THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1902.

Drawing on Imagination.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

compared with the president of a republic.

There's the Rub.

Chicago Chronicle.

Boodlers Giving Themselves Away.

Washington Star.

Flaunting Wealth.

Boston Globe,

A gold scarf pin with a little piece of

coal set like a diamond in a gold crown has

passed through the New York postoffice.

The ostentatious display of wealth is get-

The Real Object.

San Francisco Call.

protection. War against trusts is only an

The Nation's Growing Income

Indianapolis Journal.

The receipts of the treasury last month

modern social system.

outstanding.

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In the meantime the state of belligerency in the anthracite coal district remains unchanged.

Some more Venetian towers show something for that tired feeling.

Bryan is making about as many are present.

Is it not about time for candidates on licly on the questions of home rule and railroad taxation?

new board of directors for the auditorium, but the new board of directors may find it a very heavy task to finish the structure.

funy seconded that it is without authority | emulated by eastern financiers. to take any action in regard- to the anthracite coal strike, and the operators having absolutely rejected all propositions looking to a settlement, appeal is now to be made to the miners to end the struggle, by resuming work under

1.00 the proposition that something may be done to insure them a correction of grievances and fair treatment in the future. In other words, the miners are to be asked to show a patriotic concern duce rates, if found to be extortionate. for the public interest by a surrender of Commissioner Prouty forcefully admits their demands and a complete submission to the operators.

TELYIND UPON THE MINERS.

The question that naturally presents itself is, Why should the miners surrender and thus practically concede that they are in the wrong, besides putting the anthracite coal combine? They certhe operators and in the general judgment not nearly so much. The coal combine obtained its rights and privileges from the state. Every railroad connected with it is a quasi-public corporation, owing certain duties and obligations to the public. If these corporations refuse to respect these duties why should the miners, who have no such relation to the public, be expected to yield and thereby place themselves completely in the control of the corporations? It might be to the benefit of all practical purposes the Interstate the miners if they should surrender and doubtless it would be to the present advantage of the public, but most people investigation? Anybody can investiwill doubt whether such a concession to gate. What is needed is authority and reprimanding them for their actions. This Unless the owners of the anthracite mines the operators, meaning the destruction remedial action.

of the organization of coal miners and the firmer intrenchment of the anthracite coal monopoly, would be to the ultimate benefit of the public. Indeed, it seems obvious that the result would be distinctly against the public interest. for not only is it safe to assume that the miners would be subjected to greater hardships and grievances than they now complain of, but that the public would be mulcted to a greater extent than miners' organization the anthracite coal combine would have the public comit would use its power everybody under-

stands; The national administration has confessed that it is powerless to grapple with the situation. The able lawyers abuse is shown by the records of the of the government, who are undoubtedly tax commissioner. In 1897 the aggrein hearty sympathy with the desire of gate valuation placed upon the railroad signs of tottering. Venice should take the president to do something for property within the city of Omaha by the relief of the public, find nothing in existing laws that will reach amount of taxes collected thereon was Reports indicate that while Colonel the case. The anthracite opera- \$22,676. In 1809 the aggregate valuators are uncompromising. There is no tion, notwithstanding the erection of two it the keynote of his campaign for con- have from the start been willing to leave for an average family, to say nothing of speeches as ever, not so many hearers reason to expect that the miners will new passenger depots at an expense of gress. surrender. They are ready to make a fully \$500,000 each, was \$367,574, and settlement through arbitration, but it is the total tax only \$9,189. In 1901 these most improbable that they will yield properties were assessed for \$193,674, on excuse. Free trade is the real object. all tickets to define their positions pub- and thus in effect confess that they are which the total tax amounted to \$6,584. wrong in their contention. It is believed In 1902 the aggregate valuation returned to be within the power of Pennsylvania by the state board was raised to \$205,855 to effect a settlement and the country through an increase in the assessment It will be a very easy task to elect a looks to the authorities of that state to of the Belt line, but the tax for 1902

