## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

TREATY PROSPECTS.

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ponents of the treaty. It is not probable

growing out of the action of our gov-

ratification at Washington. It is pro- dubious.

posed to add a provision requiring the

approval of the house of representatives

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FROM LARES TO TIDEWATER.

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this sentiment amendment of the treaty. lantic or Pacific seaboards. Manifestly

particularly in the matter of more Omaha's future depends upon its ability

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Consideration of the Cuban reciprocity | council, who refuse to submit the prop-

treaty will promptly follow action on osition to the people at the coming elec-

the canal convention. That treaty has tion. If these agencies succeed the pros-

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indications seem to be favorable to its Omaha for the next year or two is very

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The people of Nebraska have asked for bread, and the legislature responds by a shower of stones.

### Contraction of the local division of the loc Up to date the work of the Omaha delegation to the legislature may be

summarized principally as an effort to posed of. "get even." When councilmen who are up for re-The legislature of New York has unelection begin to explain their record it may be taken for granted that their

record needs explaining. Nebraska Bryanites will have to be less noisy in protesting their fealty to Bryan or the reorganizers down east will think they really have them scared.

The public library board evinces a The public library board evinces a disposition to cut its garment to fit the Several million dollars were appropri- thission's olders may see the expediency is liability to many frosts between now cloth furnished it by the city council. ated a few years ago for the improve- of immediately complying with them and and the summer of 1994. Other branches of the city government ment of the Erie canal, but what was thereby avoid prosecution. done proved of no great value and will do well to emulate the example.

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## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1903.

that Omaha must solve in the near fu- were plunked down for the railroad By agreement made in the senate last ture is, how to increase its manufactur- company amendment to the revenue week the trenty with Colombia will be ing facilities that will induce several bill. John N. Baldwin may be reckless roted on tomorrow and there appears to thousand skilled and unskilled bread in his distribution of passes; he may winners to locate permanently in this be profuse with rainbow promises of amendments that may be offered will city. While Omaha is an important dis- brilliant political futures; he may be architectural imitation of church-like surbe considered and a limit has been placed tributing center and its facilities for extravagant in his expenditure for legon the time of speeches on amend- reaching its trade territory are scarcely islative refreshments, but John N. Baldments. After all amendments shall have surpassed by those of any other inland win does not waste any substance on been disposed of two hours will be al- western city. Omaha lamentably lacks men he does not need. Just 51 is what lowed for general debate, divided the most essential factor of industrial he wanted and he had them. equally between the supporters and op- expansion-cheap power.

The recent extraordinary growth of The action of the Treasury departwas performed, oftentimes witnessed that any amendment which may be pro- Indianapolis is due to natural gas and ment dispensing with the women inthe mocking habitues of the city hall. posed will be adopted, since that would an abundant supply of low-priced bi- spectors recently attached to the immibe tantamount to an invitation to Col- tuminous fuel. Minneapolis owes its gration bureau may be expected to the plans for remodeling the building the in smoke. ombia to reject the treaty. There is al- supremacy as an industrial center to arouse a vigorous protest from the architect has provided a marriage bureau, ready some opposition to it in that water power harnessed to its great woman suffrage agifators, who will incountry. The Colombian vice president flouring mills and reconverted into elec- sist that the women would have been massive pillars, supporting an arched root, is reported as saying that some of the tricity for illuminating and manufac. retained on the payroll if they only had and a raised marble dais. Behind this the politicians object to the interpretation turing purposes. Kausas City enjoys votes to contribute to the support of po- wall has been curved so as to resemble which the United States places upon great advantage over Omaha in the litical parties. No matter what reprecertain terms of the convention, while matter of cheap coal, which is being sentations may be made that the work bureau which will have to some degree the of inspection is not suitable for women appearance of a chapel, it will even have What is true of these cities is true of or that the women inspectors have not a table resembling an altar table placed ernment in connection with insurgent nearly every other growing town in given satisfactory service, it will make within the curved wall at the rear of the platform. hostilities on the isthmus. In view of America whether inland or on the At- no difference.

