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elected pledged to support Frank E. Moores for mayor and only seventy delegates opposed to him.

The promoters of wireless telegraphy have missed the chance of unlimited free advertising in failing to keep up with President Roosevelt in the Yellowstone after he cut himself off from telephonic and telegraphic communication.

The Austrian ministry would have its hands full if it undertook to censure all the plays produced in this country with a view to eliminating suggestive or demoralizing features. In Austria playwrights and playgoers are apparently more submissive.

DISCUSSING ITS SFFACT It is generally recognized that the merger decision will have a far-reaching effect, should it be affirmed by the court of last resort, but there is diversity of opinion as to the scope of its application, some contending that it extends to every railroad and trade consolidation or combination affecting competition, while others argue that it does not apply to such agreements or "community of

interest" arrangements as exist between some of the eastern railroads. Mr. expressed the opinion that if the decision is to prevail in the merger case feat the choice of the rank and file of should not be accepted. it must also hold good in the case of all the party. other companies holding stock in com-

peting lines. If that view be correct, it will apply to the Union Pacific control of the Southern Pacific, the Pennsylvania company's holdings in the Baltimore & Ohio. the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western railroads, and the holdings of Reading railroad stock by the Baltimore & Ohlo. It is true these cases do not present an exact analogy, with the possible exception of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, to the case of the Northern Securities company, yet it seems tolerably clear that the decision in the latter case has some application to them. All these arrangements undoubtedly have reference to competition and to whatever extent they go in preventing free competition they may be held to be in restraint of commerce within the meaning of the law. The language of the decision pointing to this conclusion is so clear and explicit that it can hadly be misunderstood. It declares that any contract or combination that places obstacles in the way of free

and unrestricted competition between carriers who are natural rivals for patronage is prohibited by existing law. Whether or not the Northern Securities decision reaches to trade combinations is of course a debatable question. The leading counsel of the United States Steel corporation has expressed the opinion that it will not be affected by the decision, still as one writer on the subject says, corporations like the steel trust rest upon uncertain ground which may at any time give way under them. "Their legal standing is doubtful; their legitimacy is in question." The judicial

determination of this will be reached in due time. Assuming, as is very generally done, that the decision will be affirmed by the supreme court, what new scheme will the corporations devise for defeating the law and promoting monopoly? There is no doubt they will seek

Association of American Manufacturers some way to do this, but it is hardly will, it is said, have for one of its prinpossible that they will succeed. They cipal objects an effort to induce the may provoke continual litigation, but it manufacturers of the country to orhas been pretty conclusively established ganize a special body for the purpose of that the government has the power to resisting trades-unionism. It is urged regulate and control all combinations that union labor has now grown to such engaged in interstate commerce and to an extent that a counter-organization prevent monopoly, and the people will among manufacturers is necessary; that grand jury called for Lancaster county legal adviser one of the most accomplished drugatore. It is the business of the nearest insist upon this power being exercised. organized labor owes its present power

Improbable.

of time is a question.

ORGANIZING MANUFACTURERS.

and nominated a factional ticket from pose the construction of a building for JUDGMENT IN THE MERGER CASE. top to bottom. Instead of using its social and religious activity. The unipower the majority of the convention versity authorities should have no difconceded to the minority two of the ficulty in securing the remainder necesmost important offices on the ticket and sary to complete the fund, providing the in every instance for the city council donation is in strict conformity with the candidates that received the largest the non-secular character of the univote at the primary regardless of their versity. The constitution of Nebraska a victory for the people which must factional affiliations. The same mag- expressly prohibits sectarian instruction nanimity characterized the faction in in our public institutions and this prothe organization of the new committee, hibition must be observed along the With these indisputable facts staring broad lines laid down by the supreme them in the face, the members who court in its recent opinion on the use Griggs, formerly attorney general of rashly deserted the convention because of the bible in the public schools. If the United States and now counsel for they were outnumbered cannot with Mr. Rockefeller understands the import the Northern Securities company, has any degree of decency ask republicans of that decision and acquiesces in it, to join them in a desperate effort to de- there is no good reason why his gift

