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We never put much reliance in that ground hog, anyway.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

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(Seal.)

According to the groundhog's calendar we are to have six weeks more of real winter.

Having been specially received by King Edward, General Miles can console himself for not hitching on to the special coronation embassy.

The democrats of the legislature seem to have dumped home rule for a mess of pottage. The nonpartisan water commissioner bait was altogether too many for them.

Europe, the American metropolis has been doing quite well.

first business should be a rigid investization into the manipulation of the corcailroad literary bureau.

New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma may have no representation in the United States senate, but they are run-

time being just the same. The sultan of Morocco has scored a signal victory over the pretender, but the pretender seems to be one of those pretentious fellows who do not know

mough to know when he is licked. A Chicago grand jury filed 121 inemains to be seen.

Secretary Root says another war is be of very much greater value. sure to come, no matter how much we cyclone and another famine and another pestilence and another volcanic for the past two or three years has eruption. But we will cross all those worked zealously to bring about amendbridges when we get to them.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial association changes are exceedingly important. For the conclusion is inevitable that the de- instance, the amended act provides that in such a nebulous condition that it cov- not release its officers, directors or ers professed democrats in public life stockholders, as such, from any liability today who could get together on no under the laws of a state or territory. other common ground.

als congregation with the wickedness of trustee for his property, or because of avoiding the paying of car fare just be insolvency a receiver or trustee has cause the conductor forgets to demand been put in charge of his property the fare. As an effective means of en- under the laws of a state or territory. forcement we suggest that he put an To the causes assigned in the original embargo on his contribution box against act for refusing to grant the discharge clekels that in right belong to the of a bankrupt the following have been street railway company.

queers proposition as a result of the statement a writing, or who has at death of Congressman Rumple. Strict any time subsequent to the first day of compliance with the law requiring a the four months immediately preceding special election to fill the vacancy, with the filing of the petition transferred, reonly two weeks of the term unexpired, moved, destroyed or concealed any of his would be a costly luxury for the people property with intent to hinder, delay or of the district. As illustrating the fool defraud his creditors, or who in volunshness a good law may work under un tary proceedings has bad a discharge in forseen conditions this is a shining example.

Whatever plans the present Nebraska proved by the court. Those sections legislature may adopt for rebuilding or providing means whereby property enlarging state institutions, it should transferred in violation of the act may not forget the forcible arguments in be recovered are so amended as to confavor of fireproof construction presented fer jurisdiction for the purpose upon from making the annual tax levy, but It is not the loss of property, so much jurisdiction if bankruptcy had not inas the loss of life, that is to be avoided. | tervened. The destroyed property can be replaced, pendent lamates, should be taboood.

ADVERSE TO AMBRICAN TRADE.

He notes as especially significant the to expect that it will receive more gen- much. largely increased duties on grain and eral approval. cereal products, which are more than doubled, while on flour there is placed a practically prohibitory duty: On other important staple exports from the passed both houses of the legislature tures, duties are largely increased. A by the governer, at once becomes and Russla has also just adopted a new Senator Howell, has kindly volunteered increases duties, which will unfavorably affect American trade with that bill, which are summarized as follows: country, though this is not now very ex-

tensive. A short time ago the Prussian finance minister made the significant declara- ture to the bill. today dependent upon America and 30.570 draw more or less of their food sup- body and empewered to appoint its own particularly the case with Germany, or otherwise, be to its advantage to shut out Amer- members of a single party.

their industries, so long as they do not the plant. distinctly discriminate against our products. This we object to. As a mat- terms of the contract between the city tigers can be found in their native haunts. ter of fact the United States has submitted for years to the most unjust discriminations on the part of Germany, company and a third by the two appraisers France and some other European coun- so named. Or the council may proceed to larger and more feroclous wild animals." tries, the representations of our government in regard to this and the re-New York will celebrate its 250th an. quests for fair and just treatment being appointed by the mayor and council, as in niversary in May. For a youngster, as disregarded. It can be confidently ex- the condemnation of right-or-ways for compared with the older cities of pected that the policy of discrimination streets and alleys. If the first method is will become more pronounced than it is the unexpired portion of the franchise if the United States does not take steps claimed by the water company; if the secto counteract it. The resolution of Sen- ond plan is adopted an allowance for the When the legislature reconvenes its ator Lodge, providing for an inquiry in claimed by the company. regard to tariff discriminations against the United States, should be favorably poration lobby and the operations of the acted upon, and, if discrimination is shown something decisive should be done for putting an end to it. The American farmer and manufacturer want only fair treatment in the world's markets and it is the duty of the governzing the business of that body for the ment to use every effort to secure this