A new line of industry has been profit-Down in Missouri a special grand jury ably worked by Jacob Hoffman. He could will investigate the charges of attempted have made a large sum, doubtless, if the bribery in the legislature. The usual laws of New York had not been in his way. He has been interrupted by a three years' system of tracing down such charges is term in the state's prison. through a legislative investigating com-His specialty was widows who were feel-

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the

Metropolis.

mittee, which seldom finds any diffi- ing wealthy by the collection of insurance culty in awarding itself a clean bill of upon the lives of their recent husbands. health. Whether an inquiry by a grand Jacob had an insinuating way and began the wooing of the woman before he hinted jury composed of men who are not at the money. There were twenty-seven members of the legislature will be any of these in the court room on the day be more effective remains to be seen. Should grand jury sessions on legislaknew. Each of the company glared at the wish they were not "in it." other twenty-six, and then they all glared tive bribery produce tangible results in at Hoffman.

Missouri other states may acquire the He made acquaintance through a marriage

The American ice trust lost money last who wants a wife. A bill of particulars is asked for and entered upon his books. A woman desires to be mated. What and who shall he be? She describes her ideal.

> essential qualification goes down. The party of the other part must have money, or there can be no trade. A commission

is charged in every case. Hoffman came back so often that the

It may be that the national senate will agent must have suspected something or change the rules to limit debate. The decided that his client was a hard man to suit. In every case he wanted widows. No matter what might be the claims of a spinster specified in the books she made

no appeal to his fancy. In each of the twenty-six cases he had borrowed money, in greater or lesser sums, ington who are willing to catch snakes for from the woman. He finally wooed Mrs. the government at fifty the month. Now Kummisky, and with such success that he this seems absurdly inadequate compensa- got into trouble. One day he said to her: a farce. Wait for the outcome with pa-"Well, goodbye. It's to the river I'm,

> She urged him and he explained. He was in debt, and unless he paid up he would go to jall.

"How much must you have ?" she asked. "Two hundred dollars." But he comprogetting out of breath before it reaches mised on \$85, and the poor woman pawned some of her furniture to get it for him. The judge said he was glad to sentence ily. This is an extremely advanced stage "You are the meanest man ever him. the presidential vegetation and there brought into this court." he said. And each of the swindled widows looked

as if it would do her heart good to say "Amen!"

Two pretty girls from Illinois have taken

THAT BARTLEY CIGAR BOX.

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Pawnee Press: The Bartley "cigar box" emitting some smoke. Norfolk Presa: Joe Bartley is at home.

Marriages performed in the city hall of New York in the future are to have an to the people who want to borrow meney, but not to legislative committees that want roundings. Heretofors the ceremony lacked him to tell where he got it. Broken Bow Republican: The much the dignity and solemnity which usually

talked of "cigar hox" of ex-State Treasurer goes with the union. The marriage room was commonplace in appearance and equip-Bartley now under investigation by a comment-bare beaches running around the mittee of the house at this writing has walls and a roll top deak as its sole orma- the appearance of being a myth. ment. Amid such unconventional sur-Crete Vidette-Herald: It is pretty late

roundings the second epach in human life in the day to examine that "eight box." Bartley has been out long enough to have "smoked" up the entire contents, and the change for the better has been ordered. In investigation is so hazy that it will end.

Nelson Gazette: It doesn't matter so which will resemble in some degree a camuch who has that historic eigar box, but thedral crypt. It is to have numerous the taxpayers of Nebraska are interested in knowing what became of the money entrusted to Bartley and whether any of it can be recovered.

Wisner Free Press: The letter of Mr. carry out his idea of supplying a marriage Savare in which he stated that he would show up the contents of the cigar box was a joke says his then private secretary. The whole political course of the estaemed governor was & huge jest.

