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J. Pierpont Morgan caught a cold and a slump in stocks.

The up-to-date Thanksgiving turkey to acquire a foot ball form.

automobile vehicle that will attempt to ready been exhausted. complete the trip through congress,

good a witness as he does a diplomat. Nersatility is one of his strong points.

For some unexplainable reason Captain Christmas' fairy tale did not even as well as business calculations to the survive the Danish island treaty nego- line of earnings. It may be severe on there will be any legislation in the near

Betting on weather forecasts is about as hazardous at this time of the year as banking on the Mercer democrats in the last election. President Roosevelt will have to find

over to join him in the chase. Central Kansas has experienced a alight attack of terrestrial jimjams

n surer field of sport for the huntsman

which some people in those parts imagine to have been the fag end of an earthquake. the trusts, as soon as President Roose-

velt returns to Washington to assume the position of center rush. tion of the new Iowa law the prohibition his report, just made public, that all market and the financial affairs of the than folly; it would be a crime against

of inebriates to the insane asylums. out is that of the rural free delivery service, in which under republican poli- however, can be taken care of by the cies 11,000 carriers have been enlisted in

It isn't fair to keep on poking fun at the one remaining of greatest difficulty. ent banks in their localities on from officers. At the present rate Annapolis Herbert Spencer for his vegetarian fad They are fighting people, fearless, obstitutions of institutions that are will provide 355 officers by July, 1905, after he has honestly explained that he nate and will not be easily subdued. was very young and a good deal of a crank at the time.

What about the dangers of early matrimony besetting the young officers in the navy? Are the graduates of Annapolis more immune than the graduates of West Point?

You always have to go away from home to hear the news. Down in Lincoln they are constructing a new \$400,000 railroad organ for Omaha, but they have not indicated yet where it is to be set up and who is to work the bellows.

builder King Alphonso of Spain has no equal among the crowned heads of Europe. His average has been one cabinet a month ever since he has been permitted to warm the seat of his pantaloons on a throne.

tan of Jolo. It is nonsense to be treating with that fellow as if he were an out of the existence of a widely ramified the supreme court of New York points as if he were a blanket Indian who had got off his reservation.

will be wise to refrain from undue ex- which attempts have not been made to citement over boundary questions. They get at the public treasury by tampering in such evidence as they appear to an special examination is to be held at book is a far greater event than a great will be settled in due time and the with the authorities who should guard it experienced jurist. An incident is re- Washington City November 12. Meanboundary fixed exactly where it belongs. for the public, attempts which too often But they ought to understand by this have been successful. time that they cannot make successful their-old scheme of claiming a lot of Louis case is that a millionaire briber trial he found the expert ready to prove be urged to adopt legislation for meet-United States territory, or of disputed and corruptionist, influential in political testitory, and then trade it off for con- circles and backed by powerful corpora- letters which the attorney had procured lishment. It is manifestly useless to go cessions in other directions.

REACTION FROM STOCK JOBBING.

Too much stress cannot be put upon the fact that the financial stringency in the east is the result of gambling and not of legitimate business operations. This fact was early perceived by the country notwithstanding the clamors of stock Jobbers, promoters and birds of prey generally, and recent developments bring it out in clear light. It is now asserting itself in the continued depression in the stock market, and most notably in those securities which have been the subject of exploitation, while in broad contrast commercial values and earnings hold firm, and the volume of legitimate transactions, enormous and unprece dented as it has been, even shows a tend-

ency to expand. The root of the trouble is the prostlytion to purely speculative and gambling ness consolidation by modern methods. That the latter is potent for important with the gift of Midas to turn into gold is the true method of reform. everything it touches. The public has been dazzled with the temporary or promised results of combination, and speculators and promoters have sought to take advantage of the prevalent in-

fatuation. The situation in brief is that they and their victims have overplayed their hand and have been caught unguarded in the game.