RANKRUPTCY LAW CHANGES

The changes made in the bankruptcy law will undoubtedly make it more acexpected to operate favorably to the permanence of the act, which had before been threatened by a more or less lictments against owners and operators vigorous opposition, in and out of conof slot machines in the down town dis- gress. The desirability of a law of rict Saturday. How many of these this kind has been most amply shown ildt machine owners will be prosecuted and notwithstanding its defects the act has had good results. As now amended there is every reason to believe it will

The changes effected in the law are may long for peace. So is another largely due to the efforts of the National Association of Credit Men, which ments which experience had shown to be necessary in order to make the act From the list of officers of the fair, just and equitable. Some of these mocracy of the sage of Monticello was the bankruptcy of a corporation shall Another provision extends acts of bankruptcy to include a case in which a An Omalia paster is trying to impress person has applied for a receiver or added: A discharge shall be refused to one who has obtained property on credit Governor Cummins is up against a from any person upon a materially false bankruptcy within six years, or who has refused to obey any lawful order or to answer any material question ap-

Doubtless it will be found that some do not justify a school tax for 1903 of fatal or permanent injury of the state's further amendments will be necessary more than 2 mills. wards leaves no way to restitution. The to perfect the law, but those made will fire trap public building, especially when | materially strengthen the act and render designed for the accommodation of de its operation more satisfactory. In ready to spend good money for the

THE HOWELL RELIEF BILL. The water works purchase bill, which United States, in the line of manufac- last week and has now been approved similar policy is being pursued by Aus- a law, as it carries an emergency tria in the rearrangement of her tariff clause. The father of this measure, general customs tariff that considerably to eplichten the citizens of Omaha concerning the important features of the Under the terms of the measure the governor will be required to appoint a

water board of six members within thirty Two members will be Stick a pin there. tion that in his opinion "America is the appointed for two years, two for four and dark spot in the heavens of our indus- two for six years, all of whom must be try. Our internal market must be electors of the city. The bill also progreatly strengthened, for our market is must be a republican and one a democrat. Why representatives of the people England. Agriculture must be our spe- should show such a distrust of the peo- gress. Besides, the better the day the betcial concern." This undoubtedly very ple, and especially the taxpayers who ter the lie. well represents the general feeling in are to assume obligations that may ex-Europe toward this country. The ceed \$4,000,000, and should deprive American invasion must somehow be them of the right to elect their own checked, but the statesmen of the Eu- water commission, and why they are American apples by putting on a tariff of ropean countries are finding this a most to be put on probation under state \$2 a barrel. But even this figure may fall difficult problem. In most of those guardianship for four years, is not excountries there can be no great im- plained by Mr. Howell. Neither does provement in agricultural conditions he explain why the commission is made and therefore they must continue to responsible to nobody, removable by no-

It cannot produce sufficient to supply | The provision requiring one-half of the home demands for foodstuffs and in the commission to be democrats and the of Arbitration. Mr. Mitchell is ambitious placing higher duties on these it is in other half republicans affords no safejuring the masses of its own people. guard against malfeasance in office. The chief part of what Germany buys The purchase and management of the from us it must import and it can water works involves no political issue. get it to better advantage from us than Venal democrats and corrupt repubturers are concerned, possibly it would any boodle scheme as would dishonest