> void. The seal on the document is not the good many cobwebs. proper one, and the secretary of state has tion.

ways wanting to "investigate" something. but in this case no one will "kick" provided good job of cleaning up. But, we opine,

will make one Edward Rosewater writhe broker, who does a thriving business on the in agony to think that Savage has made are they that their connection with the east side. This gentleman keeps books game of him, but Rosy's misery will be Bartley shortage will be disclosed. These after the manner of a real estate agent. more than offset by the relief it will give men are not all republican politicians. At He has hearts, affections, conjugal happlness for sale instead of land; that is the money who really thought there was a 'are on Uneasy street. A democratic thief year. Probably it had too much watered only difference. He is called upon by a man cigar box lurking around ready to expose is no better than a republican thief. The them.

Howell Journal: Ex-State Treasurer ing at the present time in loaning money. He is entered. In most of these cases one Of course it is needless to say that his capital was stolen from the state. The republican governor who pardoned Hartley said that when he gained his liberty he would at once commence putting back the funds he had stolen, but up to date he has

shown no inclination to do so. Holdrege Citizen: A Bartley investigation committee has been appointed by the house to find out about the contents of that cigar box we have heard so much about

know something about the mystery contience.

Elm Creek Beacon: And Bartley-a committee is after that matter red hot and is getting in shape to find out something. Bartley was very brave a few weeks ago

even defiant. Now he is in Chicago or some other good wheres. And Savage, who sprung the cigar box threat is on the other side of the continent. The committee has cleaty of witnesses, though, to get many of the facts of the case, perhaps to the bottom.

Wayne Herald: The committee appointed to investigate the Bartley "cigar box" story have discovered that the "cigar box"

deal is a myth, that Holcomb, the father of it, claims that he had coined the ex-

worthless paper supposed to represent state funds, and Bartley, being at the end of the string when the office passed into the hands of a treasurer of a different political party and could therefore not pass on the worthless paper, had to suffer for the carelummens or crime of his predecousiors. Mr. Hill's statement makes it quite plain that, the defalcations which turned up at the end of Bartley's term were of his own

making, but we for one believe that he was the pliant tool of friends who wanted a whack at the state funds-and got them. Chappell Register: It was generally sup-

posed when The Bee was agitating the Bartley eight hos investigation that the investigation, if ever attempted, would be a farce and that no good would result to the people of the state. But it begins to look now that the committee means business, and an investigating fever pervades the capitol. Meserve and Stuefer are to Set. called to account for misappropriation of state funds. Secretary of State Marsh is asked to explain why he paid unreasonable prices for supplies and where some of the valuable carpets is that was pur-

chased for the state with state money. The populists, not to be outdone, propose to bring impeachment proceedings against ex-Secretary Porter if he does not "put it back." A thorough sweeping without par-Elm Creek Beacon: Now is it possible tiality to republican, democratic or popthat the pardon of Joseph S. Bartley is ulist corners would no doubt loosen up a

Columbus Telegram: The legislature has not signed it. The matter is in charge of appointed a special committee to lift the the "eigar box" committee for investiga- lid on that famoins Bartley "efgar-box." which is supposed to contain the due bills

Taylor Clarlon: The legislature has ap- of the bankers and politicians who horpointed a committee to "investigate that rowed state money from ex-Treasurer Bart-Bartley cigar box." Some people are al- ley. Bartley and Governor Savage knew which way the wind was blowing, and both left the state before the date of the first they knock the bottom clear out and do a meeting of the committee. The investigation will be farcieal, but it should not be was tried, each ready to tell what she if there is anything "in it" some one will so. The people of the state are entitled to know the names of Bartley's pariners

Winside Tribune: And now it is said in crime. It is noticeable that some very there never was a Bartley cigar box. This prominent bankers and politicians are just now almost sweating coal oil, so fearful a whole lot of fellows with borrowed state least three prominent so-called "fusionists" Telegram hopes the investigation may bring the names of the thieves to the

Bartley is said to be making a good liv. surface. We confess there is not much foundation for the hope.

