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That compromise statehood bill seems the omnibus open.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, A. D. 1903. M. B. HUNGATE, (Seal.) Notary Public.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

smoking. What a waste of good fuel!

While they are remembering the could not forget the consequences of its ill fate if we would.

The story of the municipal campaign at Lincoln does not fit in very well with the assertion that the railroads of Nebraska have gone out of politics.

The minister who preached a sermon on "The Foolishness of Preaching"

The new revenue bill is to contain 240 sections. Perhaps the legislature had better take another week's adjournread the bill through.

Henry Watterson is talking again, but his vision of the man on horseback has disappeared. He now sees all the crowned heads of Europe succumbing to the growing strength of democracy as exemplified in the American republic.

The reports of the weather bureau stations for western Nebraska indicate that the rainfall in that section has been steadily increasing from year to year. If the weather bureau and the irrigation bureau will only work together, semi-arid Nebraska will eventually disappear from the map,

It is to be noted that during the absence of General Miles from the country the general staff bill, to which he was vigorously opposed, passed con-Whether this was taking a mean advantage of General Miles or whether it was understood as a condition of his foreign tour is open to speculation.

One of the members of the Omaha school board wants to make the kindergarten age from 4 to 6 years. The principal difficulty in front of such a the general opinion is that it was exproposition is that the constitution of pedient to do this. A very important Nebraska makes the school age from 5 provision is that making any deviation to 21, and the chances of amending that from the published rates a misprovision of the constitution are decidedly remote.

Governor Mickey's inaugural address contains several important recommendations on which the legislature has as yet shown no disposition to take action. At the time of its delivery the recommendations in the message were re ferred to the appropriate committees. It would not be a bad idea for the committees to make this reference more than a mere formality.

County Attorney English has rendered an opinion to the effect that the orders for bridge construction placed by the The petitioners think the time most county board under last year's contract favorable "for securing national enlight- that borrowed money at interest while not been commenced before the expiration of the contract. Douglas county toward us of those whom we wish to nothing? If this losing game is forced has built more bridges in the last five benefit." The request is made that the on the taxpayers by the laws governing years than in all the period before that. Why not give the bridge builders a rest for a little while?

dence is to deserve it.

THE ADMINISTRATION SATISFIED. The administration, according to Attorney General Knox, is well satisfied but this does not necessarily mean that something further will not have to be done for the regulation and supervision of the combinations. In his first message to congress President Roosevelt said that "the first essential in determining how to deal with the great of the facts-publicity." Further remedles, he urged, could only be deermined after publicity had been obcourse of administration.

the new legislation. That is, the president may in his discretion make public any information obtained by the bureau of corporations of the Department of organization and business methods of corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce. There are some who doubt whether this will be entirely satisfactory, but we think there are very few who will fear failure on of considerable value. There is a wellthe part of the president to give publicity to any facts which he shall deem to be of value to the public. Mr. Roosevelt has been most earnest in urging this legislation and it can be confidently assumed that he will be no less earnest in enforcing it. The corporations that can be reached under the new legislation will be required to conform fully to the terms of the law and the public will be given whatever facts are of interest to It.

What has been done is unquestion ably in the right direction and there can be no doubt will have good results. But as we have heretofore pointed out. it will undoubtedly be found necessary to adopt a policy of supervision and regulation in order to effectively check the tendency toward industrial monopoly. We do not underestimate the

value of publicity, but it is only a partial remedy, as both the president and any belief that complete exposure of the attorney general agree. It is acto have been unable to get the door of ceptable as a beginning. It will not, shaking in places of high influence in dissecting rooms will be replenished however, halt the movement toward both parties and would be smothered without calling on the cemeteries. monopoly and the next congress will be because it might prove too much. The Reports from passing steamships are called upon to supplement it with legto the effect that Mount Pelee is still islation providing for thorough super- inquiry into the whereabouts of the vision of the combinations.