Let the coal man rejoice. The ground- lean competition, but in doing this it The next feature of importance, achog saw his shadow without half look- must count upon some loss of exports cording to Mr. Howell, is the provision titled to respect. to this country. Much of what we im- of the law that requires the city counport from Germany we can get with cil to declare by ordinance that it is equal advantage elsewhere in case our necessary for the city to purchase the export trade to it should be curtailed, water plant and at the first meeting of but he writes himself down a very small beneficial, undoubtedly a saving to the mated \$5,000 will hardly cover the damage. We cannot fairly complain of the the council after the approval of such higher tariffs of European countries, ordinance the council must take the framed with reference to protecting first steps in the actual acquisition of sonal experiences said: "On a low, wooded

The council may proceed under and the water company, which involves the appointment of three engineers as appraisers, one by the city, one by the water acquire the water plant by condemnation Mr. Bryan would do well to observe the proceedings, as provided in the city charter. In such case five appraisers must be adopted nothing will have to be paid for

reach without special legislation, and the fact that the bill passed both houses without a dissenting vote indicates that the water works company is not adverse to such procedure. It certainly could have influenced at least a few members of the legislature to antagonize the bill at some stage.

But while Mr. Howell is willing to enlighten the people about the mode of procedure to purchase the water works plant, he studiously emits all reference to the fact that he has saddled upon the taxpayers of Omaha a water commission which will commence drawing \$300 a month out of the city treasury for the salary of its members and from \$150 to \$500 a month for a water commissioner within thirty days, although it may be thirty months before the commission will have any water works to manage or before the water commissioner has anything more to do than to draw his salary.

And this is really the milk in the water bill cocoanut, which properly should have been labeled "A Bill to Provide R. B. Howell with a Lucrative Job that he saw no signals. as Commissioner of Water Works."

It will now be in order for the papers tributions fabricated by the Baldwin literary bureau to tell the people the should be equalized by a state board. braska City railroad organ. Also on the editorial page of Monday's issue human fallibility." of the World-Herald, over the signature "M." was paid for at the rates which it exacts for editorial space.

announced, good on all vessels operated by the Morgan lines. This is no doubt mileage system adopted by American rallroads. We have not, however, yet reached the interchangeable meal ticket nor the interchangeable theater ticket. though they, too, may be brought out before long.

The city council rests temporarily under a judicial ban that prevents it conform to actual requirements, which

Of course the railroads are always vestigation has shown that a very large benefit of the rural counties, but only something was done.

proportion of the business men of the when they know the dear public will A report of the American consul gen- country who have given the subject in- make good the outlay. That explains eral at Berlin points out that the Ger- telligent consideration are favorable to their engeruess to discredit what they man tariff will be to a serious extent a national bankruptcy law and now call "the Omaha tax scheme." Any the "I told you so's" predicted introduc-

> Typewritten editorials from the brilliant pen of John N. Baldwin decrying the Omaha plan of municipal railroad legislature this year. In the house taxation as a raid on the school fund in Coats. counties along the line of the Union with Pacific may have duped some credulous people, but such imposture cannot with- been instrumental in framing many of the stand the searchlight of publicity.

There is not a county, school district or village in the state of Nebraska that is getting taxes on the proportionate value of the railroad property actually in addition on any part of the Omaha days of the date of attaching his signa- terminals allotted to it by distribution.

Post-Mortem Hot Air.

Boston Transcript. A very good scheme, this of utilizing Sundays for congressional culogies instead of interrupting the regular business of con-

Germany is the Loser. St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Germany proposes to deprive itself

to reduce the demand for the best and most wholesome fruit in the world. Wise Leader of Labor. Indianapolis Journal. John Mitchell did two things during the recent miners' convention which should

for the Miners' untop, but not for himself.

for him in this city and he declined the

Annoyances of Publicity. Philadelphia North America. President Roosevelt's desire to lose him-

But Silence in Golden.

Chicago Inter Ocean. Mr. William J. Bryan may be a big man, one on slightest provocation or no provocation at all. Recently Mr. Bryan has been sessions. in Mexico, and in a letter relating his permountain range, near the cattle ranch, I was assured parrots; monkeys and even I did not have time to hunt parrots and monkeys and was not disposed to infringe upon the patent of those who find relief from the cares of state in the pursuit of old rule, "When you have nothing to say, say nothing."

Oh, but This is Different.

