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Entries in the political race of 1902 are coming into the last quarter.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

The British are proceeding on the theory that a good mad mullah is a dead

The news of a movement in Paris to set up a new divorce Mecca there will cause great excitement at Sloux Falls.

The kaiser is bound to establish good relations with the United States if he has to send all his own relations to

In christening Mercer by the name of David Henry a grave mistake was committed. In view of his exploits in cheating the mails, he should have been called

of county clerk should possess their souls in patience. It's a safe bet that the appointment will not be made until after election day rolls by.

on the Winnebago reservation has received a severe jolt. The license of the ring to despoil the Indians of their property has about expired.

It is to be a five-ring ballot this year. Their indebtedness in many cases was with the republicans on top, the democrats, populists, prohibitionists and socialists following each other in the procession of the equinoxes.

than make people who bought anthracite | court at one blow wipes out all doubt at famine rates feel that they have been and enables all municipalities, without buncoed, the coal dealers thoughtfully refrain from pulling down the prices.

Any other big national conventions, secular or religious, that choose to come to Omaha for a meeting place may depend on it that they will be cordially the opportunity opened up by the suwelcomed and adequately provided for.

Even with a light vote Nebraska's total vote should not fall below the 200,election

attorney projecute Congressman Mercer, authority in this matter provides that for violating the postal laws by using the shall acquire the property if a sathis frank to cheat the government out isfactory title can be obtained, so that of postage on his campaign portraits and he could proceed at once to carry out circular letters!

What's this? Democrats predicting in public interviews that their present candidate for county attorney if elected would make the best county attorney ever in that office. What a reflection on the present democratic incumbent. S'noutrage!

The Nebraska railroads have a much smoother and more effective way than the Chicago taxfixers who have got into the assessment is made, thus saving a world of bother and shunting the tax burden over upon other shoulders.

Over in Chicago the democrats have minds us that our nonresident congressjury as factors in his nomination. Our though its cause now appears to be well-Dave might die or be defeated, but with nigh hopeless. It cannot be confidently times as high as it was in 1896. The draw-never.

BOW IT WOULD OPERATE

Seligman, "would injure the trusts it its property is conclusively settled. would in all probability injure those the trusts. If, as is claimed by others, tariff reform would mean increased trusts in those industries."

This is sound and logical. Every rational man must see that it is not possible to injure the great combinations through tariff changes such as the democrats propose without at the same time that have no connection with the combinations, but instead compete with them in the home market and thus constitute a bulwark against monopoly, As opposed him before and after he proto the assumption that tariff reform of the democratic kind would give industries increased prosperity, the country should be sufficient for some time to law of 1894 would bring prosperity and everybody knows how utterly that promise falled. The prosperity we had before the democratic party came into power vanished and as American mills and factories closed those abroad became active. The so-called reform proved an excellent thing for the British and other foreign manufacturers. Another point presented by Prof. Seligman merits consideration. This is Ellingwood, Dr. Gibbs and Ernest Sweet that if the trusts were due only to the in the Fifth ward; Emmett G. Solomon, tariff, then they would be confined to Norman L. Trimble and A. S. Atkinson the highly protectionist countries, which in the Sixth ward; John Grant, Louis is not the fact. There are industrial combinations in England and the number is growing. Their organization may Guy C. Fleming in the Eighth ward, and not be altogether like that of the Amer-Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of Beptember. A. D., 1992.

M. B. HUNGATE.

(Seal.)

Notary Public. ican combinations, but the underlying through the tariff without at the same time more severely injuring the thousands of independent industries scattered all over the country, which produce 86 per cent of our manufactured products, the question as to the wiser course to blers, dive keepers and rum sellers, every of the state. pursue is apparent. The independent string that can be pulled on this class industries should be sustained. The of people is being pulled for him by the capital and labor employed in them must be protected. This policy is necessary to the maintenance of the com-

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN 10WA. An opinion just handed down by the which bonds have been issued for water within the constitutional limitation on numbelinal indebtedness. The decision will give an important impetus to mua few Iowa cities have experimented Omaha. The Indian land lease ring operating extensively in proprietorship. The experiment has been particularly successful in water supply. Many more would have owned and operated their own public utilities but for the legal doubts arising under the constitutional limitation. either fully up to the limit or was such that the total, if the indebtedness involved in providing the necessary plants were added to it, would exceed the limit, and of course the legal question would Although the strike is ended, rather affect the sale of bonds. The supreme regard to the condition of their debts, to engage freely as proprietors in the supply of water, and undoubtedly also in the supply of light and the like. It is safe to predict that scores of cities and towns will promptly take advantage of rich or poor? Will he continue, if repreme court.

and the agricultural producer.

