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It is a wise railroad that knows who controls it three months in succession these days.

Boodle distributers get no comfort from Missouri juries or mercy from Miswouri judges.

sight of a second-sight medium. Make bim use his second sight.

Judging from the official figures of the election of Douglas county, the populists have disappeared from the map and the socialists have taken their place.

It begins to look as if the order of the secretary of the interior for the fences illegally erected on government land to come down really means that the ences must come down.

situation, Uncle Joe Cannon need have in the business affairs of the nation, no fears that the necessary votes will to exert their great influence in behalf be at his command when that speaker- of the maintenance of the industrial ship contest is pulled off.

The prospective reappearance of the snow plow on the mountain division of the Union Pacific will have a tendency to hasten the settlement of the boilermakers' and machinists' lockout, or strike, as it is commonly called.

As to a state census for Nebraska in 1905, there is really no hurry about preliminary preparations. The census may sphere could, if disposed to, exert a be taken at any time during the year potential influence in the cause of indusand the legislature of 1905 can take care of it without crowding in case the coming legislature of 1903 fails to get around then called upon will be used in future

Fusion organs profess to be sure Nebraska would not have been carried by the republicans at the recent election had all the voters registered their choice at the ballot box. The political mind reader who can tell how the stay-athomes would have voted is sadly in railroads from the nominal valuation requisition.

Chicago has been shaken up several times during the past ten days by stored explosives. Omaha is liable to have the same experience most any time simply because the city council has never been able to agree on an ordinance requiring the inspection of explosives by a compe-

have organized a merger for the purpose of keeping up the price of meat and more. Eight years ago while the road bread and keeping down the price of was still in the hands of receivers Virgil beef and flour. The next thing we hear C. Bogue, one of the principal witnesses of will be a merger among the consum- for the Union Pacific in the maximum ers with an agreement to subsist on codliver oil and feathers.

the Nebraska woman suffragists, an innovation is to be inaugurated in the form of a "men's evening," in which the entire program will be rendered by pect when the women hold the whip hand.

If our state institutions were to get all they ask for from the impending legislature, the floating debt of the state would soon reflect the expansion policy But then heads of state institutions in Nebraska, as elsewhere, proceed on the principle of asking for everything in sight and resting content with what is given to them.

The deadlock over the county commissionership has been fortified by an order clerk from easting lots for the tied candidates. If the injunction were made \$12,000,000. permanent and Commissioner Ostrom kept in as a holdover the controversy the public, if not of the contestants.

THE WEST SOLID FOR CANNON.

gressman Cannon, and should go far minal facilities, and for practical purto settle the contest in his favor. It poses extends into and through their passenger and freight depots and over every sidetrack and switch into the control the caucus of republican members. It can now be confidently predicted that, with Babecck out of the on Cannon.

Mr. Babcock's decision and announceparty generally. He had it in his power ally popular, a strong man of good public record and widely known by reason of his position as chairman of the republican congressional committee, he commanded a considerable following. He would have had the support of the ritory in Alaska claimed by Canada delegation and of members scattered denial. Officials of the coast and geothrough delegations of other states.

effective, or that he could have secured as to the truthful less of this statement. more than a minority of it. Mr. Cannon In the first place there can be no object could not be reasonably asked or ex- on the part of the American surveyors pected under the circumstances to give to invade British territory, and in the way in favor of Mr. Babcock. If the second place they are especially caulatter entered the race there must tioned against any such course by the therefore come a time when, if the west regulations governing their investigawere not to lose the speakership, either tion in regard to boundaries. he or Mr. Cannon would have to get It should be understood that the efsuch agreement had been reached it of this government to ascertain the whole matter at the outset.

sult may be an agreement, without ment in prosecuting this investigation 9.872 further contest, on Mr. Cannon to is to secure unquestionable facts that preside over the house. His admirable can be used in the final determination 959,743 30,959 in genuine importance only to that of the very outset of this controversy the presidency itself, his experience, his United States has shown a disposition to rity and his amiable personality mark fairness and that is the feeling of the

INDUSTRIAL PRACE.

dustrial peace ought to make a strong would long since have been reached. impression upon the country. The president has manifested in regard to this Moral-Don't leave valuables in plain matter the greatest solicitude and has to be no substantial reason, is simply of the country.