Detroit Free Press. There was a fire in a New York factory building the other morning, and one resuit of it is thus described by the Sun: "Women had the life trampled out of them beneath the feet of cowards who thought only of saying their own skins." the burning of the charity bazaar in Paris, all the English and American newspapers were shricking about the cowardice of these Parisians and the degeneration of a people in the midst of which anything of that kind could happen. Yet they do not seem to be excited about this New York disaster, or has the "Anglo-Saxon" coward certain privileges in the way of trampling women to death which are not held by the cowards of other tribesmen?

INCOMPETENT MANAGEMENT.

"No Excuse for the Slaughter of Which Railroads Are Guilty." Indianapolis News

When we think that during one year in passenger killed, and then read of the slaughter of scores of people on the Central Pacific in two days, it is hard to believe that there is not something wrong with our way of conducting railroads. The New Jer sey disaster was the result of the gross carelessness of-whom? The officers of the road say that the engineer of the express was at fault inasmuch as he ran by the danger signal. He himself is said to have declared when he was taken from his en gine that he paid no attention to the green and red signals, as he thought they would turn white. Later in his delirium he said

The station agent at Cranford says that "a minute before the accident" he received respectful consideration. Dr. A. orders to hold the express at Cranford. Even then he could hear the train coming, that have published editorials and con- and without waiting to answer that he underatood the instructions, he grabbed his lantern and rushed out on the platform, with respect to one of the proposed changes should I give you a dollar in advance? Tell Just as he reached the platform the train exact size of the distribution made from flashed by and Engineer Davis was leaning opinion on the subject. The writer obthe railroad slush fund to pay the ex- out of the engine cab looking straight pense "of putting the article in type and shead, and "apparently attending to his immigrants is doubtless higher at present running it." It is currently reported duty." Then the agent tried to warn the than it was in former years, but restricnext station, but before he could do so the that some of the paid editorials have train had passed it, going at the rate of been more expensive to the railroads more than sixty miles an hour. Certainly Island is sufficiently effective to keep out than others. This is an injustice that this was a narrow and dangerous margin the diseased, the pauper and the criminal on which to run such a train on such a while admitting the immigrant "with two road. The vice president of the road, W. It might be interesting, for example, to G. Hessler, declares that the accident was heart." He is opposed to the educational know how large a check was mailed to due to "the element of human fallibility." the York paper, how much to the Os- It is so with practically all our accidents. ceola paper and how much to the Ne- And the question is whether a few convictions and executions of some of these fallible men, no matter how high their posiwhether the contribution that appeared tirus, would not sessen "the element of trial progress. The educational test, ac-

Pacific also seems to have been due to but it would have one good result—the rehuman "fallibility." The story is that an duction of the total number of immigrants operator failed to deliver orders to the westbound express stopping it to allow an-Interchangeable steamship tickets ale other train to pass. Whether the operator had his orders of not is yet to be proved. But it does not matter. For if he did not have them the responsibility is merely rivals. an outgrowth of the interchangeable shifted to the man who should have given that large families, including aged dethem to hime if he did have them, of pendents, would be obliged to remain in course, he is to blame. But no explanations Europe, but it would not debar single uncan bring to life the dozens of people who skilled laborers. In the case of large famwere killed in these two accidents, or help illes even a \$5 tax would be prohibitive. the scores who were injured. What we all want is not explanations, but fewer murderous accidents. We talk about them ment jurisdiction over arrivals until they when they happen, and demand that the guilty be punished, and that some steps favors such a regulation, inasmuch as it be taken to make their recurrence less frequent. But we soon forget all about it. Rarely do coroners or grand juries do their ability was not discovered when they by recent burning of state buildings, any state court which would have had that does not stand in the way of the duty in such cases. Neither one of these school board revising its estimates to accidents should have happened. Both were entirely avoidable. So there is orim- a regulation in the statement that the inal negligence in both cases that should

be severely punished. There is no excuse for the great slaughter

TALK OF THE STATE PRESS.