### A Combine that Failed. Philadelphia Press.

The "Elkins law" appears to be a much wiser measure than many of the railroad managers thought it to be when it passed congress. It has just saved the government a large sum in the transportation of military and naval parties between Chicago and the Pacific coast. Before the passage of the bill an agreement or "understandever since the Bartley defaication occurred. ing" was in process of formation among The people for a long time have wanted to western railroads as to the rates to be charged the government for this work. nected with this matter. The investigation | The Elkins law scared some of the railmay fill a long felt want and it may be roads out of the "arrangement," and as a regult the bids are away below existing prices, less than one-half. These low bids followed the supreme court decision, which

indirectly affirmed the constitutionality of the law.

PASSING JESTS.

The Youth-You may a terrible trial awaits me. Tell me what it is. Fortune Teller-Prepare for the worst, young man. The cards say you will marry a gfri who is a cooking school graduate.-Chicago News.

Esther-I suppose you would call the Brewsters a perfect match. They always act like a pair of lovers. Constance-Why, they are quarrelsome more than half the time. Esther-That's what I mean.-Boston Transcript.

-----Republican members of the legisla-

Expansion of Haffrond Capital.

fore cannot be adopted constitutionally seaboard. All efforts by the Interstate without the consent of the house. Commerce commission to compel them stock. Should this be done it is possible that to publish and maintain these tariffs Forbearance Appreciated. President Roosevelt would call an extra have failed. The commission claims to With a forbearance worthy of all praise the Missouri river has refrained thus far from butting in. Philadelphia North American inay be made to it in the present case, shippers in sections of the country shutting of the mouth there has been an At all events the prospect is that the where there are limited transportation open question for years.

It is proposed to institute proceedings, under the recently enacted law, against one of the roads that has ignored past der consideration a bill for canal im- orders of the commission in regard to provement calling for an expenditure of giving publicity to its rates and to push man in snake-bite cure. \$101,000,000, and its passage is probable. the proceedings so that a judicial de-This measure proposes the construction cision may be had as soon as possible. of a waterway connecting the lakes This assurance of aggressive action on with the seaboard which will accom- the part of the commission is most welmodate large vessels, or in other words come and can hardly fell to have good a ship canal. The subject has been un- results. It is even probable that the

der discussion in that state for years. railroads which have ignored the com-

served to strengthen conviction that nothing short of a ship canal will on-

session of the house of representatives, have sufficient proof that under the It is the contention of most members of cover of this secrecy there is no end of the house that as to treaties of this discrimination in the rates in favor of character the approval of that body is certain shippers. The commissioners necessary, but most senators do not en- also say that the secret charges afford dorse this view. However, a concession a means for exacting unjust rates from business for which the senate was called facilities, but it has never been felt that in special session will soon be dis- the law was explicit enough to warrant taking these cases into court.

subserviency of members of the city

DISREGARDING THE LAW

It appears that for years the southern

Any Old Job Goes.

hable.

Boston Transcript. Six good men have turned up at Wash-

Cause and Effect.

Rt. Louis Gipbe-Democrat.

Chicago Tribune.

Remains Wide Open.

tion, considering the risks of the occupation; why, it is hardly sufficient to keep a going."

Tempting an Barly Frost. Cincinnati Enquirer. Judge Parker's boom is in danger

the last lap. The papers are printing pictures of the members of the judge's fam-

Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago has carried the democratic primaries there for his candidacy for a fourth term commerce. Within the last few years taxation of railroads in proportion to practically without opposition. The Chi- a considerable amount of trade has been the known value of their tangible propcago republican battle cry is "Three times and out!"

