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International weather observation: Squally in the vicinity of Venezuela.

South American cable companies are the ones that are reaping the harvest of the pending unpleasantness.

The best feature of the real estate dealers' meeting is that Nebraska desaying of it.

ministration of state affairs.

of taxation. That is why real estate States, which there is every reason to tral point of public interest in the prog-

New Hampshire will submit to popular vote the question of female suffrage, as a good many other states have done, but said to be doubtful.

in a bank at Darnstadt, Germany, is knows no nationality, creed or politics.

By a singular oversight, no international bankruptcy court has been established to which the Latin-American nations could resort when they get into the fix in which Venezuela now finds itself involved.

No use worrying for the present about the succession to Judge Norris on the district bench. Judge Norris' term as member of congress for the Fifth Nebraska district does not commence until next March.

their property for the purpose of main- practicable way. The reduction which courts. The full extent of the advance taining increased traffic rates and low the bill provides for was earnestly recom- of rates, it is to be remembered, has valuations for the purpose of evading a mended by Secretary Root in his annual been masked from public sight because just share of the tax burdens the rail. report and has been advocated by the of the fact that the enforcement of the road lawyers are up against it.

for Europe carrying money orders aggre- secretary of war referred to the ills secretly cut rates. gating \$460,615, representing Christmas which have recently befallen the people gifts sent abroad by people of the of the islands as calling urgently for United States. The American cousin active and immediate measures of relief. merger scheme, that they were not in must be in high esteem in the old coun. This is quite as important in the matter fact the moving consideration in it. In try.

the way from Tacoma that his acci- the Philippines has been steadily grow- destruction of competition paved the dency, Governor Savage, will quit Ne ing and it is manifestly desirable from braska for good, shortly after the ex. every point of view that it should be lowed by actual advances under circumpiration of his term of office next month. encouraged. This will be done by re-No one in Nebraska will go into mourn- ducing duties on the products of the ising over the loss.

Those high-toned gentlemen caught in the raid on those high-toned New York gambling houses, who refused to answer for fear of incriminating themselves, when caught in a similar fix.

inaugural ball and so the ball is off. remonstrance. But the people of Nebraska will find solace for the loss of the inaugural ball costly garment. Its mother hubbard diin the assurance the governor's action mensions around the waist have caused to President Burt was one of the prigives that neither will be sanction any an expansion of expenses and a waste mary causes of the walkout of the more bull fights with the executive pres-

is to the fore. Collector of Revenue the police and fire departments and is a dent Burt did not figure in the so-called Cruzen at Porto Rico has climbed into serious menace to the safety of life and strike, which in reality is a lockout. the public prints by ordering the seizure property. The cry for relief is sponof a shipment of liquors smuggled taneous and the coming legislature will across the customs line in a government be asked to reconstruct the misfit so as employed in the Union Pacific shops lighthouse tender. Collector Cruzen to make it wearable. does not propose to let any liquors get past him-not if he knows it.

PROTECTING AMERICAN TRADE. declaration of war, is applicable only to South Omaha at the lowest rate of in other choice left than to quit work. the country against which it is directed terest obtainable and the rat holes and In other words, Mr. Burt's order was pelled to observe it. In other words, it soldered to prevent future overlaps. eguela at will.

attitude. A writer on the subject says: may be obviated. "At the time of the blockade of La Plata, in 1846, by Great Britain and France, Lord Palmerston said in Parlia-.30,920 munication, not conceding the right to ble and even probable. .922,673 European precedent.

is gratifying to find the Washington au- of sugar has of course been most benthorities fully alive to this. There is eficial to the island and no complaints very great probability that our commer- are now coming from there that the cial relations with the southern coun- financial and business conditions are tries will be very materially benefited as unsatisfactory. The revenue of the gova result of the Venezuelan imbroglio, ernment has somewhat exceeded ex-British and German goods are already penditures, so that the treasury has being boycotted in Venezuela and it is more money than when the republic was adjoining South American republics, to played and general business is good. the advantage of the trade of the United Thus while considerations of duty and dealers' meeting is that Nedraska described by the dealers' meeting is that they are believed by the dealers' meeting is that they are believed by the dealers' meeting is that they are believed by the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting is that they are believed by the dealers' meeting is that Nedraska described by the dealers' meeting is that Nedraska described by the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting is that Nedraska described by the dealers' meeting is that Nedraska described by the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting in the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting in the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting is the dealers' meeting in the dealers tion in the southern republics sympa- half of Cuban reciprocity, the argument With Governor Mickey at the helm, United States has not interposed in the from disaster is not at present availwe may be sure of less fuss and feathers difficulty with the European powers, able. and more brain and business in the ad- that feeling will disappear with a better understanding of our position by those countries and be followed by an im-Real estate never escapes its full share proved sentiment toward the United fort should be made to protect our South