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disastrous conflict. mills to 30 mills. the second se THE WEST AND THE CUMRENCY. shrinkage of 50 per cent of the value of The statement of a banker of this the railroad property in Omaha in five city that the west is able to take care the same as if Nebraska's gubernatorial of itself financially is undoubtedly sub- years and a drop in the amount of taxes accidency had not rescinded the order stantially true and it is to be remarked paid on this property from \$22,676 to that this is a comparatively new expe-In view of the fact that the properties rience of the west and it must not be assessed by the state board include the assumed that it will be continued in the bulk of the most valuable assets of the future, however probable that may be by reason of the large amount of money ties, depots and depot ground the presquote scriptural authority for his action, certain to come to this section because ent method of assessment on the milealthough in the formal paper filed with of the great crops. It is a well underage basis is tantamount to tax exempstood fact that during the present lack tion so far as city taxes are concerned. of money but a very small part of the need for currency was due to the de-The death of General Bela M. Hughes mands made by the west and that the cleaning brigade has been detailed to difficulty was largely local to New York, pull up worn wooden paving blocks and being the result of stringency produced stirring scenes in the early development give them to the poor for fuel. Such in that center by unwise loans and the of the Transmissouri and mountain rean experiment in Omaha would not be attempt to inflate industrial enterprises gion. He was a fine type of the ploneer out of place. Most of these wooden whose stock was being carried on money who not only helped prominently to fight the battles of the frontier, but also While it is true that the western banks grew with the industrial development have made a considerable drain upon the of the country as the frontier disap-Stockholders of the Chicago, Milwau- east during the last few weeks, it is still kee & St. Paul road have authorized the a fact that the deposits of western banks tuckian by birth, he settled early in directors to issue \$25,000,000 of new in the east during the past year Missouri, where he established a reputastock. Part of this new stock is to be have been more than ordinarily tion as a lawyer and reached the rank used for extensions, but a very respect- large, exceeding thus far in the curof a general of militia before entering able block, which represents hetterments | rent year by nearly \$2,000,000 the demade within the last five years and are posits of the corresponding period in charged to operating expenses, will be the preceding year. When this fact is in all the most important transportation distributed by pipe line to the stock- considered it will be found that although enterprises, being associated with the the call of the west upon the east has been more this year than usual, there is still a balance in favor of the west the South Omaha market indicates the and so far as now appears there is likely company and similar undertakings. He steady growth of the live stock inter. to be throughout the season, though of was a leading spirit in the Denver Pacourse this is problematical. According cific, to connect with the Union Pacific Those interests are in a healthy and to official figures it appears that nearly at Cheyenne, and as its president carprosperous condition. The advantages \$14,000,000 has been deposited during ried it through to success. His promof the South Omaha market are surely 1902 thus far from the west with the inence and great activity in these unpushing it to the front, and the records assistant treasurer at New York for paydertakings brought him into close touch ment elsewhere, as compared with \$12,with the pioneers, and few men had a 000,000 during the corresponding period wider acquaintance between the Misof 1901. This of course does not represouri river and the coast. He reached sent all the money which the west has the age of 85 years, having retired from John Brisben Walker, who claims to deposited in the east, but it serves to active business nine years ago. have given the anthracite coal miners' show that the amount has been considstrike profound study, has appealed to erably larger this year than last and Congressman Mercer is now in the President Roosevelt to use his influ- this is a fact in the momentary situation midst of his house-to-house handshaking campaign, but up to date he has not make J. Pierpont Morgan the referee in The demand on New York and other yet divulged even to his most conthe fight. Why not make Mr. Baer the castern money centers this year has untidential admirers whether he in-He has been the initiative doubtedly been somewhat larger than tends to settle in Omaha after election rightly construed it is not. The constituand might as well be the referendum in last year or for several previous years. or whether he will continue to reside in the battle. He is only a coal baron in At least this is what the figures appear Minneapolis, Atlantic City and Washthe kingdom of which Morgan is the to show. But this fact does not acington. He has not yet disclosed count wholly for the eastern stringency, whether he intends to turn over a new which is admittedly due mainly to leaf after election and stop drawing the Amendments to the city charters of speculation, which the eastern banks \$100 a month clerk hire which he has Omaha and South Omaha of the utmost have not been sufficiently careful to been pocketing for years, although it importance to property-owning taxpay- guard against, although they had abundwas never intended to be congressmen's ers of those cities are imperatively de- ant warning of the expediency of doing pocket money, but should have paid the the slightest detail. The present interstate manded at the hands of the next legis so. Meanwhile there seems to be no salary of some young Nebraskan willing lature. The time for considering and doubt that the west, as recently re- to begin life at Washington in a cierical discussing these gmendments is not marked by a Chicago banker, "will take position on \$100 a month. after election but before the election, care of itseif," although western bank-Camildates for the legislature who pledge ers may still deem it the part of wis-Republican primaries will be held themselves to bring about specific re- dom to withdraw money from the east next Friday for the nomination of five forms can for the most part be depended for use in legitimate business rather candidates for the Board of Education, upon to redeem their pledges, but can- than to permit it to remain there to be but up to this time not the slightest indidates who go free to do as they please employed in speculation. It is a quite terest has been manifested by the will make faces at you after they are satisfactory circumstance that the bank- voters most interested, namely, the taxelected and politely inform you that ers of the west are showing a conserva- payers and parents whose children are they know their own business and will tive tendency in respect to the money being educated in the public schools. not submit to dictation. under their control and in existing con- Five members constitute one-third of

