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That strike arbitration threatens also to become a serial story.

The report that another St. Louis boodler has been convicted is becoming pleasantly monotonous.

There are only a few days left in 1902 for the arbitration of the differences of the Union Pacific and its striking mechanics.

No member of congress will be doing his full duty if he does not father some kind of an anti-trust bill before the session is closed.

The testimony before the anthracite arbitrators has demonstrated that the hearts of some of the operators are as hard as the coal they mine.

Speaker Henderson might give Mr. now until the 4th of March.

business incapacity be any sign, or else our climate and temperament are too harsh for his sensitive nature.

measures the omnibus scheme of legisof congress as it was in the last.

caught them both coming and going.

commanders from South Africa. They In settling things with England and Ger-

The pension appropriation bill passed by the house figures out a contribution of \$9 for every family in the United States. It is only about one family in ninety-nine, however, that comes in on the distribution.

A great many authorities are contributing articles to current magazines telling how congress might control the trusts. The equally pertinent subject, "How Trusts Control Congress," is being ignored, although it could be told in half

will be very catching in the coming leg- president, is not only the opinion of our

cago have condemned a half dozen large | whatever may have been its shortcom-

to be extended for contributions from an abiding faith that no permanent or than of funds for its erection.

been built at Sloux City, connecting that on it, ultimately might so change our town, Omaha, St. Joseph and Kansas form of government as to destroy or City mainly in the interest of the great endanger the essential rights of the proposed fund and undoubtedly the packing centers. The only details of states and imperil those fundamental other wealthy persons identified with Judge Wade of the Second Iowa disconstruction that remain to be sup- rights of life, liberty and property the plan will do likewise, so that it is trict was a state judge at the time of Cameras. Before buying call and see

THE ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE. materialize owing to the decision of the | which no court can endure. courts declaring the bonds invalid. The need of cheaper power is much greater today than it was eight years ago, when reached a stage of growth that places Kansas City, St. Paul and Minneapolis,

A proposition to supply Omaha with an abundance of cheap power has been pending before the council for two months. A large majority of the taxpaying citizens, in fact nine-tenths of ification at the coming election, but a back the franchise ordinance under various pretexts. The mainspring of the tric Lighting company, which has had for Omaha for a number of years. The tactics displayed are too transparent to require puncturing.

The franchise asked for is not exclusive. No subsidy is demanded, but on the contrary the city is to receive a royalty, or annuity, from the privilege granted. The only thing asked for is the right to sell power in Omaha at fixed maximum rates-about one-third of the one-third now paid for electric light. A moderate estimate of the saving by private consumers who are now paying for power is fully \$100,000 the first year and a great deal larger sum each succeeding year if factories and mills in Omaha multiply, as they surely would by reason of the cheapening of power.

It is now up to the council to say whether they will condescend to give the people of Omaha an opportunity at the coming election to say whether they want to grant such a franchise or not. The complaints against former councils, and even against the present council, has been that they have voted valuable contracts to franchise corporations in and will through the ballot box? If

THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL.

From the fate of the statehood the completion of twenty-five years of average case. It can only be organized, in healthy condition. Business is on a service in that great tribunal, was a he said, by bringing it to bear through sound footing, the crops are moving to Americans. The faded Lily needs the lation is not as popular in this session most interesting occasion. It was not the medium of capable men, thoroughly market and industry generally is active. only a fine and merited tribute to one informed upon the special matter under If the national treasury were emptied of our most distinguished jurists, but discussion and competent to express into the coffers of the eastern banks it According to the testimony of the it gave opportunity for expressions courageous opinions clearly, mine workers the operators' system of respecting the supreme court which There is reason to think that these would be sent beyond the Mississippi docking, like the darkey's coontrap, should be of interest to every American ideas will grow in favor and force. It and Missouri for the use of shippers citizen. Criticism of the federal judi- must have occurred to most thoughtful and merchants. ciary is not uncommon and the tribunal people within the last few months that of last resort has not been spared. It under our political system an enlight- speculators and stock jobbers whose ugly they should import a few. Boer has been freely assailed by political ened public opinion is the force chiefly operations center in New York have partisans, who have endeavored to to be relied upon for the correction of overreached themselves and are in diffimight not then have so much trouble create regarding it popular distrust and wrongs and the remedy of evils and culties of their own creation, and it is dissatisfaction. Its integrity has been abuses. Under ordinary circumstances themselves, and not the country at all, questioned by those whose interests or public opinion is slow to assert itself, that they want the government to opinions were not favored by its de- but we have recently seen how it can rescue. There is pleny of money in the cisions. It has been charged with yield- be aroused and how powerful it is to country for all legitimate uses. There interest and welfare. In short, the judi- the way suggested by Mr. Adams, so sustain the excesses of the insatiate cial department of the government has that in the case of an industrial disturb- gambling spirit. It was only tempothroughout our history been subjected ance affecting the general public interest rarily checked, not cured, by the Septo its full share of criticism and con- the facts could be ascertained by a tribu- tember squeeze. It is now under demnation and this may be expected to nal having full authority to investigate, pressure again, and it will be no hurt