tremely doubtful if Harrison could

Governor Richards of Wyoming has

HABRISON AND JOHNSON BOOMS. at last backed water on his former asis the orly test of law. Announcement comes from Boston of sertion that Wyoming would be against a movement among a faction of Massa- President Roosevelt for renomination in chusetts democrats in favor of Carter resentment of the policy of the ad-Harrison for president, with Josiah ministration with reference to the forest Quincy of that state as his running reserves and the illegal fencing of the mate. While Chicago's mayor hardly public domain. While Governor Richmeasures up to the presidential stanards does not deny his former interdard, it is the belief of the democrats view, he declares that he, personally, of that field will be clearly within the line who are endeavoring to start a boom will be for President Roosevelt, leav- of public safety. The natural right of the for him that he might be able to wrest ing the inference to be drawn that there Illinois from the republican column, evi- is none the less powerful opposition to dently oblivious of the fact that his re- him in the state. President Roosevelt pass away. duced plurality in the last election need have no apprehensions about showed that he has lost in popularity. Wyoming, no matter what the disap-As a presidential candidate it is ex-

pointed land grabbers do.

carry Chicago, but, in the present con-In view of the signal victory won in the Northern Securities case, it is un- ful financial leaders interested in the dition of the democracy he would perhaps do nearly or quite as well as a fortunate that the government cannot merger and in similar combinations. Incileader next year as anybody. The de- retain in its service an attorney like dentally the decision sustains the constifeat of the party is so plainly fore- Assistant Attorney General Beck, who shadowed that it is of small conse- had a principal part in the management querce who it selects as a candidate. of the government's side. The legal de- General Knox. Not much is being said about Tom L. partment of the national administration Johnson, but undoubtedly he is being seems to be useful chiefly to develope more or less seriously thought about by young lawyers who, having shown their the "regulars." It appears probable mettle, are immediately absorbed into that if he desires to run for governor of the blg law firms retained for the great Securities company will not hurt legitimate interests. This and other restraints on Obio this year he can easily secure the corporations. The only consolation is nomination, but he may not care to run that there is always latent talent ready tortion ought to have a salutary effect on the risk of being defeated, since defeat to seize the opportunities which the the purely speculative and fictitious operawould be disastrous to his chances as government service offers. a presidential possibility next year. It

is suggested that in the event of the There is such a thing as overdoing next Ohio legislature being democratic things and making a farce out of plat- part of great corporations. Johnson may be a candidate to succeed form declarations. The democratic Senator Hanna and this is by no means demand for 3-cent street car fares comes under that category. No city of

Omaha's population has yet been able At any rate Harrison and Johnson seem to be rather more prominent just to command 3-cent street car fares now in democratic attention than anybody else, but whether or not their country has made the experiment a success. What Omaha has a right to early booms will last any great length demand is better service and the collection of taxes on the full market have forbidden it. And their courts, de- genuity ten stamps could be turned into The coming session of the National property.

> Two grand juries are at work on the bribery and corruption of the late Missourl legislature and a whole lot of legislative lobbyists and leeches, who ident and to the attorney general. They grand jury called for Lancaster county would create a sudden and pressing de-mand upon the pass distributers at Lin-coln for free transportation to distant narts. parts

## FREAK TAXATION.

A Triumph of Law, Chicago Record-Herald. The issues are so clear that all these

mergers appear simply as examples of concious lawbreaking, and the decision will be halled as a triumph of law and as

welcome check upon dangerous corporate aggression. Powerlessness of Monopoly, St. Louis Republic

Securities case reveals the powerlessness so stoutly to the members that even the of monopoly as against the arm of energetically administered law. Universal

Washington Post.

Triumph for the President.

New York World,

Legitimate Enterprise Unhurt.

Kansas City Star.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

Washington Star.

New York Tribune

Brooklyn Eagle.

What Wall street thinks, says or may at-

empt in such circumstances, is less signi-

A Notable Victory.

New York Evening Post.

The law officers of the government are t

ever gained. It was an accident that made

him president, but it was no accident that

he directed the powers of the government

into the channel which it took in this judi

cial proceeding. The United States could

alone take the initiative in challenging the

legal status of the Northern Securities

company, and it lay in his power to set

the machinery in motion to that end, or to

withhold it. It is a matter of doubt

whether the political bosses who favored

Mr. Roosevelt's nomination as vice presi-

dent in order to get rid of him as governor

of New York would do their job the same

way again.

Meanwhile it should be borne in mind,

menace their safety.