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

The bill reported by the ways and whether the voters will submit to it is means committee, providing for a reduction of the tariff on Philippine products coming into the United States The discovery of a bank defalcation to 25 per cent of the existing schedule, at all hostile to competition in rates and amounting to \$175,000 by a bookkeeper will undoubtedly pass the house of representatives without unnecessary delay. simply a reminder that dishonesty but there may be protracted consideration of it in the senate, from the effort that will doubtless be made to have free. This is what the democrats of the house desire and of course those in the senate will urge it, perhaps for the reason urged by the house democratic leader, that any duty in those products merger process. The commission afis "unjust, unconstitutional and un-

There is no doubt that the proposed reduction of duties would be very beneficial to the trade of the Philippines and it is of course the policy of the United States to promote the industrial and com-Between justifying high valuations of mercial interests of the islands in every Philippine commission as being most A single transatlantic liner has sailed terial conditions in the archipelago. The had been carried under competition on and the present congress should supply The startling aunouncement comes all relief in both directions. Our trade with earnings on the higher rates for which lands and giving them a sound and stable currency.

THE SOUTH OMAHA MISFIT.

When the South Omaha charter was pending before the legislature two years seem to have taken their tip from the ago The Bee denounced it as a misfitredoubtable deputy of our own county several sizes too large in the waist and attorney, who made the same answer several sizes too small around the neckbut the patriots who had ventured to lobby the bill through the legislature Governor Mickey will not counte- succeeded in foisting the misfit upon the nance dancing by participation in an people of South Omaha in spite of all

The South Omaha misfit has proved a of money that is represented by a \$70,000 overlap in the municipal treas- lutely no truth in that statement. Everyury. Its close fit around the neck has body in Union Pacific headquarters in And now another eminent Nebraskan pretty nearly choked the breath out of Omaha knows that opposition to Presi-

With this end in view Mayor Koutsky piecework. Whether the edict issued

THE CUBAN TREATY.

tude of our government is therefore en- much destitution and that conditions themselves accordingly. tirely consistent and has the support of generally were exceedingly bad. This cannot be said now, the fact being that It is most important that our South Cuba is on the whole better off than for American trade shall be protected and it many years. The advance in the price altogether likely that this will spread to launched, while the people are well emthizing with Venezuela because the that it is required to save the island

ARREST OF RAILUAD COMPETITION. The report of the Interstate Commerce commission gives prominence to the cenvestiges of competition. It was on this score that public feeling was so sensitive as soon as consolidation began to emministrative economy solely, and was not | with pleasure. services. And it was often specifically promised, as in the case of the Northern Securities company, that there would be no advance of rates and that the ultimate result would be the general reducthe products of the archipelago admitted tion of rates in order to give the public

its fair share of the economies effected. The Interstate Commerce commission officially records the falsity of all such promises and pretended purposes of the walking the floor with the stock market firms that the result has been to arrest such competition as had existed among the companies before their merger and to advance the rates. These facts have been developed beyond a peradventure by its investigations as well as by the testimony in the cases against the Northern Securities company in the printed tariff rates involved a large innecessary to the improvement of ma- crease, since a vast amount of freight

It is perfectly useless to contend that these results were not a part of the of the tariff as in that of the currency virtually every case capitalization was expanded to a point that would require way, and the merger was promptly folstances demonstrating premeditated design.

The whole showing of the commission herself. implies a demonstration of its own powerlessness to deal satisfactorily with the menacing conditions, and is a significant reminder that it will require a more efficacious exertion of national power. It is noteworthy that the commission does not specify how this shall be done, but confines itself to a strong somehow doing it.