At a time when the whole circle of .31,450 stocks and securities had been pushed either by the excited sanguine spirit of the times or by deliberate manipulation 31,579 far beyond the warrant of earnings. present or prospective, and just as the judgment of the public was beginning to appreciate that fact, it was found that .31,670 innumerable groups of speculators and stock jobbers and syndicates of promot-32,300 ing banks, trust companies and controllers of large interests had still on hands a prodigious total of inflated securities, 969.615 Less unsold and returned copies ..... 9,872 representing merged and combined properties, which had not yet been disposed 30,959 of to the public. The absolute condition of success in these schemes was to un-Subscribed in my presence and sworn to efore me this list day of October, A. D. load at the level of an abnormal bull movement. While still in the hands of (Seal.)

Notary Public. the promoters, these securities had absorbed a vast proportion of surplus the catch was followed immediately by funds in eastern depositories and it is known that they had been hypothecated in European money capitals for an enormous amount, certainly not less than that desires to improve its figure will try \$300,000,000. The maintenance of the speculative movement absolutely depended on the ability of the public to The Omnibus statehood bill is the next continue to buy, but this had largely al-

The good sense of the American people, braced by the conservative judgment President Mitchell seems to make as of European financiers, has called a halt. The movement marked in the records of to its efficiency as a factor in the the New York stock market is simply a progress and prosperity of Omaha. remedial process whereby prices are being restricted to values and speculative fortunate indeed that the reaction has discussion of the question by Mr. fying the civic character of our people. movement had gone unchecked to the lengths to which desperate speculators would have carried it the consequences if he wants to lure Emperor William of the inevitable collapse might have been so far-reaching as fatally to in-

volve the world of legitimate business.

THE TROUBLESOME MOROS. All recent reports regarding the Phillopines show that with the exception of the territory occupied by the Moros peace banking, controlled by a few great banks the true American military policy. prevails and the functions of civil gov-Uncle Sam's team will line up to tackle ernment are being fully exercised. Vice Governor Wright has said that there is it would be only a few years until the a degree of peace and safety in the Philippines now that was never reached under the Spanish rule. This is corroboliess powerful institutions, all acting to-It is observable that under the opera- rated by General Chaffee, who states in gether for the control of the money counties still contribute their full quota parts of the archipelago, except what is nation. known s the Moro country, are free from disturbance of a serious nature, One army that is not being mustered though bands of ladrones continue to of business men who in a small way, as minimum complement to the vessels now menace some communities. These, constabulary, which appears to be generally efficient and faithful.

The task of dealing with the Moros is General Chaffee recommends aggressive these it may be several years before the Moros can be brought to fully recognize and submit to the authority of the United States. It seems evident from the report of the former commander in the Philippines that there must be active military operations in the Moro country before those people can be brought to obedience to American authority, and even after this is accomplished they are likely to prove more or less troublesome for an indefinite time. Of course there is nothing to do now but compel them to yield and undoubtedly this should be done is sound.

REFURM BY CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. the conviction and sentence of the guilty of the unirustworthiness of such testiman to the penitentiary for a term of mony. General Chaffee is right about the sal- three years. The novelty of the case does not consist in the fact that it grows chises and public contracts. These exist in all cities of considerable size. There It is almost as old as the use of this into the naval service. is scarcely a city or town which has not species of evidence, which goes back The Canadian press and government had scandals of this character or in

> The extraordinary feature of the St. tions for which he acted as agent, should to be written was exactly the same as on increasing the number of ships in who speaks and reads his mother tongue.

able resource for smothering legal in- pert in this instance stood very high in quisition in its incipiency and for baf- his "profession."

practices involve the integrity of governeconomies is an indisputable fact, and to be compared with this one conspicuto that extent it is healthful and con- ous conviction. For corruption in high servative. It is not, however, endowed places unrelenting criminal prosecution

MAKE AR-SAR-BEN PERMANENT.

