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Notary Public.

The last days of Leo XIII, the greatest of all the popes, are plainly upon us.

We fear the Iowa democratic platform will not be very popular in the office of the Commoner.

The diploma controversy has given the Omaha High school principal a good deal of unenviable notoriety.

When it comes to "Grandstand Virtue" the game for popocratic officeholders.

The State Library commission may port unusual individual profits. have to put its home on wheels and libraries.

King Peter evidently thought that by wearing a grave look during his inaugural ceremony he would avoid look- shall need a greater amount of curing into his grave prematurely.

With so much money flying around loose in the vicinity of Missouri legislatures the only wonder is that any of the lawmakers escaped uncorrupted:

The Advisory board, converted into health board, has advised cows running at large to mend their behavior and run at small U. F. A. (until further advised).

Firing proclamations at glant fire crackers before the Fourth of July is a harmless amusement unless the procla mations are rigidly enforced on the day of jubilee.

Brayado Tillman, who shot down a defenseless editor, will get a change of venue. That ought not to interfere, however, with him getting his just deserts no matter where he may be tried.

If the legislature contemplated the erection of a Nebraska building at St. Louis when it made the exposition appropriation it certainly would have set aside more than \$35,000 for that pur-

Russia enjoys the distinction of having alone among nations participated officially in the installation of King Peter of Servin. In this, however, Russia will rouse no invidious sentiments among the

Mrs. Helen Gougar has compromised her claim against the state popocratic regard to public questions. For years reform committee for spouting in the the party in that state has been so ablate national campaign, but the reformers have not yet discovered where they got their money's worth.

tends to have discovered that Omaha is tien and the declarations of the demobeing favored by the railroads in the crats of Iowa may be. There is not in matter of live stock rates. Nobody in any state of the union a political body Omaha has been aware that the rail. with less coherence and consistency than roads were giving us the best of it.

Carrie Nation has been rewarded with country is there a stronger example of Edgerton is a joke writer on a Denver a jail scattence for indulging in a saloon-democrafic difference then is to be found newspaper. hateleting excursion. That is doubtless in the party in lows, of which the conwhat the young woman set out to get vention of Wednesday furnished an exand she ought not to be disappointed.

According to Associated Press dispatches, the democratic state ticket in crats in that state are of no consequence. Iowa was quickly nominated. That is Republican victory there is assured. But not out of the ordinary, however. A there is some significance to the attitude ticket doomed to defeat very rarely en- of the lowa democrats in its hearing counters any opposition in a political convention.

Sanitary conditions in Manila are improving right along under American supervision just as the sanitary conditions in Havana were revolutionized during American occupation. The Spanish authorities did not have the resources to name, by the way, was not mentioned. undertake the necessary work and could not have done it properly had they had the resources. American sanitary en-

WISH MAN SHANGE.

The refusal of the Iowa democratic state convention to reaffirm the exploded contravention of facts. There is not a fallacies of the Kansas City platform single plank in the platform that is not forcibly recalls the response of Stephen vulnerable. From the first to the last A. Douglas to the question propounded line of this deliverance there is manifest to him at one of the great popular gath- the weakness of the democratic position, erings during the national campaign of which is simply that of objection and 1860 why he had shifted position on the opposition, without any statesmanlike or squatters' sovereignty. "Wise men substantial propositions for a change. change, fools never," was the terse re- The Iowa democrats, like those in every sponse of the little giant, who was then other part of the country, are able to the idol of the northern democracy.

changed on the paramount Issue of free barren of sound suggestions as to what stiver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 be. should be done. They deal in platitudes cause it is convinced that it would be as and generalities which are utterly futile foolbardy to stand up for free coinage and ineffective. Wise men change, but fools pride themto the same spot while the world is mov-

There is no prospect that the Iowa lemocrats will come within 50,000 of electing anybody on their state ticket, of the railroad track in the face of an upon their terminals in the city of approaching locomotive.

MONEY IN THE WEST.

fested in the question as to whether the of the United States. west will have sufficient money in the coming autumn to take care of the the west, especially as western loans and give the city's case away. made in the east are not so great as has been the case in other years.