speech at the banquet to Justice Har- lessened. lan, that the supreme court of the United States is the most illustrious State Superintendent Fowler's scheme and important judicial tribunal in all tribunal, and as Charles Summer once

growth of Omaha concede that the states be preserved and respected." As result in great good. The surplus of greatest drawback to its future growth was said by Senator Hoar, "this great is the high price of fuel. Eight years tribunal, which keeps the forces of state ago a power canal was projected, whose and nation alike within their appointed promoters asked for a subsidy of bounds, must depend for its authority \$1,000,000 in bonds to carry out their upon the respect and confidence of the enterprise. The proposition was sub- people" and that respect and confidence ried by a large majority, but failed to legal profession, without the support of

Some very good things were said by the power canal project was endorsed the able men who attended the meeting consider methods for promoting industo increase its manufacturing facilities show no abatement of interest and zeal without being able to compete with and appear confident that satisfactory where fuel and motive power are so the organization. Thus far its work has been chieffy educational and there is no ment in a direction favorable to the submission of the proposition for rat- of each toward the general public has hardly possible that this can fall to ultithat such effort on the part of men sintween capital and labor will be fruitless. business. Among the addresses at the late meeting of the federation, not the least notable was that of Mr. Charles Francis ditions of the merger transaction. Apart Adams, the underlying thought of which from the facts established by direct was that the most potent force we have at command for the righting of wrongs surd to suppose, as the promoters with and the safeguarding of the interests of sober faces ask us to suppose, that the all concerned in labor disputes is that of merger had any other purpose whatpublic opinion. "What is wanted in in- soever. That some administrative dustrial disturbances," said Mr. Adams, economies could be effected by a com-"is not force, but light and guidance. bination under one control of the two The word compulsion has a very un- great parallel competing systems is no pleasant sound to Americans. In theory doubt true, but they are only a drop only is the thing popular. With us the in the bucket and preposterously infinal appeal must always be to reason, adequate to sustain the vast burden of and public opinion enforces the edict of capitalization that has been saddled that appeal." He declared that the trouwhen the exigency arises we evince no the end, as the very nature of the confidence in it. We should in this mat- scheme and its necessary and now estabter have the courage of our convictions. lished results demonstrate. Mr. Adams thought it would be a good thing to have a public tribunal, which could be summoned into existence by defiance of public sentiment and with the president, when the emergency arose, of the Treasury department to place its out asking the consent or approval of to consider any industrial controversy resources at the command of Wall street equanderers of the savings of thrift and the the citizens. Is it asking too much of and with power to summon witnesses in the stringency that is again being councilmen now to submit the cheaper and compel the production of papers. experienced there, so long as general power franchise proposition to the peo- He believed the report of such a tribu- business interests are not imperilled. wrote our sturdy president across the apple so that they may express their wish nal, if well reasoned and fair, would The national treasury should as far as plication for the pardon of this man, carry with it the force of enlightened after full discussion the people do not public opinion, "and before that force ing and money loaning functions. It Louisville, Ky., adding: "This seems an Cannon a chance to get into practice by approve the proposition they will vote neither of the parties to the controversy has only been a few weeks since the letting him substitute occasionally from it down. If the proposition is viewed would be able to stand out, for the reason treasury officials were straining every in a favorable light they will vote to that in the United States public opinion nerve and placing tens of millions of ratify it. In any event the people should has a very summary as well as effective public money to relieve the New York Mascagni must be a superb artist if be given an opportunity to pass upon it. way of enforcing its own process." He money market. urged that what is necessary is to or-The banquet to Justice Harlan of the organized and made effective, to rely on country, but not the country itself. The supreme court of the United States, on it to produce all desirable results in the commercial and industrial channels are