The benefits accruing to Omaha from the work of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben are so obvious and so numerous that no one interested in Omaha's future would listen to a proposal to disband the organization. Yet from its inception Ak-Sar-Ben has been instituted upon a temporary basis, its membership being recruited and new in its entirety each successive year. While some advantages have resulted from this system they are far outwelghed by the disadvantages and by the unnecessary repetition of laborious work on the part of volunteer committees that could be almost completely obviated if the organization were

put in a more permanent form. Instead of soliciting applications each year, membership subscriptions could without additional exertion be secured for a period of three years, the fees being paid annually, as now, This would give a membership nucleus to be constantly expanded, to say nothing of permitting more definite estimates upon an assured income. Such a change need not interfere in any way with the initiation ceremonies, which constitute a distinctive feature, participation in which might be made one of the conditions of membership.

The temporary character of the Ak-Sar-Ben organization is due originally to the fact that its promoters had no idea to what extent it would become a part of the social and business fabric of the community. That it has more than met all expectations and now justifies a demand for permanency is the best tribute

AS TO BRANCH BANKING.

come at this time, for if the gambling Dawes, former comptroller of the currency, before the American Bankers' association, is timely and merits consideration by all who are interested in the matter. Mr. Dawes presented reasons against the creation of branch banks which seem to us to be conclusive. He system would necessarily be the centralestablishing of a monopoly in national in the principal cities. Consolidation is now going on and under a branch system banking business of the entire country and then lay them up," said President

such a system and the more it is discussed the more unpopular it is sure to officers in July, 1905.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

It is remarked that the chief lesson lessness of the evidence of so-called evidence as of no value and it was

several centuries. He gives numerous members of congress to nominate canexamples showing the dangers inherent lated of a conscientious prosecuting at- while the question of providing officers torney who discarded the services of a for the navy is regarded in naval circles handwriting expert, because on private as a serious one and congress will again that the handwriting on certain decoy ing this urgent need of the naval estab-

be successfully prosecuted to a convict that on postal cards alleged to have been the navy without making adequate protion. He was armed with every conceiv- written by the accused person. The ex- vision for officering and manning them.

fling it if persisted in-the result that | Justice Woodward urges that a remusually follows. All these resources, all edy should be found for the evils of exthe delays and strategems known to pertism, but he thinks it is not attaineriminal practice, pressure upon wit- able by legislation. "Indeed," he says, nesses and the like, were exhausted in "I do not believe that the fault is in the his behalf. This conviction of the mil- system so much as in that relaxation of lionaire briber Butler is under the cir- the professional and public conscience cumstances a signal triumph for good which has permitted abuses to continue government and honest administration. uncorrected." A great difficulty is that The lesson cannot be too closely laid not a few so-called experts do not hesito heart. If the wretched petty criminal tate to sell their opinious, or what they whose act is felt only in a narrow circle are pleased to term their opinions, to is to be punished, the millionaire and the the highest bidder, and this it is mani-

powerful corporation whose corrupt festly not easy to correct or prevent. Expert evidence has come to be so ment itself and rob the public by whole- generally suspected and discredited that present height, but other considerations sale cannot be let go. There is a world no great amount of importance is now purposes of the genuine utilities of busi- of vain moralizing and pretentious but given it by courts or juries. The worthvague and futile preachment of reform, lessness of such testimony was very dis- stepped. but all of it, for practical value, is not tinctly shown in the last trial of Molineux.

OUR HUMANE ARMY.

General Young is undoubtedly correct when he says that the United States army is the most humane army that ever waged war, and nothing could more foreibly illustrate this fact than the actual truth of the campaigns in the Philippines and in China. War is inherently cruel and terrible, for death and destruction are its means. But no army of a civilized nation campaigning among barbarians and savages who vioiate every custom and principle of civ-Hized warfare ever conducted itself with greater self-restraint and humanity than the American soldiers in the Orient.

With the most recent experiences under like conditions, those of the British in the Soudan and in northern India. and of the Russians among the barbarous tribes in interior Asia, the record of the American army stands out in striking contrast. In the international corps in China, where American soldiers marched with the French, Germans, British and Russians, the difference in their treatment of women and children, of prisoners and armed foes and of the property of the invaded country was such as to impress profoundly the opinion of the whole world.

