Common Impulse.

Chicago Post. Hats off to Rear Admiral Clark! Here is done nothing to cause any brother officer

A Foregone Conclusion.

Baltimore American. A letter was lately received at the pen-When the first shock was over an investibe insane. A bit of practical comment on allel will go no further. patriotic human nature is to be found in the fact that this result surprised no one.

Is it Money Well Spent?

Philadelphia Ledger. If Secretary Root can sustain his asser tion that the alleged bribe of \$25,000 paid to Gomez was not only a legitimate expense, but actually averted such a war with Cuba as we have had with the Philippines committee should be applied to all the it was one of the best payments this counofficers of the party in its organized try ever made. Such a service would have been cheap at a thousand times the price.

REAR ADMIRAL CLARK.

Bestownl of Honors Conspicuously Well Deserved.

New York Tribune. The promotion of Captain Charles E. Clark to be a rear admiral of the United States navy is conspicuously well deserved and Poles out of the fund created at Bismarck's disorganized, that it has wandered away will be applauded by the people of the United States with rare unanimity. There can be no invidiousness in saying that he was among those who did the nation best service in the Spanish war and concerning the value of whose services there was, and is, least ground for doubt or dispute. We have only to recall the simple facts of record. When the Maine was destroyed and war was seen to be inevitable the eyes of the nation turned to Captain Clark and his ship. The hope of the nation was placed in tem of arbitrary proscription and ban- his bringing the Oregon around to join our an insincere play upon unreason- ple with an anxiety seldom known in our

importance. He did not overlook the battleship in the world had ever under-'huge industrial aggregations," which taken; who could take her through two oceans and three zones and all around a continent at racing speed with never a of schedule time in perfect trim for immediate action; who could make her give so superb an account of herself in the ensuing battle, and who through it all could be so wondered that this had been subordi- modest and void of mere self-seeking-such nated by democrats, apparently forget- a man is made of the right stuff for high command in the service which has known a Decatur and a Farragut. We may not revive within us in these quiet days the thrill and the enthusiasm which the situation as a politician who is not very name of the Oregon aroused only four years ago; but unless we would repudiate those former sentiments as spurious we shall do well to recognize with fullest earnestness the fitness of honoring the man who was responsible for and who is to be credited with the unparalleled achievements of the Oregon in 1898.

SWELLING PENSION ROLL.

the Years. Chicago Record-Herald (rep.)

It is reported from the office of the commissioner of pensions that the number of

The correspondent of the Record-Herald who sends the figures suggests that some surprise will be felt at their magnitude. must have been anything but Surprise is certainly a mild feeling under pleasing to the former, who is not the circumstances. It is now thirty-seven a demagogue or a hypocrite. There is years since the close of the civil war, yet nothing in the speech of Mr. Hill that is the number of pensioners is the largest in our history. There has been a steady increase, with but a slight setback in 1899-The democratic party was never in 1900 since 1878, when the total was 223,998. a more hopless condition than now. The This increase went on with accelerated course of its representatives in congress speed toward the close of the decade 1880-1890 and was given a new impulse by the disability pension act of the year last and the efforts of some of the leaders, named. During 1891 and 1892 it was at the or would-be leaders, to reorganize the rate of 200,000 a year, and in 1893 the total party, have only had the effect of ag- stood at 966,012. By that time the force of gravating its unhappy condition and the new legislation was fully developed. still further weakening it in popular as indicated by the totals for the years

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In considering these figures it must be remembered that there is a large number of deaths every year among the older peosioners and among those claiming from vention would renominate Savage and them. This accounts for the slight increase at the present time, and not any lack of applications. The last report of the commissioner of pensions showed that the origthat Rosewater would create a scene on inal application on account of the civil war for the fiscal year ending June 31, 1901, amounted to about 30,000, and that the applications on account of the Spanish war for the same period numbered nearly

> The pending Spanish claims of 33,611 represents a very large percentage of the troops who saw actual service, and undoubtedly many of them should and will be disallowed. It is simply impossible that an army of young men such as was called together could present that number of tust claims. Another noticeable feature of the war is the large number of "remarried widows" who are claimants under the act hood or divorces. And the possibilitities plants grow, and the reason for it is that from this vicious legislation are only dimly

Through Populist Glasses

How Republican Convention Looked from Behind Them.

Nebraska Independent (pop.)

The republican state convention Wednes- The Bee pretends to champion. Just prior day renominated all the present state of- to the convention Treasurer Stuefer withficers except governor and treasurer. This drew, "in the interests of harmony," but will be regarded by Mr. Rosewater as a really because of The Bee's onslaught. victory for himself, he having driven Gov- Treasurer Stuefer stands exactly on the strike. ernor Savage and Treasurer Stucker out of same ground as does Auditor Weston on

Right from the start it was noticeable made fish of one and flesh of the other. that the Elkhorn-Union Pacific combination behind Dinsmore were in for a sham pro- keynote it was rather squeaky. He didn't gas, electricity, etc.-this is practically an tracted struggle. Early in the day it was hesitate to repeat the republican lie, told, inexhaustible store of coal. combined to make Speaker Sears the nomince, but after the third ballot that gentleman was practically out of the running.

