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Is not Henry Watterson about due of another installment of political eruption?

There is some consolation in the fore cast of Weather Prophet Hicks that the bot blast is still a week off.

The elusive Harry Tracy and the delusive Pat Crowe might get together on a community of interest scheme.

When submarine wireless telegraphy becomes an established fact, every live exporters. community will want a water front with pceanic connections.

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Another unanswered question-Will Poet Laureate Austin be allowed to project a second coronation poem just because that crowning ceremony has been postponed?

Colonel Bryan is still several lengths phead of Grover Cleveland. The newspapers have not yet extended to him the discussion whether he wears trousers or simply pants.

bias or prejudice. Contrast that sheet's of the railroad tax case.

have been called into requisition,

The threatened California lumber is the combines that cover the home territory that touch the tender spot.

Aspirants for Judge Keysor's judicial robe are anxiously awaiting the return of Governor Savage, providing the judge tenders his resignation in time to give the governor a chance to exercise his appointing power.

Congressman Neville seems to be the only fusion congressman who is taken at his word. Judge Neville declared he would not seek renomination and his party instead of forcing it on him nominated another man. How mean!

American steel manufacturers are said to be scoring ahead of British competitors in contracts of construction work in South Africa. That would be the joke of the season for Great Britain to furnish the money to the Boers to restore their destroyed bridges, railroads, factories and so forth and find the American stepping in to relieve the pressure.

Nebraska democrats are willing to accept General Barry as a candidate for try prostrate at the feet of foreigners. congress, but they turned him down with a thud when the populists proposed him for governor at the Grand Island convention. The explanation is found in the fact that a governor at Lincoln distributes the pie, while a populist congressman at Washington is quite harmless to the pie biters.

Governor Stone of Pennsylvania has bere." the right idea as to the time when the militia should be called out in a strike. should be the last resort.

STARTING IRRIGATION WORK.

Already work has been started in comadelphia Ledger there has been much prehend how a friend of protection can striking workmen apply to one judge for speculation as to where the actual work | favor it. of constructing reservoirs and ditches will be begun. There are but few points where the surveys and specifications have been completed, so that contracts could be let this summer. Ari- to bring about reform in the assessment zona claims three such places, but it is of property for city and county taxaunlikely that any work will be done tion. there this season, it being understood | The success of the real estate men that a territory will have to stand back and wait until some state has the first paign of education by the press that chance. It is said to be possible that preceded their work and created a pubseveral small contracts will be surveyed and let for reservoirs in Nebraska this the entire contest. summer, but it is not expected that anything extensive will be started. Wyoming, however, seems slated for some extensive work under the new irrigation policy and it is thought will have the first impetus of the system.

The practical work of building irrigating works is now a matter of administration to be passed upon by the officials of the Interior department and manipulation to secure the first advantary of the interior and Mr. Hitchcock public funds. may be depended upon to push the work provided for with energy.

THE OUTLOOK IN CUBA. General Fitzhugh Lee is so well informed regarding Cuban conditions and levies merely by passing resolutions, character that what he says respecting neither can it hope to stop wasteful and the situation in the island and the out- lawless expenditures by resolution. look must command attention. His view is distinctly pessimistic. General Lee bethat unless confidence is restored and court order. some relief afforded in the sale of their products, there is nothing ahead except anarchy and annexation." It is stated tion of Mount Pelee has filled the air naces. that American merchants are losing con- with a vast amount of carbonic and of self-government in Cuba and fearing domestic troubles there are declining to rainfall over certain sections of the ship merchandise to the island, while earth precisely as the gases caused by actly the same feelings as are American over the field where a battle has been