If the railroads of Nebraska have been paying all the taxes they ought to be possible to check it. pay, what need of revenue revision at all? Certainly the farmers, business ports of leading domestic products for and populist in the legislature should men and small home owners have been the month of February, which amounted vote for any measure that is right and paying all that is due from them.

Omaha was greatly disappointed last of Commèrce points out that Baltimore, ocrats or populists vote for it. As a fall in not being able to entertain Pres- New Orleans and Galveston shared more matter of fact the people of Nebraska ident Roosevelt, but it will try to make largely in this increase than New York. regardless of party are a unit in favor up for lost time with a warmth of cor- The gain of the Gulf ports has been of equitable railroad taxation just as diality if the president puts Omaha on partly due to congestion on the rails the railroads are a unit in favor of the his itinerary for his forthcoming spring caused some diversion of trade to the tour.

Canada route. That paper declares that The Torrens land title project, to exploit which Nebraska paid the bill for a special junketing commission, seems to have been lost in the shuffle. Even the commissioners seem to have lost

interest in it since they cashed in their pay checks.

Discoveries have been made in Ne hold it the year round. The railroads moved and his features exposed to view. braska from time to time of coal mines as well as gold mines, of smoking volfor handling and the terminals would canoes as well as spouting oil wells, but help draw the traffic."

up to date the best paying Nebraska mine is the one that plants the yellow corn in the spring and gathers in the construction would be important to them golden ears in the fall. both in the marketing of their products,

which has been much delayed the pres-It's only a question of time till the ent season, and in keeping freight governments of Omaha, South Omaha charges within reasonable bounds durand Douglas county will be merged in ing a large part of the year. part if not in whole. There is no ne

cessity of wasting the taxpayers' money in maintaining duplicate offices that can be more efficiently managed under one head. When the taxpayers fully realize what the cost of separate machinery of government is, they will unite to enforce a demand for consolidation.

Early in the preliminary campaign for the congressional nomination last year The Bee declared in so many words that David H. Mercer was demanding a renomination not with any hope or expectation of being elected, but for the purpose of using the prestige so gotten as the basis of a claim to federal appointment after his defeat. The course of Mr. Mercer could not have been more accurately outlined.

ested in its progress and prosperity. There is not a city nor town in Nebraska that is not being cheated out of Omaha would doubtless he benefited taxes it should have from the railroads greatly by the construction of suburban by the pretended distribution of termelectric motor lines over the various inal values. The people of the interior roads leading to the villages and towns towns are beginning to have their eyes within a radius of 100 miles, but elecspened. All they have to do to convince tric suburban lines will not supply themselves that the so-called "Omaha Omaha's greatest want-cheaper power scheme" is as much for their benefit as and cheaper fuel, which are so essen for the benefit of Omaha is to look up tial to the enlargement of its industrial the facts and figures bearing on their growth. Steam railroads and electric own local situation, and to remember railroads glone do not make a great that every dollar of municipal taxes city. The backbone of great population evaded by the rollroads must be paid centers are mills and factories that give by the owners of the other property in steady employment to working men and 51 members constitute a working mathe town.

thing must be done to check this, if it

much older that their course will not Referring to the increase in the ex- lican rank and file. If every democrat to more than \$20,000,000 over the same just, the republicans cannot afford to month last year, the New York Journal vote against it merely because the dem-

roads to the east, which also doubtless undervaluation of their property,

-Journalistic mind-readers are com-"nothing can counteract the growing dl- mon, but it has remained for a Lincoln version of the grain traffic to the Gulf newspaper to produce a journalistic secand the St. Lawrence but an adequate ond-sight medium. To make his dewaterway from the great lakes to the scription of the legal execution at the Hudson river. This would not have di- state prison Friday more graphic, the rect effect in the winter months, but reporter undertakes to tell how the the large provision it would induce for murderer would have looked in the final handling export trade would tend to moments had the black cap been re-

would have to keep up their facilities To quote a bit of his fantastic language: The point of the cap rested jauntily on one side, the head was twisted by the fatal Western producers have a very direct knot until it turned upward at an uninterest in the projected ship canal. Its natural angle like that of a deformed dwarf making a sickly grimace for the pleasure of a company. The car added to the clown

ish posture and covered what one might imagine to be the grin of a murderer who thought he had cheated death. Lincoln certainly offers too small a

field for this journalistic prodigy. THE PROBLEM CONFRONTING OMARA When young Mr. Morsman was a can-It is an open secret that almost as didate for the legislature he took pains many people have moved away from to assure the friends of equitable taxa-