It was exactly what was to be expected. The young men who composed the American army were not mere hirelings nor recruited from the dregs and sentative homes of the country. They were neither better nor worse than their brothers and neighbors who remained at home as a reserve to reinforce them if need should be.

It was folly for the so-called antiimperialists to attempt to promote their contention by besmirching such an army. The American people instinctively resent it. The charges against the While it is not at all probable that character of the army were palpably and who have too far transgressed that future authorizing national banks to es- employed by the detractors was the Yet in this wicked and prying world no line, but it is none the less on that account necessary and beneficial. It is some earnest advocates and therefore the of the police courts of our cities as typi-

The point that Americans are not an aggressively military people, that their true ideal is peace and industrialism rather than the glory of war is well taken and cannot be too much insisted receive commendation from the average upon. So far as the anti-imperialists housekeeper. To pay a fancy price for can enforce that point they will perpointed out that the effect of such a form a useful service. But falsehood, detraction, unmerited slander of the ization of the banking interest and the American army hinder and by no possibility can ever nelp the promotion of

MANNING THE NAVY

"To provide battleships and cruisers would be in the hands of a score or Roosevelt, "with the expectation of leaving them unmanned until they are needed in actual war, would be worse the nation." In a recent speech Secre-Such a system, Mr. Dawes said, would tary of the Navy Moody said that 607 acquired, the church-going habit not be in the interest of the large class officers were needed to give even the manufacturers and merchants, are de- in commission and that for sixty or veloping the country and whom we are more vessels under construction 783 adnot ready as a nation to dispense with. ditional officers will be needed to pro-These men require credit and they are vide the minimum complement. The more likely to obtain it from independ- navy is thus shown to be short of 1,390 hundreds of miles away. The advocacy and under the law not more than eightof branch banking comes from a few een enlisted men may obtain promotion measures and he thinks that even with only, a majority of the bankers of the by that date. Even with every midshipcountry and particularly of the west op- man graduated and every enlisted man posing it. The country does not need promoted who is entitled to a commission, the navy will lack more than 1,000

The navy also needs an increased enlisted force. With the 3,000 increase authorized at the last session of congress the present enlisted force numbers of the Molineux trial is the utter worth- 28,000 men and boys, giving the ratio of sixty men for each 1,000 tons of ship. "handwriting experts" in such cases. The completed and authorized tonnage These were so contradictory in their is 750,000 tons, so that on the basis of opinions that the court regarded this sixty men for each 1,000 tons there will be required an enlisted force of 45,000. As a cabinet maker and a cabinet the advice of General Chaffee as to how largely for this reason that the jury It is said that plenty of men can be promptly acquitted the defendant. It is enlisted, but not of those who are really another instance added to the many qualified by seafaring experience and which have caused expert evidence to training. It takes time to train men Scotland, and some of them are with One of the St. Louis prosecutions for be very generally discredited and is one who are to be of use to the navy and Thackeray on the field of Waterloo, and bribery and corruption has just ended in of the most striking examples ever given they need to be men of better intelligence than are usually found in the merchant marine. The naval authorities In a recent magazine article Justice are now endeavoring to accure enlist-Woodward of the appellate division of ments, but it does not appear that they are meeting with satisfactory success. independent sovereign. The thing to do conspiracy of wealthy politicians and out that grave criticism of expert evi- While there is no difficulty in securing is to send out and bring him in the same corporations operating in public fran- dence in courts of law has not sprung men of the most desirable kind for the from recently celebrated criminal cases. army, relatively few are disposed to go

The secretary of the navy has asked didates for midshipmen, for whom a

Several recent fires in eastern skyscraper buildings above the line where fire-fighters can do effective work toward extinguishing flames come as pertinent reminders of the dangers of excessively high construction. Even where the buildings are to all intents and purposes fireproof in character, the contents are more or less inflammable, and although the damage to property may be slight, the risk of life to inmates and firemen is beyond what the necessities require. The engineering problems of lofty construction can without doubt readily be solved so as to permit of towering structures of several times the that involve their safety for human occupation will fix limits not easily over-

Bear stories and bear cartoons will be the fad from now on until Christmas. People whose memory carries them back into the 50s will recall forcibly the campaign of the first republican candidate for president General John C. Fremont, whose encounters with grizzlies were the all-absorbing topic for the boys and afforded material for the pictures of the yellow press of those days. The next time President Roosevelt goes on a bear hunt he should try his luck in Alaska, where he can buy four bear cubs for a dollar with the privilege of perforating their fur with lead thrown into the bargain.