situation in Cuba is unsatisfactory, but atmosphere the abnormal moisture will indisposition to exercise, it is because the church could only flourish in those dis- joint ballot for the republicans of sixteen it is certainly very much better than at cease." For these observations and con- health department in your locality is not tricts through the influence of the Polish members. If schemes of the oleo makers pan the beginning of the American occupa- clusions the people of the transmissisput, the revised version will be every tion or at any time during that occupa- sippi country should feel very grateful. The health department that does not ad- the Poles were no longer a Roman Cathman his own artist-so far as applying tion and since the Cuban people got There is, however, a slight suspicion in monish the people to "keep cool" in sum- olic party, as the ciercals would disthe color to his artificial butter is con- through that period without any great the minds of some people that if instead mer solstice does not know its business. cover sooner or later, but a national. Moreamount of suffering and without serious complaint as to conditions, it is not easy had a continuous drouth the gases pertaining to diet, drink and clothing are and radical. He believed in the Bismarckto understand why they should now, less than two months after the institution of an independent government, be suffering. Testimony given last January before the ways and means committee of the house of representatives showed that at that time there was no they might have been charged with abdestitution in Cuba and that labor sorbing it and diffusing prickly heat. was well employed and well paid. How can the extraordinary change in the situation sald to have come about within With a blind-partisan organ like the the last few months be explained? Is World-Herald, everything is personal it not probable that there is some exaggeration, that conditions are really not news reports of the Omaha tax case and so bad as they are represented to be? We are inclined to think that this must be the case, for it seems hardly possible From the number of notices and that the comparative prosperity of six proclamations flying about, one would months ago should have given place to judge that the Union Pacific strike had so distressing a state of affairs as is reached the stage where the typewriters implied in the remarks of General Lec. As to the political dissension and dis- plays into the hands of the unscrupulous satisfaction, that was to have been expected. It is entirely characteristic of both for profit and for fees, mileage and combine would be operating too far the people and was plainly foreshadaway to hurt any one in Nebraska. It owed when Palma was elected. No administration could satisfy all the politi- vicious system that ought to be abolcians and President Palma appears not to have shown the most sagacious judgment in the treatment of the negro ele-

ment. The Cuban people are undergoing test of their capacity for self-government. They need to learn patience and fortitude and self-reliance. Depending upon the favor of some other country for their material progress and prosperity is not the wisest or best way of new republic on a firm foundation. is not improbable that there will be political troubles of a more or less serious nature in Cuba, but we do not apprehend that there is any great danger at present of anarchy,

THE TARIFF REMEDY. "The favorite remedy with many congressmen who are after the trusts," remarks the Boston Transcript, "is to remove the customs duties on all trustmade goods. This sounds well-to those who want to hear it, but in operation it would lay the industry of the counsince there is no way conceivable of so advertising. legislating as to discriminate effectively between goods made by combinations and those made by private individuals in the application of the tariff. The individual would suffer with the com bination. The business would be simply transferred to the foreigner, for they have combinations abroad as well as teal fluid.

Those who propose to apply the tariff remedy to the industrial combinations. He says that the governor will not or so-called trusts, do not indicate how hesitate to send troops "if there is a this could be done without affecting the lor some evening without previously sendcondition of riot, mobs or insurrection individual manufacturer. There are a ing word. which the civil authorities are unable to great many independent industries suppress." The interference of the in the country which produce simmilitia before actual lawlessness is liar articles with the trusts and precipitated as a rule serves only to these would necessarily be affected stimulate violence in retaliation for the by the removal of the tariff on new grievance. The military authority such articles, for as the Transcript says, least suspicion that he will allow his senti- we might show some expedition in reduc-

lating as to discriminate effectively between goods made by combinations and pliance with the irrigation law and the those made by private individuals in promise is that it will be pushed with the application of the tariff. It is easy all possible vigor. According to the to understand the advocacy of this pol-Washington correspondent of the Phillicy by free traders, but difficult to com-

> MORE WORK FOR THE EXCHANGE. The Real Estate exchange is entitled to much credit for its successful effort

was made possible only by the camlie sentiment that upheld them through

The reduction of the tax rate by a few points does not, however, accomplish all new one. the aims and objects of tax reform. No material reduction of taxes in Omaha and Douglas county can be effected until the affairs of city, county and school district are conducted on a strictly business basis, not by raising the cry of well-defined rumors to elect democrats, but by an honest endeavor to eliminate there will doubtless be a good deal of sinecures and tax eaters and by compelling county boards, school boards and tages of the law. The new law has no city councils to remain strictly within more earnest supporter than the secre- the bounds of law in the expenditure of

This requires constant vigilance and occasional appeals to the courts. The has shown that it could not secure higher tax assessments and reduced