WHAT CAUSED UNION PACIFIC STRIKE, HILL. An authority identified with the Harriman interests is quoted in New York dispatches as saying that the opposition Union Pacific shopmen. There is abso-

The strike was virtually forcordaiged when the machinists and boller makers were asked to change from day work to has decided to call public meetings for on July 1 to the machinists and boiler offer its congratulations.

the discussion of suggested patches and makers emanated from Mr. Harriman It is understood to be the position of lop-offs by the taxpaying citizens, or Mr. Burt is immaterial to the controour government that the so-called pa- Whether the artists with shears and pins versy. As members of the machinists' cific blockade of Venezuelan ports shall will be able to accomplish a satisfactory and boiler makers' unions the men were not apply to American ships. In this, it transformation is problematic. In any under solemn obligation to live up to the is pointed out, it merely follows a prin- event, however, some relief must be had rules of their organizations. They could ciple consistently observed for many for the protection of the community and not remain in the shops without vio- the scene of action all further ship-sinking years. It holds that a peace blockade, the taxpayers. Provision must be lating the rules of their unions, which operations should be entrusted to him. or blockade established prior to a made for funding the floating debt of forbid piecework, and therefore had no Dewey is a recognized expert in this branch

and that neutral nations are not com- leads must be plugged up and safely an ultimatum that they must either and Germany should be persuaded by us tion. is the view of this government that only | Inasmuch as this work will have to leave the employ of the company. Per gunnery" in Venezuela. Venezuelan vessels are subject to the be entrusted to the Douglas delegation sonal likes or dislikes of their superiors. existing blockade and that American in the legislature, it will be proper for including Mr. Burt, had nothing to do vessels, merchant as well as national, the members thereof to acquaint them- with the controversy. From the outset may enter and leave the ports of Von- selves with the wishes of South Omaha it was manifest that it was a life and with level heads. The bull in the china ment and at every opening of a session taxpayers so that the necessity of send- death struggle of the unions and a blow shop does not serve as a good model for a since his protege had greeted him with and Senator Stewart called out sharply There is European precedent for this ing a paid lobby to Lincoln this winter at organized labor. The struggle has bill collector. been protracted and costly on both sides and it is to be hoped that Mr. Harriman was no violation of international law. Evi-The reciprocity treaty with Cuba, con- time that an amicable adjustment either the "orderly" kind. And further, the ment that unless war existed the govern- ceding a 20 per cent reduction in tariff by mutual concession or arbitration bement had no right to prevent not only duties in the products of that country tween the company and its former vessels of third powers, but also British coming into the United States and mak- workmen would be hailed by the patrons count for much. Perhaps there has been merchant vessels, from communicating ing large reductions in Cuban duties in of the Union Pacific and the general some undue excitement about the affair. with the ports. It was in accordance favor of exports to the island from the public with a great deal of satisfaction.

British government. So also in the the holiday recess and it appears to be adjudge the ownership of a bube that blockade of 1886, the powers authorized the impression in administration circles was claimed by two women. It re- of damages against Venezuela is much the detention of Greek vessels only." that the treaty will be ratified. There quired the wisdom of the Nebraska larger than that of any one of the three The This rule was departed from in 1807 in has been no intimation, however, that supreme court to decide what portion of participants and has been longer outstandand the blockade of Crete, which was made those who opposed tariff concessions to the property belonging to a man who applicable not only to all ships under Cuba at the first session will not renew married a divorced woman should go in this affair is in very agreeable contrast the flag of Greece, but to vessels of the their fight against the proposed reducto her in case she concluded to cut short to that of the three allies. 30.870 was destined for the Greek troops or the information has come from Washington The Nebraska Solomons have decided speare, it may be excellent to have a bully's .30.840 interior of the island. In regard to that in regard to the matter has indicated that although marriage of divorced strength, but it is tyrannous-not to say 30,860 blockade the United States Department that this opposition will be renewed couples is forbidden during the period 28,310 powers simply taking note of the com- the defeat of the treaty is quite possi- coupled, nevertheless if they see fit to bully a little South American republic, marry again or the new contracting par- weakened by revolutions, into paying ...31.130 rights and of any question which may in cussed at the first session. Then it was the marriage was null and void because clared and bombarding forts on half an .28,475 any way affect the commerce or interest urged that Cuba was suffering indusof the United States." The present atti- trially and commercially, that there was whom it may concern must govern of high civilization.