It would be interesting to know just what the so-called "no shelter to monopoly" plank of the Iowa republican platform means. With almost as many interpretations as there are interpreters. about the only thing regarding it that everybody agrees on is that it does not mean a general revision of the tariff.

Omaha has been made a port of original entry for packages sent from abroad through the registered mail, but Omaha has yet to be designated a point depots where railway mail cars arrive and depart.

Tom Johnson, like Colonel Bryan, is now speaking of the first battle, and indicates, with contemptuous allusions to McLean, that he is enlisted "'enduring outcasts of society, but for the most de wah." The distinguished Ohio statespart went patriotically from the repre- man probably means that he intends to take his circus on the road next year.

Whenceness of the Attack

Baltimore American. Attacks on co-education frequently emanate from those who fear that women will prove more than a match for men in the struggle for learning.

> Suspicious Visits. Buffalo Express.

Prime Minister Balfour ridicules the idea that the visit of Emperor William to King demonstrably overdrawn. The evidence Edward is anything but a friendly call. man can go to see his uncle without exciting suspicion.

Justice Does a Good Job.

Philadelphia Record. The magistrate who imposed a fine of \$50 on a coal dealer for selling coal by short weight, and further bound him over for trial on a charge of false pretense, will coal, when it can be had, is hard enough; to get less coal than is paid for is too much for endurance. The lightweight coal dealer is an obnoxious person at all times, but just now he is an object of particular

The Church-Going Habit,

Burlington Hawkeye. Too many people go to church merely to near a good sermon or fine music or to see people and be seen. And so when there is likelihood of an indifferent sermon or poor music or a storm prevails or other adventitious conditions obtain they stay away. The church-going habit is one to be cultivated, the same as the habit of attending to one's business or daily duties regardless of weather or anything else. Once goes quietly on moulding character and determining deatiny. FREE LIBRARY MOVEMENT.

Advantages that it Spreads Before Even the Humblest Render.

Hall Caine in the Independent. opening a free library the doors are may take, and yet none will find any less. Think what is being added to the wealth of the community-the thought, the poetry, the science, the romance of nearly all the ages. It is being gathered up and put into one room, and no man can be so poor that he may not be owner of it all. If a person happen to step into one of the great free libraries in the poorer districts of London or Liverpool, or of any great city, he must have been touched by the thought that such places are the great comfort houses of the poor man and poor woman. In winter, when the day is cold and chill, there they are who would otherwise be in the streets, without work and sometimes without food. But for a little while they are able to forget their hard necessities and to remember their other troubles no more.

What if they are all, or nearly all, reading novels? The novelists are the magicians wafting them, as on wings out of their anxieties and sorrows. Some of them are away with Walter Scott among the hills of some of them are with Dickens, tramping the country lanes by the side of the grandfather and Little Nell. Some of them are rolling with laughter and some are choking with sobs; but all of them are carried out of themselves and out of their pitiful circumstances. And it is only their poor, pinched bodies that sit there, in their mean and meager garments.

Isn't this a wonderful thing to do? You may be rich, but you cannot do it with money; you may stand in high places, but you cannot do it with power. You have ne it with books, and books are the greatest force now existing in the world. Judged by its effect on man and on time, a great battle; and there is no book so poor but it has taken generations of men to write it A race has never been great without having great books. Sometimes the books have remained when the race has disappeared. The highest inheritance of our own race, the Anglo-Saxon race, is the inheritance of a great and glorious literature. And this is the birthright of every apprentice boy

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

Heavenly manua is better than earthly

Foes without are less to be feared than nults within. Old truths are too great a price to pay

or new doubts. The temperature of the heart cannot be gaged by the head.