What the exchange must do to retain the advantages which realty in Omaha lieves that the public school system and will derive from lower tax rates is to the sanitary system established under center its energy and influence between American occupation are destined soon assessment seasons upon the local govto perish. He looks for trouble from erning boards and authorities charged the negro soldiers of the revolutionary with the disbursement of the money colarmy, from the claimants for back pay lected from the taxpayers. That will and from those who are generally dis- doubtless require the same active and satisfied with the Palma administration, systematic procedure as has the camas well as from discharged laborers who paign for more equitable assessments. will lose their positions as a result of It will require the services of competent the commercial stagnation. "Knowing attorneys who will interpose by legal the Cubans as I do," said General Lee, process whenever any lawless expendi- the Navy department has hitherto raised "and being in touch by correspondence ture is attempted and stop leakages with many of them, I firmly believe wherever they can be plugged up by

According to General Test, the erupfidence in the success of the experiment other gases which has pervaded the atmosphere and produced an abnormal Cuban importers are animated by ex- a great battle invariably produce rain fought. "As these gases," says General of continuous rainfall we would have been also held responsible and prediction of rain at no distant day might have been indulged in with the same degree of plausibility. Instead of charging the gases with creating moisture

One of our readers writes approval of The Bee's reference to the continuous performance of arresting bootleggers on addition that the whole thing is a grand farce that has been worked for years. The suggestion is offered that, if guilty, giving the offenders the full penalty of the law would put a stop to the practice, while the prevailing system of letting them all off with nominal punishment men who work the game at both ends perquisites. Without question the Indians are the precarious victims of a ished.

Read the stenographic report, as published in installments in The Bee, of the proceedings, testimony and arguments in the great railroad tax case submitted to the supreme court of Nebraska this week. This case involves the most important public issue before the people at the present time-that of equitable taxation of franchised corpobuilding up the country and placing the rations. No better way of gaining an insight into the facts and arguments pro and con is to be found than that presented by this hearing before the court of last resort.

> The Beatrice fire is magnified out of all proportion by Omaha's morning yellow, which indulges in lurid description of the conflagration and advertises the population of the town under martial law just because a corporal's guard of special policemen had been enrolled to patrol the business portion of the town during the night following the fire. We doubt, however, whether the business men of Beatrice appreciate that sort of

> Now that the pure food department valid by the supreme court, it is to be hoped the Nebraska hog will shed only pure lard and the Nebraska cow will extract the chalk from its fresh blue lac-

Think of the Crownless Gowns. Chicago Record-Herald. Edward might fool the soothsayers by having himself crowned in the back par-

Where the Kick Comes In.

Chicago Chronicle. Whatever may be the affection of Canadian brother for the mother country, no one who knows him will entertain the extend the mileage of this country. there is no way conceivable of so legis- Mr. Chamberlain nor anyone class will per- lowering or raising needless grades.

sunde the frugal Canuck to tax himself poor for the benefit of the empire.

Passing Philadelphia Lawyers. Philadelphia Record. The injunction business becomes rather

omplicated to the judicial mind when

an injunction to prevent the issue of an

injunction by another judge, Alas, Poor Roorback!

New York Mail and Express. "Alas, poor Roorback! I knew him well He was an issue of infinite promises." And, with a sigh, Hamlet Democracy tossed to the grave dug by public opinion the dry bones of anti-imperialism.

> Where Summer Resorts. San Francisco Call,

It is hard to say what is the record for hottest weather, but the recent announcement that in an Arizona town the other day the mercury stood at 106 "in the ice box" must come pretty close to making a

Who Will Paint Itt

Boston Globe It must have been an interesting eight to see Governor Savage of Nebraska and Governor McBride of Washington on the Fourth of July, with sleeves rolled up, drivpayment for his labor.

Paddled Butter Scoffs at Law.

Buffalo Express The law which was designed to kill the experience of the Real Estate exchange internal revenue bureau the stock is from 4 to 5 cents a pound, is 15 and 16 cents. The mixture which is thrown into the vats for cleansing and purifying is artificially colored before it is ready for the market. Why should the law permit the manufacturers of renovated butter to color their product and withhold the privilege from the makers of oleomargarine?

Test of Oil Burning Furnace.

San Francisco Chronicle. The trial trip of the ocean steamship Mariposa with oll-burning furnaces under its boilers proved to be a complete success. Everyone who had previously given the subject any study expected that it would be. Mariposa's furnaces are equipped with compressed air sprays instead of steam jets, which removes the only forceful objection against the use of the new fuel in the furnaces of our warships. The success of the compressed air spray does away with the necessity of carrying an extra supply of fresh water to make up the loss involved in the use of steam jets in oil-burning fur-

HOT WEATHER ADVICE.