The contention that business institusame as other property owners because vania anthracite for \$7.50 a ton. competitors in smaller towns do not pay as much in taxes cannot be conceded. The constitution of Nebraska contemplates substantial uniformity of asits the classes of property entitled to before. The shoppers like the jam. exemption.

to go into the hands of a receiver, who is to act as receiver? What authority ernment should within a few weeks or his commission. months be overturned by some new revoguarantee its faithfulness to the receiv- dent of the senate of the high court.

very unsatisfactory when applied to liam sent over here? men are interested in seeing to it that expect will show itself in an enlarged ress of railroad merger policy—its effect secret rate-cutting by railroads, as it country, Lord Curzon, vicercy of India, all other classes of property pay their trade. Every legitimate and proper ef in practically destroying the last operates simply to advance the charges has apparently "bitten off more than he which the public has to pay.

Our visiting real estate men are inbrace gigantic competing systems, in vited to make themselves at home. If some cases of transcontinental scope. It they can turn a few bargains in farm ceeded in carrying out much of his prowas met with protestations that such acreage or city lots while they are here gram. consolidation proceeded on grounds of ad- they are entitled to combine business

> Lost on the Way. Washington Star.

deal slower in getting the news when a that one would think he must have practrust puts down prices than when it puts ticed on a postage stamp." It was during have you on our side how we would tear them up.

Detroit Free Press. Secretary Shaw has finally notified Wall

Weary of the Job.

every time it has a touch of speculation

Lamb Shearing Overdone. Chicago Post.

Gotham bankers have made a poel \$50,000,000 to prevent a panic in Wall street. Evidently all the lambs have been closely sheared and the thrifty operators must be taken care of until more wool grows or more lambs are born.

A Profitable Investment. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It is claimed that the great Assouan dam across the Nile will add over \$13,000,-000 to the agricultural earning power of Egypt every year. As this is about the sum the improvement cost it may be said that it will pay for itself in a twelvemonth.

She Kept Her Secret.

New York Sun. A great city, a great solitude. The provarb is musty, but is it true? A dispatch introduces us to a woman who has lived in Coscob for fifteen years and yet nobody knows her name. Either she has unusual gifts of concealment or Coscob has a more than metropolitan want of curiosity. How few recluses can hope to keep their names from their neighbors. There is only one higher step of perfection in the path of that Coscob recluse. Her name is unknown to other folks; she must strive to forget it

Liberality of Merger Kings. Minneapolis Times

We all remember the new rich man who, of the scion of his house just returned from an European trip, queried, "Which place did you like best, son?" and upon "son" replying in favor of Paris, remarked, "Is that so? Then I'll buy it for you." Our Northwestern railroad king official statement of the necessity of presents something of a parallel to his attitude toward the merger. "What will the Mammoth Madame have now?" says Mr. "The army transport service," is the reply. "Then I'll buy it for you," says the Merger Magnate.

Showing Pardonable Pride.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Newspapers in other states that are cointing the finger of scorn at St. Louis on account of boodling developments should note the fact that in the eight trials for public bribery and for perjury connected with it there have been seven convictions. with sentence to the penitentiary in each case of from two to five years. The convictions include a millionaire briber and a rich promoter, as well as city officials who sell their votes to corruptionists. Let the critical cities secure even one conviction of this class within their own limits. The whole country will hear of the unusual circumstances with interest and St. Louis will

GIANTS TACKLE A PIGMY.

take his "great and good friends," Edward and William, by the hand and lead them, kindly but firmly, beyond the danger line. Chicago News: Now that Dewey is near of diplomacy.

Boston Transcript: Before going too far abandon and break up the unions or to experiment a little further with "dry

Cleveland Leader: If Great Britain and money from Venezuela they might use it many years ago he had secured a situ- idge returned to his seat. The whole inclprofitably in employing a few naval officers ation for a man in the Treasury depart-Indianapolis News: So it seems that in

and his advisers will realize by this dentity the Venezuelan trouble is to be of vessels that were sunk by the English and Germans were mere revenue cutters, which, from some points of view, don't seem to St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It will be noticed that neither France. Russia nor It required the wisdom of Solomon to Austria is making any move to join the triple alliance which is operating on this

side of the water. Moreover, France's bill ing, but it has been willing all slong to submit it to arbitration. France's attitude New York World: To paraphrase Shake-

contemptible-to use it like a bully. The spectacle of the two great military and claims that have not been adjudicated, and

PERSONAL NOTES.