aggressive action by the federal author-Maine in Havana, we in this country ities for the enforcement of the anti- much-mooted cigar box. If Bartley's Next War. trust laws. They will have ample assertion that he would pay back every attorney general has been given authority to expedite cases. He has been him ever had any foundation, it is the zealous in promoting the new legisla- duty of the legislature to follow up the tion, earnestly supporting the president stolen money and have it brought back. in his efforts to secure it, and it is safe to say that he will be energetic and state's losses under Bartley's successors diligent in enforcing it. "A long stride in office. Treasurer Meserve is charged in advance has been accomplished," with pocketing interest on school fund fellows of the cloth rather than to his republican party has judiciously and Stuefer with peculiar bond purchases selling coal. conservatively responded to the public by which favored middlemen were endemand in the enactment of legislation abled to cut off interest coupons amountthat will not disturb business or impair ing to thousands of dollars from ment in order to enable members to prosperity while correcting evils and bonds bought with public money while abuses that are the chief cause of popular complaint.

> DISCRIMINATIONS MUST STOP. law the Springfield Republican says: covered. "One thing is certain-the discriminations must stop. The American public actment does not end the process of fluence. building up monopoly in manufacturing and trade through the special discriminating rate, decidedly more drastic measures will be applied than have yet been generally considered." It is very probable that railroad managers generally understand this and therefore will not, so far as appeared, oppose its enactment and as it makes the shipper who accepts a rebate or other special favor punishable along with the railroad company who gives it, there is little likelihood of the law being violated.

It is a pretty thorough measure for doing away with discriminations, the chief objection made regarding it being the removal from the original law of punishment by imprisonment, though demeanor. With due vigilance on the part of the commission the anti-rebate law should prove an adequate remedy for such discrimination.

ASK FURTHER INVESTIGATION. A numerously signed petition was presented in the United States senate a few days ago asking that the committee on Philispine affairs make a further investigation of conditions in the archipelago. It is urged that when this committee made an investigation it did not hear many important American witnesses who were ready to be summoned on outstanding warrant indebtedness in and no important Filipino witnesses. excess of this amount. What would be

The further investigation of Philip-Members of the Douglas delegation pine conditions may be desirable, lard's efforts to have the appropriation seem to think they are handicapped be though it is not easy to see that it for the Omaha Indian supply warehouse cau-s c- the complaint against their in- would have any beneficial result and restored to the bill from which it had difference to the most vital issue before very likely this will be the view of the been struck out in committee will be are hung at the waist four "beaded bags" the legislature-namely, the taxation of senate. There is a most capable com- gratifying to the people of this city. railroad property in cities on the same mission in the islands that can be de. The recommendation of the Indian combasis as other property. The best way pended upon to keep the government missioner for the discontinuance of this for our legislators to stop these com. fully informed regarding affairs there warehouse was on the ground that it plaints is to pitch in in earnest and and we cannot understand what possi- was not giving commensurate returns justify themselves with their constitu- ble good would result from obtaining to the government, but there is no good ents. The only way to inspire confi. the views of the parties whom the reason why it cannot be built up to imsiguers of the petition desire shall be portance and usefulness if the Indian

ing the recess of congress.

with what has been done by the pres fact is that Philippine conditions are two years equal that of Chicago or St. ent congress affecting the trusts and no far from being satisfactory, particu- Louis, which have been established for doubt conservative men generally are, larly in regard to financial and indus many years. The position of the Inthis session of congress would create gether. consternation throughout the Islands industrial combinations is knowledge and render the political situation more difficult. This and the manifestations of discontent should be sufficient to induce congress to adopt such measures tained by process of law and in the as are obviously necessary to remedy the unfavorable conditions and restore confidence in the government. This is This is conditionally provided for in the urgent requirement and no further investigation is necessary to impress the importance of meeting it. If this is not done another insurrection in the Commerce and Labor in regard to the Philippines will be more than probable.

> NOT AN ADVERTISING DODGE. The Omaha Ree says: "Bartley has been out of prison now for more than a year. He is reputed to have investments in mindefined rumor that most of his time and

talents have been devoted to speculation the wreck of the state treasury. much Mr. Bartley has been able to collect and how much he will eventually be able are the contents of that historic eigar box." the whole matter of the pardon, as well as the absorption of interest by Treasurer Meserve. It is believed here in Lincoln that a complete exposure of the Bartley matter would cause a shaking in places of high influence in both parties and that it could not proceed far without being quietly smothered because it might prove too much. The editor of The Hee probably the investigation as an advertising dodge .--Lincoln Journal.

