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on the great Transmississippi exposition? We are waiting for the school board

Any more final curtains to be dropped

to challenge the city council to a match game of ping pong.

With fads running to the antiques, an old-fashioned wood pile is likely to come into great favor again.

Omaha is soon to entertain thousands of visitors. First impressions go the furthest. Help make Omaha look attractive.

its place as the official residence of the president.

It seems that there was something for creating monopolies. more than merely well-defined rumors in St. Louis. That is the strong contrast between St. Louis and Omaha.

Fusion has gone a-glimmering in Colothe democrats reach the point that they believe they do not need the populists to win.

Two thousand Mormon missionaries are said to be spreading the gospel of the Mormon church in continental Europe. Presumably this is part of the American peril.

Omaha got \$45,000 out of Our Dave's omnibus building bill, while the District of Columbia came in for \$2,125,000. That's the way that wonderful chairmanship works.

Whatever else they may bring back, the American generals enjoying the hospitality of Emperor William will bring home with them some tall stories about royal entertainment.

Italy now proposes to suppress dueling as part of the code of honor of the army officer. It may take some time yet, but eventually dueling will be found only on the code of dishonor.

standing at the present time exceeds that of any period in American history. Totals are just now at top notch in everything that goes to make up the sum of national prosperity.

Governor Stone of Pennsylvania should not be discouraged in his efforts to secure a settlement of the coal strike. It may turn out that the differences can still growing. There was a different party and President Roosevelt's adminbe adjusted without waiting for the aid state of affairs under the last demo- istration. It was anticipated that the cause of the freedom with which he is or consent of J. Pierpont Morgan.

St. Louis is simply indulging in a little its great Louisiana Purchase exposition gest the wisdom of avoiding policies of presidential years, while the legis- questions of domestic relations, industrial that will hold the boards in 1904. Every that would produce a change, exposition city has a housecleaning party in anticipation of such an event.

Only fifty persons will be invited to participate in the dinner given to Presi- where the revolutionists appear to be cratic party practically disappeared. names from the chosen list.

lace along the line from turning out at every station to speed the president on

Union Pacific strikers say they are and the patrons of the road.

NOW IT WOULD OPERATE.

of industrial combinations and attempted monopolles. Furthermore, it says, every article that is produced by a been invited to address nearly every a Bryanite spellbinder undertook to perties, some of them of comparatively Omaha since his return on his every- Nebraska. Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department.

Petitors. "Besides," adds that paper, Gurley, and repeated again and again price is not the only element involved to our nonresident congressman himself. point at which a reduction of duties cause he is no mind-reader, but that exwould touch it. The revision of the cuse does not hold good for Mercer. tariff, whenever it comes, must be to relieve our own customers and to open | will be satisfied with a sixth term in the way for a larger export trade, but congress and quit there, or will be innot to punish trusts."

the proposed "easy way" of reducing or he gets a more lucrative job? abolishing the tariff on trust-made goods to feel the blow. The trust, with its tive lobbyist on a larger scale? greater organization and capital, would It is a matter of notoriety that Mr. 20,960 have more time to protect itself, but Mercer has treated cadetship appointmanufacturers of Europe, to pay what man's son as well as the rich man's son 20,120 prices they should see fit to dictate; -should have an equal chance to secure of comfort the democrats are able to get Less unsold and returned copies 9,877 pression left us with enough money to Mercer pursue this policy in his sixth publican majority, but we are willing to 896,562 buy on any other scale than from hand term, as he has in all his previous 28,921 to mouth."

The individual manufacturers are numerous. They are doing business in \$100 a month for clerk hire and every most of the states, have in the aggregate house committee has a salaried secrehundreds of millions of capital invested tary. The secretary of the committee constitute a most important part of our is chairman, receives \$2,000 a year for industrial system and contribute very his services. Instead of giving employlargely to the general prosperity. These ment to some deserving Nebraska reindividual manufacturers are entitled to publican as his clerk, Congressman Merconsideration. The country cannot af- cer has pocketed the \$1,200 a year clerk ford to adopt a policy that would hire and made the secretary of his comseriously injure and possibly ruin the mittee perform the duties of personal afford to take a course that would re- work. Will Mr. Mercer continue to thing." sult in throwing hundreds of thousands pocket the \$1,200 besides his regular of workingmen out of employment, de- salary of \$5,000 a year and other permoralizing the business of the country quisites in case he secures a sixth term and checking prosperity. The important in congress? point to be kept in mind is that while the individual manufacturers could not passed a bill establishing a general manufacturers, that policy would not necessarily destroy the trusts and probably would increase their opportunity