A SATISFACTORY TITLE.

The report of Attorney General Knox 000-mark this year. It will take more dispels all doubt as to the competency is that he has proved so useful to their than 100,000 votes to entitle the success- of the new Panama Canal company to ful candidates to their certificates of convey to the United States a good and valid title to its property. The report again whether elected or defeated? shows that there is nothing in the ob-We take it that Colonel Bryan will put jections that have been urged to this in no objection against Grover Cleveland government purchasing the canal comdelivering all the academic addresses to pany's property, the French courts havuniversity conclaves that he pleases. But | ing entirely cleared the way for enabwhen he touches on politics he invites ling the company to sell and the property will come into the possession of the United States without any incumb-Will our vigilant United States district rance. The measure giving the president this authority, but doubtless nothing further will be done until the political situation in Colombia improves.

A treaty has been framed which pro vides for the acquisition by the United States of land on the Isthmus of Panama and the concession on the part of Colombia to this government of certain rights and privileges essential to the construction and control of the canal. This treaty must go before the Co- voter to know whether the man who is lombian congress and the congress is to represent him in the halls of the legtrouble. The Nebraska railroads fix the yet to be elected. When the election islature will voice his views and sentimatter at the start for themselves when can take place is a matter of uncer- ments on the vital issues. The most tainty. It depends upon the suppression vital issue that will appear before the of the revolution and the situation at coming legislature will be railroad taxpresent does not promise that this will ation and it will, therefore, be emibe soon attained. It is true that condi-nently proper that candidates for the tions appear to be less serious than they pulled a congressional nomines off the seemed to be a month or two ago, perticket because unable to answer satis- haps largely due to the firm action of factorily charges of forgery. That re- our government in the isthmus, but the revolutionary party has shown a great man persists in staying on the ticket deal of vitality and tenacity and may despite positive proofs of fraud and per- hold out for a considerable time yet, on record. The average price of twenty

in Colombia no difficulties would be en-One of the eminent political economists countered 'in notaining satisfactory lumbia university. In regard to the pro- that a very large major ty of the Coposed removal or reduction of import lombia people carnestly desire that the the opinion that while this would but when the congress comes to conweaken some trusts, yet the great mass sider the concessions which our govbusiness would be so affected. "If a Meanwhile the important fact that the cutting down of tariff duties," said Prof. canal company can give a valid title to

concerns which are unconnected with MERCER'S MORAL SUASION MANIFESTO. The manifesto issued on behalf of David H. Mercer is a most ingenious atprosperity in certain industries, it would tempt to enlist the sympathy and supnot prove an obstacle to the creation of port of the moral forces in this community by representing his opponents as the friends and protectors of crooks, dive keepers, ward heelers and habitual outlaws. If everybody arrayed against Mercer is to be classed among the criminal elements there must be a very great doing injury to the numerous industries number of criminals in the Second con-

gressional district. Under Mercer's classification of the criminal elements he includes those who cured his fraudulent nomination. It includes such criminals as E. J. Cornish, John P. Breen and Nelson C. Pratt. It has had a lesson respecting this which includes 2,700 republicans who cast their votes against Mercer at the Omaha pricome. It was promised that the tariff maries, and especially the delegates who were defeated by imported railroad graders and repeaters. It includes such well known republicans as Hans Bock, Carl Steffen and Charles Hanley in the First ward; Fred Bruning, S. A. Corneer, F. H. Hoye and Charles Stelger from the Second ward; George A. Mead, H. B. Zimman in the Third ward; Victor H. Coffman, John L. Kennedy and John C. Wharton in the Fourth ward; D. E. Berka and C. W. Haller in the Seventh ward; A. Brown, J. G. Lindquest and a score of others who have always loyally supported the party and its candidates.

The hypocrisy of the Mercer manifesto in its appeal for the sympathy and support of the law-abiding, moral element of the community is as audacious as it

Mercer-Baldwin police commission. While appealing to the preachers and church people to help him to pulverize registration day, manding industrial position the United the wicked and lawless elements, Mercer States has attained and to the continu- is banking on the active help of the ance of prosperity. It is essential to whisky trust in exchange for the enerthe welfare alike of the wage earner getic support he has pledged to the bill now pending in congress to reduce the whisky tax from \$1.10 to 70 cents a gallon.