York Chamber of Commerce last week, question of the Alaskan boundary. Mr. Roosevelt made the subject of industrial peace a prominent feature. He urged the commercial men there assem-If newspaper sentiment controls the bled, representing a tremendous power peace. Nothing that has been said on this subject was more direct and pointed and vigorous than the utterance of President Roosevelt and it was especially valuable because timely and made to a body of men who are in a position to d6 a very great deal in promoting industrial peace. Such an organization as the Chamber of Commerce of the metropolis of the western hemitrial peace. And there is no doubt that the great influence which the president in the interest of the great work for which President Roosevelt has con-

WAY BELOW THE MARK.

Tax Commissioner Fleming is to b highly commended for his courageous action in raising the assessment of the fixed on the mileage basis by the state board to what he conceives to be the actual value of their terminals and properties within the city limits. But the tax commissioner's assessment is still way below the mark.

Take, for example, the Union Pacific railroad, which is placed by him at \$6,964,940, when by rights, at the lowest estimate, the value of its taxable prop-The butchers and bakers of St. Joseph erty in Omaha is not less than \$10,000,-000 and is capitalized for many millions rate case on trial in the United States circuit court, computed the value of the Union Pacific terminals at Omaha at \$6,108,931. In this computation he included \$135,000 for headquarters building and furniture and \$16,923 for the right-of-way from South Omaha to Gilmore, but that was more than offset by the sterner sex. We presume this is to his ridiculously low valuation of the prepare the men for what they may ex- Union Pacific freight house and upper yard at \$101,350, when in fact the yardage and freight house facilities of the Union Pacific are worth nearer \$1,000,-000 than \$100,000.

The value of the improvements made by the road in its terminal facilities within the past eight years, including the Union passenger depot, viaducts and bridges, additional depot grounds and enlarged right-of-way by the settlement with the city of Omaha by which they acquired miles of streets and alleys, cannot be less than \$3,000,000, while the increased franchise value of these termifrom the courts restraining the county nals would be at least equal to another \$3,000,000, or, in round figures, at least submitted to Nebraska voters at the re-

The valuation placed by the tax commissioner on the Burlington terminals might be solved to the satisfaction of and properties is also exceedingly low. Inasmuch as all not voting for the

The announcement of Congressman begins on the west side of the Tenth 7,000, or more than two to one. Babcock of Wisconsin, that he will not street viaduct, is apparently excessive. enter the contest for the speakership of but in reality it constitutes a part of the the national house clears the field, so whole of the Burlington system and far as the west is concerned, for Con- shares with the Southwestern all the terheart of the wholesale district.

It is not to be expected, however, that the tax commissioner's assessment will race, the west will be solidly united be allowed to stand, if the railroads can help it. They have enjoyed extraordinary exemption from municipal tax bur ment are opportune, and will greatly dens for so many years that they may strengthen him in the opinion of the be depended on to make a great outcry against what their tax agents and lawto divide the western members. Person- yers will be pleased to stigmatize as "oppressive exactions."

AN UNJUST ALLEGATION. The statement recently made by Cawould as a candidate for speaker have nadian authorities to the effect that Americans had unjustly invaded the ter-Wisconsin delegation, part of the Iowa has met with a prompt and unqualified detic survey pronounce as absolutely It is hardly possible, however, that he false the statement that encroachments could have got the solid western had been made upon British territory support at any time when it could be and there cannot be a reasonable doubt

out, and it is likely that by the time forts on the part of the representatives would be too late. Mr. Babcock therefore proper boundaries in Alaska are being has acted wisely, and with generous re- conducted with the utmost regard for gard to western interests, to settle the the interests of all parties concerned and in an entirely fair and impartial It is to be hoped that the prompt re- manner. The purpose of our governqualifications for the high office is-gen- of the very important question respecterally and rightly-regarded as second ing the Alaskan boundary. From the ability, his universally recognized integ- deal with this issue with the utmost him out as peculiarly worthy of the government now. Had Canada met the question in the same spirit there would not today be any controversy between the two countries in regard to the mat- and his money. The very earnest interest manifested ter, but on the contrary a perfectly by President Roosevelt in behalf of in- amicable and satisfactory arrangement