TO PROMOTE EDUCATION. A bill that passed congress and is for the establishment of normal schools the civilized world. This, said the now in the hands of the president contemplates a novel method for the promoislature. The only trouble Mr. Fowler's own people-it is the verdict of other tion of education which is of general inplan will encounter is that, instead of nations as well. Whatever mistakes terest. The measure provides for the three new normal schools, bills will be may have been made by this great incorporation of a general educational board in the District of Columbia, the said, "Judges are but men and in all object being "the promotion of education The fire and police authorities of Chi- ages have shown a full share of frailty," within the United States of America, without distinction of race, sex or hotels because of inadequate provisions ings, it has on the whole justified the creed." The bill is said to have been for fire escape, but it requires the recent | wisdom of the framers of the constitu- introduced at the instance of a number horror to move them to action. It is tion in providing for such a tribunal of persons of wealth, among them Mr. better late than never, but it is poor and unquestionably established its claim Rockefeller, who intend to create a fund satisfaction to lock the door after the to be regarded as the most illustrious to aid existing schools and colleges in court in the world. Justice Harlan ex. every section of the country and pressed the belief, which is undoubtedly especially to improve educational facili- mirth and revelry, was enough to make Everyone else having been asked to well founded, that the people confide in ties in the south, including those for contribute to the McKinley memorial the integrity, the patriotism and the the instruction of negro youth. It is the Declaration turn over in their graves. monument fund, a special invitation is learning of the supreme court and have not the intention of the promoters of this movement to found an educational the architects. The architects' contribu- irreparable harm will come to the re- institution at any place, but simply to their property would be confiscated if tions, it might be noted, are to be in the public by any action that tribunal receive gifts of money made for eduform of designs for the monument rather will ever take. "In the early history of cational purposes and distribute the same basis as other property owners. the country," said Justice Harlan, money or the proceeds of its investment "some feared that the supreme court, among institutions of learning of all to say that the property of the other The latest western railroad has just exerting the enormous power conferred kinds throughout the United States.

It is stated that Mr. Rockefeller will are compelled to pay taxes not only for make a munificent contribution to the themselves, but for the railroads as well. plied are provisions for such trivial mat- which belong to free men. Few, if any, probable a very large sum will be at his election to congress in November, them. On some lines we are giving ters as right-of-way, grading, bridges, now entertain such apprehensions and once made available for assisting such and the point is raised as to the validity

no better or more useful employment.

THE HILL MERGER AND COMPETITION The state of Minnesota in its case against the Northern Securities company mitted to a vote of the people and car- must depend upon the influence of the is introducing evidence of the most posttive character, showing that the immediate result of the merger of the table young medical students for ap-Great Northern and Northern Pacific pointment as clerks in the pension systems was the consummation of its bureau at modest salaries ranging from purpose to abolish competition. The \$900 to \$1,000 per annum. With this end local agents of the road testify on the in view the Civil Service commission by the popular vote. Omaha has of the Civic federation the past week to witness stand that competition ceased, will hold examinations at Omaha, Grand and to cap the climax they exhibit the Island and Beatrice January 25, 27 and it at the crossroads. It cannot progress trial peace. While the federation has original orders directing the cancella- 28 next to secure eligibles for these posiwithout materially increasing its manu. not yet quite fulfilled the expectations tion of the competitive rates which up tions. Whether these examinations will facturing facilities and it cannot hope of its promoters, those connected with it to that time had been in effect on both include dissection of real corpses and systems.