A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION. lican administration of the government. the country has become so familiar with rado. That's always the way whenever large treasury balances that little attention is given to the regular reports of the condition of the financial depart- of losing the army headquarters altoment of the government. Thus probably gether. Inasmuch as the army headvery few persons outside of banking quarters were removed to the old post- -we have done everything. We have killed circles gave even passing notice to the statement given out a few days ago showing the amount of gold in the na- Mercer must invent a more plausible tional treasury. There was at the close of last week \$573,936,194, exceeding is the true story? Was it because the saying, "We've raised h-I generally." The that of any previous time in the history of the country and, with one possible exception, exceeding the gold holdings not want the editor of The Bee to have of any country at any time in the history of the world. The single reported exception is that of Russia about eight years ago, when that country was pre- in promoting the Greater America exparing to resume specie payments and position. That draft, now in possession in gold.

> rest of the world that gold has been is up to Mr. Mercer to answer. coming in large volume to the United States. It is necessary only to point to the enormous trade balance during the

THE SITUATION AT PANAMA. situation on the Isthmus of Panama. an anti-prohibition ticket, but the demodent Roosevelt during his visit to practically in control, that does not The republicanism of Vermont and closed to traffic. As matters now look | conduct and purposes of the administrathis may necessitate very vigorous action, nor ground for hope for democratic that is to say, there will be no inter- has been a help to the party, and these ference with their operations against election returns are the first fruits. The interrupt the freedom of commerce.

The state of affairs is regarded at New England was a genuine expression Washington as sufficiently serious to of public conviction, and the closely folsatisfied the way things are going. warrant the sending of additional war lowing elections are a good augury for Now if Union Pacific officials will say ships to Panama and Colon and orders the national campaign. that they are also satisfied the way to this effect have already been made things are going, everybody ought to by the Navy department. It does not be satisfied except the general public appear from the dispatches that Amer- platform this year for Colonel Bryan

It cannot be too often pointed out that to be apprehended. The revolution- democrats for congress in the Second the individual manufacturers of the ary party in Colombia has been reported Iowa district. Judge Wade is an uncountry, who compete with the com- to be rather adverse to the United States | compromising gold democrat and was binations, would in all probability suffer in regard to the canal and as it is mak- nominated for that reason, and in his very much more than the trusts if the ing a pretty formidable contest against speech accepting nomination counseled proposed policy of taking the tariff du- the government, with more than a pos- democrats "to return to the teachings of turn to laugh has come-and he laughs best ties off trust-made goods should be put sibility of being ultimately successful, it Grover Cleveland." into effect. A paper that has strongly may prove a serious obstacle to canal urged trust regulation and supervision negotiations. Meanwhile our governthe New York Journal of Commerce, to protect American interests at Panama

THOSE PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

small capital, and it is impracticable to other-year visit, people are still waiting remove protection from the combinations for replies to the very pertinent but unit is desired to regulate without remov- answered questions originally proing it from their independent com- pounded to his champion, William F. in the trust question, but it is the only Mr. Gurley said he could not answer be-

Will Mr. Mercer tell us whether be sist on a seventh term, an eighth term

Mr. Mercer has not lived in Omaha would land us in the quagmire of during the last six years. He has paid deeper business depression than that no personal taxes in Omaha since 1895. from which we emerged five years ago. Will be become a resident of Omaha in "The trusts by no means make all the case he fails to secure renomination or goods made in their line. The indi- will be continue to live in Washington vidual manufacturer would be the first and resume his old vocation as legisla-

even if it were ultimately 'downed' it ments to West Point and Annapolis as would pull down the business of the personal perquisites, to be distributed to country with it in its fall. To demolish | sons of favored politicians, instead of the tariff protection utterly would be to throwing them open to competition, so throw our markets wide open to the that every boy in the district-the poor that is, assuming that the business de- a military or naval education. Will Mr. out of the Maine election with a 25,000 reterms?