The charge now made by the Canadian government, for which there appears never neglected an opportunity to im- calculated to complicate the situation press upon the public the necessity of and render a final settlement more difpromoting industrial peace. It is evi- ficult. That this is the intention is perdently one of the things which most feetly obvious and it ought to convince engrosses his thought and which he those who are familiar with the circumstrongly feels to be most essential to lessness of being able to get anything the continued prosperity and progress lesseness of being able to get anything like fair and honorable action on the In his notable address before the New part of Canada in connection with the

Another fine example of stock wat ing is to be found in the absorption of the White Star line by the new Atlantic steamship trust. The figures in the transaction as reliably reported involve an issue of \$25,174,000 in preferred stock and \$12,587,000 in common stock, in addition to \$15,736,180 in cash, as the purchase price for the shares of the old company at more than ten times par value, the cash alone paying the selling stockholders more than was originally paid in for their holdings. If the steamship trust pays interest and dividends on all its bond and stock obligations, some people we presume will still be unable to see wherein the stock is watered.

If the World-Herald had any right to the publication of liquor license notices, why has it not put in its claim with the county board or with the city council of South Omaha, which issue licenses for this county outside of Omaha? The same law applies to the entire county and both these bodies are controlled by democratic majorities. But both of them have accorded The Evening Bee the position of newspaper of largest bona fide circulation in the county, because the facts in the case are indisputable. Applicants for licenses in Omaha who submit to the present World-Herald raid will be voluntary victims of the holdup.

In case President Loubet should accept the invitation to attend the St. Louis World's fair, another reason will have to be urged for his entertainment than that of gratitude to France for permitting us to acquire Louisiana by purchase agreement. France got its the territory from being taken away from it by its ancient enemy. We in this country are indebted to France in many ways and would take delight in entertaining its chief executive most hospit ably, but not in recognition of any unliquidated obligation growing out of the Louisiana purchase.

A writer in a popular weekly congratu lates the new woman on the growth of politeness in the sex, which, it is asserted, shows remarkable improvement ompared with a few decades ago. The men are willing to give the women full praise for every newly acquired virtue, but they would like to share the credit in this case on the score that they have learned to give the women less cause for impoliteness than formerly. Impoliteness recognizes no lines of creed, color

If the figures for Douglas county are a straw, the constitutional amendment cent election has been lost. In this out of a total of approximately 20,000. The assessment of the so-called Omaha amendment must be counted against it, trust.

& North Platte line, which on the map this makes an adverse majority of nearly

If King Leopold of Belgium had any way of profiting at the box office by the free advertisement, the temptation would be irresistible to assume that it had been previously arranged by his manager that the pistol of the would be assassin be loaded with blank cart-

Emulating the Paleface.

Brooklyn Eagle. The Sioux are going to put up a monument to their fellow tribesmen who were "massacred" at Wounded Knee. We have put up a monument to the white folks who fell in that battle, and it fills us with astonishment that the red folks should care to remember their dead in the same

A Boon to Farmers.

Baltimore American. Rural free mail delivery has proved such boon to the agricultural population that every effort for its improvement and extension will meet with general public approval. Though expensive, this government can well afford it, and the rural residents have a right to the privileges and conveniences it confers upon them.

Ideal Happiness Attained.

New York Sun, Great news and good! The Beef trust may choke itself with its steak and the Bean trust cook itself in its own oven, The bottom has dropped out of the Newfoundland codfish market. New England can treat itself to its favorite amusement, codfish balls. There are palladiums that make more hullabaloo than the sacred codfish. There is no other tutelary divinity that attends more strictly to business.

General Chaffee's Services.

Springfield Republican. General Chaffee, who left us in a hurry in the summer of 1900 in order to make connections with Pekin, comes home one of our most distinguished living soldiers. His service with the allied forces in China brought him conspicuously before the whole world, and, in that way, it was much more an advertisement of him than the succeeding service in the Philippines, where he "raked after" Otis and MacArthur.

Graft in Orange Groves Chicago Chronicle. If it be true that a trust has been formed to take over the orange groves of southern California an opportunity will be offered the thrifty citizens of that locality to unload divers "gophered" orchards fifty miles from a pint of water, which have been dangled before eastern pilgrims without success for lo! these many years. The gentlemen composing the trust will quickly have an exemplification of the adage respecting the separation of a fool

Strenuous Womanhood Weakens.