The Bee's demand for a legislative investigation into the questionable treasury transactions of Bartley, Meserve and Stuefer is not an advertising dodge. It is made without regard to demand of The Bee is for a thorough money embezzled by Bartley and the Meanwhile the country will expect possibility of the state recovering what was represented by the I-O-U's in the means with which to do this and the dollar he owed the state as soon as he could collect in the money owing to

The same is true with respect to the the state treasury and Treasurer the bonds were in transit from the cents each week from our salaries now county issuing them to the state house. If the facts are as they have been represented, the money thus diverted from Referring to the Elkins anti-rebate the school fund can and should be re-

The legislature will not discharge its full obligation to the people if it shrinks is thoroughly determined on this point from this duty because of fear that an and railroad managers will do well to investigation will uncover beneficiaries make no mistake about it. If this en- of treasury looting in high places of in-

The pretense that only the democratic newspapers throughout Nebraska are standing up for the equal taxation of railroad property is not founded on fact. The democratic papers are not entirely unanimous for the bill granting municicomply with the new law. They did palities the right to assess railroad property the same as property of individuals, nor is the republican press generally opposed to the measure or significantly silent upon it. A large number of republican papers in all parts of the state recognize the justice of the demand for a change in the law that exempts railroad property from city forcibly on that subject. Under conditions that exist in the legislature, which is controlled by an overwhelming rethe * republican papers wherever possiignored because they could affect only nearing its end. a few members of the hopeless minority. The fact that so many republican editors are withstanding the pressure and blandishments of the railroad lobby and its literary bureau, to say nothing of its cash offers for editorial space, speaks a great deal for their independence and sense of obligation to the public.

The annual statement of the county treasurer shows that while the county has had balances in excess of \$100,000 constantly in the banks, but drawing no interest, it has been paying 7 per cent thought of a private business institution senate empower its committee to take the county's finances, the laws are cer-

The success attending Senator Mil-

heard. It is very questionable if they bureau will only co-operate. It was would add anything of material conse- not to be expected that the Indian supquence to what is already known. The ply business at Omaha would within trial affairs, and unless the present con- dian commissioner, however, should be gress does something to relieve the notice to our business men that they situation there is pretty certain to be must take advantage of the opportuniserious trouble. Governor Taft has ties afforded by its location here if they stated that failure to furnish relief at do not wish to lose the warehouse alto-

Russian newspapers have been officially advised to refrain from publishing articles hostile to Turkey in connection with the Macedonian troubles. Imagine what would follow an attempt the newspapers of this country what ered. subjects they should discuss or how fundamental law guarantles of the freedom of the press?

Iowa Bryan democrats must be waking up from their lethargy induced by ing properties in Colorado and real estate the knockout received at the last state convention. No other construction can in grain options with funds recovered from the Kansas City Democracy at which William Jennings Bryan is to be the star orator. Another tug of war at so recover is as profound a mystery as the next nominating convention for the sun. possession of the machinery of the demand is made for an investigation of state organization is plainly in preparation.

Seventeen letter carriers have been suspended from the San Francisco postoffice for alleged political activity during the campaign last November. Letter carriers in San Francisco must knows this, and is beginning to shout for have taken the wrong end of it. Had of Congressman Loud instead of against him, their offense would not have brought trouble on them, even though

A few repetitions of the Indiana grave robbers' trials with jurymen reinforctreasury crookedness would cause a ing their arguments with blows and the

Suggestion for a New Society.

Philadelphia Record. Since a great many society women find that they cannot belong to the order of Daughters of the Revolution, let them get up a new organization of "Mothers of the

The Lord Fights with the Battaltons, Indianapolis Journal (rep.). As long as William Jennings Bryan con tinues to fight for leadership in the dem-

ocratic party with a considerable following the Lord will be on the republican side. Blind to the Beam.