The night before the convention sentiment seemed to point to Dinsmore of Clay as the man whom the Burlington was pushing to the front, although the expression British are falling on each other's necks it was frequently heard: "Well, I don't know; you see, Mickey is neutral ground and it may go to him." "Neutral ground" had reference simply to the railroads. Mickey is regarded as a Union Pacific man, located in what is really Burlington territory. He is the man who was mentioned a week or at least one officer of the rank who has so ago by a prominent railroad man at the kept his uniform free from dust and has Lindell hotel as the one "we have picked out."

John H. Mickey is a resident of Osceola, Polk county. He is described by the State Journal as a "farmer, banker, old soldier and ploneer." By a curious coincidence he is president of the same bank that Govsion office asking that the writer's pension ernor Nance was president of when he was be reduced, as he thought it was too large, nominated for governor; but Mr. Mickey was nominated on the thirteenth ballotgation was made. The writer was found to and that undoubtedly means that the par-

Rosey had his way in a great part. He had previously driven Governor Savage from the field because of the Bartley pardon-yet Governor Savage stands for an increase in railroad assessments, something

pened before is likely to happen again. No less than 400,000 acres were purchased from

instance in 1886 and the land was resold on

did not go to Monte Carlo. What they did

unendurable for the newcomers by the

methods familiarly known in Ireland as

boycotting. Sooner or later the Germans

irrigation is one of the most serious prob-

lems to be solved by Australian statesmen.

The state governments of New South Wales,

Victoria and South Australia have been con-

ferring together recently and have ap-

pointed a committee of engineers to inves-

The recent election of deputies in Bel-

glum was of uncommon interest, because

some considerable effect of the Socialist

strikes was anticipated. It should be

changes are unlikely under a system by

which only one-half of the members of

the House of Commons are chosen at each

blennial election. But seventy-six of the

elections, and under these circumstances

the gain of four seats by the Socialists was

seems likely, indeed, that the rank and file

of the Socialists felt that the recent strikes

had been precipitated without due consid-

eration or provision, and accordingly gave

to their leaders only a languid support.

That the Socialist agitation is not wholly

fruitless appears from the announcement

that the Clericals, with their clear ma-

jority of twenty-four, will abolish the

triple vote. This at present is granted to

those who hold certain diplomas of higher

study-a class which naturally includes

many pricets. It would be a substantial

concession on the part of the Ciertonia.

though still far from the one-man-one-vote

tation even while ill-timed and badly di-

rected, was not, as most observers held,

a wanton display of brute force. If it were

A Turkish garrison in Macedonia has

mutinied because the paymaster has not

been seen or heard of for months. It may

hardy and patient Mussulmans who serve

the Sultan in uniform should rebel because

their pockets are empty. But it is prob-

able there are hollow voids in their stom-

achs also. It is a well known article of

faith among the followers of Mahomet that

the plous warrior who dies in battle goes

straight to his longed-for heaven. But the

Koran has nothing to say concerning the

future happiness of soldiers who are on

the edge of starvation in peaceful times.

and even the muezzin's call to prayer as it

sounds from the slender minaret may fail

to appeare the gnawings of appetites made

ravenous by days and nights of enforced

fasting outside the month of Ramadan. To

draw the waistbelt tighter, to say "kis-

met," and try to be stolcal, may keep the

rebellious spirit in check for a brief

season; but if the Sublime Porte does not

increase its supplies of food in some of its

garrisons, and does not dole out a pittance

of long overdue wages now and then, the

throne of the Callphate may totter. For

many a year it has been propped up by

bayonets. Were any large part of the army

to be disaffected to the extent of an out-

break, that support might be so weakened

that the map of Eastern Europe and West-

Significant of the increasing number of

tourists in the Alps is an order recently is-

sued by the prefect of Savoy to the effect

that all persons collecting flowers or pluck-

ing plants in the French Alps will be prose-

cuted. The new regulations apply to the

mountainous regions, where the edelweiss

these flowers are rapidly disappearing and without some such regulation would soon

ern Asia would need recasting

afford to consider its demands.

all that could have been expected.

however, that violent political

acres for a song.

tigate and report.

noted,

tenance appropriation in ten months and price of coal to the consumer is ten times will have about \$49,000 deficienty by the the labor cost and four times the total time the next legislature acts; that they do cost of production, can doubt that at least not include the Kearney industrial echool. \$1.50 a ton on an average, or \$300,000,000 where Secretary Mallalieu used about \$80,- per year, is the fine levied on the people 000 in one year of a \$97,000 appropriation in excess of reasonable prices, by the priintended for two years. Brown makes an vale monopoly that controls their coal excellent speech of the "joshing" kind, but mines, free from any effective regulation in his statements of fact cannot be relied the public interest.