Chicago Post. True womanhood of the advanced order s somewhat disgusted with the absurd behavior of three young women at Saturday's game at New Haven. They were so weak and unwomanly as to faint away when a player staggered to the side lines with blood streaming down his face. It is true that one of the young women was the player's sister-but at such a time she should have remembered alma mater and rejoiced in the valor and prowess of her brother, exclaiming that it is sweet for one's college to bleed. Evidently these three young women have not had the benefits of co-education, which strengthens womanhood in frying hours and compels a look of calmness, wen of joy, at these ordinary scenes of strenuousness.

Corn Harvest of 1902. Springfield Republican.

The indicated corn harvest, from the statement of acreage production per acre lesued by the United States Department of Agriculture, amounts to 2,542,516,000 bushels, or much the largest production ever reported. Present acreage figures have been revised by the department in the way of adjusting them more closely to the census returns of 1900, which showed that previous corn and wheat harvests had been greatly underestimated. Thus the present estimated crop is being compared with previous estimates, which were admittedly much below the truth, and is therefore made to appear comparatively larger than it is. But after making all allowances on this score it is to be said that the corn harvest of 1902 is close to being, if not actually, a record-breaker.

SALT TRUST WELL SHAKEN.

California Court Throws a Searchlight on Its Contracts. Chicago Record-Herald.

United States Circut Judge William 'W. Francisco in a trust controversy which will excite interest throughout the country. The trust immediately concerned is the Federal Salt company, and the circumstances under which the decision was given are as fol-

A temporary injunction had been secured against the trust to prevent it from doing business on the ground that it was an illegal combination in restraint of trade. This injunction applied to several corporations and to numerous firms and individuals also to prevent their acting in concert with the trust, and the parties concerned were ordered to show cause why it should not be made permanent. This they failed to do to the satisfaction of the judge, who gave a broad interpretation to the anti-trust las and a broad construction of the judicial powers in the premises. On the subject of his own authority he

"It is within the jurisdiction of a chancel

for to look into the entire case. He is auown price by selling to the United thorized to look behind mere contracts and States, and at the same time prevented | see the entire transaction, so that the real effect is within the purview of a court of equity. Hence the court is not restricted to any mere technical defense as has been

There remained to be considered then only the character of the agreement between the parties resisting the injunction and its effect. On this point the court reasoned in the following terms: "Now, it has been admitted by counsel

for the defendants that the Getz contract is vold, and no other defense could well be made. But the other contracts still belong to the same general scheme of the Federal Salt company to strangle all competition, and it is evident that all form part of one general combination or conspiracy. Their only possible effect is to restrain commerce here and in other parts of the union. I think that the contracts can be properly constructed as a class of contracts which already has been declared illegal by the supreme court and more recently in the court of appeals."

If this is good reasoning against the salt trust it is good reasoning against others which operate under a similar class of contracts and which were organized primarily to crush out competition and establish a monopoly that may and that constantly does restrain trade through a species of dic tatorship. Whether the cure by injunction is a proper one or not is another question county it received 6,564 affirmative votes But whatever its merits may be the decision has had the ulterior effect of encouraging the district attorney to proceed with a criminal action against the members of the

THE DEFEAT OF MERCER.

Dakota City Eagle: Dave Mercer discovered that the bats in Rosewater's beltry were quite numerous. The Goliah David will realize that there is gratitude in polities and that no one man is the whole cheese in the republican party.

Alpsworth Star-Journal: And when you sum it all up, Mercer contributed more to President Reosevelt in his speech at the his own defeat by his past selfish record dedication of the New York Chamber of than did Rosewater with his scalping Commerce-"that he shall not be a mere knife. When will men in public office passenger, but shall do his share in the learn the iceson that use of office must work that each generation of us finds ready not be abuse of office?

the rest of humanity, has his faults and pacity for sturdy self-help, but also selfsome of them are pretty good-sized, but respecting regard for the rights of others." fellows that are trying to shelve the little Good words, those, and worthy of the honeditor are finding him pretty hard to lift est consideration of every citizen. The out of politics, and it would also be a gospel of the strenuous life is good in its hard job to find a man that would take his way, but the gospel of self-help is better, place and exert as great an influence for and there was never a time in the history the party in the state.

many of the republican papers of the state | the American theory of independence. The came out boldly and stated that The Omaha notion of self-help is rapidly giving way Bee had no influence and that David Mer- to the notion of social assistance. Half the cer would be returned to congress from thought of society is directed toward the the Second district in spite of The Bee's devising of methods by which the individual efforts to defeat him. Now these same can slide through life with the least pospapers will blame The Bee and its editor sible exertion on his part. for the defeat of Mr. Mercer. St. Paul Republican: Who would ever

have thought that the Sixth district would Mr. Rockefeller endows a university at be sending a republican congressman down which he is to be educated. Mr. Carnegie to Washington in a year when that republican Gibraltar, the Second, elects a democrat? Or, stranger yet, who would have dreamed a year ago of Edward Rosewater supporting his ancient enemy, G. M. Hitchcock, in a race for office. Politics does create queer situations and make strange bedfellows, for a fact.