Were we fortunate enough to live in tions in Omaha should not be taxed the Yarmouth, N. S., we could get Pennsyl-

Klondike Indians have gone on the warpath, but their war whoops will not thaw gress." out until next spring when the war's over. shopping early is like proposing that they sessment and taxation and strictly lim- celebrate the Fourth of July on the day

An Ann Arbor professor's discovery seven new poisons will be welcomed in If Venezuela is on its own application | certain circles in New York, where all the old poisons are as familiar as quinine. Colonel Henry D. Capers, a brother of General Ellison Capers, now Episcopal is he to have, and by what means are bishop of South Carolina, is the oldest

Germany has nominated Dr. Slevking to be a member of the international court of lution, as may easily happen, who will arbitration in the place of Dr. Bingh, presi-

There is a superstition that you should never present a friend with a gift that has where fortune seemed to smile commission government by injunction is remember all those stickpins Emperor Wil-

> To use an expression often heard in this date for senator: to put them into operation. But no man was following a stump speech. has ever yet succeeded in making the Orient hurry and his lordship has not suc-

Years ago Mr. Chamberlain, the British to shake hands. colonial secretary, while a guest at the An American girl with whom he danced pack of lics as you can." summed him up in this way: "He's nice enough, but he doesn't know how to waltz. It looks as if the consumer were a great He takes such funny little, short steps this visit that he met Miss Endicott, who the republicans up the back."

afterward became his wife. VEGETABLE FUEL IN PROSPECT.

street that the government is through Efforts to Secure a Substitute for Pres-

ent Means of Heat. 1 Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Edward Atkinson is one of the most adventurous and indefatigable of intellectual explorers. The intellectual world contains few recesses into which he has not penetrated. From fireproof wood he turns ightly away to the use of tubs as ovens in farm houses; from that he hurries off to the status of subject populations, and from that he flits to the diffusion of light on plants through glass. Just now he is trying to find out whether a farmer cannot raise his own fuel "by devoting about one acre in a hundred of his possessions to that purpose for the supply of one family."

"Anthracite coal," he says, "is becoming a luxury. In about two generations it will be exhausted." There is no way of replenishing the supply. There is just so much coal and no more. "Why, then," asks Mr. Atkinson in a letter to the chiefs of the agricultural experiment stations, "should we not try at once to discover some sub-

stitute?" Consider the corn crop. The ratio of dry stalk, leaf and corncob is about one and one-half tons to the ton of shelled corn The amount of potential fuel, therefore, in the present corn crop is over 100,000,000 ons. Consider now the whole grain crop, including corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye etc. The total amount of potential fuel involved is between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000 tons. Further, there are plants, like alfalfa and the sunflower, which produce heavy fuel growths. Sorghum, however, is of all fuel plants the one which Mr. Atkinson regards as most promising. Sorghum, compressed into logs in a partially green tage," and seasoned as green wood is seaoned, holds out great possibilities of future sefulness. Besides, there is a new seed rain plant from Egypt which grows rapidly n the semi-arid parts of this country Could not this plant be used as fuel, and have we not here a means of turning the emi-arid west to account?

Whatever plant is used, the problem is ssentially the same. Corn, wheat, alfalfa, he sunflower, rye, oats, sorghum, canerakes, horse beans, barley and the new eed grain plant from Egypt are all available for fuel only under one condition, Some cheap and effective means of compression must be devised. The farmer who ants to prepare his own fuel is confronted with a mechanical difficulty. If "fuel" were "cultivated," however, in large quanities on the western plains compression culd be accomplished on a large scale at mall cost. As for the "calorific power" of egetable fuel, Mr. Atkinson thinks that wenty tons of cornstalk and leaves would qual about fourteen tons of bituminous This being the case, one may hope hat the chiefs of the agricultural expericent stations will give Mr. Atkinson's augeatlon something more than the "derision" hich he deferentially anticipates for it. It egetable fuel is practicable there are interesting industrial developments ahead of

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE,

Chicago Inter-Ocean: Uncle Sam should Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachu-

setta is a frequent recipient of bunches of red carnations, which invariably provoke a card on which was written the simple subject. words, "God bless you." "How touching," remarked Senator

in the blood-letting method. Great Britain | Hoar, as his colleague read the inscrip- hood bills in the senate Senator Beveridge 'Yes, it's touching enough," said the re-

cipient, "but it means eggs, eggs, eggs," Germany succeed in collecting any of that Senator Lodge explained. He said that the carnations and the inscription quoted. "But that is not all of it," continued the the bombardment of Puerto Cabello there senator. "He is not satisfied with sending me the flowers, but every week during the session he sends me eggs, nice, fresh country eggs, too. He won't accept remuneration. He won't even come after the nice little baskets in which he packs them. I have at least 100 of them and still they come. These baskets are going to crowd us out of the house some day. I have heard of senators being embarrassed with m by things, but I'm the only one that ever suffered from a plethora of eggs."