ditions they should maintain this policy. the entire board, and their tenure of The national administration having It is sound and the examples should be office during the next three years will make them very important factors in the

management of our public schools. INTERSTATE COMMISSION POWERLESS. When it is borne in mind that the Board The investigation of freight rates on of Education disburses from \$400,000 to anthracite coal to be made by the In- \$500,000 s year, the importance of se-

simply a farce. Whether the commission concludes that the rates are too perity of Omaha, and especially men high or not, there will be no practical who have a sincere desire to improve strike leaders seem to be fully aware, result. The commission has no power our public school system and raise it to to compel the railroad companies to rea higher plane should be manifest to all. That ransom paid for the release of the impotency of the commission and Miss Stone, the American missionary, makes clear the further important fact looked so much like easy money that that no other agency of the government the brigands are loath to retire from Capital insists that its combination shall is competent to deal with the subject. business. Their latest exploit is to cap. remain intact so far as united action is con-"Neither can any court," he truthfully ture a wealthy Turkish land owner and says, "compel them to reduce rates." put upon him the moderate price of tice in this position. themselves absolutely at the mercy of The commission can, indeed, report the \$15,000. Inasmuch as the victim this facts as it finds them, but the only way time is not an American the chances are tainly owe no more to the public than in which public opinion, if aroused, can that the draft will have to be heavily accomplish anything is, as the commis- discounted. sioner points out, through congress to secure "such amendments to the inter-

state commerce act as will more fully carry out its prohibition of discriminations in rate making." But the railroad corporations will not be much alarmed at this prospect. They have confidence that the senate, as at present constituted, will see to it that no such amendments are actually passed, and own action. Imagine the outcry from the eastern press that would follow. their confidence is not misplaced. For Commerce commission is ornamental

rather than useful. What is the use of

WHERE OMAHA MUST LOOK FOR RELIEF Under the decision of the supreme court in the Omaha tax case, the assessment of the property of the street rallway company, the gas company, the to increase its volume, but how to get hold water company, the electric lighting company and the telephone company was increased about \$1,500,000. All these corporations combined do not own half as much property as do the heretofore. Having broken down the railroads that converge in this city. Yet the railroads, taking advantage of pals than the artful dodgers who filch Yet the railroads, taking advantage of a provision of the charter smuggled into in crime, the further you seem to get from pletely at its mercy and how relentlessly it for their benefit, are paying less in a code of honor.

city taxes from year to year, notwithstanding the constant increase in the values of their properties. A striking illustration of this flagrant

the state board was \$419,941 and the

over the expenditures were \$10,675,434, so that the surplus of the first quarter of the fiscal year is about \$9,000,000. If this excess make an earnest effort to terminate the aggregates only \$6,175, because of the should continue during the year the surplus reduction in the city tax rate from 34 will be over \$40,000,000. When the war

Contrast 1897 with 1902 and note the the revenues would barely meet the ex- one besides the present owners will get the miners, the right of the organization to

White House Conference

credit due to the president for his

offer of mediation is without a parallel in

though his courage and sincerity and his

disposition at all times to do what he

ing him more and more to the people, thus

showing that after all the highest order of

Irritating and Insulting.

Milwaukee Free Press.

Impudence of Mine Owners.

Detroit Free Press.

The attitude of most of the presidents

regards as best for the country are endear-

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pairiotic interpretation in the case.