Rushville Recorder: When the present Ripples on the Current of Life in the legislature commenced its work some o adverse to our trade with that country, that the chief causes of objection to the scheme to stop railroad tax shirking ton of a lot of fool measures; but the unless modified by a reciprocity treaty. act have been removed there is reason would stir the railroads up just as fact has come out that the freak legislator was never so conspicuous for absence, as he is in this session of the Nebraska legislature.

Atkinson Graphic: The west end of the state has an excellent delegation in the Hanna, Currie and Herron, Douglas as spokesman, stitute a group which command the attenmost important measures now under consideration.

Blair Republican: The legislature is against the land-leasing bill of Senator Dietrich, and it is probable the fences will have to go-so that Colonel Mosby will score at last. Yet there are two sides to within its borders, much less a penny the controversy. The cattlemen have an immense sum invested, and unless these lands can be irrigated no one would accept a homestead for farming purposes sione. It is a big question.

Wausau Gazette: Fifty-five of the one hundred members in the lower house of the present legislature are representative farmers. This proves the absurdity of the howl about railroad domination. Grant York City, while there are a few in Philathat-every mother's son, who is not an actual tiller of the soil, is a "railroad tool, It is yet in the power of the farmers to kill every measure that would tend to infringe upon their rights-and we are sure they

main. Wherever there has been any sentiment expressed at all it has been in opopposed the proposition to build a house ment in favor of 640 acres for a homestead.

Crete Vidette-Herald: When Nebraska self in the woods and enjoy the privileges seekers for senatorial honors, who were ratory and created a dense and suffocating from anybody else. So far as manufac- licans will combine just as readily for of a private citizen for a brief time should congressmen, to go back to Washington smoke, but the firemen got the blaze under be respected, and it is to be hoped that and go to work, and allow them to choose control in a short time. he will be allowed to go hunting without a a senator without being dictated to. The The damage was small, mostly to the furbrass band this year. Even a president scene at Nebraska's last senatorial battle niture and fittings of the office. The \$45,has some rights of privacy which are en- was enough to sicken even a dyad-in-the- 000,000 was in gold bars. The building state of a considerable sum during such

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ex-Governor George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts observed his 85th birthday anniversary on Wednesday.

Down in Mississippi five negro murderers have been tried and condemned in the regular way since 1903 came in. Civilization

In crowded New York all shades of life may be witnessed in a day. One day last funeral in the same flat in the East Side. Senator Thomas Patterson of Colorado says that one of the most enjoyable periods of his life was the two weeks he spent

traveling with a circus in southern Michigan. Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimsc episode. Lynch spent his money as fast as it came has tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt through the secretary of the

BAVY. The members of the foreign legations in the Chinese New Year.

Joshua G. Dodge, who was an associate of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and other leaders of the anti-slavery movement, has just celebrated his 90th birthday at Arlington, Mass.

The Lessler bribery charges reminded older congressmen of the time Representative "Birdie" Adams of Pennsylvania went up to Speaker Reed to ask about a bill he wanted passed. Adams took some change Great Britain there was not one railway from his pocket and rattled it in his hand print stories about the devices adopted by while he talked. As it happened he had five quarters. "Hold on, Birdie," said Railroad of New Jersey and the Southern Reed, "even in these hard times you can't pass a bill in this house for a dollar and a

REGULATING IMMIGRATION.

Views of an Expert on Existing Reatrictions Philadelphia Public Ledger.

In view of the possible amendment of the immigration laws during the present or the next session of congress, the opinion of an expert as to the desirability of sug- by an insurance man reported by the Sun The soft, white mantle of the snow gested changes in said laws is worthy of to be working in New York. Admission to Laughlin of the United States Health and runs something like this: Marine Hospital service, in a conservative Marine Hospital service, in a conservative contribution to the January number of the Popular Science Monthly, takes a position Victim (cautiously)—Not so fast; why