Norris Brown "sounded the keynote" in

The platform is exactly what one could expect from a republican convention dominated by the railroads. After all of Rosewater's howling, the taxation plank is simply a lot of glittering generalities quite acceptable to George W. Holdrege and his coadjutors. The convention indorsed Rooseveit's attitude on the Cuban reciprocity matter and thereby threw the harpoon into Senators Millard and Dietrich. H. C. Lindsay was again made chairman

of the state committee.

upon

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. become extinct. In many parts of Savoy, particularly in the Chamounix district, the Bismarck's idea of Germanizing the Polish edelweiss has completely disappeared. No provinces of Prussia has been readopted such law exists in Switzerland, but unless by the Landtag and a credit of 100,000,000 similar measures are taken there that counsuch law exists in Switzerland, but unless marks is to be voted to further the scheme. try will lose one of its greatest attractions. The money is to be employed to purchase Only a few years ago edelweiss could be Polish estates upon which German famround at a height of from 1,000 to 2,000 feet, illes are to be settled and the expectation but now it is necessary to go to at least is that the Polish gentry will "blow in" 3,000 feet levels in order to get it. the price at the gaming table. What hap-

POLITICAL DRIFT.

In the Cleveland, Hill and harmony banquet the peerless leader was conspicuously among the "and other absentees."

easy terms to 5,000 German families which Minneapolis promises to rival St. Louis were installed on the same. But the Poles n the number of "eminent citizens" who are dodging indictments for municipal was to encourage the peasantry and small tradesmen of their nationality to make life grafting.

A former pugilist named McMichael has been elected to the senate of Georgia. It is hardly necessary to add that the senator is a fluent speaker.

were glad to sell out at any price and the thrifty Poles became repossessed of their Bourke Cockran is booked to succeed to the leadership of Tammany and is likely to be sent to congress. No wonder Croker Drouth has always been the curse of a is weary of politics. great part of Australia and has been more Expert accountants who examined the

than usually persistent for six years and books find that the democratic financiers of more. Conditions have been growing stead- Missouri milked the state for \$11,000,000 in ily worse and worse, and now seem to have thirty years. Taxpayers got off cheap. reached something like a climax. A corre-Senator Quay proposes to inaugurate an spondent of a London journal writing from era of reform in the politics of Pennsyl-Sydney gives a doleful account of the consevania that will make all former reform

quences of the seventh year of dryness. The movements look like thirty cents. What only districts which have escaped, he says, Quay says goes in Pennsylvania. are the northern rivers of New South A clever remark is this by Senator Black-Wales and parts of Riverina. The losses burn: "The position of the senate commitof sheep have been enormous and even the tee on privileges and elections in regard to What would our esteemed World-Herald do to fill up its editorial columns

The railroads levy the taxes on the products of the state and their own it fights its successful hattles and of states. In parts of western Opensiand stances. In parts of western Queensland driving an empty wagon down a hill. He cattle are suffering and the outlook is a couldn't unload and he couldn't back up." serious one, for when agriculture suffers in Australia financial interests are largely

Robert Burke, the Croker of Chicago democracy, is aptly nicknamed. Last winter, involved. The question of water storage and when the Cook county grand jury became offensively active, the western Croker paid \$30,000 into the city treasury by check, claiming to have mixed that much public money with his own. When the storm blew over the check was recalled and payment suspended. Burke still runs the democratic machine.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago and former Mayor Hopkins of the same city mussed each other's hair at the Illinois democratic convention. Both were out for scalps and You'll have to have Hopkins won out. Now he proposes to follow the scalped mayor to his tepee and knock the lid off several things hitherto kept out of sight. The sanitary department of the party is likely to have a hot, all-summer job.

with a rhyme, And in a minstrel show you'll find the Give all these persons all they need of uncles and of aunts.

And call them characters in your historical Mayor Collins of Boston announces that

152 seats were balloted for in the May in the future he will refuse to see officeseekers, who are now referred to the heads of departments in which they desire to serve. Mr. Collins says that ever since his election in January he has been working night and day trying to see everybody and he thinks it is time to stop, all the 13,000 positions in the city service being filled.

He declares that since taking his seat as many he has seen about 15,000 callers who wear, and how you look wished to secure places for themselves or friends.