Public Wrath Rising Washington Star.

Absolute refusal to admit the public necessities as a factor in the calculation will the history of the republic. The impulse terstate Commerce commission will be lecting as members of the board men bring upon the obstinate and short-sighted of a mere politician under the circumwho are identified with the future pros- obstructionists an overwhelming wave of stances would have been to keep aloof as public resentment, of whose vast and fast far as possible from the controversy. Mr. increasing volume neither operators nor Roosevelt is much more than a politician.

Arrogance of Mine Owners. Buffalo Express.

There is no logic in the refusal of the coal mine owners to negotlate with the statesmanship is the very wiscet politics. representatives of the union. Capital has combined as well as labor in this struggle carned, but it refuses the same privilege and the tone in which they address themto labor. There is neither reason nor jus- selves to the subject matter of the con-

An Intolerable Condition.

That which the president pronounced in-Suppose that the New York banks had

It is a curious state of affairs when half The courts have not hesitated to take

a dozen men can insult the president, charge of public service corporations and defy the national and state governments self carry them on by means of receivers. This and impudently ask 80,000,000 persons what is a form of temporary application of sothey are going to do about it. Yet that is Imagine the king of England calling the cialistic principles, only so often employed precisely the condition which exists today. heads of great corporations together and that the public is used to the method. In Great Britain the coal trust under such circumstances could be snuffed out and is one instance of the puerility of kings as are able to run them, why not in the public its property confiscated by act of Parliainterest apply this power of the government. ment, leaving the quarrel between the mine would take possession of the coal mines workers to be settled out of court, after and proceed to operate them until the the public needs have been satisfied? owners came to their senses. In this coun-

St. Paul Ploneer Press.

They (the operators) may succeed in beatof a small proportion of what is already ing the strikers for the time being. But they will only have postponed the solution of the problem. They will sooner or later have to recognize the right of their employes to organize, and they would better St. Louis boodlers who handled thousands have embraced the opportunity offered by are far more ready to "peach" on their the mediation of President Roosevelt and the proposition of John Mitchell to control in some degree the character of that organi zation, eliminate its mischlevous features and impose wholesome restraints upon it in the terms of arbitration.

Fundamental Facts.

Indianapolis News. Here are some fundamental facts of the

anthracite situation. The men have as good ting to be one of the greatest evils of the a right-the same right-to combine as the mine owners. The men have the same right to declare on what terms they will accept employment as the operators to say on what terms they will give employment. The mine Governor Boles has come out for free owners want workers; the miners want We have thus another proof that questions in dispute to an impartial board the freetraders are willing to take any of arbitrators. The mine owners have reseems to be the more reasonable?

The Present Question. Chicago Tribune.

The question now is whether the operators will submit to reasonable "regula- question, the legal presumption is in favor tions" or have their mines seized. The lat- of the miners' organization. The right of ter alsemative might involve the govern- men to organize for their common benefit ment in some difficulties, but if the question and protection is imbedded in our laws and becomes one of seizing mines or starving affirmed by hundreds of court decisions. taxes were repealed it was predicted that people, "necessity knows no law." Some Whatever may be the offense of individual

comes, for the time seems the best, and in winter we would not turn to spring, as spring we do not hope for winter.

Old age has its consolations no leas than youth. Supposing the windows are darkened and the light has gone from the west. Some profer the soft starlight to the glare of day. It is something to have lived and seen and been a part of many things. What man having lived would begin again? The test is good. The fearful school boy, looking shead to the advancing years, dreads the added tasks that are set before him. But the years arrived, the tasks at hand, all seems easy and natural and right. Providence has made it so. It is doubted if a man ever feels truly old. The spark of youth somewhere within us burns to the end, and feelings and desires belie the face in the looking-glass and the pitying looks of friends. No matter how slow, stealthy and insidious the approach of the Pale Fretorian, when he comes he is unexpected, unlooked for. As long as life is in him man is filled with the thrill of

living. Therefore, why fear old age or give it thought? It is only a scarecrow at best. It will come upon you before you know, and even when it comes it is doubtful if you will realize. Hear Stevenson, "A sort of insulting to President Roosevelt in his equable jog trot of feeling," he says, "is substituted for the violent ups and downs of passion and disgust; the same influence that restrains our hopes quiets our apprehensions; if the pleasures are less intense the troubles are milder and more tolerable. and, in a word, this period for which we are asked to hoard up everything as for a time of famine is, in its own right, the richest, the easiest and the happiest of life. Live so that when the so-called ovil days come you will still be able to rule your