Every congressman is entitled to draw In the month of May, 1900, the senate

speaker of the house to Congressman Mercer, but he kept it in his pocket until March 4, 1901, and deliberately killed it. The only explanation Mercer's cham-For the last few years, under repub- pions have seen fit to offer for this betrayal of the interests of Omaha is that the bill was designed to keep the army beadquarters in the Bee building, which anecdote of the earlier days of politics. story to satisfy intelligent voters. What bill had been introduced by Senator whig agreed that he was right in the latter Thurston or was it because Mercer did statement, credit for doing a good thing for Omaha? In the winter of 1899 a draft for \$200 was handed to Mr. Mercer, to be used is said to have accumulated \$598,000,000 of the Merchants' National Bank, is endorsed on the back by George Sabine, fund. The treasury's gold stock now is The stock of gold in the treasury is who holds a position at Washington as being added to at the rate of from \$200,- part of Mr. Mercer's patronage. Why 000 to \$300,000 a day, with no imme- did Mr. Mercer have to have a middlediate prospect of a cessation in the rate man to cash that draft? Is that the for the redemption of notes outstanding. of deposits. This condition is said to way business is done at Washington?

be eminently satisfactory to the treas- Proceeding on the brazen assumption ury officials, who regard it as the best that the people of Omaha need him more, of any other government in the world. In possible evidence of prosperity and of than he needs the people of Omaha, our the country at large the gold stock must confidence in the financial stability of lordly nonresident congressman evinces be in the neighborhod of \$1,100,000,000 now. the country. That is the rational view a disposition to ignore these pertinent to take of it. In the last few years questions. But the people will not be we have been selling so largely to the satisfied with contemptuous silence. It \$800,000,000.

STEADFASTNESS OF NEW ENGLAND. The elections in Vermont and Maine last five years in order to explain why indicate no abatement in the steadfastour stock of gold is so great and is ness of New England to the republican cratic administration, when bonds were off-year vote would as usual fall off, sold to get gold into the treasury. The but in Maine the republicans carried the situation is one that should command four congressional districts by majorilature is almost unanimous. In Verplicated by the local liquor issue, about Our government has an interest in the one-half of the republicans supporting

There will not be room on the same

The Ninth congressional district in and is not favorable to high protection. ment is taking all necessary precautions Iowa is another district that now belongs to "the enemy's country." The democratic convention there dropped the Kansas City platform with a sick- taken to an asylum for moral idiots. ening thud, and roughly refused to listen Although Congressman Mercer has to a long-winded free silver tirade that trust is also produced by outside par- ward meeting that has been held in petrate. This district, too, borders on

The railroad tax bureau is taking a brief breathing spell by using a scissors on a few country papers that have published articles of their own on the railroad side of the tax evasion question and paying other papers to reprint them. If they were not paid for originally, they ought to have been.

Senator Teller will shed no more tears that the republican party has left him. Having espoused the democratic faith in re-election to the senate, he has nothing more to gain by masquerading in republican clothes.

The Iowa State Weather bureau plays a sure game. It does not venture into the hazardous field of prophecy, but issues a monthly bulletin telling what

the weather has been. The way for Dave Mercer to save the district is to stay out since he has

Take 'Em and Be Happy.

moved out of it.

Minneapolis Journal, We haven't figured just what percentage

Another Bunch of Frost,

Washington Post. The Hon. David B. Hill has arranged to have a certain Nebraska gentleman completely ignored in the platform of the New York democrats. Are the New York and employ an army of labor. They on public buildings, of which Mr. Mercer democrats to follow their Iowa and Wisconsin brethren?

A Chronic Condition.

Baltimore American. The democratic campaign book con lemns the failure to give reciprocity to Cubs and then goes ahead in another paragraph and condemns reciprocity. However, this is a return to the true demoenterprises they represent. It cannot clerk without allowance for the extra cratic principle of "condemning every-

A Lesson Remembered.