Detroit Free Press. If Mr. Baer is so anxious about the enforcement of law, he might begin with the first you would present my claims to provision of Pennsylvania's constitution recognition as a member of Ways and which prohibits railroad companies from engaging in the business of mining and

Chicago Nowa Those of us who have made money by hard knocks and by keeping out a few

get-rich-quick companies. Sinister Work of the Lobby.

Indianapolis News The lobby has its uses and the odium ought not to attach to the very name, as it does. But it does, and because the uses of practice by the abuses. In the present legislature the lobby is becoming disgustingly bold and brutal. If legislators only realized how much they themselves lose in the respect and honor of their constituents by the on the floor, while they push their schemes they would surely make an ending of anpearances that wear an evil look and raise a doubt as to who are the real legislators.

Peace in Ireland's Affairs. Philadelphia Record. By way of introduction to the Parlingovernment measure to be discussed at the versy have begun an exchange of amenities. taxation, and are expressing themselves the warrants can be drawn, the procla- the caretaker of this room comes around vying with one another in the creation of fills it up with \$17 worth of mineral water. mutual good feeling. When such oppopublican majority, it is natural that the sites as Lord Dunraven and William this room are whales sporting in a blue railroad influence should be exerted on O'Brien have resolved to come together ble, while the democratic papers are 500 years' war between Celt and Saxon is guess.

WHO GOT THE SNUFF!

Pathos and Sneezes Mingle in Senate Report. New York Sun.

The annual report of the secretary of and, as usual, this document is a reposijumbled pages likewise enshrine some room last year. mysteries.

The most pathetic entry is this, in the statement of unexpended appropriations: Expenses of senate committee, funeral William McKinley.

One cent left! The vast extent of the legislative operations of our government is reflected in enment upon the whole problem of our it carried a bank credit of nearly equal have an extraordinary range. While it these specified dispursements, which rule in the islands and the attitude proportions on which it was getting appears that only twelve packs of playing cards and three packages of the game of dominoes were ordered during the fiscal year on account of the senators, they consumed not less than a dozen quarta of bair testimony on Philippine conditions durgenerally prevailing conditions of prosperity are indicated by their requisitions for not less than 162 pocketbooks and purses, varying in price from 45 cents up to \$28, besides eleven of the so-called mesh bags of gun metal or sterling silver which and three "wrist bags." Three senators indulged in manieure sets, and one in a of the founders of the republican party copy of Bowley's "Elements of Statistics." Charged also to the contingent fund is the remarkable total of 9,100 grains of quinine, purchased at different times on the sanitary account of the senate.

> But the staggering entry is this April E-Five pounds Copenhagen snuff 33 For which senatorial nose?

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

One of the unsuccessful candidates for

congress at the last election was George R. Waggoner of St. Louis, an under taker whose remarkable smile silvered the clouds of gloom at many a funeral Even at his own political funeral he smiled and smiled and invited the mourners to smile with him. Now he proposes to throw a few melancholy clouds around his successful opponent by instituting a contest. Mr. Waggoner's testimony arrived at Washington in six large boxes. As these boxes were not easily carried Mr. Waggoner had them equipped with tendent. regulation coffin handles. With that fashion of attachment they were lifted from the house of representatives mail wagon on the part of any representative of and borne to the room of the election comthe government at Washington to tell mittee, where the contest is to be consid-

"I was in the senate gallery recently, they should discuss them. Is it any listening to the oratory of Senator Depew," wonder that the framers of our con- said George M. Snead of San Francisco. stitution insisted on inserting into the quoted by the Washington Post. "In the course of his remarks the brilliant New York statesman got off a witticlsm about

a good bit of merriment. "All of a sudden it flashed across me that I had heard or read the same thing be put on their proposed banquet of had borrowed from one of Artemus Ward's of him then, poor thing? jokes, perpetrated forty or fifty years ago He might have changed the phraseology a bit, but here was the same old Ward jest. Verily, there is nothing new under the