It appears, however, from the last report of the comptroller of the currency. that the chief financial centers representing the west-that is the financial region this side of the central stateshave on deposit almost \$220,000,000, a figure which New York would have not much more than matched only a few years ago. It therefore appears that money is plentiful in the west and acthe popocratic organ knows how to play cording to the statistics is being used to good profit, since the banks which are made the basis of comparison re-

The question of a currency supply in make the circuit with its traveling the west a couple of months hence is engaging the very earnest attention of eastern financiers and it is certainly a matter of very great interest in this section. The indications are that we rency than ever before to move the western crops and where it is to come from is certainly a matter of no ordinary importance. According to reports, the western banks are already preparing for the demand which they know will be made upon them. The last report to the comptroller of the currency showed that the banks of the west generally had been improving their condition in the matter of reserves and were at that time particularly strong. There is good reason to believe that they are still stronger now.

At all events this fact seems to be very clearly defined at this time, that the west during the coming summer will be quite able to take care of itself. so far as the movement of the crops is concerned, and also to provide all the money that may be needed to take care of its other legitimate industries. As we pointed out some time ago, upon the authority of facts and figures which were indisputable, the west is today practically independent in a financial way of the east, so far as its legitimate requirements are concerned, and there is every probability that it will continue in that position, at least so long as it is vouchsafed good crops. The fact that the west has been withdrawing its money from the east is the best possible assurance of western financial independence.

THE 10WA DEMOCRATS.

Ordinarily it is of little consequence what the democrats of Iowa think in solutely at variance with the sentiment of the country on every great question. and as a result has been overwhelmingly repudiated, that very little serious atten-The Chicago Live Stock exchange pre- tion is given anywhere to what the posithe democracy of Iowa, For years that party has been battling with itself and And now another of the disciples of it is doing that now. Nowhere in the cellent Illustration.

So far as politics in Iowa is concerned the views and declarations of the demoupon national politics. The platform adopted by the state convention will give some encouragement to the reorganization movement. It ignores absolutely the Kansas City platform and while recognizing some of the doctrines of Bryantsm, is by no means an endorsement of the "peerless leader," whose

It is needless to discuss the state ments of the Iowa democratic platform, which are generally disproved by events gineers and American medical scientists familiar to everybody. The fair-minded are proving equal to the most difficult reader of that declaration of principles will find in almost every line a state- the hat.

COMPETITION WE MUST MEET. ment which the most casual investiga-

tion will show him to be absolutely in New York Tribune.

point out wherein the republican party The Iowa democracy has evidently has been wrong, but they are utterly the British colonies our only competitors. Thus in the first quarter of the present

as it would to butt its head against a So far as they have cut loose from solid wall. Every intelligent observer Bryanism the Iowa democrats are to be of changed conditions must concede that congratulated and the example they free coinage as a political issue is as have set in this respect will undoubtedly dead as pro-slavery or anti-masonry. have a good influence upon the party at large. It is to be regretted that they did selves on consistently standing rooted not show equal judgment in other respects.

A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

The taxpayers of Omaha are vitally concerned in the outcome of the railroad but their pronounced aversion to worship tax controversy now pending in the fedthe silver fetich proves that they are no eral courts. The contention of the allonger willing to play the part of the lied railroad corporations that the city man who planted himself in the middle has no right to impose municipal taxes Omaha above the valuation fixed by the state board on a mileage basis must be combated at every step until a final de-A good deal of interest is being mani-

In view of the fact that the railroads have at their command the ablest corwestern crops and it seems that the poration lawyers that can be brought matter is being seriously considered in into service it behooves the city to be the United States has neglected to cultieastern financial circles. An eastern represented by men of the highest abilpaper says that some forecasts of a ity and widest experience. While the financial nature indicate that within a city attorney will be the chief legal rep few weeks the demands made upon New resentative of the city, it becomes im-York for money to handle the crops perative to employ an assistant of equal, President No Man to Temporise with will be the largest upon record and it or rather of much greater special ability is therefore assumed that there must be for the pending cases, unless we want some diminution of cash resources in to make a farce of the whole proceeding

Manifestly, a great responsibility rests nection unless he has had large experiany inexperienced lawyer as a matter abandon the suit altogether.