Boston Globe. There's a lesson in an incident of President Roosevelt's return from Chickamauga. While he was driving along Missionary ridge Sunday afternoon there came a trolley car down the side of the mountain toward a survive the removal of protection, hav- quartermaster's depot in Omaha, which crossing which his carriage had not As a stopping place between trains ing to contend against the competition would have given our merchants the reached. It was observed that the driver Washington still manages to maintain of the home combinations and foreign long-desired army supply purchasing was stopped by the secret service men and station instead of a mere storage ware- the trolley car was respectfully allowed to house. This bill was referred by the go its way before the carriage was taken across the tracks.

Recalling an Old Anecdote. Boston Herald. The resolution just passed by a populist convention out west that reads, "While the republican party does something and b-l and does nothing." recalls a veritable would have exposed Omaha to the risk A whig and a democrat were disputing, and the whig challenged the democrat to show what the democrats as a party had ever done. "Done!" says the democrat-"Done! office building in June, 1900, eight the United States bank, passed the submonths before congress adjourned, Mr. treasury bill, enacted the tariff of 1846, crat stopped and stuttered to think of something else, and finally wound up by

Gold in the Treasury.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The breaking of a record in the gold holdings of the treasury does not attract the attention today which it would have done a few years ago, when the government was selling interest-bearing bonds to get gold Footprints of Time Visible on the enough to protect its greenback redemption \$574,000,000, which is by far the largest sum held in the depository of any government in the world. Of course, a large part of this is trust gold, held by the government The existence of this vast hoard of gold. however, steadies the country's currency and gives it a strength not equaled by that It has been above the \$1,000,000,000 mark for a year or more. The country which comes nearest to this total is France, with

A MILITANT PRESIDENT.

"His Advice Goes for the Making of

the Best Citizenship." Detroit Free Press (dem.) A good deal of concern has been expressed over the president of the United States bespeaking his mind before the people of the country. By these protestants his social philosophy is condemned as heretical and revolutionary. The offense of the president municipal housecleaning preparatory to the attention of every citizen and sug- ties approaching the high water mark is found in the fact that he has gone at the ameliorations and educational and political reforms as one who is of and for the people He enjoys the fresh and original results of personal observation, experience and study There was unconscious egoism expressed

by Mr. Roosevelt when he said to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen: want to see the average American a game man an honest man and a man who can Omaha. That means that several times grow entirely out of relations to the Maine is of the stalwart type. There handle himself and does handle himself well fifty will be wanting to know who is canal. It has a treaty obligation that is absolutely no sign of dissatisfaction under difficulties." This was the voicing of responsible for the omission of their requires it to prevent the isthmus being among the masses of the party with the a personal aspiration that supplies in force and in the sympathy that it attracts far more than is lost because of failure to before the power of concentrated tion regarding the revolutionists, but propagandism. It has not been vigor- wealth that has latterly essayed to hold the favored with stops when President only so far as their course in regard to ously attempted in these two states, reins of government. Threat from that Roosevelt swings round the circle. But the truffic on the isthmus is concerned; President Roosevelt's courageous course quarter becomes impotent when it is realized that the president is bent upon serv ing the entire country in a way that will give to all the fruits of prosperity and keep the Colombian government that do not enthusiastic reception accorded the open the avenues of competition. It is a president during his recent tour through crisis in which we need a fighting president; a man who is not afraid to bid the encroachments of a favored class to cease and to advise the masses to proceed by legal process to regain their own. We have in him a scholarly, able and combative reformer. Taking into consideration the forces with which he contends and the I ican interests are being threatened by and Judge M. J. Wade of lowa City, goes for the making of the best citizenship. Ing the next decade.

the revolutionists, but this is a danger who has just been nominated by the MUNICIPAL GRAFT IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis Republic: For many years the boodlers in the house of delegates have laughed at all suggestions of the likelihood of their being made to answer for their crimes. It now seems that the people's who laughs last.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: All the bood lers took an oath never to divulge any facts connected with their bribery operations and called upon "Almighty God" to witness their fidelity. After the scoundrels serve their terms in the penitentiary they should be Chicago Chronicle: There is reason to