Omaha within the past two years as tion that, barring his known relations to \$1,500,000. have located in Omaha during the same the telephone company, he would enter period. The most indubitable proof of the legislature absolutely free from all that fact is furnished by the attendance obligations to and entanglements with ture has 277 members, Georgia 219 and Illin our public schools, which is now the railroads or any other corporations. nois 201. The pay of members of the New

practically the same as it was two years Yet Mr. Morsman made a speech in Hampshire legislature is \$200 a year, exago. A city cannot very long stand still favor of the Thompson amendment to any more than a business house. It the revenue bill, and his declaration either moves forward or falls backward. that the railroads have paid more than their share of taxes during the past ten Omaha must either do something declaive within the next twelve months to years would seem to contradict Mr. keep up with the procession or prepare Morsman's ante-election pledges. This is only another case of before taking for inevitable reaction and retrogression. This is the situation that confronts it and should be seriously considered by every man and woman interporation lawyer to the legislature to

make laws for the people.

Omaha gets an increase in cherical force at the postoffice as well as promotion of some of its clerks as a result of the rearrangement under the new postoffice appropriation. Defects in local service have been charged up to inadequate office help, and he patrons ought therefore to share in the benefits of the improved conditions.

The Nebraska house of representa-

tives is made up of 100 members and working women. The great problem jority. This explains why just 51 votes closes the list.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company, with who expect to justify themselves its authorized addition of \$150,060,000 to get-rich-quick scheme. Wall street into camp with the newest able the port of New York to retain its with the people in voting against the an existing capital stock of \$250,000,000, is Champaign, but their name is Forestcertainly a great corporation-great enough | Marie, aged 18, and Belle, 20. Bright and to have caused world-wide remark three of early on a recent morning they began to diverted from that to other ports and erty and franchises because the fusion- United States Steel corporation, with its entitling the bearer to "one shine" at the four years ago. But the existence of the canvass the brokers' offices with tickets the people of the state of New York ists in the legislature are voting for such stock capital of over \$1,000,000,000, still Eagle Tonsorial Parlor. The street, after have been forced to realize that some- taxation will discover before they are keeps the Pennsylvania corporation in a it recovered from the shock, fell to this secondary place, notwithstanding its pres- proposition with promptness and assiduity. ent rapid expansion and vastly expensive By closing time Marie and Belle said they meet with the approval of the repub- schemes of improvement which have been had sold 1,000 tickets, and exhibited the planned. In extent of mileage, as well as coin in evidence. By this token the girls in magnitude of traffic, the Pennsylvania have undertaken to polish 1,000 pairs of continues to be the first of railroad cor- boot5, beginning next Monday morning, porations; but the Rock Island company is with their own hands. Wall street went in the way of surpassing it in point of home in some doubt as to whether the mileage. With the projected acquisition of shines would really he forthcoming or it the St. Louis & San Francisco, with nearly had played the come-along to a couple of 5,000 miles of road, the Rock Island com- fair female farmers. The doubt still stands, pany will control something like 18,000 but, in either event, Wall street will never

# PERSONAL NOTES.

Springfield Republican.

One of New York's get-rich-quickers will now have a year in prison to think up new schemes to make people think he can show them how they can live without working.