Rhode Island, although a small state, enjoys the distinction of having twice voted | Send photographs of your pet cat to every on the proposition to pass a prohibition law-once for and once against. This year, in November, the voters of Rhode Island system which the Radicals and Socialists will pass upon a constitutional amenddesire; so it appears that the Socialist agi- ment providing that 5,000 voters may propose specific amendments to the constitution, such proposed amendments to be submitted to the people at the polls. If apmerely that, the ruling party could not proved by a majority of the electors voting at town meetings the amendments will become part of the law of the state.

COAL CONSUMERS SQUEEZED.

Millions Exacted in Excess of Ren-

sonable Prices. New York World. About 200,000,000 tons of coal of both kinds are being taken every year from the United States mines. This total output was

valued at the mines last year at \$300,000 -000-which is \$1.50 a ton. These are round figures, but quite close enough to give clear view of the basic conditions underlying the The coal fields of the country contain the railroad assessment-yet Rosewater

over 1,000 billion tons of coal-equal to a 5,000 years' supply at the present rate of consumption. In view of the assured disback of Roberston and the Burlington forces his speech as temporary chairman. As a covery of new methods of heating-by oil

Yet, with the labor cost of mining coal the present administration has conducted only 60 cents per ton, and its total value the state institutions a year and have a at the mine's mouth only \$1.50 per ton. "eurplus" left of \$87,231.61. Any one at the American people are paying on an all conversant with the matter knows that average about \$6 a ton for their coal, takthese figures are based on calling eleven ing hard and soft together, and cannot months' expenditures the expenditures for | tell from day to day when \$1 or \$2 per ton It is also well known that Mr. will be added to that price, nor whether Brown's figures do not include the expendi- they will be able to get it at any price.

tures at the penitentiary, where the re- No candid student of these figures, and publican warden used up the \$35,000 main- their plain disclosure of the fact that the

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Baltimore World: "I tried to teach my dog to jump over my leg."
Did he catch on?"
"Yes, twice. I've just got out of the
Pasteur institute."

Chicago Post: "Let's make up," he sug-But we haven't quarrelled," she pro-

"Never mind. Let's make up anyway." New York Sun: Neighbor-Your husband is getting to be quite a literary ilon.
Mrs. Borus-Lion? Yes, that's the right name for him. Come upstairs and let me show you his den.

Philadelphia Press: "Haven't you read that lovely new nowel?" asked the first summer girl.
"No," replied the other, "the only edition of it I've seen has a horrid yellow cover that doesn't accord with any of my gowns."

Chicago Tribune: "I tell you," said the landlord of the summer resort near the top of the mountain, "a man can't get too much of this pure air."
"No" gasped the tenderfoot, who was unused to the elevation, "I can't get half enough of it."

Boston Transcript: Briggs-Weaver has written a good deal of poetry lately.

Griggs-How did you hear of it?

Briggs-Why, Weaver told me himself Griggs-You don't mean it! Why, the fellow is absolutely without shame, isn't he?"

Chicago Tribune: "Papa," said the sweet girl graduate, "wasn't my commencement gown a whooperino? I had the other girls skinned alive" "And this is the girl," said papa, sadly, "whose graduating essay was 'An Appeal for Higher Standards of Thought and Ex-

Chicago Post: "Who was that fellow who was so anxious to drive a meat wagon when the strike was at the most dangerous "I don't know his name, but I understand he's a professional base ball umpire."

Washington Star; "So, my brave boy," said the veteran, "you are going into the army?" army?"
"I am," answered the high-browed youth.
"My motto shall be "Excelsior!"
"Don't adopt any such motto as that."
"Well, then, "Conquer or die!" What would you suggest?"
"Think before you speak."

SIDE TALKS WITH LITTLE BOYS.

J. J. Montague in Portland Oregonian. Come hither, little children, who would wealth accumulate Without the stern necessity of working while you wait.
First, get a high school history of fifty years ago,
Whose author for his copy used the things he didn't know. Then get some stock expressions like "the wild alarming drum."
"Have done." "Enough." 'Unhand me, sir!" and "By my halldom,"
Mix all together in a hat and take them out by chance
And weave them firmly in a strong historical romance.

You'll need a King or two, perhaps, and make them base and bad. Your Knight must be full panoplied, a vallant, dashing lad; A gentle Princess, shrinking from a wedshrinking from a wedtrue romantic Then

But think not, little children, though the mayor he has seen about 15,000 callers who your trousers pants.

These things must all be known ere men will purchase your romance.

> Get half tones of your Sunday clothes, and of your soup turees.
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> And have them published every week in papers far and wide.
>
> Write stories of your awful grief when Pat, your buildog, died.
>
> And in the publications that the women only read. only read,
> Write essays on "My First Great Book,"
> on "How One May Succeed,"
> And then you'll find that people all will
> gladly take a chance
> And give up their one-fifty for your popular



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