believe that the St. Louis boodlers were doing a more lucrative business than some others of their kind in other cities. The statement that the average price of an alderman who is disposing of a franchise worth a million is \$2,500 may not be far from the mark, but the small fry probably get no more than \$500 each, while the gentlemen of "influence" get \$10,000 or more. Aldermen come pretty cheap on the whole Chicago Inter Ocean: St. Louis is entitled to the hearty congratulations of every community in this country that is cursed by

a boodling combine. The prospect ahead of the world's fair city is certainly bright. It has seldom fallen to the lot of an American municipality to be burdened as St. Louis has been with such a powerful gang of conscienceless thieves, but, on the other hand, it has seldom fallen to the lot of an The Boston Transcript remarks that and a perpetual lien on the district until full without a whimper to make sure of American municipality to be presented with democratic backing in his campaign for such a splendid opportunity of sending so many of them in a batch to state's prison.

Detroit Free Press: There are two things in connection with the expose that are surprising even in these days of official corruption. One is that nineteen delegates, a large proportion of whom were rated as combine for a purpose that is criminally a hostess who must meet the best society fraudulent and should boldly meet in the of the world. city hall to perfect their schemes of blackmail and robbery. The other is that the selves. Tolerance had gone so far that Hay and "Jimmy" Wadsworth will try. The people have been hammered and looted so long that they promise to grow complacent under the treatment.

STRANGE CAREER OF ROACH.

Passing of a Former United States Senator from North Dakota.

Buffalo Express. William N. Roach, former United States senator from North Dakota, died in New York on Sunday. Roach had one of the most remarkable careers of any man who ever figured in American public life. He was born in Virginia in 1840 and began his business life in Washington, first as an employe of the government and later as cashier of the Citizens' National bank. In 1879 Roach suddenly left Washington under a cloud. It was alleged that he had been using the funds of the bank for his own purposes and that the shortage amounted to \$64,000. For some reason no attempt was made to follow and arrest him. He disappeared from sight and was forgotten.

Much to the amazement of the people of Washington who remembered him, he re-United States senator, having been elected as a democrat after a prolonged deadlock. It was learned that for the preceding tyelve years he had been one of the most eminently respectable and highly esteemed citizens of North Dakota; that he had accumulated there a comfortable property and that he had been a candidate on the damocratic ticket for congress and twice for governor without a suspicion having been entertained by the men who trusted him

that his record was anything but clear. There was a nine-day session over th revelations. Senator Hoar proposed an investigation with a view to the expulsion of Roach from the senate. Roach said he would welcome investigation and some of his friends alleged that there were other men in the senate whose early careers would not bear the light any better than Roach's. Perhaps because of this the matter was allowed to drop and Roach served out his term. He headed a Bryan delegation from North Dakota to the democratic national convention of 1896 and after the expiration of his term he engaged in business in New York.

AN EBB IN PENSIONS.

Roll of Honor. New York Tribune.

Abundant evidence can be found in the re port of the auditor for the Interior department, issued a few days ago, to sustain the contention that the nation's expenditures for pensions are certain to show from now on a more and more material shrinkage. So much loose talk is affoat about "high water marks" in the pension list and "high tides" in pension payments that the real ebb to ward a more moderate average of disburse ments is too commonly lost sight of. Grea stress was laid this year by critics who chronically assail the open-handed liberality of our pension system on the fact that the total number of pensioners on the rolls had mounted a little nearer than ever to the million mark. On July 1, according to the calculations of the commissioner of pensions, there were 999,446 names in all on the agency lists. But little or no attention was kees, has just died at his home in the given to the fact that for four years past, in spite of the adjudication of between 200,000 and 300,000 new claims, there has been practically no expansion whatever of the pen sion roll. On July 1, 1901, the number of persons entitled to draw pensions was 997,-735; on July 1, 1900, it was 993,525. Nine monument is a colossal figure of the reyears ago, long before the rush of applica- public, with a bust of McKinley in bas tions under the dependent pension act of relief of stone. 1899 had spent itself, the total was 966,012. The slight increases made since 1897 have about the east, and receives so little atplainly testified, in fact, to the gradual ex- tention that she might as well have been haustion of the extraordinary pressure for a defeated vice presidential candidate of enrollment created by that most lavish and some distant campaign. She is seeking all-embracing statute. It would not be sur- money for her home for the wives of prising if, with a continuance of the drunkards in Kansas City. Her hatchet bureau's present policy of pushing the ad- has been replaced altogether by her elocujustment of outstanding claims, the pension tion; she smashes no more and merely list should next year pass the million mark. | talks. But indications point decidedly to a reaction thereafter-a drop which will carry the total York's swell suburb, had its annual turngradually back to where it stood some ten or out a few days ago, most of its million-