Congress was visited the other day by one of Representative Shattuck's constituents, relates the New York Tribune. Mr. Shattuck, although from Cincinnati, makes claim to being the representative of the His visitor was a farmer, and after he had visited many of the sights in the capitol, Mr. Shattuck was suddenly called into the house to record a vote. The farmer wandered down to the basement and found the house restaurant. He went they only exerted themselves on behalf in and ordered a piece of pumpkin pie and a glass of milk. Finishing that, and still feeling hungry, he called in a loud volce for a waiter. The place was filled with customers, and attention was called to the loud call. "Here, you," shouted the bold Ohloan, "bring me 5 cents' worth of

sausage!" "We don't sell sausage that way!" explained the waiter; "an order of sausage will cost you 40 cents." The farmer dropped his knife. "Well, called the waiter near to him and declared,

just as General Shattuck entered the door: I can buy a whole hog for that money in Shattuck's district." The new members of congress who will make their debut next December unless an extra session should summon them here sooner are beginning to logroll for com-

been trying, through an old friend, now a member of the house, to get himself "fixed" for the work of the next session. The old member received a letter from the member-elect today, relating to committee assignments and suggesting the disposition he wished to be made of his own talents. "I prefer," said the member-elect, "that teans. If by any fact of previous allotment should become necessary to ask for something equally as good, please see to it that I so on Appropriations. After that I would like to get on Rivers and Harbors. I shall rely on your kindly offices to land some one of the three places I have men-

tioned." have more to show for it than those who The old member in reply sent the folwere raking in wealth at the rate of 10 lowing telegram: per cent a month in their minds with the "Letter here and contents noted. You will be lucky if you get on Ventilation and

In the days when "Czar" Reed was speaker of the house, writes a correspondent of the Boston Herald, the members used to grumble quite a bit about the sima lobby have long ago been driven out in plicity of the furnishings of their committee rooms and other accommodations, as compared with those in the senate, "the most exclusive club in the United States." But those days are gone by now, and one of the things which has made this a familiarity they permit from lobbyists who \$1,000,000,000 congress is the new furnishcrowd the legislative precincts and swarm ings which were installed in the south wing of the capitol.

Representatives have their shoes shined while sitting on solid mahogany, leatherupholstered chairs that cost \$55 cach. "Uncle Joe" Cannon did not allow this kind of thing in the days when he first earned, as chairman of the appropriations committee, the sobriquet of "watchdog of mentary debate on the new Irish land the treasury." Luxury has invaded his purchase bill, which is to be the principal own committee room, where \$5,000 was spent in refurnishing. "Uncle Joe" sits in ensuing session, both sides to the contro- a \$30 chair, at a \$120 mahogany desk, when he writes letters to his constituents out in Imprisoned Irish members of Parliament Illinois. The fire screen which adorns the are being released from jaff as fast as room cost a mere bagatelle-\$29-and when mation of the crimes act has been annulled in the morning he brushes the dust from and nationalists and unionists seem to be a \$26 water cooler, and, if it is empty, he Incidentally, the mural decorations in ocean. Some one asked "Uncle Joe" what one is justified in the hope that the com- they were symbolical of, and he replied, ing session will bear fruit and that the "Oh, the size of the appropriation bills, I

Speaker Henderson has to do the best he nished with silver inkstands, which made a hole about the size of \$115 in the treasury; mahogany desks, Cordova leather

Just what "one can of superior cream," which is credited to the speaker's room, the senate contains the itemized statement | was for, no one knows. It may be that of expenditures from the contingent fund, the committee on rivers and harbors has that direction. Men and women might money to burn. At any rate, 336 boxes of grow old more gracefully if they could feel

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Baer has at last apparently conceded that there was something to arbi-

"Five Hundred Per Cent" Miller must

feel 30 cents-like when he reads of that St. Louis "killing." General M. W. Ransom, a former United States senator from North Carolina, is devoting his time to farming and this year

will run about 250 plows. Captain Harry Webster, a survivor of the Samoan hurricane of 1889, has been placed on the retired list of the navy with the rank of rear admiral. James H. Wolff, a colored man, has been

sected junior vice commander of the G.

A. R. of Massachusetts, the first time a negro has been so honored in that state. Colonel William Penn Clarke, who died in Washington several days ago, was one and was appointed paymaster in the army by President Lincoln in 1863.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Timothy L Woodruff of New York has accepted the presidency of a typewriting company at a salary of \$25,000 a year. This ought to keep him in efforescent waistcoats

TIPS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Callaway Queen: If the legislators would go down to Lincoln and run a blud pencil through some of the fool laws enacted by former legislatures, then return to their homes, they would have filled a long felt want and would stand a much better show for re-election.