While appealing to the temperance elesupreme court of Iowa holds that a tax ment for sympathy and support in levy to provide a special fund against Omaha, Mercer has made a bid for the sition which might support of the saloon keepers and bar. of popular favor." Applicants for the vacancy in the office works or similar public utilities is not tenders by becoming a member of the wide-open order of the Eagles.

While posing as the foe of ward bumshe is enrolling hordes of that class for partial in his Samoan decision. At any rate nicipal ownership within the state. Not the final fray both in Omaha and South

Such grandstand play cannot fail to

open the eyes of intelligent people. Mercer's manager is very much wrought up by what he calls the malicious mendacity of The Bee, but he carefully avoids answering the oft-repeated questions brushed aside by Mr. Gurley on the ground that he is no mindreader, and likewise ignored by Mercer. Why did Mercer cash in that \$200 Greater America draft through a middleman? Why did he displace two union veterans from Nebraska employed in the house with relatives of Mercer from other states? Will Mercer, if re-elected, continue to distribute West Point and Annapolis cadetships to political and personal favorites instead of giving an equal chance to every boy in the district, elected, to pocket the \$1,200 a year allowance for clerk hire which should pay the salary of same deserving young Nebraskan? Why are the railroads so anxious to have Mercer re-elected unless it interests that they want to use him further? Will Mercer ever live in Omaha

If anything serves to discredit Americans abroad as possessors of sudden wealth which they do not know how to indulged by Schwab, the great Steel trust magnate, who seems to be traveling in Europe bent only on displaying his fortune in the most aggravating form. He is chasing from one capital of Europe to another by special trains, something seldom if ever used by the monarchs of the country, who are content to ride in private cars attached to regular trains. The impression that lime to the ridiculous. Schwab is trying to outdo and overshadow royalty is apt to create resentment among the people there and certainly redounds to no advantage to other Americans who may want to sojourn

abroad. It is the prerogative of every sovereign legislature shall define their position on that issue before the day of election.

We are at the end, at least for some time, of a bull market in railroad stocks, which has run for six years, the longest important railroad stocks is about three said, however, that with peace restored aggregate of the stocks has been enor-

mously inflated and a large amount of floating indebtedness has been converted of the country is Prof. Seligman of Co- terms from that country. It is believed into fixed capital. These operations in the railroad field alone have absorbed an imn ense amount of money. The halt duties on trust-made articles, be is of United States shall construct the caust, that has been called in these speculative exploitations came none too soon. If they had gone on unchecked the reaction of trusts would not be affected by tariff ernment will require there is more than must mevitably have also seriously inchanges, except in so far as general likely to be a troublesome opposition, volved the whole system of legitimate industry.

> The slump in the registered vote of Omaha this year as compared with the vote registered during the first two days in the presidential year 1900 is by no means to be taken as an index of population decline, but rather as an index of prevailing conditions. It is either a proof of indifference or a proof that the voters are too busy. In this respect this year's registration in Omaha does not differ materially from that of other cities in the country. The registration at Chicago, for example, fell 65,000 short this year of the registration for 1900, in spite of the fact that the population of Chicago has been increased by more than 50,000 within the past two years.

A congressman who procures his nomination by the votes of imported repeaters sworn in with perjured affidavits and affirms under solemn oath that only \$325 was expended in his behalf in a primary in which he put out thousands of dollars is not to be expected to stop at a little thing like violating the postal laws by sending private campaign circulars through the mails under the franking privileges labeled "part of the Congressional Record." That is Mercer's callber.

Plans and specifications for the great South Omaha railway and wagon bridge across the Missouri river, which was engineered through congress by Dave, are now in the hands of the political architects but its construction will necessarily have to be postponed for a few years on account of the high price of structural iron and the low price of gold

An equitable legislative apportionment conforming to the census of 1900 would make a noticeable difference in the distribution of members of the coming Nebraska legislature to be elected next week. The present apportionment, datis despicable. While the Mercer mani- ing back fifteen years, works flagrant festo deals in distribes against the gam- injustice on all the progressive sections

> Look out for the false registration of illegal voters. The fraudulent registration is always perpetrated on the last

> > Favored Son of Toil.

New York World. The total of this year's crops-\$1,795,500, 000-makes the "man with the hoe" also the "man with the dough."