even fifteen years ago. In reality, although the pension list grew spent for pensions was \$137,400,741. This is red helmets topped with small lanterns. a million less than the total for 1900-'01 and 714 names were on the rolls, the payments made aggregated \$144,500,000. In 1892-'93, over \$19,000,000, and it is fair to presume purposes he sims to attain, he shows an that the influences which have contributed to Chicopee. The sword was one of the lot admirable conservatism. His entire advice to this decline will continue to operate dur- the Ames people had made for the Turkish

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

on the Spot.

An uncommonly dull summer at the naional capital is drawing to a close. The in countless pockets.

the new home building for the president of the United States. There have been desired, presidents who used the conservatory to Roosevelt has no such ideas. There are to be drawing rooms and verandas, banquet rooms and rooms red, green and in keeping with the dignity of the office. The president does nothing by halves, and he has left no room for speculation about the coming White House season. The president likes work, but he likes to play equally as well. Until Mr. Roosevelt, with the exception of Arthur, there has not been a president in the White House since the war who knew much about the art of entertaining. Mrs. Roosevelt is still young and Miss Roosevelt is going through an experience this summer which will give her responsible and honorable citizens, should the repose and confidence required from

It is also certain that the Hays, socially conspicuous since John Hay became secrepeople generally of the afflicted city have tary of state, will be prominent in society known the character of the men who were circles. The marriage of Miss Helen Hay serving them in public office and the meth- to Harry Payne Whitney was an elaborate ods by which they were enriching them- affair. Soon the wedding of Miss Alice the boodlers felt comparatively safe and place in the New Hampshire hills. It will made little effort to conceal their doings. be a different affair from the Hay-Whitney Another effect of popular indifference was wedding. Of course the Wadsworths as to produce moral stupefaction on the part well as the Whitneys are coming to Washof the offenders. The fact that they were ington and besides them there will be Mr. doing wrong ceased to impress them. They and Mrs. Michael Herbert. Mrs. Herbert sold what they had pledged to the people was a Wilson of the New York set. Mr. and did not regard it as a crime. This is Herbert, as ambassador from the court of of the iron and steel business in this counpositively startling, and yet it is the danger St. James, unites the diplomatic corps with try that some figures on this point furthreatening every large city in the coun- the New York "400." Mr. Herbert was the nished in the latest bulletin of the Ameriformer chum of Mr. Roosevelt.

occupy the center of the field. This will formed and has been growing ever since, be the first thirteen-cent stamp ever issued by the United States; up to 1879 a stamp was generally believed that the constituent of the value of seven cents had been in use companies controlled about 80 per cent ten years, but was discontinued when the of the American output. rate of foreign postage was reduced to 5 placed the percentage much lower. The cents. The new Harrison stamp will be lit- bulletin which has just been issued gives tle used in domestic mails. Its issuance rates on the various products. Of a total is the outgrowth of the increased foreign production of 28,887,479 tons of ore in 1901 registration service; covering as it will the the United States Steel corporation conpostage and registration fee upon a letter trolled 43.9 per cent, while the plants in weighing one-half ounce anywhere within the trust produced 6,803,988 tons of pig iron, the limits of the postal union, which now or 42 per cent of the total. The trust outincludes practically all the organized na- put of Bessemer and open hearth steel intions of the world.

drawing for the new stamp say it will be Of a total of 12,849,327 tons of rolled one of the finest specimens of a postage product, the Steel trust manufactured 50.1 stamp ever produced, not excepting the per cent, while it manufactured 65.8 per famous Columbian series, the Transmis- cent of the wire nails, sissippi and the Pan-American sets. In adand is said to have been the late president's between the big corporation and the inde-

under consideration. One is a very orna- can through holding down prices to prevent mental figure of a Filipino woman, attired such a struggle. in graceful flowing robes. The other represents a brawny native, with a hammer at a forge, typifying the Filipino hammering out the destinies of the islands. The law requires that each coin shall bear a device and inscription to express the sovereignty of the United States, although in other respects they may be as strongly pro-Philippine as the designers can make them. The idea of the Washington authorities is to saturate the islands with the new money, so as to do away with the use of the Mexi-

can dollar as much as possible. PERSONAL NOTES.