President MacLean of the State university of Iowa, when in Washington during only winning a bet. Whether Belle and the holidays, extended an invitation to Marie got their idea from this incident Senator Hoar of Massachusetts to deliver the commencement address at the univer- here for work, looked in vain for three The senator recently accepted this weeks and then conceived the shine scheme. sity. invitation. Parke Godwin, the veteran editor, and know, so far.

son-in-law of William Cullen Bryant, has just celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday. He resides the greater part of

the year at the former home of the poet, Roslyn, Long Island. Still disbursing the wealth of, the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans! The celebrated much has an undertaker, who has been American dentist appears to have left al- told in a general way to go shead and "do

sourse of his husy professional experience his services? he ever packed into the teeth of royalty. Senator Depew is now more firmly established than ever in his right to called "silver-tongued." Capitalists who party to whom the services were rendered heard the senator tell at a dinner of a miner who asked him to "grub-stake" a taim in California took the tip and inreated. The claim has just been sold for

Next in size to New Hampshire's legisla. ture, which has 417 members, is Connecticut's, with 279. The Massachusetts legislaclusive of mileage, and #3 a day for attendance at a special session, the limit of which is fifteen days.

The owners of 35,000 tons of anthracite coal, tied up in the Erie basin in New York, tried to sell it at \$4.50 per ton on Saturday, and were unable to do so. All this coa is said to have cost the buyers between \$9 and \$10 per ton and a single firm is said to and after taking. It emphasizes the have lost \$100,000 in its attempt to fleece fact that it is not safe to send a cor- the public during the past winter.

Soon after her marriage to Napoleon III Empress Eugenic began to collect and file important letters from sovereigns, statesmen, soldiers and other men of note. She also gathered a great many souvenirs of Marie Antoinette. Before the siege of Paris she had much of this property sent out of France and now has in her possession materials for many interesting volumes of inside court history.

Twenty-six German titles are worn by American girls who have married ab.oad and twenty English peerages. There are three French duchesses and five French ountesses of American birth. Seventeen

Italian noblemen and six "Russians of title" have laid their coronets at the feet of American brides. Holland has two haronesses, American born; Bavaria, one countess, and the sovereign princess of Monaco

reasion when telling the story of ch They hall from ing Bartley up. The examination thus far has not disclosed the whereabouts of the lost cash nor the contents of the mythical cigar box. An effort has been made to get Bartley and Savage before the committee, but so far all efforts have been of no avail.

Scribner News: A fact emphasized by the attempt to prove the Bartley affair in the legislature this week is that the pardon of the defaulting ex-treasurer was unconstiutional, as far as ex-Governor Savage is oncerned. Men throughout the state who had been his beneficiaries were compelled to chose between the alternative of bringing about his release or being exposed. They naturally preferred the former course. Bartley, in keeping affairs in relation to his defaication a profound secret and sivly evading the lair laid for him by a legissqueal, especially as it claims to have had lative investigating committee, is merely value received for its \$100 in the form of a keeping his end of the bargain.

new game imparted by two really pretty Mead Advocate: Joe Bartley has a little girls. Only a few weeks ago, you may box that's full of stolen "dough," and remember, a veiled woman appeared on every place that Bartley goes that box is the Wall street curb with a shine box and sure to go. He takes it when he goes to timidly asked for business. But after a bed and when he goes to sup, and I don't think that he intends to ever divvy up. For Joe's an awful slippery cuss, a rascal too, no doubt, and where he keeps that litthe box will never be found out. Unless, some day, when conscience smites or death o'er Joseph steals, and he at some un guarded time its hiding place reveals. That box will never see the light and none will ever know who helped to cover up the steal and shared the swag with Joe.