LAUGHING GAS,

Washington Star: "Is she a blonde or a brunette?" asked one young woman. "I couldn't say positively, answered tim other. "I met her in one of the cities whi they are burning soft coal." In France or Germany the army

Chicago Tribune: "No, sir," said the man in the mackintosh. "I know too much to allow myself ever to get caught on a

"How do you manage it?" asked the man who had his feet on the table. "Didn't I just tell you? I know too much."

Baltimore American: "I observe, madam," said the new boarder, "that you have one of these pictures of a clock, with the legend beneath: 'No Tick Here." "Yes, sir," answered the grim landlady. "Well," went on the new boarder, "does that refer to your beds or your business?"

Philadelphia Press: Caller-So the doctor brought you a little baby sister the other night, eh? Tommy-Yeh, I guess it was the doctor done it. Anyway, I heard him tellin' pa some time ago 'at if pa didn't pay his old bill he'd make trouble fur him.

Baltimore American: "Your majesty." advises the Head Physician to the Cannibal King, "had best abandon your meat diet for a few weeks." "What shall I do?" muses the King, a hungry look spreading over his counte-nance.

\$296.20, but Mr. Mitchell can prove that it is really only \$248. Out of this must be taken a total, in round numbers, of \$100 for rents, powder, oll and the annual fee to the comments design design design but \$248 for

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "An eastern "Wasn't he foolish?" "Wasn't he foolish?" "Wasn't he foolish?" "Why so?" "If he had taken just that one bath he wouldn't have been kept in hot water all the rest of the time."

Philadelphia Press: "It's like pulling teeth to get a drink in this state. isn't it?" remarked the stranger in Maine. "Yes," replied the native, "and when ye get one and swallows it it's like havin' teeth pulled."

Baltimore American: "No, indeed," said the crafty passenger agent to the bride and groom. "Our company does not pro-hibit kissing on the platforms," and, be-sides, I would call your attention to the fact that we have more and longer tunnels than any other rallway in the world,"

"SUPPOSIN' SO."

bluntly inform him that when he gets ready to shoot down their recalcitrant employes they will consider the matter of selling the people fuel. Wages of Coal Miners. Chloago Record-Herald. In this connection the report of Bishop Fallows of Chicago, who recently visited the

mining district on a tour of investigation, is of great interest to the public. On the question of wages the bishop says: "The miners' figures as to wages are far different from President Baer's. Baer has insisted that the average day's wages for the 26,270 men working in the Reading mines is \$1.89. This would make the average annual wage \$296.20, but Mr. Mitchell can prove that it

the company's doctor, leaving but \$148 for food, clothing and fuel." To claim that the trade as a remedy for trusts and is making work. They differ as to terms. The miners sufficient to provide food, fuel and clothing sum of \$148, or twice that amount, is educating children and supplying the ordinary comforts of life according to the weapon that serves in their fight against fused to do this-or anything. Which side standard of living in the United States, is an insult to popular intelligence.

Sub.ime Cheek.

Chicago Inter Ocean. As between the two bodies of men in

try six men may call their 150,000 employes thugs, vandals and outlaws in the presence of the president of the United States and

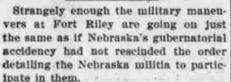
Coming down from the Napoleon of finance to the ordinary burgher, it may be The Right to Organize. said that the currency problem is not how

been conservatively managed and had one side in the contest and the apparent union, who was present at the conference discouraged and repressed the stock job- fairness of the overtures proffered by the as the equal of Baer and the other presibers and speculators, while a contrary other. The president has failed, but it is dents, because, first, the invitation of the impossible that he has not formulated condition existed among the western president made him so and because, furplans for utilizing other means in staying ther, he naturally possesses the qualities banks. Suppose that the latter were the calamity that hangs over the hearth- that make him so. now appealing to the national treasury stone. for relief from the consequences of their

ference must have been extremely irritating to President Roosevelt, as it certainly will be to the country. There was a scorn-Detroit Journal. ful and impertinent tone to the replies made by the various presidents, more par-

tolerable at the opening of the conference ticularly Mr. Baer, who was positively becomes more intolerable after that hideous exhibition of the spirit which actuates the reference to Mr. Mitchell of the miners'

Receivership for Mines. Boston Advertiser.