A Point Well Taken. Chicago Chronicle, Government rather than corporation control of the federal courts is another propomeet with a good deal

Oh, Oscar, Why Did You?

Chicago News Let us hope that King Oscar was imwe know now that he never intends to run for office in the United States.

Hard to Devise a Better One.

Kansas City Star. While there may be some justification for President Eliot's strictures on the common school system of America it is a question for debate whether the head of Harvard university could provide a plan of popular education which would suit the people quite as well as that which is now in vogue.

New York World. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the Nebraska banks are "gorged with money" whose owners don't dare invest it in east

Turning the Tables.

ern watered stocks. The tables are turned with a vengeance since "western farm mortgages" were off color in New York! Sending Back the Loot. New York Tribune. This country wants no Chinese loot, or

loot of any kind, from any quarter. Our Treasury department in sending back to Pekin the jade tablets brought from the Oriental capital acted in accordance with American traditions and precedents, and in the true American spirit. This republic has no disposition to take or to hold anything to which its title is not clean and honest.

Codfish as a War Implement. Kansas City Star.

The employment of tons of codfish Dunkirk as a barricade for rioting dock laborers, as told in a dispatch from Paris. reveals a new and novel use for that commodity. In this country codfish is utilized almost wholly as an intellectual stimulant and as an aid to high moral and mental use, it is such performances as are being development. The dispatch from Paris will be the first intimation to thousands of fairly intelligent people that codfish in quantities sufficient to form a barricade exists anywhere in the world outside of

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mary MacLane has decided to shake Bos ton and return to Butte. It is not the first time Mary tobogganed from the sub-

Of Gladstone Henry Labouchere once remarked: "I do not object to Mr. Gladstone's occasionally having an ace up his sleeve. But I do wish he would not always say that Providence put it there." W. F. King, chief astronomer of the

Dominion of Canada, has been appointed

by the British government a commissioner

to mark the forty-ninth parallel from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast. Ex-Senator Jewett of St. Louis is 94 years old. Someone asked him not long ago how old he thought a man should be before retiring from business. The old gentleman gravely responded: "I don't really think a man should keep on after he has reached the

age of 90. It is rumored that Miss Stone, the ransomed missionary, is anxious to go back to Macedonia and resume the work in which she was formerly engaged there, but that the Turkish government objects and will prohibit her landing on any part of the

territory under Turkish rule. Say what you will of the alleged un practical nature of woman, she occasionally rises to an emergency. Note the act of the Indianapolis woman who broke up a barrels over the crop of 1901. There is an disturbance at a pretty girl contest, by assurance of greater health and happiness throwing the prize, an elaborately decorated cake, out of the window.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Norfolk News: Friends of the "Little Giant" are becoming frightened. They are afraid that Mr. Mickey and his friends are proving giant killers with whom they can afford to reckop.

Pawnee Press: Vote for J. H. Mickey for governor. He is a clean man, and a fight is made against him by a certain ele- was to banish a political pull as a means ment in the opposition because he is clean man. Stand up for Mickey. Chadron Journal: If John H. Mickey were

of right living and a generous disposition and all the elements that go to make the best of American manhood and citizenship. Madison Chronicle: The editorial utterances of some of our esteemed fusion contemporaries justify the inference that if Mickey would load up with a good, oldfashioned, protracted jag he would receive their enthusiastic support.

Rushville Record: The ability and cleanliness of the republican state ticket has never been seriously questioned. All the campaign so far seems to be based against the prosperity, sobriety and common sense of many of the candidates from Governor Mickey downwards.

Fremont Tribune: The statement of Hon. John H. Mickey in his Fremont address a few nights ago that he had not tives. made a single pledge to obtain the nomination for governor and that he has made absolutely none since, is an important fact to be borne in mind by the voters of Nebranka.

does not apply to the fusion candidate. If you want to vote for candidates whom you are dead sure are none too good for the offices they are running for, vote the fusion ticket.

Broken Bow Republican: There should be clean man at the head of the state affairs in voting for J. H. Mickey for governor us a clean, business administration.

Hartington Herald: One of the striking spectacles of the campaign is that of the third party prohibitionists joining hands with the State Liquor Dealers' association to defeat Mr. Mickey, one of the cleanest men that any party in this state has ever nominated for governor. The prohibitionists must be extremely proud of their political bedfellows.