once be moved to Milwaukee. One of savory condition of the postal department United States declares that while they individuals are involved whose present find much that is admirable in American high status in the republican party sugcolleges and universities they are handicapped by a fatal drawback—the lack of man universities. If we really welcome foreign criticism of our institutions, we should certainly accept this advice in the concealment of their corruption. the spirit in which it is offered and make the experiment to see if it offers the real remedy. Give the beer that made Milwaukee famous a chance to make a famous university.

some flaw in mortgage securities before taking, but after taking these securities become gilt-edged whenever proposals are made to take them up before maturity. That explains why South Omaha High school bonds that would command a a premium of 4 per cent under ordinary conditions are promptly decried as undesirable because the margin of majority the margin had been quadrupled bond investors would have easily discovered other flaws to justify low bids.

The Board of Public Works and park commission should organize themselves Sitka, Alaska. into an improvement club and pass resolutions to proceed with public improvements as fast as injunctors will let them disposal.

They Never Will Know. Chicago News,

Those people who still think that Grover Cleveland would take the nomination if it were offered to him will never find out whether they are right or not.

Louisville Courier-Journal. The Kansas building at the World's fair is to be surmounted by the figure of a do honor to the old-fashioned woman carry- of the situation.

ing a sickle? On the Toboggan.

Washington Post. J. A. Edgerton has issued a call for a at Denver on July M. To properly appre- | while crossing the Irish sea. clate this, it must be remembered that Mr.

A Slight Overcharge.

Philadelphia Press. According to John Mitchell, the labor leader, the man who has brought suit against him for \$200,000 for counsel fees will have to throw off \$199,950 before he will get anything. What is left after that won't pay the expenses of a suit.

> Where Sympathy is Wasted. Chicago Inter Ocean.

One of our German agricultural visitors has expressed the opinion that the American farmer is a slave because he works hard. Yet the American farmer is not complaining that his industry is unprofitable nor beseeching his government for special favors, as his German critic is.

"A Grotesque Farce."

Kansas City Star. The cry for harvest hands which Kansas has raised is a demand for help which can be made without casting the slightest reflection on that commonwealth. But state that is compelled to call in outside force to harvest its crops should never for the queen and the prince of Wales are countenance the grotesque farce of passing

British Market for Food Stuffs Sought by Other Nations.

The United States is still the chief foreign source of Great Britain's food supply. Nevertheless, as we have shown, other sources are being developed and are increasing their contributions to the British country, Canada, for example, is sending the mother country more and more wheat each year, and Australia is sending

our \$5,000,000 or more in the same period. in the police stations and city prison. But it was a good beginning, Argentine months were nearly \$4,000,000, or more than than \$3,000,000. In other lines of goods, too, Argentine is making progress. In the same tween two and three times as much tallow and stearine as we did, towit, more than \$650,000 worth, and more than ten times as much linseed, or \$1,500,000 worth,

Such progress in the British markets made by Argentine is not in the least sururces and productiveness of that counand seeing, moreover, how grievously vate commercial intimacy with it and its South American neighbors.

ROOSEVELT AND BASCALITY.

Official Corruption. Washington Post.

It is unfair at this stage of the case to obscure the issues involved in the postoffice situation by references to practical party politics. Nor is it altogether wise. upon the mayor and council in the ap- President Roosevelt has never in all his pointment of the proposed assistant. No career been known to tolerate crookedness. man should be considered in this con- His entire course as a public official has been a plea for decency, honesty and openness. As civil service commissioner he ence in corporation and especially in tax helped to strengthen the foundations of the cases in the highest courts of the na- great merit system, despite the clamor of tion. The city of Omaha cannot afford political spoilsmen. As New York police to jeopardize its rights in the hands of commissioner he insisted upon the enforcement of the laws, whatever might be the political cost. As assistant secretary of the of personal favoritism or as a political navy he strove constantly for good adfavor. In other words, the man to as- ministration. As a soldler he was a strict sist the city attorney in the railroad disciplinarian. As governor of New York he held to a high standard and secured the cases must be a lawyer of the first mag- passage of wholesome laws even against nitude and not of the third or fifth mag- the protests of the party leaders. As presiwrong one may be easier.