The star of faith will shine long after the omet of fame has disappeared. The first thing some people do when troubles fly into their lives is to clip their

wings. Almost every fool thinks that he is bright mough to throw dust in the eyes of the Divine.

Happiness depends not on the things and with its religion led the way for comthe heart has but on the heart that has the things.

Some people make a great show of fleeing from the roaring lion that men may not fervor of the Methodists. It meant busisee the secret serpents they carry in their pockets.

Talk about "looking for opportunties of doing good!" We may as well talk about looking for fire-wood in a forest or for water during a flood. The world is full of ment to be a hoax. It is easy to make such opportuntities.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

brotherly feeling. Chicago has changed the name of Fake

has a more dignified sound and comports with the prosperity of the residents. A large bunch of democrats are engaged

in the annual exercises of throwing harpoons into defeated leaders. It is a shocking exhibition of disrespect for the dead. It is settled in advance of the show that the midway at St. Louis will be a society affair, pure in spirit and elevating in tone. Where the exhibits are to come from to make the prayer meeting a success is not known, and will not be until the box office gets busy.

An ordinance prohibiting the employment of barmaids in Hoboken has been sustained by the courts of Jersey. Next to the trusts the barmaids of Hoboken have been the wonder of Jersey. Their passing from the scene leaves the goats of Weehawken without a rival as a rustic spec-A comic opera singer gives the reading

public a comic variation of the last jew- ligious and educational investments of its elry racket. She blushingly admits having swallowed her watch, while asleep. for more rapid distribution of mail at Free advertising is in rocky straits when the point of departure from the various a woman suggests a guessing contest on the size of her mouth as a prelude to ticklish sensation.

Governor-elect Bailey of Kansas deserves all the pity that can be shipped to him by mail or otherwise. He is a bachelor. In a moment of thoughtlessness preceding his nomination he agreed if elected governor not only to marry, but to select a Kansas woman for a bride. The awakening on the morning of the day after finds him in a distressful state of mind because the available matrimonial material in Kansas does ! not approach his standard of feminine loveliness. Duty commands, but his heart rebels. What renders the situation one of acute distress is the ideal helpmeets to be had in Nebraska. When the happiness of a lifetime is at stake the governor-elect would be justified in tying a can to pledges and raiding his northern neighbor.

IDEALS OF BROTHERHOOD.

President Roosevelt Emphasizes One of the Needs of the Times. Kansas City Star.

The address of President Roosevelt on 'Brotherhood" at Philadelphia was appropriate and timely. It came with especia force from Mr. Roosevelt just after his impressive demonstration of his belief in the principle by his interference to end the suffering resulting from the coal strike. It was opportune in following that prolonged struggle in which the ideal of brotherhood had been ignored with lamentable results. Put as that struggle was one of the symptoms of the times, the address was of more than temporary significance. The presiden did not exaggerate when he said that the great industrial and social problems of today could not be solved without the applying of "the lesson of brotherhood."

Few persons seem to realize what critical period in American history the next few years will be. When plenty of land was accessible and opportunities were approximately equal the country got on wel with a crude code of social ethics that encouraged each man to care supremely for his own interests without much regard to those of his neighbors. But the social life has become too complex, opportunities too restricted and chances too unequal for the old code to be successful. The manager of a big corporation who manipulates its stock in his own interest may find himself justified by former standards, but he is a dangerous person to the modern community. The obsolete code must give way to one founded on the idea of brotherhood if the new order is to last.