Kimball Observer: The people throughout the state are becoming thoroughly cognizant of the fact that J. H. Mickey is an honest, upright and successful business man, with strong convictions of his own and plenty of backbone to put them into execution, and that is the reason so many are going to vote for him. He will make a clean, able administration.

Kearney Hub: J. H. Mickey is not tied to any man or interest as a candidate for governor. He is in every sense his own man and he is every inch a man, the kind of man, in fact, that men delight to honor.

Beatrice Times: Mickey is making a manly fight, and his majority at the polls will justify the theory that the assatling of a good man in a political canvass usually works the wrong way for the assailants. Blair Pilot: When John Mickey got

through with his address to the students

at the unversity last week there was a very different epinion of Mickey about the school. There never was a man more loyal to the educational interests of Nebraska than has been Mr. Mickey, and the cause of popular education will forge ahead a bit with his election. He has lived in Nebraska more than thirty-four years, and knows the needs of the people like a book. Fremont Tribune: Dodge county will take pleasure in giving W. K. Fowle other large vote for state superintendent | the large number of desertions, said to the of public instruction. Two years ago the Eagle correspondent: voters of this county, many of whom knew him, gave him their support in the belief in the office has demonstrated his eminent faith was well grounded. He has filled the position with the highest success of any

generally conceded: of Nebraska made a wise choice when wages in private life is often enough to they elected Prof. W. K. Fowler superintendent of public instruction. Prof. Fowler is one of the most thorough school many of the men who have recently given men in the state. He has exercised a Uncle Sam the slip enlisted for the excitekeen interest in school work for many ment of war in the Philippines, and have years, and since he has been at the head of the department of public instruction he army life in times of peace. In view of the has devoted every minute of his time to improved conditions of service in these days the educational interests of Nebraska. It as compared with the lot of the army priis admitted by those interested in education the state over that the schools have made splendid progress under his direction. He is devoted to the work and allows no by any fault within the service." opportunity to improve the system of instruction to escape him.

Kearney Journal: H. C. Andrews Kearney was an army comrade of John H. Mickey, republican candidate for governor. The two were the younger members of the company, and naturally drifted together from first acquaintance. They became chums and bunk mates. Mr. Andrews says Mickey was a moral, upright boy, always honorable, always ready for any duty he was called upon to perform. A boy honorable, morally straight, up to the age of 20, is not at all likely to become a cormorant, tyrant and shylock, as pictured by the financially interested political opponents of Mr. Mickey. Voter, whose word will you take, that of a man who knew Mickey as a boy and as a soldier, where the souls of men were sorely tried, or those of men who do not know him, but who are engaged in traducing character? Bloomington Advocate: Just at the pres-

ent time the Liquor Dealers' association of this great commonwealth are throwing their every influence against the election of John H. Mickey, the republican candidate for governor, because he is a man that does not use liquor in any form. This mixing of the liquor dealers in the body politics of the state is getting to be an old chestnut in the campaign from year to year. The head of the organization is a radical democrat, and about every year he attempts to swing the influence of his organization to thwart the election of some republican on the state ticket. It was this cause that defeated Reese for supreme judge, and now they are threatening to defeat Mickey. The temperance question does not enter into the campaign this fall in any sense of the word, and the liquor dealers of the state will find that if they do not keep their hands off they will soon hear something drop in this state. It will mean that scores of towns next spring will go dry, and that such radical legislation will be enacted by the legislature as will practically annihilate the saloons from the state. Right is right, and there is no reason why the people of the state should stand quietly by each year and allow the liquor association to say who shall and who shall not be elected to office on the state ticket.

Sons of Adam, Bite. Philadelphia Record.

The apple crop this year is estimated at 43,600,900 barrels—an excess of 16,000,000 in these figures. There is nothing that grows upon a tree better than an apple. BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE,

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

Pension Commissioner Ware manifests a employes in that branch of the federal service. One of the first things he did of promotion. Next be swooped down on 'soldiering" and startled the fraternity by instating on eight hours' work for eight turned down it would be a slap in the face | hours' pay, a proposition repugnant to the constitution of an officeholder. Then he pinched the two hat men-fellows who regularly slipped out for a "snort," leaving one hat on a peg to deceive the inquisittive. The latest outburst from the comdesioner is as unique and pointed as its bulletin announcing the promotion of J. S. Wiggins of Georgia, whose record is

given as follows: 1. Annual leave in four years, fourteen

Not a day sick leave in eight years. On merit, excellent, 4. His chief recommends him.