Party expediency, therefore, has no part The University of Wisconsin should at in his estimate of the duty which the unpolitic then it is wise to cut them out. If ests that they should be shi scandal, a temporizing policy will not allay suspicion. The individuals who have beer, which would inspire the students woven around themselves and their asin the same degree as those at the Ger- sociates a net of wrongdoing and unprincipled procedure can be of little permanent benefit to any party if their success and that of the party must depend upon

PERSONAL NOTES.

The czarina of Russia has just completed her thirty-first year. The prosecuting attorney of Breathitt

county is going to remove to Winchester Bond buyers always manage to find and the sheriff is going to return to his old home on Troublesome Creek. Sir James Guthrie, youngest living artist years old and was recently elected presi-

dent of the Royal Scottish academy. Ex-Congressman F. M. Eddy, who may h candidate for governor of Minnesota used to be called the homellest man in the house at Washington and didn't get angry There is no end to present prosperity Chorus girls who used to lose a few thouby which they were carried is small. If sand dollars' worth of diamonds now have vestigation is something that has not been million-dollar estates bequeathed to them. of the United States army, has signed a partment, and we shall do it." contract with a cable company of New fork for the construction of a submarine

After a lapse of sixty-six years a memorial stone has just been placed over dom is just plain, old-fashioned honesty. the grave of the late Cardinal Manning's wife, in Lavington churchyard, Sussex and the city council puts money at their England. She died before her husband joined the Catholic Church.

cable to connect, Seattle, Wash., with

Richard Strauss, who is by many authorities regarded as the greatest of liv ing German composers, completed his thirty-ninth year last week. When 17 years old he penned a symphony. His wife was Pauline de Ahna, a well known opera

singer. The American Invasion has reached the Schwab and his associates are reported to be negotiating for. By the people of Sweden this deal will be regarded as a rank steal, woman carrying a sickle. What state will but the ironmasters appear to be masters

twentieth birthday, which comes on July 4. an English mother and was born on an conference of populist leaders, to be held English vessel flying the American flag the Fourth of July and the hospitals are

of Ohio and Indiana visiting relatives and tion. friends whom they have not seen for many years. The judge claims to be about the oldest living ex-congressman, having represented an Indiana district in the early '40's.

The French ambassador, M. Jusserand has accepted an invitation from the commissioners of the District of Columbia to deliver an address at the celebration there on July 4 and will remain in Washington for that purpose. Secretary William H. Moody will also be one of the speakers

on that occasion. Ex-Senator Mason, who attributes his Yates of Illinois, when in Burlington, a few days ago, was neked what his plans acteristically: "I am going back to Chicago to do a little law, a little politics and

a man named Yates." King Edward commanded that in future his traveling escort of household cavalry shall consist of one officer, one corporal major, two corporals of horse, and twenty-six troopers. The traveling escorts of horse and twelve troopers.

STANDARDS OF SOBRIETY.

Boston Sets Up a Scale that May Catch Some Innocents. New York Tribune.

There is trouble for tipplers in Boston. The new chairman of the Metropolitan Poice commission has established new standards of sobriety; or perhaps we should say of inebriety. Henceforth it will not be necessary, in order to get "run in," for a market much more rapidly than is this Bostonian to become aggressively and conspicuously "drunk and disorderly." Serthither large quantities of meat. Nor are the trick just as well. It is obligatory upon sults that have hitherto been exempt from Argentine and other South American coun- walk straight and whose breath is flavored the apprehension that there might occur tries have entered the field with much suc- with intoxicants. Wherefore there is a sensitiveness and annoyance at the idea of year Argentine sent to Great Britain more despite which the number of arrests ad- have thus far been addressed to the officers than \$20,000 worth of live cattle for food. vances by leaps and bounds, and there is of corporations. That was a small amount compared with much demand for enlarged accommodations. The government is already in possession