Insurance Man—Give me a dollar and I'll Beat high with hope and human chee tell you comething of great interest to you. Or, while some soul, in sorrow, parts With what it holds in life most dear. Popular Science Monthly, takes a position which may not be in harmony with popular serves that the percentage of undesirable tions have been growing more stringent, so that now the system in operation at Ellis strong arms, a sound body and a stout test, which seems to be gaining favor in the country, for the reason that it would exclude many thousands of desirable immigrants, those supplying us with nearly all of the unskilled labor needed for our indus cording to Dr. McLaughlin, would not keep The frightful accident on the Southern out some of the least desirable arrivals, -and thus permit of a more rigid examination of foreigners who seek admission here. The contributor thinks that a head tax

as low as \$5 or \$10-the tax is now only \$1would materially reduce the number of ar This would result from the fact One of the most valuable restrictive regu lations would be the extension of governbecome citizens. The writer of the article would give the authorities an opportunity to deport criminals and others whose dislanded or within a year after landing. Dr McLaughlin makes a strong point for such friends of detained aliens would be distnclined to guarantee that they would not become public charges if the guarantee covof which the railroads are guilty. There ered five years instead of one. The flood were a half dozen or more wrecks recently of immigration is beginning to tax the asin all of which people were killed or seri- similative power of the republic, and the ously injured. It is certainly time that time has arrived when more restrictive regulations are desirable and necessary.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Metropolis.

Unable to expand his talents in the enervating environments of St. Joe, a Missouri lad of 12, answering to the name of Richard Murphy, blew into the big city and cut a large swath until the police took him in. The special talent of the young Missourian was shoving worthless checks for cash, a business in which he displayed the nerve of a Missouri train robber. Murphy is a penman. His signature to a check is a business looking one, and written in tion and respect of all members, and have an easy and apparently quick flowing hand, The writing in the body of the check is more in keeping with that of a boy of 13. This difference in writing led to the belief that the certificate contained the writings of two persons. On the other hand, it is said that Murphy writes "three hands."

Murphy was asked who originated his check scheme. "Oh, I guess I'll say nothing about that," he replied, with a wave of his gloved right hand. "We'll meet things as they come. Keep still and then there's no explaining afterward is the wiser way, isn't it; now, truly?"

When all the worthless checks that "Little Dick" has left in his trail are gathered they will make a formidable pile for a lengthy spindle. A bank official said that he had heard of several being held in New delphia and additional ones in Washington

The manner in which the people of New York have fallen back upon gas as a fuel because of the scarcity of coal, is shown in the annual report of the Consolidated O'Neill Frontier: It appears that the Gas company. The consumption of gas ran people of Nebraska do not want a public at times up to \$0,000,000 cubic feet per land-leasing bill. There has perhaps never day. The sales in the year amounted to been a measure up for consideration that 18,358,478,000 cubic feet, or increase of has been so generally condemned by the 1,915,000,000 cubic feet, or 11.65 per cent people of this state as the proposition to over the previous year. The increase durlease out the remainder of the public do- ing the last three months of 1902 ran as high as 20 per cent, and in some districts to 39 per cent over the corresponding 30,810 plies from the United States. This is successors in case of vacancies by death strengthen his influence with them. He position to the proposed law. It has also period of the previous year. The company developed that there is a general senti- sold in the twelve months 42,632 gas ranges. stoves and heaters.

> Forty-five million dollars of Uncle Sam's has another United States senator to elect gold was in danger of being melted down the legislature would receive the praise of in one solid lump by a fire in the United the whole state if that body followed the States assay office, next door to the subexample of the Kansas legislature, which treasury, last Thursday. It came from a passed resolutions last week, asking the slight explosion of gases used in the labo-

wool pop, and caused many legislators to being old and largely of wood, was at one becomes advocates of the plan of election time in danger of destruction. The second of United States senators by popular vote. floor of the building and the attic above Secretary Shaw a week ago recommended build a new assay office, as the building was old and unfit for the use it was put to.

> Mrs. Theresa Lynch, "the queen of diamonds," is dead at her home, 65 Central of paralysis. Her jewelry store at 1 Union square has made her famous.