5. He has steered no statesmen up against the commissioner. 6. He has not told the commissioner about his pedigree and distinguished rela-

7. He has not told the commissioner how capable he (Wiggins) is and how deserving of promotion. Mr. Wiggins will be promoted today from

\$1,000 to \$1.200, and chiefs are requested York Times: There is consolation in the to furnish the commissioner with the names fact that if Mr. Mickey is too good a man of all others in the bureau with a similar to be governor of Nebraska that objection record. My deputies, Mr. Davenport and Mr. Kelly, heartily concur.

The Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle reports that descritons from the army continue at an alarming rate, despite all efforts of the War deno hesitancy with those who want an able, partment to keep the men in the ranks. A policy of swift and severe punishment for deserters has been adopted by Secretary He has not entered into combination with Root, the number of convictions of offenses the rougher element to secure votes and he of this kind for the past year being twice can be depended upon if elected to give as many as in the year previous. The full legal penalty for desertion is now being enforced.

Ever since the early reports of the department commanders began to come in it became apparent to the officers at the War department that the total number of desertions for the past year would be much larger than for many years previous. It is too early to ascertain what the total happen, the surplus exports of the United descritions will amount to, but the judge advocate general of the army has prepared | gin for two years, though still very great, table, giving the number of trials and onvictions for this offense. They number 1,081 for the year, but of course this is far below the total of desertions, for only a small percentage of the deserters are ap- in mills and factories, but the greater part prehended and brought to trial. Some idea of the splendid American export trade still an ideal governor and will give the state of the increase in the custom of taking consists of the products of the soil in vari-French leave of the military service, however, may be gained by comparing the number of desertions in the year just closed with those in the preceding year.

There were only 544 convictions for this offense in the year ending June 30, 1901, when there were more men in the army than at present, or when the figures for the recently ended year were made up. This indicates that there has been an increase of about 100 per cent in the number of desertions. This condition of affairs has given to the War department officials some little concern, and it is likely that if things do not improve soon there will be an investigation to find the causes for the wholesale abandonment of military life by privates in the ranks. In addition to the thousand and odd men who were punished last year for desertion, there were 846 others who were convicted of absence without leave, an offense closely bordering on desertion.

An experienced army officer, in discussing

"This is a subject that no two officers will agree upon. It has long been one of the he would be a credit to the high place to mysteries of the service, and I suppose will which he aspired. Two years of service continue so for all time. Everything possible has been done to make army life so fitness for the place. Therefore, they will attractive that the enlisted men will stick now support him, knowing their previous to it. The pay has been increased and the rations improved, yet every day finds one or more deserters. We have always obman who has ever held the place. This is served that there are more cases of this kind in prosperous times than when busi-Blair City Times Tribune: The voters ness is depressed. The inducement of good wean a man from the ranks before his time of service has expired. Then I believe, that been unable to endure the irksomeness of vate ten or fifteen years ago we have come to the general conclusion that desertions are caused by local influences rather than

> "Hoot-ta-loots" are a dainty sold in the streets of Washington, and here is the Star's explanation of their name: "'Here's yes nice fresh hoot-ta-loots!' cried an old colored man the other evening on Seventh street. 'Git 'em while dey's hot. Good and fresh! Dey's good foh de young, and dey's good foh de old. Only three mo' lef'; ver las' chance foh a fine hoot-ta-loot.' are you selling, uncle?' inquired a Star reporter. 'Hoot-ta-loots, honey,' replied the old man. 'What's a hoot-ta-loot?' 'Well, dey's somethin' like pie, only dey isn't. Where did you get the name?' 'Well, it riginated during Camp Alger, over in Virginny. I used to sell pies to de soldiers over dah, but one day an order cum stoppin'

all de people from sellin' 'em. So when I went home one day wid my baskit full 'stead o' empty, my ol' 'oman said she'd fix sum'thin' so's dey'd not know what dey wus, an' she up and made dese 'ere things, and tole me to go on back to camp wid 'em, disregard for the traditions of the bureau an' I did. De fus' pusson I met when I got that is as astonishing as it is painful to dar wus er doctor frum one oh de Pennsylvania rigimints. He say, "Jasper what yer got dar?" I tole him hoot-ta-loots. "Hootta-what?" he said. "Hoot-ta-loots, boss." What's dey?" he said. "I doan know 'zactly, sir. Jes' try one." He did so, and den he say dey wus all right, an' he up an' tole me to go to de cunnel foh a pass, which I did, but befo' de cunnel would sign de paper he said he wanted to tas' 'em, an' after he done tas' 'em he said, "Yo' kin hab de pass, uncle," an' after dat I wus in the camp every day till de boys went away. Den I 'ceived de idea of comin' to de city predecessors. It is an order posted on the an' 'sposin' of dese things. I calls 'em "hoot-ta-loots."