having sent none at all in 1902 and 1901, this is going too far in the direction of old- secure and classify. Care will therefore be while our own exports in these three years style Puritanism. A man should be as free taken not to duplicate inquiries from corhave been steadily and considerably de- to perfume his breath with a distillation of porations, and the information received civil establishment will cost \$126,000,000. To clining. The same may be said of ex-rye grains as to perfume his pocket hand- will be verified by comparison with that the Indians we --- \$11,000,000. The ports of live sheep, of which Argentine in kerchief with a distillation of rose leaves. the first quarter of this year sent more Moreover, there are various bona fide medi-Argentine sales of wheat in the same three | between two points, it may also be that at times a man does not want to take the one-fourth of what our own had faillen to; shortest cut, but for the sake of exercise, its sales of Indian corn were more than or to enjoy the scenery longer, or for some \$850,000; of fresh beef, \$2,000,000, or nearly other equally satisfactory reason, profers one-third of ours, and of fresh mutton more to meander hither and thither on the way. Why should he not have that privilege? There is much in such contentions of which three months it sent to Great Britain be- the police and magistrates of Boston should statue, which work was accomplished with surely take account.

On the other hand, it is evident that there must be some line drawn between the sober and the inebriate, and it should not right to wait until a man falls into the prising, seeing how great are the natural gutter and cracks his pate, or gets run over, or develops delirium tremens, before adjudging him drunken. He ought to be apprehended before he is so far gone as to njure himself or imperil others. Just what the standard should be it would be difficult to say. If that prescribed in Boston is somewhat too strict, we may doubt if it is to be enforced in its full strictness. The alignment of some of the streets in Boston is such as to make the average policeman pretty tolerant of anyone who traverses arcs instead of chords, and the characteristic reserve, not to say hauteur, of Trimon tane citizens will surely restrain them from too intimately investigating each other's breaths. Boston will be sober even in estimating the kilowatts of inebriety.

WISDOM OF THE PRESIDENT.

Plain, Old-Fashioned Honesty Shocks Some of the Politicians.

Philadelphia North American. Doubtless the professional politicians who think they manage the republican party are beginning to get it through their heads that it is futile to attempt to smother the postoffice scandal by representing to President Roosevelt that exposure of all the rascals will hurt the party. They are quite correct in their argument that whatever hurts the party is peculiarly injurious to nitude-otherwise the city might as well dent he has already proved his ability to the political fortunes of the president. He choose the right course even though the is the party's most conspicuous representative and must bear the brunt of any general attack made upon it by the people. dizzy perch told him his act was appre-He will be its candidate, the head of its clated. ticket, and serious injury to the party the members of the party of German imposes upon the administration. If the means his defeat. He wants to be president agriculturists who have been touring the probe touches diseased spots in the body for a full term, but he does not want the execution of John Brown at Charlestown. office so badly that he is willing to condone Va. (now West Virginia), which occurred official rascality to get it.

The difference between President Roosemerely one of opinion; it is a difference in credit by giving the country clean government and honest service.

to win a title on his artistic merits, is 44 Bristow and his assistant investigators are vator is the fact that the justices, wedded ing for the opponents of the party to dig up and make ammunition of later. It is President Roosevelt speaking when Mr. Bristow says: "There won't be anything to investigate when we get through with the department. The political effect of this inthought of. Our only concern now is to General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer make thorough work and clean up the de-

Political diplomatists and experts in nipulation shake their heads dolefully and deplore the rash impulsiveness of the man at the head of the party, but he is wiser than the shrewdest of them, and his wis-

TOY PISTOL BUSINESS.

Another Earnest Protest Against the Fireworks Foolishness. San Francisco Chronicle.

It is impossible to conceive why the au thorities do not put an end to the toy pistol business in this city at once and for of silly and reckless parents to endange wast iron deposits of Lapland which Mr. the lives of all about them is to become personally responsible for the consequences Where the power is there is and must rest the responsibility. The city authorities can prevent the use of these deadly toys in this city, and they do not. Therefore Carrie Jennings, an Oklakoma City girl, they must bear the blame for all accidents. is to have a great celebration of her It is unfortunate that they cannot receive the missiles in their own persons instead She is the daughter of a Scotch father and of their finding lodgment in innocent by standers. It is more than two weeks to already receiving their harvest. Two boys Judge Harian and wife of Savannah, Mo., in one day at the Emergency hospital is a I also know that all I do now is subject to aged 88 and 81 respectively, are on a tour fine beginning for our annual "celebra-Why, in this twentieth century, we should