Never mind, Lodge," piped Senator Hoar. "Just thank God they're not of the variety some actors are embarrassed with," and Senator Lodge couldn't see why his colleagues laughed.

A day or two before the senate got around to consideration of the omnibus statebood bill, says the Chicago Chronicle, a dozen barrels of big, luscious, red apples were delivered at the senate wing of the capitol and roled into the cloak rooms. The barrels bore cards indicating that they had come from Roswell, N. M., and around each apple was a paper bearing the following inscription:

"Here the desert lands blossom as the result of irrigation from various streams and 500 artesian wells, flowing from 300 to 1,000 gallons per minute. Our fruit industry is in its infancy, yet we have shipped 200 cars of apples from Roswell community this year. Our apple is a perfect one, free from insects and the defects so common to other apple-producing sections. Our apple growers have attained perfection, as this specimen will attest. May you enjoy this fruit and may it prompt you to speak a good word for the Pecos valley of New Mexico and for statehood for the territory at this term of con-

The senators ate the apples and ac Asking people to do their Christmas knowledged that they were the finest fruit they had bitten in many years. One barrel was identified by the name and trademark of Jeremiah Simpson, who turns out to be none other than "Jerry" Simpson, the famous sockless statesman, who at one time represented the Medicine Lodge district of Kansas in the house of representatives. When sockless statesmanship ceased to be a winning card Mr. Simpson pulled up stakes and migrated to the Pecos valley, where he is now engaged in the culture of one of the greatest apple orchards in the world. He was one of the first populists in Kansas who foresaw the decline of that extraordinary political movement and likewise was one of the first to cut loose from it and its influence and get into another sphere of activity, According to the Interstate Commerce a sharp point-it severs friendship. Do you brightly. He is now a permanent resident of New Mexico. Undoubtedly, if New Mexico becomes a state, he will be a candi-

> can chew." He went out there with nu- ington state says one of the funniest things merous reforms in view and at once set outs that happened to him during his campaign

'I had concluded my remarks," says Mr. Jones, quoted by the Washington Post, "and was descending from the platform when a queer-looking fellow approached me

"'Jones,' said he, cordially, 'I never legation in Washington, attended a ball. heard a speaker who could tell such a "That took me back somewhat, but my friend added, showing that his politics were

"'But, oh, Mr. Jones, if we could only

Workmen are engaged in putting in place a steel screen over the glass roof of the postoffice building in Washington to protect i from icicles. During the winter huge icicles form on the tower and when the sun shines warm fall on the glass roof. Several times the heavy panes of glass have been shattered by the fall of a particularly heavy mass of ice and it has been found necessary to place some protection over the roof. The postoffice officials are beginning to

think they are paying dearly for the bril-liant light that filters through the big roof. In the summer it is necessary to paint the glass to deflect the rays of the sun, and in the winter workmen again have to ascend to the roof to put in place the steel screen which protects the glass from the ice. Altogether workmen are on the roof about half the year and the expense is something to make an economical man shudder. The clerks in the postoffice enjoy their advantages, however. They have the best lighted office building in the city, the glass roof making it possible to give every room outural light as bright and homelike as though all rooms were exposed to the sun,

Wishing to obtain some special information regarding the Philippines, Secretary Root gave a breakfast at the Arlington to

two men who were thoroughly posted on the matter. Being unusually absent minded that morning he breakfasted alone and then went into the lobby, where he found his two friends. He invited them into his office and there talked with them for a couple of hours, forgetting all about his breakfast invitation until they had deinquisitive glances from his colleagues. On parted. His apologies were profuse, but he a recent occasion the floral tribute bors has been the subject of much raillery on the

Just before the fight began over state. walked across the chamber and shook hands with Senator Quay, the two statesmen being radically opposed to each other on the "Eggs?" inquired some one; and then proposition. They exchanged a few words of elaborate politeness and then Mr. Beverdent irresistibly reminded beholders of the handshaking preliminary to a prize fight "Time!" Quay grinned, Beveridge blushed and everybody else inughed.