BIG CROPS AND EXPORTS.

Features of the September Report on America's Foreign Trade.

Cleveland Leader. In September, for the first time in more than a year, the preliminary monthly statement of the exports of breadstuffs, cattle and hogs, provisions, cotton and mineral oils from the United States shows an important gain over the corresponding month of the preceding year. Last November was the only month since August, 1901, in which there was any increase in the value of these staples sold to foreign countries, and the single exception of about one and onehalf per cent. The gain in September over the corresponding month of 1901 was about 17 per cent.

It seems to mark the turning of the tide in the sale of these great staples to consumers in other lands. There was an increase over September, 1901, in the exports of breedstuffs, for the first time in more than a year, and also in cotton. The gain in the shipments of the latter was large enough to offset losses in provisions, cattle and hogs, and mineral oils, and leave a big margin over. The increase in exports of breadstuffs was not large, but it indicated clearly a marked change in the condition of the most important single factor in American trade with foreign countries, except, perhaps, cotton.

With big crops of wheat, corn and cars to dispose of this season, it ought to follow that the sales of American agricultural staples to foreign buyers should increase steadily for many months, and if that shall States, which have been a narrowing marwill probably grow larger again. We have become a manufacturing people of vast productive powers, and a fine foreign business has been built up in merchandise made ous forms.

SMILING REMARKS.

Somerville Journal: "I love you more than I can tell!" he exclaimed, passionately. "Well," she answered, coyly, "they say actions speak louder than words."

Chicago Tribune: "Hello, Kadger! Eat-ing mince pie? I thought you were a vege-tarian."
"I am, but you don't suppose I can stop "I am, but you don't suppose I can step to separate the meat from the fruit, do you?"

Philadelphia Press: Tess—So she's married to Mr. Johnes-Browne.

Jess—Yes, and such a stick as he is.

Tess—I suppose she was anxious to acquire a husband while she had a chance.

Jess—No, it was the hyphen that caught

to say on public questions?"
"No," answered Senator Sorghum, "I am very much inclined to think that in modern affairs public questions are of less consequence than private understandings.

Washington Star: "You don't have much

Chicago Tribune: "You were talking just now about the 'initiative and referendum," said the man in the tweed suit. "Have you any idea what that means?"
"You must think I'm a darn fool," retorted the man with the refreating chin "It means that you can't be initiated unless you can give good references."

Philadelphia Press: "Of course," said the real estate agent, "city property and suburban property are sold in very different ways. Now, in the city we ask so much for a front foot—"
"Ah, yes," interrupted the Unsophisticated Person, "and in the suburbs you ask so much for a back yard."

THE SONG OF THE CORN.

In the lazy October days, With a wide, wide field and a clear sky There arises a song of praise,
A song of thanksgiving and homely
cheer.

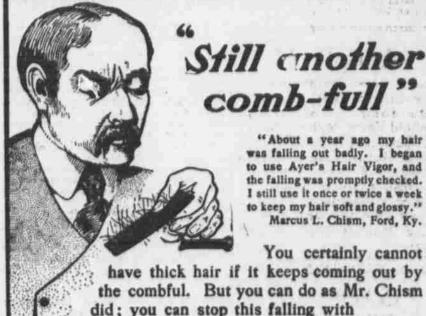
To the tune of the Autumn wind You may hear it rise, you may hear it fall, Calling to life of ev'ry kind That the harvest is great enough for all.

There are mem'ries of early Spring-The swish of the plough as it cuts the earth—
The beat of hoofs and planter's ring—
The sweetness and brightness of yearly

There's the patter of welcome rain And the rhythmic drinking of thirsty ground; There is noon on the open plain And the sturdy strength of the sun un-

storm; There's the fear that the frost incites And the peace of the sunshine, glad and Warm

There's the hush of the Summer morn And the opal skies of the sunset-glow— In the tong of the ripened corn— In the Autumn hymn that the prairies BELLE WILLEY GUE. Winside, Neb.



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