If Boris, the Russian, doesn't watch out the W. C. T. U. will catch him.

Now that Colonel Watterson has denolished Newport society he ought to turn his rapid-fire vocabulary on the strikes. Secretary Wilson says he has not been tendered the presidency of the Iowa Agricultural college and would not accept it if he was so honored.

Samuel Hawkins Napier, who has just een buried in Upper Ottawa, was the discoverer of the largest nugget of pure gold which the world has ever known.

William H. Moody, secretary of the navy, acted as umpire in a base ball game played at Haverbill, Mass., several days ago between the lawyers and city officials of that

Sixkiller, the aged ex-chief of the Chero-Spavinaw Hills, Indian Territory. His death witnesses the passing of one of the most picturesque figures of the southwest. Robert I. Aitken's design has been accepted by the McKinley Memorial Monument committee of San Francisco. On the

Mrs. Carrie Nation is perambulating

The fire department at Larchmont, New aire members being present in uniform. And they are not an ornamental lot, a little in the last twelvemonth, disburse- either. Everyone of them almost is an enments through the agencies actually de- thusiastic and well drilled fireman and a creased. The auditor for the Interior de- brave show they made on parade, with partment reports that the sum actually their white duck trousers, red shirts and Agent Craig, who was killed in the Pittsis the smallest amount disbursed in any year | field accident, once gave fencing lessons field accident, once gave the Springfield in Chicopee, according to the Springfield Republican, and exhibited a sword of Scimeter shape that he took from a dervish scimeter shape that he took from a dervish And watched him sail from sight. since 1892. Five years ago, when but 993,- in Chicopee, according to the Springfield when there were but 966,012 pensioners, the in the Soudan. It was an excellent weapon sum paid out reached the record-breaking and he had supposed it of true Oriental figure of \$156.806,537. In ten years, therefore, the annual pension charge has fallen was Oriental for anything he knew. He was Oriental for anything he knew. He His sorrow or his joy. learned the facts, of course, when he came

government sixty years ago.

UNION OF THE SECTIONS.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched Manifestation of Popular Sentiment on President's Southern Trip. Kansas City Star (ind.)

The large gatherings and marked enfeeling of languor which spreads over the thusiasm that have characterized Presitown when congress closes shop grows as dent Rossevelt's tour through West Virhe season advances and vacations multiply, gins, Kentucky, Tennessee and North The closing of the White House for repairs | Carolina are new and gratifying evidences this summer materially increased the duli- of the patriotic union of the United States. ness, which reached high water mark with It was not essential for the president to the opening of September. The coming make this visit to the southern states in national encampment of the Grand Army is order to demonstrate popular feeling expected to signalize the return of normal toward him in that section. His former ouditions, arousing the natives from their visit, when he went to South Carolina in slumbers and banishing the tired feeling connection with the opening of the Charleston exposition served the purpose at an earlier date and at a time when there Some of the townspeople already awake was an attempt to set sectional feeling and on the jump are banking on an un- against him because of his attitude toward usually gay social season during the com- the obstreperous and disorderly Senator ng winter. By November nearly half a Tillman. That visit was replete with evimillion dollars will be spent on the White dences of patriotism and admiration and House. There will be no air of shop about the present tour has been attended with every kind of recognition that could be

It is trite and often out of place grow cucumbers in and another kept his refterate the openess of the union, but it saddles in the east wing, but President is still appropriate to comment on the fact that while the presidents for many years have been chosen from the north, the south blue, where social functions can be given hospitable toward the chief magistrates who has been conspicuously loval, generous and have visited that section. Even now, when there is a good deal of agitation as to the advisability of selecting the next democratic nominee for the presidency from among the southern statesmen, the idea has more encouragement in the north than it has received in the south. The desire to have the southern states participate more largely in national affairs is very general. The progress of the south in all directions, especially along industrial lines, is welcomed everywhere as a sign of the equable broadening and solidifying of the nation.