Somewhat Ahead of the Season, but Worth Thinking About. Chicago Record-Herald.

About this time of the year look out for seasonable hot weather advice. If you have greatest interest in the German Catholic to meet every possible hot weather emerg- that it was a misrepresentation of the alive to its opportunities. First and fore- element. The chief burgomaster of Posen most comes the injunction to "keep cool." supported the chancellor by declaring that All other precautions are of minor conseemitted by Mount Pelee would have useful and of hygienic value, but little comfort is to be derived from them unless the the eastern districts and establishing garadvice to "keep cool" is carefully and religiously followed. Unless those who sweat and swelter are willing to heed this advice they cannot hold the health department redistressing consequences of July weather.

sponsible for heat prostrations and other Next in importance comes the advice to "keep on the shady side of the street." If is no "shady side" to the street you should move off the street. If your grocer and butcher and baker live on the sunny side of the street have them move to the other side or else trade somewhere else. the Indian reservation for the purpose of The health officer will also caution you "to bringing grist to the fee-mill, with the avoid exertion," which is good advice to follow any time of the year. In case of sunstroke it is best to knock off work of any kind and go home or seek some cool quiet spot. In any event it is best to get out of the sun. You will also be told that it is best to drink bot drinks and take ho baths, for the reason that the warmer the body the cooler will seem the atmosphere. Anyone who will take the trouble to follow these simple, hygienic suggestions can hardly fail to spend a comfortable summer.

REBUILDING A RAILROAD.

Importance of the Improvements or the Overland Route. Brooklyn Eagle.

An engineering operation that a years ago would have seemed formidable is to be undertaken by the Union Pacific railroad, the first of the roads that was laid across this continent. Maps that are printed in advertisements show railroads as straight streaks across the country, with cities wrenched out of place in order to bring them into line, but railroad maps that hang in the presidents' offices are a different matter. The old Pacific line that runs from Omaha to San Francisco wriggles like a hurt snake. It twist toward every point, as, indeed, it must often do in order to establish feasible gradients across the mountains. In the days of light locomotives much had to be sacrificed to these gradients and every road in a mountain country that is not facilitated by tunnels will nearly box the compass in its climbs and descepts.

Work now in progress will shorten th old Central line by fifty miles, thus se curing a gain in running time, in length of track to equip and keep in repair, in wear of rolling stock, in fuel for transportation-economies to be made by initial outlay of more than \$5,000,000. Several ong curves will be converted into straight lines by cuts and tunnels, grades will be lowered and a viaduct will be built across Great Salt Lake from Ogden to Lucian, to the damage of the scenery, but the gain of forty miles in distance. Wood and stone are to be used in this construction and the strength of the brine in the lake is held has been pronounced constitutional and to be a stout preservative. This engineering feat is made possible by the shallowness of the water in the northern part of the lake and the infrequency of severe

What the Union Pacific is doing is commended to other companies that operate in parts of the country where no such difficulties are encountered as in the west. Straight roads are economic roads and they invite traffic. The wild yanks and slarming rolls to which passengers are subject on some of them cause train sickness, which is a form of seasickness, and headache, and they cause rapid deterioration of cars and engines. Those railroads make the best bids for patronage that promise not merely speed, but comfort, and steadiness is the more comfortable because it

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

While the House of Commons and its governing committee, the British ministry, heoretically possess supreme throughout the empire and could by legislative act or resolution in council annul the constitution or any law of any colony, the imperialistic scheme of suspending parliamentary government at the Cape, suggested by Lord Milner and favored by Mr. Chamberiain, had to be abandoned in deference to the collective objection of the colonial premiers now assembled in London. A measure of this character was denounced as a precedent which would have menaced the liberties of every self-governing colony. The abandonment thereof, on the other hand, has established a contrary precedent that will act as a constitutional limit on the powers of the imperial Parliament. Interference by the home government with colonial charters censed in practice with the achievement of American independence; the principle of noninterference has now become part of the unwritten constitution of Great Britain in obedience to the demand of the colonial premiers. The czar of Russia has addressed a long