Ord Journal: The bill making appro priation for the establishment of not less than three nor more than five junior normal schools in the state has passed the lower house of the legislature. It fixes one at Alliance, one at Valentine and one at McCook. The schools are all to be upder the direction of the state superin-

Elwood Bulletin: Representative Cunningham of Hamilton county, has prepared a bill which will legislate foot ball out of existence so far as Nebraska is concerned. Mr. Cunningham says he has received pledges of support from every member he has approached on the subject and he finds sentiment opposed to the brutal sport, which, he says, makes brutes out of young

Beatrice Democrat: Laura Gregg and other women are trying to have a passed in the legislature giving a wife one pressing the hand of a fair Mormon widow half instead of one-third of the property -seventeen of them, and the sally evoked of her husband at his death. It is time that men assert themselves and have a little legislation in their own behalf. The real estate of the country is generally in before, and after a while it came to me the wife's name now, and if she dies or that my notion was correct. The senator fires the old fellow out, what will become

> David City Record: Senator Hastings has introduced a bill for primary nominating election, in order to do away with the old-fashioned nominating conventions. In states working under the nominating election system the law is popular, as it leaves the choice of candidates with the rank and file of the party instead of having delegates manipulated at pominating conventions, where so often the real choice

of the people is defeated by unfair means Friend Telegram: Speaker Mockett's bill to take Nebraska school boards out of polltics is the last straw which will break the back of the educational institutions of our state. The supreme court may deprive us of the divine "ight to read the bible or to sing hymns in the common schools of Nebraska, but let not the legislature deprive the districts the privilege of holding the annual district scrap and during which sufficient bad blood is gotten up to last for the next ten years.

and downright foolish acts ever known in Louis. the affairs of the state was enacted when the Nebraska legislature deliberately ad journed and the members went home while I'll be-" Then, restraining himself, he the corporations drafted a revenue bill to the corporations drafted a revenue bill to their own liking. Who will deny but what the state and legislative officers are bound the state and legislative officers are bound one or two short pyrographs.—Chicago down beneath the iron grasp of the tools of corporate wealth. And the people will "pay the freight." Our taxes will go higher and the corporation taxes will go lower.

Elwood Bulletin: The threshing machine men of the state are up in arms over the introduction of House Roll 237, which mittee positions. A new Michigan member, who is said to be one of the best
known lawyers of that commonwealth, has
been trying, through an old friend, now a
boiler inspector. It is claimed it will cost boiler inspector. It is claimed it will cost them \$50,000 a year, as it requires each man to pay \$5 for a license and \$5 to have the boiler inspected. They are emphatically against creating an office with a fat sal- | Star. ary for some fellow and pulling their leg

to pay him.

Lyons Sun: Many worthy state enterprises are knocking of the door of the Neprises are knocking a "hand out"

Neprise to pay him.

Dusty proverbs. Yesterday he turns to me and says: 'Don't cross a stream till you come to it."

"Well." "Well." "Well." "Well." "Well." "Well." "Well." "Well." "The stream he fell in." "Cleveland Plain Dealer." enterprises in the state and public enterprises in neighboring states have made marvelous strides in the last five years, and Nebraska, because of its depleted treasury has scarcely held its own. It will be seen by this that the revenue bill is the feature enterprises in the state and public enterof the session and whatever else is left undone a revenue bill ample and just should be passed without fail.

St. Paul Phonograph Press: The state legislature is being asked to make an appropriation for an exhibit at the Louisiana exposition at St. Louis for next year. We think that our state should be represented and a liberal appropriation should be made for the same. The people of this state should remember that other states made Transmississippi exposition at Omaha. True, our state is in debt and our iscome is not equal to our legitimate expenses, but if our legislature does its duty in framing a revenue bill, then it will be an easy matter for us to make a showing that will be a credit to our state in 1904 at the exposition.