President Roosevelt's addresses have been instinct with the strong regard he has always evinced for the spirit of nationalism and such references as he has made to sections have been in good taste and helpfull to the happy current of feeling.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Less Than Half the Steel Output Controlled by the Trust. Buffalo Express.

So much has been said by the so-called trust hunters about the United States Steel corporation and its alleged control can Iron and Steel association possess unusual interest. No one who has at all The superstitious may prepare for studied the industry in the United States another shock. A thirteen-cent postage has taken any stock in the severe criticism stamp is about to be issued by the govern- of this great organization, for it has been ment. The phis of Benjamin Harrison will strong from the time the combine was

When the trust was incorporated it gots and castings was 8,860,584 tons, which Stamp experts who have examined the was 66.3 per cent of the production in 1901.

It is thus apparent that the United ition to the usual "United States of Amer- | States Steel corporation is much less ica" and "Postage Thirteen Cents" the formidable than some of its critics would inscription, "Series of 1902," together with have the public believe. It is true that the "Harrison" and figures giving the date of iron and steel business is more active than birth and death appear upon the design, at any former time in the history of the The portrait was selected by Mrs. Harrison country and that the real test of strength pendent organizations cannot be felt until a period of depression sets in. But is it tional expansion, and intended for circula- not reasonable to expect that the outside tion in the Philippine islands only, will be companies, with their more modern plants, produced at the mints and shipped to the will be thoroughly able to hold their own slands at the rate of \$250,000 a month. in competition with the United States Designs prepared by native artists have Steel corporation if it is ever necessary to been accepted for use in the dollar and start a fierce fights? It is worth bearing half-dollar silver pieces, and others are in mind that the Steel trust is doing all it

SMILING LINES.

Philadelphia Press: "You officeholders," sneered the man who was vainly trying to be one, "don't die very often, do you?" "No," replied the man who was one, as he smiled benignly, "only once."

ilterary ability?" Has your husband any literary ability?" "Has he! Well, you fust ought to hear the fairy stories he tells me the nights when I ask him what kept him out so late."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Is this the managing editor? "Yes."
Well, I wish you'd kindly add my name to the list of those who cannot settle the

coal strike. Boston Transcript: Foozle-Didn't know played golf? That's funny. Why, you've of sticks.

Niblick—Yes, but I thought, perhaps, you were a caddle, you know.

Washington Star: "Remember," said the earnest man, "that wisdom is more to be prized than riches."
"Maybe it is," answered the skeptic, "but I can't help wondering why it is, if that I can't help wondering why it is, if that is the case, a man can go and buy a book full of proverbs for 50 cents."

Cleveland Plain Dezler: "Yes, I always to my thinking when I walk."
"It's a pity you gave it up."
"Gave up what?"
"Walking."

Washington Star: "Which do you pre-fer, horses or automobiles?"
"Horses. With them you lose your money, but with the automobiles you're liable to lose your life."

Chicago Tribune: "What is that saying about a fool for a client?"
"I give it up," said the man who had been in law, "but I fancy it's to the effect that every client is a fool because 'a fool and his money are soon parted."

Somerville Journal: Wiggles—It that the suit that you got made to order for \$15? Waggles—Yes. How do you like it? Wiggles—Well, it is a great advertisement for some other firm.

BOBBY SHAFTOE. Esmeralda Boyle in United States Magazine.

In days of yore, in Baby lore (The lore of A. B. C). There runs a tale of Shaftoe's voyage Across the boundless sea. His love was true. His eyes were blue, Lake gold that's finely spun, Beneath his brave tarpaulin shone His bright locks in the sun.

He sailed away one summer day; His heart was light and free, He wore a seaman's blouse, 'tis said, And buckles at the knee.

The waters laughed about the craft
That bore this sailor isd.
And ran and danced, and upward sprang, As though they might be glad

They leaped in sport toward the port Whereat he stood full fair Then, hastening to the sandy shore, They kissed two white feet there.

His ship, one day, sailed far away At striking of some bells. A girl believed he would return, This only history tells.