rescript to his ministry of education with regard to the general principles upon which a reform of the intermediate and higher education ought to be conducted. ing the first heated rivet into the keel of In referring to the recent disturbances the battleship Nebraska at a Seattle ship- among the students he says: "My fatherly yard. Each of them, of course, will frame heart has been comforted to learn that a the check for 3 cents which he received in considerable majority of the students toward the end of the present academic tions. year themselves recognized what their duty was and returned to the orderly pursuit of their studies. I hope and believe that during the summer holidays the students eleomargarine industry seems to have will take tranquil sounsel with their own proved beneficial for the renovated butter consciences and, following the advice of their parents and friends, will hearken to my voice calling upon them and all my eagerly bought in all parts of the country. faithful subjects to return to their work The competition is now so keen that the and to obey the law. For the sake of the price of rancid butter, which formerly was pation intrusted to my care, an end must be put to the disorders, which are a disgrace to science and to the universities once the just pride of Russia, and which cause the ruin of so many young lives, dear to the fatherland and to me." The intimation here seems plainly to be that the students have sinned against light and reason, and that there is more need for repentance on their part than for reformation in the government system.

The Polish question is likely to occupy

for some time to come. Chancellor von Buelow does not seem to be in the least inclined to recede from the position which he has assumed. Speaking in the upper house of the Prussian Diet the other day he said that there could be no doubt that in spite of all the benefits which the Prussian government had conferred upon the Poles, the ultimate object of the Polish movement was to separate the bilingual provinces from the Prussian monarchy. A separation of these sections of the kingdom would undermine the foundations of the monarchy, and consequently those of the German empire. Without the province of West Prussia that of East Prussia would be untenable. The Prussian government would never desist from its task until all Polish subjects adopted an attinot been provided with a chart of directions settlements in the eastern provinces, and quence compared to this. The directions be aristocratic and had become democratic ian policy of settling German peasants in risons, as social centers, in the smaller

The ministerial newspapers in Spain are disposed to make light of the agrarian movement in Estramadura and Andalusia, on the ground that, with the exception of Badajoz, there has been nowhere any actual breach of the peace, and that at Badajoz itself there has been little difficulty in restoring order. Nevertheless, according to the stories of foreign correspondents, the condition of affairs in Seville, Malaga and Cadiz is far from satisfactory. In all three districts a concentration of agricultural discontent seems to be taking place, and not infrequently the rallying centers are anarchical clubs. At Jerez a union of laborers has been formed, under the direct inspiration of the anarchists, which, though it has not yet secured many adherents, has issued a program of demands intended to serve as a preliminary challenge to the employers, who are threatened with strikes in case of noncompliance. The conditions of field labor in southern Spain differ so much from those that exist elsewhere that many of the demands without explanation would be unintelligible. The main point, however, insisted upon is the abolition of "work by the job"-and that is a point upon which employers assert that it is impossible for them to agree. Whether the union of Jerez, in the event of the rejection of their proposals, will succeed bringing about a general strike remains to be seen; but if they do there is very little doubt that the anarchists will play an important part in the direction of it.

The visit of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria to St. Petersburg has attracted much attention in Berlin. It is pointed out in various journals that in the exchange of toasts at Peterhoff, neither the czar nor the prince mentioned the sultan, Prince Ferdinand's suzerain; while both speakers talked as if Bulgaria were an independen state. The omission of Prince Ferdinand to propose the sultan's health is interpreted as a proof that he is no longer obliged to ask the ruler of Turkey, as an act of grace, to declare the independence of Bulgaria, which, presumably, has been informally recognized by the czar, and it is foretold that the prince will consider himself henceforth a full-blown sovereign.

A forward step in the civilization of Mexico has been taken in the Pacific coast state of Jalisco, where the congress has abolished the customs of bull fighting and cock fighting. The step is directly due to the urgent labors of General Luis C. Curiel. the governor of the state, but he is backed by the principal citizens. Jalisco is one of the most prosperous states of the republic, Guadalajara is the capital, and it has 1,000,000 inhabitants. The bull fight, a legacy from Spain, has been growing in favor for years, and now it is forbidden by the people themselves, who, without the tutelage of a superior race, are developing their own civilization in their own way.