Legislation can do something to remedy the abuses that arise with the development of material civilization. But so long as laws do not register the wishes of sincere flung ajar of a great treasure house where public sentiment they will be evaded and the peculiarity is this: That every man fail of their purpose. Prohibitory legislation is ineffective where the people want Laws against some form of industrial oppression can accomplish little unless the majority of business men discountenance the evil. The only certain remedy for the injustices that are developing in the industrial order lies in the spirit of brotherhood. Upon the spread of this ideal depends the stability of the whole system. The period is critical, too, on the side of

individual as well as public ethics. There was a time when the threat of excommunication from the church was a powerful weapon to enforce a certain standard of conduct. Belief in a future system of rewards and punishments has continued to the present day to exert a strong influence for morality. But this belief is weakening, and fear as a motive for right conduct is becoming ineffective. Unless the idea of brotherhood can take its place the breaking down of the old sanctions will lead to moral anarchy. The great religious teachers have recognized the importance of this ideal. Christianity is founded upon it. Its absence from the Greek and Roman systems led to the deterioration of those civilizations and left them an easy prey to the barbarians. History has proved the profound wisdom of the injunction to love thy neighbor as thyself by showing that the ideal of brotherhood among the citizens is essential to'a nation's self preserva-

In emphasizing "the tesson of brotherhood" President Roosevelt showed his appreciation of the great need of the times. His address was inspired, not by emotion, but by good, hard sense. The pressing problems of today are to be solved only through the spread of the brotherhood ideal.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chleago Post: A New York clergyman informed his parishioners that William Waldorf Astor is a fool. Thus is the way to heaven effectively pointed out.

Brooklyn Eagle: There appears to be only one way in which to treat the Douke hobors and that is not to treat them at all. Let them walk the frenzy out and let them go hungry till they have an appetite for wholesome victuals. You can't interfere with religious enthusiasm. If people want to be martyrs let 'em and they'll get over it.

Chicago Chronicle: The excess of Methodist emotion of which President Ellot complains has been a genuine Godsend to America. It penetrated the western wilds merce as well as a higher civilization. Of all religious emotion none ever took a more definite and practical shape than the ness every time and America is richer, wiser, more humane and more religious as a result of it.

Baltimore American: A New Jersey minlater has just declared popular governsuch statements, but they are as mischievous as they are untrue. Men occupying positions of authority and responsibility should be more careful than to help St. Louis and Chicago are getting to- spread a spirit of contempt and pessimism ether. Six hours trains are promoting a toward government. Popular government may not be ideal, but it is what the people have selected as best for themselves, and treet to Clover avenue. The new title if it were a hoax it could not have accomplished the results which have made this the freest and most prosperous of the world's nations. And it is very certain that any state of affairs needing reform is not going to be mended by misstatements of a misplaced cynicism.

Washington Post: While the commercial dea is absent from the schemes of the churches and their auxiliaries the work which they perform is commercially profitable. It adds to the value of real estate by increasing the security of person and property and by reducing taxation. It increases the sum total and the quality of manual and mental work by promoting sobriety and general morality. It is doubtful if any investments are in the long run more profitable than the millions expended for churches and schools. While the profit may not come directly back to the contributor, it comes to the community and is pretty equally divided. Each successive generation draws a dividend from the repredecessors.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Detroit Free Press: Sidney—Have you any marked ability of any kind?
Rodney—Well, I've kept a lot of widows from marrying me.

Philadelphia Press: He-No matter how plain a woman may be if she has pretty teeth and hair she's bound to attract some stiention.
She—Yes, they may be said to be a waman's best friends. woman's best friends.

He—That's so, for, they say, the best of friends fall out.

Indianapolis News: "Yes," sobbed the widow, "me poor husband was cut right in two be the cars."
"Terrible! Terrible!"
"It was so. The wheels jist ruined the brand new watch in his vest pocket."

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SHALL I LOOK BACK!

Louise Chandler Moulton By which my feet are journeying today-Or leads into the valley sun-denied, Where, through the darkness, hapless

wanderers stray, Unblessed, uncheered, ungladdened by a Of certitude their errant steps to guide? Shall I look back and see the great things

The tollsome path, God's training for my The pains that never had been worth my tears? some great light of rapture, bathing bygone woe seem joy; past bitter,

look back and wonder at my



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