Callaway Queen: If the present legisla ture would enact a law compelling the railroads to take but a certain time to delive their freight, according to the distance it Her radiant top is the golden reflection

Of soul that is rife with rantankerous must travel, there would be a great many more people live up to the Lord's commandments than there are at this time When it takes three weeks to get a bill of goods over the road a distance of 200 miles. The fellow who wins her secures a lighter it is high time for some action to be taken ompelling the railroads to do a little competing the ratheast of delivering He'll battle with vim, 'neath the glorious freight entrusted to their care. As it now stands, important orders are sidetracked, where they remain until the road gets ready to remove them, while the merchant or business man is losing good profits. The roads should be compelled to either get the goods to their destination or pay the profits We hang with delight o'er the wonderful the business men lose by their carelessness.

can in his office, which is shabbily fur- refer to the aged men and women. It is true that in every county there is a poorhouse where old people may find shelter, but it does not look right to send the old chairs, silver trays, ice spoons and ice people to such a place. The Telegram reently received from Mr. A. Hanson, a Platte county farmer, a suggestion in favor of a state pension for the aged, and favor of a state pension for the aged, and we are inclined to favor a movement in that direction. Men and wemen might A song for each lock and each cute little tory of curious and useful information. Its matches were furnished this committee and know that in their declining days they should be spared the suffering and the shame of extreme poverty. A small tax



levied upon the young men and women of the state would provide every comfort for such of the old as do not have money of their own to buy the necessities of life. Some of the European countries are now paying old-age pensions. It is strange that America should lag behind Europe in this matter.

Norfolk News: There is a bill before the legislature providing for an appropriation to erect in Lincoln a fireproof building to be used as a museum and library by the Nebraska State Historical society for the safe preservation and exhibition of its historical documents, books, relics, etc. The bill contemplates the expenditure of \$85,000, not otherwise appropriated, for this purpose. This is an institution of much advantage to Nebraska in recording historical data and some assistance from the state would be a deserving recogni 'on of its value. It is the opinion of many that if it came to a choice between providing for a state exhibition at the St. Louis fair and an appropriation for the erection of this building the legislators would show a wise discretion in favoring the appropriation for the historical society. This is something of permanent importance to the state, and as a matter of advertising would accomplish far more in the long run than a sim-Lyons Mirror: One of the biggest farces | Har investment in the exposition at St.

POINTED REMARKS.

Temperance Lecturer-Oh, there are some spectacles which one never forgets.
Old Lady's Voice (in tear)-I'd like to know, sir, where they sell teem, if you don't mind.-New York Times.

"Isn't that merely idle gossip?"
"Gossip, my Cear," answered Miss Cayenne, "Is never idle. It is the most industrious taing on earth."—Washington

Mrs. Ferguson had concocted a cough syrup for her husband. It consisted of a certain Jamaica beverage, with various sweetening and aromatic ingredients, and he was testing it with much fervor.

"Your medicines, Laura." he said, holding out his glass for another dose, "are so much better than the medicines mother used to make!"—Chicago Tribune.

THE RED-HEADED GIRL

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. liberal provisions for representation at the The poets fire rhymes at the tint of her paragraph fiends give her many a The magazine wit in sharp language ex-His views of her hair in grammatical rot, But, though he be outlawed by all of his But, though he be outlawed by all of his fellows. Be sneered at and guyed till his hair is This writer will dare all the wind from their bellows And take off his hat to the red-headed girl.

ous flame that will know no suboutward the maid seems as meek Who'll prove as true as steel in this life's pennant Worn upon the dome of his red-headed

We read in the Book of the bright crowns golden top-pieces the angel ones The beauty and grace of the pinioned ones there, Of progressive state and its people always try to look after the interests of the poor. But there is one class of citizens for which the state does not properly provide. We refer to the state does not properly provide. We refer to the state does not properly provide. We refer to the state does not properly provide. Who aim paper darts at the red-headed

> Then here's to the maid of the goldenthread summit, strenuous maid of the bonflery locks; song is to her and we fearlessly hum fear the assaults of the casters of Nor May they scatter their warmth till the air fairly sizzes d the bright top of the red-headed Arc



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