Mrs. Lynch was a thorough business

woman and died wealthy. It is said that

there was not better judge of precious stones in America. She was the daughter week there was a wedding, a fire and a of a fruit seller in Dublin, but her eyes often feasted on the gems in the jewelers' windows and with the first money she could save out of her small earnings she bought a diamond. Her father reproved her, but a few days afterward she sold the stone for more than twice the price paid. Coming to this country she married John Lynch and their married life was unique. to him-often faster, while his wife was prudent and frugal and her bank account troit Free Press. grew. The economic differences after a time led to a disagreement. He still con-Pekin are again embarrassed by lavish tinued to live at their home, although for gifts of game, plants and trinkets from fifteen years not a word passed between the dowager empress on the occasion of them. This strange existence was finally broken when Mrs. Lynch moved uptown.

He died shortly after. Mrs. Lynch's jewelry store was reputed to be the resort of women of fashion who were in financial straits. She was said to have served as a polite pawnbroker for many aristocratic familles when pressed for funds, at times advancing thousands of at the bottom dollars on family jewels.

Every once in a while the newspapers life insurance men, book canvassers and others engaged in similar occupations to gain and hold audience with their prospective victims. A favorite story tells of the life insurance agent who, when on the point of being ejected on the ground that point of being ejected on the ground that point of being ejected on the ground that his victim's time was too valuable to waste in listening to insurance schemes, bought five minutes of the time at \$1 a minute, the price being set by the owner, of course. At the end of the five minutes the insurance man had the victim's signature to a strong policy. "Was that an unmarried woman you met just now?"

"Yes, I knew her several years ago. How her face has changed."

"Has it? Well, when a woman's face changes as much as that she can never hope to change her name, too."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. \$10,000 policy.

But for simplicity that does not compare with the plan pursued with great success the victim being gained, the conversation

Insurance Man-Give me a dollar and I'll

With an invitation such as that it is plain sailing. This possesses the advantage over the first scheme, that in case of failure, even if the agent is not a dollar in, he is, at least, not \$5 out.

THE OLD RELIABLE

DEFECTIVE FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

Move to Supply Them with Educational Text Books.

Philadelphia Record. Senator Penrose is the father of a remarkable bill for the purchase of 5,000 copies of "March's Thesaurus" (at the rate of \$10 a copy) to be distributed among the departments and offices throughout the country "to enable officers and employes of the government to find the proper word to express their meaning." In the classified service no such book is needed. The employes who have gone through a competitive examination have proved that they know enough about words and synonyms to express themselves with lucidity. If there be any need of a thesaurus by persons who are not engaged in literary work, but whose reports concern only severe matters of fact, it must be among the officers and employes who owe their appointment to political in-

Many government officials are afflicted with an ambition for a literary style. Fine writing is the terror of the officers at Washington who receive reports from subordinates. The victim of a literary style will sacrifice truth and clearness every time in order to make a fine sentence. His reports read like the essay of the schoolgirl graduate, and only his limited vocabulary compels him to use words within the comprehension of his superiors. So far from correcting the evil, the possession of Until this sensible idea is adopted a use were entirely burned out. An entire new a thesaurus must magnify it. The official of the Kansas plan would be decidedly roof will have to be put on, and it is esti- with an ambition for a literary style will no longer suffer his fancy to be restrained by a lack of words; his imagination will to congress that \$750,000 be appropriated to expand and his reports will cease to convey any meaning.

fluence.

There can be no reasonable objection the policy of supplying educational back to such officers and employes of the gov ernment as are appointed through political influence. Persons in the classified service park, west, having succumbed to a stroke are expected to know something, but fitness is not a consideration in the case of those who are appointed as a favor. It is not well, however, to begin with a book of words. Before a thesaurus can be of any practical use to a man he must have some preliminary knowledge besides that relating to the packing of a caucus. The publisher of "March's Thesaurus" may need the \$50,-000, but that amount expended for schoolmasters in the federal building would yield better results.

POINTED REFLECTIONS.

Dick-Do you ever get the last word with Charles Oh. ves

man dat's willin' to work fum earnin' two bits by shovelin' snow."—Washington Star. "The place is only a small country town, but there used to be a very good tavern

there."
"But not now," said the traveling man, sadly.
"Torn down eh?"
"Oh, no. It's a 'hotel' now."—Philadel-

Knox-Why do you always put "dictated" at the bottom of your letters? You have

"And you're really a lord?" said the maiden. "Of course. Do you think I'm an im-

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