Wanted, a Party Leader.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The instincts of the masses of the party have brought them together on certain main issues now before the people. It is possible that before the next great contest a national leader will arise who will be free from factional entanglements, with nothing to explain and no revenge to wreak. Such a leader will have the loyal support indicates security. We have been eager to of democrats who have been wasting their Now strength in party feuds. It is desirable that there should be harmony, but it is altogiher likely to be remote until a leader arises who can compel it.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Indiana republicans will blow off the political lid on September 20 with "a bur rah in every county." Even Old Missouri turned up 200 demo

cratic delegates to the state convention

who favored dropping free silver-Indiana democrats, who have been handed a few hot bawls by the Commoner are responding with words that blister the nearby asphalt

Governor W. Murray Crane of Massausetts achieved the unusual distinction The recent populist convention in Indiana was more notable on account of the ence. There were only twenty-six persons present.

The reform administration of New York by four mills. Omaha's cut, city and ounty, is a shade over six mills. Let the good work go on.

The new state constitution of Alabama that state and by reducing the opportuni-

While jubilating over the acquittal of a sample: Colonel Fred Ames, chief of police of Minneapolis, charged with receiving rake-offs from "bigmit men," the grand jury handed the colonel and his brother, Mayor Ames, a bunch of new indictments. The Ames, a bunch of new indictments. The unexpected bandout marred the joy of the

occasion. After one term in congress, represents the Twelfth Ohio district, Emmett Tompkins, who defeated the redoubtable Lentz by a plurality of some eighteen votes in total of some 51,000, has decided that the game is not worth the candle and he has notified his party to look for another arithmetics. "John Underwood" of Andcandidate.

Section 4 of the amended Virginia constitution excludes from the suffrage "persons who, while citizens of this state, after unwilling hand and forced him to bend his duel with a deadly weapon, or sent or accepted a challenge to fight such a duel, either within or without the bounds of this a prominent position in European politics state, or knowingly conveyed a challenge or aided or assisted in any way in the fighting of such a duel."

In the present congress there are two Congressmen Allen, two Congressmen Ball, two Congressmen Butler, two Congressmen Cooper, two Congressmen Foster, two Congressmen Gaines, three Congressmen into the matter for reasons of public wel-Henry, two Congressmen Jackson, two fare and enjoyment. Congressmen Jones, two Congressmen owers, two Congressmen Richardson, two Congressmen Robinson, six of the name of Smith, two of Stewart, two of Taylor, two of Tompkins and two of Williams.

The newly elected Oregon legislature will be even more strongly republican than the one it succeeds, even though at the recent June election the democrats elected one candidate on the state ticket, tude of loyalty to the Prussian state. He their nominee for governor. In the last declared that the government took the legislature there were twenty straight republican members of the senate and thirtysix of the house. In the next legislature there will be twenty-four in the senate There is no doubt that the industrial Test, "will be spread all through the ency, from sunstroke to excessive thirst and facts to assert that the Roman Catholic and forty-eight in the house, a gain on

GREAT RAILROAD EPOCH.

Marvelous Progress Within Two Generations.

The beginning of the second half of 1902 sees the railroads of the United States cross the 200,000-mile line. Construction during the last six months was not especially active, though it was larger than ast year's corresponding time, but the total which had been reached by the end of 1901 was so near the 200,000-mile mark that that line was certain to be passed long before 1902 peared its close. only by comparing this mileage with that Are Seven. of some of the rest of the great countries that the American people can fully realize the tremendous development which has taken place in this field in their own land. Figures of railroad activities for the world at large are not very trustworthy, but taking those which are most recent and reliable the United States is seen to be far ahead of any other country. Germany has about 22,000 miles of main track: Russia. 29,000; France, 27,000; Austria-Hungary, 23,-000: Great Britain and Ireland, 22,000, while no other European country has as many as 10,000 miles. All of Europe has about 175,-000 miles of road, or considerably less than the United States, while the entire world's mileage is approximately 500,000, of which

the United States furnishes two-fifths. All this railroad construction has come in about two generations of time. John Stevens in 1822 got a charter from the Pennsylvania legislature to build a railroad from Philadelphia to Columbia, on the Susquehanna (which was never built) somebody asked one of the sylvania papers, "What is a railroad, anythat "perhaps some other correspondent,

It is only seventy-four years on the first reached by through rail from the Attox there were only 32,000 miles of main Yet still tox there were only 32,000 miles of main track in the whole country, as compared with 200,000 miles now.