The decision in the case of the Northern

It is conceded that the persistent and and rigid application will not only partly correct the evils, but will illumine the dogmatic adhesion to this particular meascourse of future legislation, bringing de- ure has been a positive injury to Govficiencies clearly to light. Enforcement ernor Odell, damaging his hopes of future Limiting the Field of Trusts. the next state election

It seems strange that a man of his supposed political acumen should have fathered It is well for the trusts-for the good, such a measure at all, let alone endeavbad and indifferent trusts- that the limits oring to drive it through the legislature, of their field of legitimate operations are for it is only the old thrashed-out idea soon to be finally determined. It is well of mortgage taxation with no particularly for all the people that the utmost boundary new or plausible trimmings.

body or something is a prevalent disease, public to protection from extortion by the and its outbreak seems to be in order at maintenance of competition is not going to

perhaps needless to say that Mr. Nohe is triumph for President Roosevelt, who di-

evolved that will suit everbody. The tax, were needed-of the thrift and courage that like the boil, is a thing endurable mainly is born of legitimate self-interest. In the when afflicting somebody else. But it reflection of past conditions under which would seem as if even the most stupid of the Irish peasantry have struggled there "statesmen" would understand that to levy is a degree of pathos in this eager readditional taxes upon men who are already sponse to opportunity; In the light of fupresident has recently given to Attorney bending under the burden of mortgages ture possibilities there is gladness and hope r who are showing the best of selfin It. The Irish people prove their kinabnegation by trying to protect their famship with all home-loving, large-hearted.

ilies through life insurance could not pos- loyal people in this awakened energy. Give sibly be a winning game.

There will be general surprise at the an-

nouncement by the Postoffice Department in its new book of instruction that stamps accidentally torn in two cannot be used for the payment of postage. Most of us can remember occasions when, with more or you have bia Jester.

ually, if not always, the letter has reached and prohibits, it will be observed, is the its destination and made no trouble either power which Messra. Morgan, Hill and for the sender or the recipient. So as a and up to date no large city in this their associates sought to acquire. The matter of fact, and whatever the depart-American people have declared, through ment may say, toro stamps can, or at least their congress, that the possession of such could, be used. And why should they not? power by any part of their number is dan- It is considerable, of course, that by the gerous to the safety of the whole, and exercise of a vast amount of labor and in-

value of the whole street railway fending the rights of the people, stand eleven that would pass the inspection of ready to punish any man who seeks so to an overworked cancellation clerk, with the consequent loss to the government of two cents, but it is not conceivable that this crime would be committed by anybody else

"Yes, he leaves a very tender memory behind him."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. "It's a good thing that the doctors do not send in their bills until the patient has

Cassidy-An' why not?

not send in their bills until the patient has recovered." "Why?" "Well if a man knew he was really as sick as the size of the bill would indicate the shock of it would certainly cause a relapse."—Baltimore Herald,

"There is never any uncertainty where I

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strengthen their confidence in the admin-

istration of the law. It is certainly a

# Mortgage Tax and Other Schemes of Doubtful Utility.

Chicago Chroniele. Governor Odell's bill for the taxation of mortgages seems to have no chance of nactment in the New York legislature, although it was the pet measure of the executive himself and had been formally adopted as a supposed clever move by the

dominant party. For once the great financial institutions and the general public were found to be a unit against a pending bill, and the fact that if it became a law it would be a new The government's victory in the Northern | burden upon borrowers was brought home crack of the party whip was powerless to force the measure through.

political advancement and even threatening the chances of his party's success in

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

The mania to put extra taxes upon someany session of any legislature.

### It takes the form this year in Illinois of ures have already been introduced and it is and tremendous. A genuine industrial re-The result is a great and well deserved vival has already taken place in Ireland.

behind at least one of them. Probably no tax proposition will ever be natural a characteristic of human nature rected that the suit be brought, and who incurred thereby the enmity of the powertutionality of the Sherman anti-trust law, and justifies the high praise which the

TORN STAMPS OUTLAWED.

Surprising Announcement of the Post- | cheerful, uncomplaining workers. Elimcombinations made for the purpose of ex-Office Department. New York Times

tions that have menaced financial security and have aroused popular resentment. The precedent established will make way for the elimination of other unlawful abuses on the

Defending Public Rights. less care, we pasted the parts of a torn stamp on the letter, and in such cases, us-The thing which the court denounces

Felicitations in Order. than a lunatic miser or oftener than once

in a generation. On the other hand the Felicitations are due both to the presfrequency with which we all have only one infested Jefferson City have found it have worked together and with a cordial stamp, tnd that a torn one, is very great, imperative to seek milder climates for understanding. If Mr. Knox has had in his and a large amount of utterly needless intheir health. We have no doubt that a spiration. Mr. Roosevelt has had in his necessary in such cases to make a journey

A GRATIFYING SPECTACLE. Temper of the Irish Toward Proposed Land Reforms. Portland Oregonian. The energy with which the Irish people rise to meet the opportunity that the late government grant of \$925,000 annually for bills calling for increased life insurance the development and their ultimate ownertaxation. Some four or five such meas- ship of lands presents is both gratifying

furnishing proof-if proof of so plain and

them something to work for, some

of fullness from the work of their hands.

some incentive to thrift, and they speedily

prove themselves not only energetic, but

inate these features from their endeavor

POINTED REFLECTIONS.