Yet it has been only a short time results will yet come from the efforts of since the responsible officers of those companies, the very men who conceived question that it has been gratifyingly testing before the court and in other successful in cultivating public senti- public declarations that the result had not been in restraint of competition, or preservation of industrial peace. Dis- disclaimed all knowledge of it. Presicussion of the relations of capital and dent Hill went so far as to emphasize all the taxpayers of Omaha, favor the labor and of the duties and obligations the point that the real competition that partment of Agriculture, however, seems he had to take into account remained in been of such candid, fair and impartial the Suez canal and other ocean routes, majority of the council has so far held character as to make a strong impres- although how that could affect in an sion upon the public mind, and it is important degree transportation interests educator. opposition is the Thomson-Houston Elec- mately produce practical results. It was careful not to explain. It is simply would be to underrate and think meanly impossible to reconcile these statements 28,310 the monopoly of supplying electric light of the intelligence of the time to suppose with the indisputable facts. Nor can they be explained on the principles of pocketbook. cerely desirous to avert conflicts be- fair-dealing which obtain in ordinary

The purpose to restrain competition was inherent in the very conproofs beyond a peradventure, it is abupon the merger. This is the essence

LET WALL STREET ALONE. The country will approve the refusal possible abstain from exercising bank-

New York is the great financial clearganize that public opinion, and, when ing house and money center of this is exceedingly doubtful whether a dollar

The simple truth is that the promoters, it is not to be doubted that the effect to honest business if the pressure goes Yet undoubtedly the great majority of would be most salutary and that the a good deal further, squeezing water the American people will agree with the danger which now constantly menaces out of stocks and putting the stock jobstatement of President Roosevelt, in his industrial peace would be very greatly bers out of business for a while at least. is well to let the Wall street speculators get out of their own scrapes the best way they can, the same as other people

As an exponent of the principles underlying the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, George F. Baer, the anthracite mine magnate, is a howling success. His interpretation of the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness at the Waldorf-Astoria banquet, within a stone's throw of hunwant of fuel, while the barons around the festive board were jollifying with John Hancock and the other signers of

As usual, the railroads pretend that Would it not be more correct, however, taxpayers is being confiscated and they

the national government, or the wisdom schools in the south, with particular during his tenure of the judgeship. Con-For more than ten years Omaha has of the provision made for its final in- reference to those in which negro youth gress, however, is the sole judge of the been wrestling with the problem of terpretation, or the absolute necessity are taught, is most commendable. The qualications of its members. And altheaper power for its mills and factories. for the maintenance of our liberties plan on the whole seems an excellent though he was a judge at the time the All intelligent men interested in the that all the rightful powers of the one and if judiciously carried out must election was held, Judge Wade's term expires January 1, and he will not be our men of wealth could certainly find on the bench when he presents himself as a member of the house. It is a safe guess that his title will be recognized.

Students in Omaha medical colleges will rejoice to learn that the United States commissioner of pensions has ordained a drawing for twenty-five repuwho is to furnish the raw material has not been divulged.

Most continental countries have a minister of education among their cabinet officers. As the subject of education in this country does not come within the federal jurisdiction, the educators who aspire to cabinet positions have to find another avenue of entrance. The Debecoming closely allied to educational interests and more than any other department has been presided over by an

Essentials of the Senson.

Philadelphia Press The two most popular books for the holiday season are the checkbook and the

Broadening Trail of Trouble. New York World.

Westward the course of connubial disaffection takes its way! New York has to every 1,000 marriages twenty-four divorces, Chicago has 110 and San Francisco 230.

Serviceable as a Kicking Post.

Somerville Journal. There is one advantage about having a beef trust, and a coal trust, and a lot of other soulless combines. It gives people somebody to blame when anything goes

Johnny, Get Your Gun.

New York Tribune. There have been good Indians and they are not all dead, but there never was a good train robber. A western railroad which has announced that it will pay \$1,000 to any employe on its cars who, in defense of his charge, kills one of these scoundrels, ble with us is that we are always prat- of the whole thing and the suppression has adopted a practical policy which may ing of the force of public opinion, but of competition the means of attaining augment the death rate in certain states

Portland Oregonian. President Roosevelt's stern refusal to pardon J. W. McKnight, a bank embezzier, is commendable, both in justice and wisdom. Men belonging to this class, of offenders-wreckers of private fortunes, accumulations of labor-have too often appealed auccessfully to executive clemency and gone unwhipped of justice. "Denied," wrecker of the Ge absolutely clear case of guilt, with no excuse whatever." Good enough.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Shares in the Bicycle trust are now hovering around 30 cents. They look it. Testimony taken by the coal strike com mission reveals how the under world works and barely exists.