Wayne Herald: One thing in certain, and that is, it would have been wise for Dave Mercer and his friends as well as for all the republicans in the First district had he not been nominated. It is evident to him now and to all for it is absolutely useless to figure that The Bee has no in fluence. It has and it is widespread and good reasoning will not suggest the sitting down upon a great influence for spit work. It is poor polities. That influence i sure, if trampled upon, to sting back and the result is serious both ways.

Superior Journal: Omaha republicans had best quit trying to "down Rosewater" and buckle down to honest, hard work for the party. Rosewater has been accused of having personal animosity for Mercer, and as a consequence fought him. Granted this is true, the Mercer republicans had a personal hatred for Rosewater and they would not lay aside their personal feelings a with 6,000 tons of Scotch anthracite, would whit quicker than would Mr. Rosewater. Rosewater has again proved that he is the best campaigner in the bunch. Perhaps the republicans down there will learn after awhile that it is a whole lot easier fighting with him than against him. There are a score of men who were better timber for congress than was Dave Mercer, but the republicans nominated him to spite Rosewater. They didn't like to be "dic-The Omaha republicans are just learning the first lesson of politics; that it is a whole lot better to swallow a little dictation now and then and even pretend that you like it than to make a bitter, costly fight and go to defeat. Another thing in politics is so true that it may be regarded as an axiom: No man can afford to make two campaigns-one for the nomination and another for election-inside of three months. The nomination has to come without a bitter and prolonged fight if the nominee is to be a winner,

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Dr. Burchard's famous alliteration, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion the political death knell of James G. Blaine n the fall of 1884, is recalled by the disappearance of the church over which the minister presided from the list of religious edifices in New York City. An artist and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Francois Tonetti, have bought the place and will have it fitted up for a studio, a residence and a stable. For a long time the old-fashioned red-brick church has been on the market but found no purchasers. Mr. and Mrs. Tonetti, both having ample means, looking around for a place of residence, hit upon the disused church and bought it. It will be remodeled.

A department store which has taken cossession of its new quarters, is giving out figures in illustration of the immensity of the premises it occupies. Of floor space, it has twenty-four acres. The weight of the building is 2,000,000,000 pounds. It contains 26,000,000 pounds of structural steel and iron; 2,150,000 pounds of ornamental bronze and iron; 5,340,000 common bricks; 2,305 separate columns; eighteen miles of brass tubing and galvanized iron pipe in the pheumatic cash system; forty-Morrow has rendered a decision at San six miles of beams, 738 miles of flooring planks, forty-two miles of electric wiring, 150,000 square feet of window area, thirty three hydraulic elevators, four escalators with a carrying capacity of 49,000 persons an hour, 1,400 enclosed are lamps, 15,000 inandescent lamps; and eighty electric mo tors. When 4,000 employes are turned loose in these acres of floor space, this one building becomes a village by itself. The above figures give some idea of the weight that is supported by the rocks of

Manhattan Island. The new public library, the cornerstone of which was laid last Monday, will be a fourstory building of large proportions, the Fifth avenue front being 390 feet long. The depth will be 270 feet. Already \$1,000,000 has been expended on the work and the foundations are laid. Facing the Bryan park side will be the main library structure proper. Three floors will be devoted to th pook-stacks, and the top floor will be used as a reading room. Two courts will separate this building from the frontage or Fifth avenue and furnish light and air to the rooms surrounding them. The building when completed will represent a cost, exclusive of site, of over \$3,000,000.