If you have a good temper, keep it; if ou have a bad one, don't lose it.-Colum-

Church-Do you think he is a well-pro-portioned man? Gotham-No; his lungs are away out of proportion to his brains.-Yonkers States-man

Casey-Don't say "Ol ain't done noth-

Casey-Because it's not good English. Cassidy-Shure, Ol'm glad to hear it, fur nayther am Ol.-Philadelphia Press.

"Our butcher has run away from his creditors."

"Dear, dear, that's too bad! How he will be missed. Such steaks! Such chops!"

even to their own pressing necessities.

and it is at best but a grudged offering

**Absolutely Pure** 

THE OLD RELIABLE

When the antis made up the appor- box in the primary election get their industries. tionment of delegates to the city convention they thought they had gerrymandered I vank E. Moores out of the mayoralty rate. When they find themright have they to squeal?

One railroad president has been found to say that the merger decision is one of the greatest blessings for railroad interests in general business that the country can have. It is needless to add that he is identified with one of the little ones on the verge of being swallowed up.

Had the direct nomination system prevailed at the recent republican convention, Frank E. Moores' triumph would have been overwhelming. No other candidate would have had half as many votes as he and he would have had more votes than all other candidates combined.

The local popocratic organ complains dacious political outlaw, William J. that the republican platform is not Broatch, and the police commission not specific enough to suit it. Its complaint only used the police clubs to buildoze is not well taken. The republicans and terrorize liquor dealers, but sought pledge their candidates to certain defi- to obstruct the election by lawless innite propositions which could not be terference. People may not be aware stated in plainer language. What is of the fact, but it is nevertheless true more to the point, it conforms to the that a score of policemen drawing pay records of the candidates nominated from the city were detailed to do politupon it.

The old city committee became ipso facto defunct the moment the republican convention organized, and the new city committee reconstituted by the convention is the only legitimate ma- meled primary election would have chinery of the party. If the defunct given Frank E. Moores eight out of the committee undertakes to assume the role of usurper, it will only show more plainly the reckless outlawry of the political desperadoes inspiring it.

out of the nine.

Charges have been filed with Governor warfare. Peabody of Colorado upon which he has summoned members of the Denver Fire and Police board to make appearance before him and show cause why they should not be removed for unifeasance and misfeasance. If Denver's police commissioners are guilty of half the outlawry which could be proved against Omaha's police commissioners they will, doubtless, be compelled to walk the plank.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson expects to see a great industry in silk culture to be developed in the south as date of the majority of the party. a result of the experiments now under way in adapting the mulberry to southens soil. When Columbus alighted on a new world, he was in quest of the Indies in hopes of securing an avenue for trade in silks and spices. It would be a remarkable realization of his dream if it should turn out that he really did discover the land that is to produce the aliks of the civilized world.

mainly to the support of public opinion. PHILIP DRUNK -- PHILIP SOBER. which it has obtained through constant When the men who bolted the repubagitation and appeals, and that many lican city convention because they were people, thinking only of the workingfoiled in the effort to override the will man, have lost sight of the issues at and wish expressed through the ballot stake affecting the growth of American

sober senses they will realize that they It is doubtless quite natural that manhave not a leg to stand on. ufacturers should be disposed to or-The bolting faction can not claim with ganize for the purpose of combatting any degree of decency that the verdict what they regard as the aggressions of selves beaten at their own game, what rendered at the primary election was trades-unionism. They have already procured by unfair means. They know done so, as have other employers of that the defeated faction had absolute labor, in some localities. But the quescontrol of the party machinery. The tion is whether such a policy will have "anti-machine" machine owned the a tendency to remedy what the manchairman, secretary and every member facturers complain of and to promote of the city committee. They know that industrial peace. May it not rather in defiance of the plain letter of the law operate to stimulate the growth of orwhich requires a fair division of the ganized labor and increase its power? election boards between the contesting At present unorganized labor is numercandidates the "anti-machine" machine | ically much greater than that which is

rode rough shod over its opponents and organized. Is it not probable that the appointed all the judges of election proposed policy would result in refrom the anti-Moores faction. These versing this condition in a few years? judges, furthermore, were in position We are inclined to think that such by the arbitrary exercise of power and would inevitably be the case and it may the test oath to reject voters whom they be doubted whether this would make suspected of an intention to vote for for industrial peace. There will be much the Moores delegates. interest in the action of the Manufac-

Everybody knows that that most auturers' association on this subject.