Xet still our team is worth its coin, for in a few weeks hence.

All those who bet against it will have made a competence.

FOUNTS OF ANCIENT HUMOR

Congressmen Brush the Mold Away and Pass It as Original. Baltimore American

Congress has adjourned and the congres-

sional humorists have gone their several ways. Many times during this past secsion we have felt as if called upon to speak a few words of criticism concerning the alleged sprightly wit fathered by statesmen, but have kept our peace. We thought it would be interfering with them while they were actually and actively endeavoring to into law by three successive legislatures. be funny. But now that it is all over, we wish to go on record as sincerely hoping that the next session of congress will produce a better order of humorists and a absence of delegates than from their pres- better degree of humor. The stories that have been published in the public prints and blagoned on the entertaining pages of the Congressional Record as falling like City succeeded in reducing the tax rate freshly cut jewels from the lips of our statesmen have been cobwebby. The dim vastness of the past has been invaded; the tombs of centuries of jokes have been ruthlessly ransacked, and the pages of huhas done away with August elections in morous history have been torn from their volumes, that some congressman might ties for fraud has added, many think, to glisten as a shiping light of rare anecdotal the prospects of the republican minority. gleam. We have noted several stories that The new constitution of Virginia pro- were stolen originally by the late Mr. Bocvides for a corporation commission of cacio; others that were preserved from three members, and though the appoint- forgetfulness by the late M. Balzac; and ments will not be made before November still others that once formed the nucleus next, 110 citizens have already been an- of the celebrated and venerated "Joe Milnounced as candidates for the three posi- ler's Joke Book." Within the past week, indeed, other fields were invaded. Here is

It took some time for the postal cierks o decipher the address, but the letter was nally delivered to JOHN UNDERWOOD, Andover, Mass.

There are grayheads and baldheads in this country who remember pondering over this item in the collection of puzzles that used to form a part of the brain stimulent over, Mass., was enshrined in the pellucid light of fame years and years ago-before the representative who seized him by his the adoption of this constitution, fought a age-stiffened spine in a rusty bow to an unappreciative public was born. We submit that the resurrection of this man "Underwood" was too ghoulish; it was carrying things too far. The public does not expect jokes of pristine freshness from its statesmen, but it does demand something that is not mildewed. With these few words -which, we hope, will sink deep into the hearts of future congressmen-we leave the subject, again explaining that we only go

FLASHES OF FUN.

Puck: The Hostess—There's one thing that can be said for Mrs. Talkington—she never retails scandal,
The Caller—No?
The Hostess—No; wholesale exclusively!

Detroit Free Press: "Money talks," as-severated Gildersleeve.
"I am not so sure of that," retorted Phrockmorton. "It is not on speaking orms with me."

terms with me." Philadelphia Press: "When he found that death was at hand was he resigned?"
"No, indeed. You see, he had just bought a \$50 Panama hat, and he realized that he couldn't wear it and a halo at the same time."

Washington Star: "How do you think you stand with the voters in your town?" "I never trouble myself about that," an-swered Senator Sorghum; "but I stand all right with the men who control the voters."

has become the fashionable dish at the White House."

"Well, you must remember that the president gets a good, big salary. I suppose they have chunks of real meat in it, too, don't they?"

Detroit Free Press: "Was it an enter-taining affair?"
"Very. First a man got up and sans,
'Are There Any More at Home Like You?'
and then a lady arose and recited 'We

Chicago Post: "Poets are born, not made," asserted the poet.
"I'm glad to hear you admit that," returned the critic. "I had always supposed from your manner that you thought you came into the world in some superior and more original way."

A BASE BALL WAIL. Portland Oregonian.

Now glory to our base ball team, and them that play thereon, And keep the glory whooping up till all the same is gone. same is gone.
For turn ye East, or turn ye West, and rubber South or North,
A team like that that plays for us has never salled forth.
Where lives the aggregation that the proud distinction claims
That it within but two brief weeks has lost eleven games?

Full yellow ball we've seen before, with
errors manifold,
And games that multiplied a score the
blackboard would not hold.
We've seen the gallant dry goods clerks
combat the butcher boys,
We've seen the Elks and Eagles play with The editor gave it up, but said But e'en the worse of all these teams got on a winning gait.

If only now and then, and none e'er lost eleven straight.

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