Last Saturday there died in New York City a man who had been continuously the president of a bank since the year 1849. His fame was Francis Asbury Palmer, and he was more than 91 years old when he died He was in business up to two months before his death, when he was prevailed to take a bit of a rest-the first he had had in more than half a century. It is asserted by persons who seem to know that the rest killed him. He was nervous and uneasy about his business from the beginning of his little vacation, and he worried and stewed so over the way he imagined things were going at the bank-the National Broadway bank, one of the big institutions of the city-that he worked himself into a fever which he was unable to fight against in his senile state. He was a millionaire so many times over that he had often been known to say that he didn't know within \$5,000,000 how much he was worth.

Madeira, Hill & Co., coal miners and shippers at 143 Liberty street, have demonstrated how coals can be shipped to Newcastle, reshipped and sold at a profit under certain circumstances.

More than a year ago, according to th Times, they shipped to Fred Zerega & Co. their agents at Liverpool, thousands of ton of selected anthracite. One cargo of about 2.500 tons went to Rouen, France, but owing to the lack of familiarity with this

## The Gospel of Self-Help

Detroit Free Press (dem.).

this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight," said at hand, and, furthermore, that in doing Lynch Journal: Edward Rosewater, like his work he shall show not only the ca of the country when the republic needed Hebron Register: Before the election manly and elequent sermons in support of

Mr. Morgan builds a maternity hospital for the modern American to be born in. constructs libraries for him and provides books to while away his leisure hours. The community undertakes to bury him if he has not made a sufficient effort to acquire an estate that is capable of paying his funeral expenses. We are creating a condition of improving the condition of their fellow beings. The fact that Mr. Morgan or Mr. whether the rights of others have been sac- both in order that they may be relieved of rificed in the making or not. We are as- all care and responsibility.

"The first requisite of a good citizen in sured further that if Mr. Morgan and Mr Carnegie and Mr. Rockefoller can do se much to improve mankind, society as a whole might do infinitely more if it were graciously permitted to confiscate everything and manage everything for the publie good. Then we should have the millennium at which everybody would have a maximum of comfort at a minimum of labor with no troubles and nothing to werry

Opposition to the doctrine of self-help has been organized, and has even been incorporated into the educational system of the country. The first processes of modern education are directed toward entertaining the child. He must never suspect that he is working, because work is disagreeable to him, and if he were required to work it might annoy him. This theory follows him through his school life, and if the notions of certain prominent educators are generally adopted, it will follow him through his college and university life. In the midst of the most strenuous period of American existence we have all begun to discredit the doctrine of self-effort and self-help. Society is to be reconstructed along labor saving lines. We are making a national cultus out of the doctrine that work is inherently bad and must be avoided so far as possible. Nobody is to pull his weight, as President Roosevelt says, but everybody is to be pulled along by mysterious forces toward the ultimate goal of his ambition.

It is time we were turning our thoughts society in which a few men are allowed to back to the old-fashioned American ideas disregard everybody else's rights in order of industrial as well as political independto acquire fortunes that can be devoted to ence. All that the fathers of the republic asked of government was for the government to protect their lives and property, Carnegie or Mr. Rockefeller are willing to and then let them severely alone in the devote their wealth to what they call be- enjoyment of their natural rights. The nevolent purposes stiffes all inquiry as to sons are beginning to insist that the govthe processes by which this wealth was ernment shall provide them with life and obtained. There is no curiosity as to property, and then scrupulously manage

quality of coal there, very little was used, and owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing here they have been enabled to re purchase the cargo and sell it in New York at a profit. A member of the firm of Madeira, Hill &

Co. said that the cost of freights and insurance, both ways, was about \$8 per ton. He also said that the steamship Madeira, sail on Tuesday. This will be the first importation of Scotch coal to New York. Thus far more than 50,000 tons of foreign anthracite have been brought to New York since the coal strike reached an acute stage. The great bulk of this was purchased by the gas companies and the Manhattan Elevated Railroad company at prices ranging from \$19.50 to \$13.50 per ton de-

Lower Broadway has two persons of peculiar and distinctive tastes, relates the Evening Post. One is a rather short, elderly man, who rarely wears a bat, or even carries one about with him. He has thick white hair and flowing whiskers, and only on the coldest winter days does he seek to cover his head. A hot sun seems to be his delight, and fine rain gives him no concern, but sometimes he uses an umbrella when a heavy shower comes down. As a rule, however, he goes hareheaded. Whether the little man does this upon the advice of a doctor cannot be said, but his sprightly step seems to show that the habit agrees with him.