IN A NUTSHELL. We will give the World-Herald credit for stating in a nutshell the points involved in the disputed ruling of Chairman Cowell at the republican city convention and showing what filmsy pretense the bolters have to excuse their walkout. It says: leaf scavenger work in conjunction with

There is evidence that a majority of the cohorts of the corporations that supplied the purifiers with an almost unlimited amount of boodle for mercenathe contested wards his majority was about 200. In selecting 143 delegates the repubries and venal voters. They ought to licans selected seventy-three for Moores know, furthermore, that an untramand seventy against him. Any delegate who changed after being elected is necessarily under criticism, if not suspicion. nine wards of the city instead of five Moores' friends having won at the primaries were entitled to run the convention.

Robert Cowell, as chairman, was justified While all is fair in love, war and in ruling that the Second ward delegates politics, there is a line of demarcation need not be polled unless a Second ward between honorable and dishonorable member demanded it. The Ninth ward had no more right to demand a poll of the No honorable republican. Second ward delegates than Nebraska has whatever may be his factional predilecto interfere in an Iowa election. As tions, can countenance, much less dematter of fact the republicans of the Second fend and uphold, the criminal conward had declared for Moores. If one of the Second ward members, after being spiracy to overturn the verdict rendered elected on the Moores ticket, desired to at the primaries by the purchase of deldesert it he had the legal right to do so. egates elected to voice the will of the but the chairman very properly refused to majority. The failure of this infamous allow members from another ward to seduce or cajole him into doing so. There conspiracy does not lessen the crime, This issue the bolting purifiers must is entirely too much changing of delegates after their election. To encourage face. They must stand up before the it is to open the door to corruption. community and defend the criminal at-Chairman Cowell's ruling served to check tempt to buy up the convention or they the tendency, and its effect was therefore must wash their hands of the damnable

good. The rank and file of the republican stain and submit gracefully to the manparty pronounced at their primaries for One fact is patent to all men and that the renomination of Frank E. Moores He could not have been deprived of that is that the majority faction treated the nomination except by subverting the defeated faction with unprecedented will of the party through resort to fraud magnanimity. When the bolters walked and corruption.

out of the convention they left the victorious majority in unrestrained con-It turns out that the Rockefeller do trol. Had that body been actuated by nation to the University of Nebraska is a vindictive spirit it could have imitwo-thirds of \$100,000, contingent on the tated the example set by the bolters raising of the other third and its pur-

The demand for accessible dwellings with modern conveniences at moderate rentals continues steady in Omaha and ought to serve as a stimulus to the con-Business Proceeds Just the Same.

struction of a lot of new houses here this season. While Omaha is notably a city of home owners, there are always many people who must rent, and they ought to be able to secure the living accommodations they are entitled to.

> "Never Touched Me." Baltimore American

It is a good thing for Mr. Roosevelt's feelings, no doubt, that us was in the fastnesses of the Yellowstone Park when old Jimmy Merger Hill took that shot at him.

Now Will Dewey Be Good? Philadelphia Record.

Most of the accounts of the comparative strength of the American and German navies are mere tales for the marines. Now

omes Hobson with the declaration that he cles is, What will now be done by the mandoes not agree with Admiral Dewey in regard to the German navy. Crowinshield decision? Apparently the less they do the might possibly throw some further light on safer. If they "let things drift," if they maintain a truce tacitly understood, if they the subject. refrain, on the one hand, from raids upon

trol.

#### The Leader of Leader. Detroit Free Press.

ments not to make such raids, the at-There may be very little honor or profit torney general may find it exceedingly diffiin being the leader of the Democratic cult to bring them further to account. Of party in Ohio; but to such as there hapcourse, such a situation has its difficulties pens to be, Mr. Johnson's title cannot be disputed. Thane of Glamis he unquestiongentlemen" is not a very trustworthy reably is, but of Cawdor and of the kingship, it is not worth while to speak at presliance. ent, whatever the witches may be saying. Reduction of Natural Rights.