King Edward is graciously willing that the Jersey Lily should try her play on money.

People who are out in search of trouble will learn something to their advantage by communicating with President Castro of Venezuela.

Premature stories of ripening fruit in the banana belt of the west and in the strawberry beds of Michigan were promptly chased out of sight by a blast from Medicine Hat. The provocation was irresistible. John L. Sullivan and Boston have fallen out and shattered the friendship of a generation. Boston spurns John as a back number and the late professor of physical culture dubs the Hub "a bum town." The sobs of the Sacred Codfish smothers the silent anguish of the community over the

Apologies are due to Philadelphia. The ing to influences hostile to the public compel respect. If it were organized in is not money enough in all the world to old town, resting for ages under the stigma vorably impressed with the idea that he smashed the stigmatizer. One of its eminent business men who conducted a grocery by day fattened his dividends by personally conducted burglaries at night. No, the Quaker city is not so slow.

When a great state such as Pennsylvania tolerates the insurance of injants and views with indifference the evidence of crime revealed by an excessive mortality record, it is unbecoming in outsiders to express sur-In the absence of a genuine crisis it prise at the shocking condition of life in the anthracite mines. Flesh and blood are cheap articles when money is at stake.

Jersey justice so distinguished in hustling malefactors to prison she's at the task of restricting woman's voice such as is cultivated in Jersey. The honorable court intimated that dispensaries of justice had troubles enough without attempting to wise enough to adjourn at the proper time.

"The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States" has been incorporated at Washington. The association is composed of eminent public men, representing all the states, and a board of governors from the original thirteen states, with Admiral George Dewey president. It dreds of thousands of men, women and is proposed to secure contributions from children clad in rags and shivering for patriotic people and rear a suitable memorial to the author of the immortal Declaration.



Huteson

213 S. 16th Street. Paxton Block

Has just received some new ideas in

is explained, is an air line-or, more properly a hot air line.

Indicate the constitution in properly a hot air line.

Indicate the constitution is educational institutions as are in need of the election since the state constitution of money to enlarge their facilities. The proposal to give special consideration to shall not be eligible to any other office.

"The Twin Seven Shooters"

are expected at the store of

THOMAS KILPATRICK & GO.

On Monday December 15th.

This is the title of a fascinating story told by General Chas. F. Manderson, of our city, who is so well and favorably known not only in Omaha, but throughout the United

The book is beautifully gotten up; illustrated by fine half tone pictures, the story of army life and the scenes of battle are exemplified, as they never have been before. The story starts with the Christmas of the memorable year 1862 and telling as it does of the most important holiday week in the history of our country-it makes an exceedingly attractive holiday book. Among the numerous interesting illustrations contained in the book are two pictures of the battle of Stone's River, engraved from an original sketch by an artist who was a private soldier in an Ohio regiment. Many of our people have been entranced by the references which General Manderson has occasionally made, in his inimitable manner, to the famous "Seven Shooters." This fascinating and truthful story from the pen of our ex-senator should be especially attractive at this season.

Our quoto is limited-we would therefore suggest that your orders should be left at book section at once-all will be filled in order of priority, and books delivered immediately on arrival.

Bound in handsome silk cloth, gold top and gold letters -it makes the most attractive gift book of the season.

Thomas Kilpatrick & Co.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

He chooses night who refuses light. Preaching for wages never won the world. Stolen thunder will not bring showers of

A silent idiot is wiser than a babbling simpleton.

There can be no communion where there is no union. Everything comes to the man who waits

and keeps on walking. The man who says there is no truth in the world has mistaken a mirror for the uni-It is easier to preach patience in the

church than it is to practice it with our children. When you can honorably do so the best way to conquer your enemy is to concur

It will not help your husband to heaven to leave him at home with cold victuals while you go to warm your heart at the prayer meeting.