The other person is a young woman who apparently has an unsatisfied craving for Hterature, for she always reads while walkworks. With her eyes fixed on the open pages of some book, she may be seen every day in the neighborhood of City Hall park. Her eyes appear to follow the type whether she walks fast or slow, and it takes a lively street noise to arrest her attention. This young woman's habit has led to the development of a faculty which one invariably finds in a blind person. Although apparently oblivious to everything but her book, she crosses the streets in perfect safety, and is always able to thread her way through a crowd without bumping into anybody.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Elmer H. Bryan of Bloomington, Ind. has been appointed by Governor Taft, superintendent of education for the Philip-

When Premier Balfour says the kaiser's visit to England has no political significance Englishmen straightway wink the other eye. J. B. Hedenger, who was a seaman on

Santiago campaign medals, issued by the Navy department. In Washington it is now regarded as pretty much settled that Senator Hanna will retire from public life at the close

Indiana, is the recipient of the first of the

of his present term in the senate. Those who bought \$15 coal a few weeks ago are attempting to persuade their neighbors who had some left over from last season that the famine-priced article is greatly superior.

Ex-Governor W. J. Stone of Missouri expects to succeed George G. Vest in the United States senate. He claims sixtyseven members of the legislature isstructed to vote for him and has the promise of twenty-two additional votes which will give him a clear majority in the democratic

## MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

New York Sun: Her Father-So, young man, you want to fill my shoes? Her Suitor-Fill try, sir. Her Father-Well, if you did your first act would be to kick yourself.

Washington Star: "Do you think the world is getting better?"
"Certainly," answered Senator Sorghum,
"Why, I'm making thousands of dollari
where I formerly made only hundreds."

Brooklyn Lafe: Clergymar-I'm sorry te lear that you sell liquor in this hotel. Hotel Clerk-Well, sir, we wouldn't if you ould get people to stop buying it.

Philadelphia Record: "I desire an audience with the manager," remarked the dignified, smooth-faced person as he approached the box office of the theater. "Step right in," replied the man in the box office. "I think he's looking for a few udiences himself. Baltimore American: First Capitalist—I have a great scheme. What do you say to organizing a merger in mushrooms, with \$50,000,000 capital?

Second Capitalist—Why mushrooms? First Capitalist—Man alive! It is the chance of the century. Mushrooms are 90 er cent water.

Philadelphia Inquirer: Mrs. Rubba-How's Mrs. Chatter this morning, doctor? Doctor-Suffering terribly. Mrs. Rubba-What, with only a slight throat affection? Doctor-Yes, but she can't speak. Brooklyn Life: Baxter-I thought Miss Blumster had a reputation of being very truthful?

Blaxter-She did have. But of late she has fallen from grace. Backster—How so? Blaxter—She has got in the habit of telling her age.

Chicago Post: Cordelia-It worries me to Cordelia-Oh, I can't decide whether to ok stylish and be uncomfortable, or to be emfortable and look dowdy.

Philadelphia Press: "Now, this," said the Philadelphia Press: "Now, this," said the arpet salesman, "is an odd design." "You wouldn't recommend that carpet for nursery, surely," protested Mrs. Kidd. "Yes'm. Why not?" "Why, that is so loud it would wake the

Washington Star: "Don't you think that you are making an ill advised display of wealth?" said the friend. "No." answered Senator Sorghum. "I "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I don't think my friends out home care very much for self-denial and simplicity. I want em know that if I need the votes I've got the eash to buy 'em.

WHEN JIM SANG LOW.

Brooklyn Eagle. Jim had a big revolver and he made an awful "bluff,"
Pretending on occasion to be very brave and "tough."
He kept peace lovers nervous with his sanguinary threats.
That no one cared to tackle him was one of his regrets.

He liked to hear his comrades say, "Oh, please con't do that, Jim."
Their pleas for peace and quiet were ex-tremely dear to him;
And so on every pretext he kept reaching And so on every pretext he kept reaching for his gun. Until he chanced to meet a man who had

He blustered with the quiet men who always went unarmed; He talked about his prowess and he told of those he'd harmed; He showed them tricks of juggling with his awe-inspiring gun. Until he chanced to meet a man who had

another one 'Now, what," his comrades pondered, "can have made this change in Jim? He hasn't let his anger rise, and that seems

strange in him.

, as to that." the stranger said, "of mystery there's none; terely chanced to say to him, 'I also have a gun." "Oh.



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