A Profitable Trade. Philadelphia Press.

The negotiations with Cuba for naval

ficant than the attempted reduction by the coaling stations are said to have resulted republicans voting Friday in the various in leaving the Isle of Pines to the Cuban court of the amount of natural right here tofore supposed to exist in the world, the wards declared for Frank E. Moores. In government. That is quite probable. The natural right to buy or sell much or little United States could claim this island under or all of anything one has, the natural right the treaty with Spain, but that would have of two or more to agree that what is sold created ill feeling, and the United States or bought shall be used to promote comhas no particular need of the island. It mercial unity and not to promote commermight well be given to Cuba in payment cial rivalry. The decision seeks almost to for the coaling stations. reach down into state of mind of those

#### Pinching the Keene Pool. Springfield Republican

can be inferred and forbidden by courts. The Kcene pool in Southern Pacific rail-It will be impossible to limit this to railroad stock expired Friday by limitation, roads. Litigation can be invoked against and gains and losses are being counted up. any corporation, the articles produced by It proves to have been all loss-at once the which onter into commerce between the states or abroad. In short, anything aflargest and the most disastrous pool ever organized in Wall street. It set out to ac- fected by a relation to commerce between quire 400,000 shares, and actually did the states or abroad can be argued into the acquire 244,400 shares at an aggregate cost limits of this decision. of \$16,669,937, or an average of \$68.20 a

share. At \$56.75 a share, the closing price of Southern Pacific stock on Thursday, the value of the pool holdings amounts to \$13, 869.700-showing a loss of \$2,800,237, di vided among twenty-four men.



The coffee habit is quickly overcome by those who let Grain-O take its place. If properly made it tastes like the best of coffee. No grain coffee compares with it in

TRY IT TO-DAY.

see it through, with unflagging zeal, to the cuses for leaving it undone until they can

theory.

end. The trusts, we may be sure, are set more money. The matter is a very making notes of this and preparing to dis- small one, but it is one of those triffes pute every inch of the way. There are no that creates a lot of annoyance and irritation-or might if the department was as sham battles in progress or on the cards. strict in practice as it now says it is in

PERSONAL NOTES.

#### particularly by the alarmed holders of se-The government in Washington still lives curities, that the railways of the nation and does business at the old stand. will not lose any freight by reason of pres-

Daniel S. Lamont, secretary of war in the ent legal complications, but will continue to haul the enormous tonnage which is Cleveland cabinet, has just returned from steadily surpassing all records, and each a six months' trip abroad. month the statements of earnings continue The proposed stage version of the Burto exceed those of previous years until the dick-Pennell mystery will probably divert situation has become almost monotous. the eggs from McFadden's Row of Flats. Similarly, the industrial corporations are Ex-President Cleveland will spend sev unprecedentedly active, and no wheels will ral weeks of the summer as a guest of

ome idle nor furnaces cold because of a James H. Eckels, former controller of the legal decision affecting the form of concurrency, at the Chicagoan's summer cottage at Oconomowoe, Wis.

A plumber working under a house the other day uncarthed \$18,000 in buried treasure and was rewarded by the house owner with a gift of \$1. This is where the usual plumber wittleism does not fit.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has a graceful way of heaping coals of fire by bestowing on the bride of his youngest brother, to whose wedding he has not been invited, the handsomest present she has received.

each other's business, and, on the other, Judge John J. Jackson of the northern from attempts to come to formal agreedistrict of West Virginia has served the United States in a judicial capacity longer than any other judge in the country. He was appointed to his present office in 1861. and perplexities. The "agreement among and will soon have served forty-two years. One of the most enthusiastic supporters of President Roosevelt's large family idea is the Mormon, Reed Smoot, who has been elected United States senator. He cites the

fact that the descendants of President Smith of the Mormon church now number 1,003.

"John." asked the lawyer's wife, who had recently taken up the health culture fad, "Is it best to lie on the right side or the left side?" replied the legal luminary. "My dear," replied the legal luminary, "it one is on the right side it usually isn't necessary to lie at all."-Chicago News,

First Dame-How do you like the new neighborhood into which you have moved? Second Dame-It's perfectly lovely. I don't know a soul within a mile.-New York Weekly.

"Do you think that cigarette smoking causes a deterioration of mentality?" "I am not clear on that point," said the man who makes a specialty of profound opinions. "The impression to that effect may be due to the fact that people with brains naturally avoid them."-Washington Star.

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