REPUBLICANS MUST ACT.

Congress Should Give Force and Effect to President's Recommendations.

Cleveland Leader (rep.) President Roosevelt knew what was expected by the people when he put into his message to congress the strong recommendation of legislation to regulate the socalled trusts.

During the president's trips to various sections of the country last summer and fall he came closely in touch with the populace, and he had the very best of means of finding out what public sentiment is upon this subject. In all the speeches he delivered he gave the consideration of the trust problem an important place.

The reception accorded those speeches must have convinced the president that he ought to take the stand he did in his annual message.

There is no doubt that a big majority of the people are today in favor of carrying out the president's recommendations. Nearly everybody is feeling the oppression of the big combinations, and the increased cost of living is held in the public mind to be due directly to the destruction of competition by these consolidations of industrial and commercial enterprises in the hands of a few. It is probably true, moreover, that a majority of the people, as was shown by the vote at the recent election, preferred to leave the solution of the trust problem to the republicans rather than to give the democrats a chance to apply their theory that the only way to hit the trusts was by striking at the system of protection.

Under the circumstances a very serious mistake will be made by congress if it fails to give force and effect to the president's recommendations. Not only was Mr. Roosevelt absolutely right in demanding anti-trust legislation, but the republican leaders in congress ought to see that it would be good politics to follow his suggestions.

The republican party must this winter make a record upon this question upon which it can appeal to the voters in the campaigns of next year and the year fol-

SMILING REMARKS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Sometimes 1 think so hard it makes me tired.' "How thoughtless!"

Chicago Tribune: Grieved by the escape of his intended prey, the crocodile wept. "They may be crocodile tears," sobbed the saurian, "but they are real toars!"

New York Sun: Johnson-Will you have Johnstein-No; I'll take the same. Boston Transcript: The Accused-But It was a case of absent-mindedness, yer honor. I didn't know what I was doing when I took the coat.

The Judge-But, unfortunately for you, the officer did. "Absura: How does he make that out?"
"He says that's the only way to account for the disastrous character of the fall—that they fell off the roof."

Electrical Review: "John," said the re-tired lawyer to his coachman, "aren't the horses trying to run away?" "They be sir!" "Then drive into something cheap."

Chicago Tribune: "Yes, it's true," said Miss De Skreemer. "The death of a rich relative has relieved me of the necessity of making my living by singing in public," "I'm so glad!" impulsively exclaimed the other giri.

BABY'S FIRST LETTER.

Baltimore American. Don't go runnin' on me, fellers, Somethin's stickin' in my throat, For this letter's from my baby, An' th' first she ever wrote.

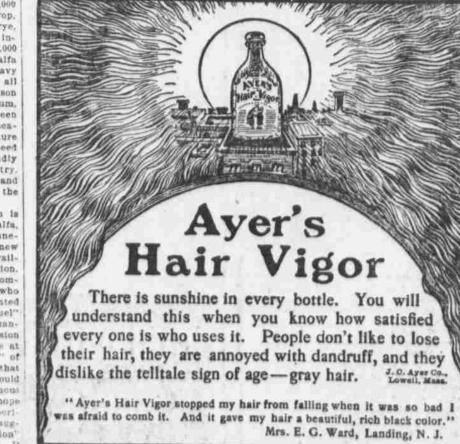
Gen'rally I'm game—you know it, An' can stand fer lots o' chaff— An' can stand fer lots o' chanTake yer joshin' good an' plenty
An' not do a thing but laft;
But this letter, with its scrawlin',
Strikes a whole lot diff'rent note.
Fer it's from my only baby
An' th' first she ever wrote.

Wrote it all herself, God bless her;
Took her three, four hours, I guess,
Though 'hey's only two short pages
Filled with baby blessedness:
Starts it out "I love you, papa"—
Then th' lines all seems t' float—
Do you blame me? She's my baby;
It's th' first she ever wrote.

'Way off there beyond th' mountains, ellin' out her daddy's letters An' a-sendin' love t' me-What? Not you big boobles cryin'! W'y it hain't your baby'a note; It's my own wee girlie's letter,

No-no, runnin' on me, fellers, Somethin' chokes in my throat, 'Cause this letter's from my baby, An' th' first she ever wrote.

Very first she ever wrote.



Always restores color to gray hair.