Chicago Record-Herald: It seems that Dowle got in ahead of the Episcopalians with the name of "American Catholic," that being the official designation of his church. They have to get up early to beat Lige. Chicago Chronicle: A visiting jurist has been discussing the legal phases of the trial of Jesus before Pontius Pilate and reaches the conclusion that they were highly irregular. That is probably true. According to modern lights Pontius ought to have issued an injunction against the Savior and then put him in jail for contempt of court. Church Economist: A metropolitan

church has adopted the method of painting an advertising sign on its building wall to call the attention to it of the passerby. The sign which has just been placed on the south wall of the Manhattan Congregational church is probably the first of its kind that has ever been seen in New York. The Rev.

We left de weary furrows whar de cotton blossomed white
En de summer winds wuz singin', en de sum wuz blazin' bright!
En we reached de Lan' of Promis: Swing yer partners left an' right!
En we'll have a merry Christmas in de mawnin'! Dr. H. A. Stimson, the pastor, was asked "The Manhattan church believes in calling the attention of the people in its neighborhood to the fact that the church is there. Let de music come a-ringin'! sin't we we have signs on the front of the church. We have signs on the front of the church, and a short time ago one of our officers thought that we should take advantage of Don't keer erbout de patter of de sleet 'on the fact that the lot on the south of our top de shedthe fact that the lot on the south of our the fact that the lot on the south of our building was vacant and put a large sign, one that could be seen way down Broadway. En glory hallelula shakes de shingles overon our south wall. This officer was so faof inertia, has risen in its might and offered to pay for the painting of the sign Hans' round' de creakin' cabin 'twell de and his offer was accepted." Another immense and very artistic sign is painted on the south wall of the Young Men's Christian association building in West Fiftytian association building in West Fifty-

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Boston Transcript: "Your uncle is a very religious man, I understand."
"Oh, yes, indeed! He positively hates everybody who belongs to any other church

Detroit Free Press: "Your husband appears to be such a thoughtful man."
"Oh, he is! He never forgets to caution me about keeping down the household ex-

Chicago News: He (cautiously)—What would you say if I should ask you to be my wife?
She (more cautiously)—Why don't you ask me and find out?

Chicago Tribune: Girl with the Gibson Girl Neck-Isn't it strange that when you get something in one of your eyes the other eye waters, too?

Girl with the Julia Mariowe Dimpie-Oh, I don't know. When Jack Honeywell kisses you on one cheek the other cheek blushes just the same, doesn't it? Judge: "They had one of the strangest

"In what respect?"
"In what respect?"
"In what respect?"
"In every respect. Why, both parents on both sides were present, there was nothing sudden or secret about it and their own clergman performed the ceremony."

Philadelphia Press: "I suppose you're trying to think up a lie to tell your wife when you get home," said the first clubman.
"No, indeed," replied the other, "I'm going to tell her the truth."

"Surely you're not?"
"I certainly am, because she's sure not to believe me."

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS DANCE. Prank L. Stanton in Leslie's Weekly.

fiddler in de corner, des a-pattin' of bis sweet;
En Christmas times, good people, is de times what hard ter beat.

En we'll have a merry Christmas in de mawnin'!

why the sign was painted. He replied: De white folks in de big house hear de happy fiddles soun'.
En dey come ter see de dancin'. en dey standin' all eround'; En oh! de merry Christmas in de mawnin'!

Giory halleluia, 'twell de mawnin'!

In de merry, merry Christmas in de mawnin'!



The Store of the Town

That about describes our store, especially at this season. The bustle of Holiday enthusiasm has commenced in earnest, and our store is certainly headquarters for men's and boys' adornment if the exclamation of delight at the beautiful and dainty offerings from the fair sex is any criterion. Nothing will take the place of daintiness in a man's linen or neckwear. All our furnishings are of the finest. But it isn't enough that furnishings be fine—they must be tasteful as well, and besides they must be fashionable.

Though ours is primarily a man's store, it has very strong attractions for the women who are looking for gifts for the men and boys of the house-it is hardly possible to itemizemuch less describe—the great variety of useful and beautiful things to be seen at the best advantage in our store-the store of the town.

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