Dr. Sheldon, in declining to be a candidate for congress, is doubtless able to the Kansas secretary of state he refrains from doing so.

In Greater New York the city street paving blocks have become stumbling advanced by the banks. blocks.

holders like Waukesha mineral waters.

The increase of live stock receipts at ests in the country naturally tributary. indicate that the business for the current year will exceed any previous year in its history.

ence with the conflicting interests to which is important. referee? monarch.

penditures, but so much merchandise has been imported that the receipts are well maintained.

> American Tunes for Americans. Boston Herald.

Those truly patriotic Americans who in singing our national hymn, "America." old, second-hand tune which to an railroads, namely, their terminal facili- Englishmen and Germans employ for their national anthems, are glad to know that an effort is being made to get an entirely original alr to go along with our words. Colonel Asa Gardner, through the Society of the Cincinnati, has offered a gold medal for the right sort of musical

accompaniment for Mr. Smith's stanzas. at Denver removes one of the most con- Therefore, tune up, all ye Yankee musickspicuous characters who figured in the ers. Let the watchword be, "American tunes for Americans."

Who Owns the Earth? Washington Star.

Many men who before the coal situation ecame acute viewed the doctrine of the ownership of public utilities as national chimerical, if not anarchic, have modified It won't atick. St. Louis is playing with their opinion. It is probably within reason live stiffs. peared over the mountains. A Ken- to say that the coal strike has drawn more serious attention to this question than have 000 on the turf in England. If he won't tell all the socialistic theses published in a hun- where he got it, people at least know where dred years. Certain it is that more men in the United States are asking than have ever asked before whether the life and the field of the western prairies and health, business and success of all men are hanging around the city without visible mountains. He soon became a leader shall be at the will of a few men whose dollars are invested in natural resources and human necessaries. If the people shall ever make negative answer to the question famous Ben Holladay in the overland they are asking, the men who profess to carriage and a prime mover in the Wells regard coal production or coal non-produc-Forgo express, the South Park Stage tion as a private matter will realize their folly.

REGULATE COAL ROADS.

One Effective Measure of Curbing the Coal Monopely.

Indianapolis Journal (rep.). The country will expect congress to pro

vide some effectual bar against the repetition of the present situation. With the warning experience of the last it should have done so before, but continued failure to do so will be inexcusable. Legislation on the subject should not be directed

against any class nor discriminate for or vide a means of preventing the interruption of an industry so essential to the public welfare.

As usual, the constitution will be cited as a bar to any remedial legislation, but tion gives congress exclusive power to regulate commerce between the states. The anthracite coal trade is such commerce, and railroads which engage in it are thereby brought within the constitutional sphere of congressional action and government control. The constitution fixes no limit to the regulation which congress may exercise over interstate commerce. It may regulate such commerce to the fullest extent and in commerce law is but a first step in the exercise of constitutional power in that direction, and congress should take as many more steps as may be necessary to safeguard the public welfare against the greed

of capital, the demands of labor or the clashing of individual interests of any kind. The common weal is above all other considerations, and congress should take care that it is safeguarded from injury. Another sersion of congress should not be present situation.

mines. The people of the United States will exist cannot be disputed. At the same time have coal at reasonable prices, "peaceably the legal presumption is against the mine if they can, forcibly if they must." owners of this little patch of anthracite evident monopoly of a necessary of life. coal territory, barely forty miles square, do Any such monopoly is abhorrent to our not seem to have their eyes open to the laws. Its right to exist is never conceded, true situation at the present moment. They but always questioned. Yet this monopoly have always felt more or less humiliated are blind of one eye and incapable of see- assumes its own right to exist and preing much with the other.

> Without Parallel in History. Kansas City Star.

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representatives of the miners' union to and their president, shall deal with it as if come together on terms of agreement at its own legal status were absolutely un-White House conference does not questionable. lessen in the least the great honor and nonsense!

PERSONAL NOTES.

Newport is maintaining the reputation given it by Colonel Watterson-there are forty-two divorce cases on the docket.