> North Platte Tribune: Ex-State Treas arer Hill appeared before the legislative investigating committee the other day and under oath declared that when he turned the office over to Joe Bartley there were the office over to Joe Barley there were in cash no I. O. U.'s; that the funds were in cash or in the shape of bank deposits. This statement will tend to disprove the theory That over lingers there.



life to keep on hand a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Just one dose at bedtime, when the cold is threatened, will stop all future trouble. We wish you would ask your doctor if he knows

anything better for colds, coughs, bronchitis, weak throats and lungs. Three sizes : 25c., 50c., \$1.60. J. C. AVER CO., Lowell, Mass. "I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for eight years, and I know nothing could be better for the coughs and coids of children." Mrs. W. H. Brymer, Shelby, Ala.

"The longer I live," sighed the sage, "and the more I learn the more firmly am I convinced that I know absolutely nothing." "I could have told you that twenty-five years ago," said his wife, "but I knew it would be of no use."--Chicago Tribune.

"Miss Boxley," began the young poli-tician, "er-Maude, I love you. I-"Oh, this is so sudden." she exclaimed. "But surely you must have guessed. I have been calling here so much of late." "Ah, yes, but since you are a politician I thought your visits were without sig-nificance." "-Philadelphia Press.

"I hope," said the girl's mother, after the young millionaire had departed. "that you gave him proper encouragement." "Oh, yes." she repited. "I told him I was engaged to a man who was crazy to many me the minute he got through college."-Chicago Record-Herald.

The old gentleman steadily regarded him. "Well," he said, "It is evident that my daughter did not plck you out for your personal attractions. Hence I must con-clude that you have some practical points that are of value. Take her my boy, she's yours."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. De Style-One of those eggs I bought here this morning had a chicken in it. Grocer-Vell, madam. dit you oxahpeet to find a mocking pird in it?-New York Sun.

She-What would you think of a tax on He-Oh, pshaw! den't we have to buy wedding presents?

SPRING FLOWERS.

Martha Day Fenner in The Outlook.

The Spring will bring another flower, Yea, one of richer hue. Dame Nature knows no meager dower, When Spring would wed with you The garden of your last-year love Is killed by droutn and waste: Remorse has set a flight above Remorse has set a blight and The gate, then fied in haste

that prior to Bartley taking the office of treasurer the former treasurers had been treasurer the former treasurers alot of The garden of your heart. love will look and grieve

few obviously painful minutes she yielded to the entreaties of a man and disappeared with him in a cab. It appeared she was may never be known. They say they came Also they say it is the very best they

The courts of New York have bravely taken up a question too long left unsettled, and in their conclusions, the gentlemen of the mortuary trade do not have the better of it. The question is: How

most as much gold to his heirs as in the the proper thing," a right to charge for

not needed in the first place, and in the second the charge was excessive.

## MYSTERIOUS COAL SURPLUS.

# Black Diamonds.

Sudden Uncovering of Vast Heaps of Philadelphia North American One of the objections urged by the operstors to reduction of the number of hours in a miner's workday was that the amoun of coal mined under the proposed condition would not be sufficient to supply the market domand. It is but a few weeks since the operators also were denouncing

the miners with much virulence for their alleged unwillingness to co-operate in relleving the fuel famine and asserting that the shortage of coal was due mainly to their refusal to work overtime.

Now the supply of coal in storage yards a so great that collieries in the Schuylkill region are reducing the working time to a three-quarter day. The irresistible inference is that the winter shortage was exag gerated, if not created for the double purpose of punishing the public for sympathic ing with the strikers and enabling specu lators in coal to fill their own pockets and the coffers of the combine.

It is remarkable that a surplus should appear so early in the season as the resul of the refusal of mine workers to respond to Mitchell's request that they exert them aslyes to relieve public distress.

The judge who has gone over a bill, cut

out \$25 the undertaker had charged for his own attendance. The reason was that the should not be made to pay a business man for running his own business. The next item was a charge of \$25 for flowers ordered by a friend of the deceased. The court held that if this friend wished to send flowers, she should pay for them. Nor did the judge consent to \$10 for the use of a casket which the undertaker had brought along and laid down by the grave. It was