Since the beginning of time old age has Indianapolis is striving, with a ghoulish been the biggest bugaboo ever set up to story, to break the free ad grip of St. Louis. turn affrighted mankind into ways of righteousness and pure living. Eat, drink and be merry today, while you are young, Squire Croker, it is said, has lost \$1,000,

for tomorrow you will be old, and old age is an abomination unto all-such has been the rule upon which those supposedly wise some of it went. have attempted to run the world. "Re-

Mayor Harrison of Chicago has ordered the arrest of all suspicious characters who means of support.

All Chicagoans under 14 years old are carried half price on the trolleys, and the number under that age shows that the census takers didn't half do their work. Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes has ac-

cepted the invitation to be the guest of to gray beard than to youth when he may honor at the inaugural exercises of Presi- say, "I have no pleasure in them?" Or dent James of Northwestern university, on rather has not a blessed disposition made October 21.

Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks, widow of the former vice president, has consented to sell the home where her husband spent his last years, to make way for building improvements in Indianapolis.

The fact that the widow of the famous "Parson" Brownlow of Tennessee is still living at the age of 89 has been brought out by the erroneous report of a pension having been granted to her.

In the treasure room of the Maharajah of Baroda is stored a piece of woven work against capital or labor, but it should pro- which cost \$1,000,000. It is only 10x6 feet in size, but it is woven from strings of pure pearls, with a center and corner circles of diamonds. It took three years te make it.

General Lukas Meyer, the Boer leader. was a big man with big ideas. Some years ago he formed a sort of republic of his own, with headquarters at Vryheid, but was persuaded to tack it on to the Transvasl. He was always very popular to be known as "the lion of and used Vryheid.

Mayor Low has officially cautioned the heads of city departments against permitting the levying or collection of assessments upon public employes for political purposes, as the same is a violation of the civil service law. Each one is instructed to inform his men that they will be supported in "resisting any attempts to make such collections should any such effort be made.'

J. Daus Bickford, a New England inventor, is actively interesting himself and endeavoring to engage the sympathy of other inventors in a proposition to establish a home for indigent inventors at West Medallowed to pass without bringing every coal ford, Mars. A large dwelling house has road in the United States that does an been secured and Mr. Bickford is about interstate business under the operation of to address letters to persons throughout a law that will prevent a recurrence of the the country in an endeavor to secure contributions for the purpose.

'The owners' organization. It has acquired an sumes to deny the right of the miners' union to exist. It scouts the union of the miners, refuses to deal with them on any terms as an organization and yet insists The failure of mine operators and the that they, and the whole American people,

What impudence!

AS TO OLD AGE.

Short Dissertation Which Should Be

Interesting to Pessimists.

Des Moines Register.

member now thy Creator in the days of

thy youth, while the evil days come not,

nor the years drawn nigh when thou shait

say, I have no pleasure in them." Thus

saith the preacher. But that he was the

first of a long line of black-garbed pessi-

mists that have come drearily drooping

down through the days, who that has lived

it that changing ages, like the seasons, are

successively welcomed, and each, as it

does not know? Do the days come oftener

Baltimore American. We waste our time supposin' things, Imaginin' an' wonderin' how We'd act or what we'd do if we Were not the same as we are now. We worry over lots of things, When all the time we ought to know That guessin' isn't evidence-Supposin' so don't make 't so.

Some fellows wear your patience out Some fellows wear your patience out Supposin' things, an' askin' why You do the wicked things you do--Bupposin' you should up an' die! Supposin' you should lose your health: Suppose your friend should prove a foc-An' things like that. They got to learn Supposin' so don't make it so. What

Supposin' isn't worth a cent. A man can fritter through his life Supposin' what the girl would say If he would ask her for his wife. The man who wins the swiftest race Don't think of anything but "Gol" He knows he might get beat-but, then, Supposin' so don't make it so.

So what's the use supposin' things. When trouble's almost sure to come? It's best to wait until it strikes-There ain't no sense supposin' some! "Supposin' things" don't educate Us like the things we're sure to know, And some day we are sure to farm Bupposin' so don't make it so.

Arthur Hochman "The dry bones of the waning season were rudely shaken last Tuesday night by Arthur

Hochman. * * * He has priceless gifts." -William J. Henderson in the New York Times, March 16, 1902 His picture will shortly appear in these columns.