continue these barbaric methods of "celebrating" is beyond comprehension. We know in advance that a certain number of persons will be killed in this country on or about the 4th day of July, and that million of dollars worth of property will be burned entirely as the result of using fireworks in large cities. If the people know this and permit the performance to go on, are we not all participants in the crimes of mur der and arson? If we knew just which persons were doomed to die by these means and precisely whose property was destined late defeat for re-election to Governor to the flames, we should unquestionably surround the endangered persons and property and forbid the shooting of firecracker for the future were, and answered char- and pistols anywhere in the vicinity. Why, since we can not in advance pick out the victims, should we not protect everybody! We laugh at the tom-toms and firecrackers of the Chinese as evidence of their stupid barbarity. But it is as stupid and barbarous to shoot off firecrackers in dangerous places in honor of "independence" as it is to shoot them in bonor of a heathen joss. to consist each of one officer, two corporals be permitted in this city on the Fourth of popularity, as was the case when the con-July than on any other day.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The bureau of corporations of the new Department of Commerce is ready to begin practical operations with the beginning of missioner Garfield is having compiled a tional ticket. roster of corporations engaged in interstate occupations or business, or in any way eligible to classification to the archives of pentine ambulation and alcoholic exhale- the bureau. It is recognized that the scope ments-to express it Boston-wise-will do of the bureau invades relations and purthe police to arrest every man who cannot any surveillance from federal officials, and wild demand for coffee beans and lovage governmental interference has served to root, and also for cabs and carriages; qualify carefully the interrogatories that

of a large amount of information which it warm place. If it does not turn sour some-It will doubtless be urged by some that will be the business of the new bureau to gained through other official channels. Three corporations, the Steel trust, the

than \$100,000 worth, against our \$370,000 cines which leave a distinct alcoholic trace New York Life Insurance company and worth, the latter a much small amount upon the breath. Again, while it is true the Mutual Life Insurance company, have is a recently formed organization of elthan in either of the two preceding years. that a straight line is the shortest distance made reports of their organization, capital derly Germans who used to get their hair and business.

> The bronze statue on the capitol dome known as the Statue of Freedom and which is sometimes incorrectly called the Goddess of Liberty, is receiving a thorough cleansing, reports the Washington Star. A scaffold has been erected about the much difficulty, the two workmen who built it being obliged to use the utmost care. They were working at a height of 357 feet and had only narrow four-inch ledges to be drawn well on the side of safety. It is move around on. It was intended to clean the statue with pumice stone, but it was found that this process brightened the statue considerably, and it was decided to thoroughly clean off the green coating with a weak acid solution and then give it a oat of lacquer. The statue has withstood the weather remarkably well, the seams being as firm as they were when the statue where he had lived more than half a cenwas built.

When the workmen first ascended the statue it was found that lightning had the United States patent office is one for struck it in numerous places, the metal exploding bombs high in the air to probeing melted and fused and the surface duce rain; another raises and tips the hat of the bronze deeply furrowed. In some when the wearer bows; another puts on places the metal has been gouged out by overcoats, and another lets down a key the electric bolt and projects like spikes.

A correspondent of the Star, in a letter printed last Saturday, related an inter- the door. esting incident which attended the completion of the statue December 2, 1863, when the last section of the figure was hoisted into place. The correspondent stated that there was among the workmen an intensely patriotic sailor, named Sanders or Saunders, who kept insisting as the work went on that there should be some means provided for displaying ideal exercise." a flag above the statue. His fellow workmen considered it a good joke, but on the eventful day of completion they were horrified to see him deliberately climb to the shoulders of the statue and drawing a flag from his bosom stand erect and fling its starry folds to the breeze. To the crowd below the sailor was but a pigmy, and his flag looked no bigger than a handkerchief. but the cheers that rose to him on his

It is interesting to know that the statue was completed on the anniversary of the in December, 1859.

more exclusive than that provided at the character and habit of thought. The mere capitol for the supreme court of the United machine politician thinks first of the dis- States. That elevator can be used by excredit which may be cast upon his party by actly eleven people, and no one eise would exposure of its rascals and hastens to cover for a moment consider entering it except up corruption lest the enemy make use of us the guest of one of these eleven priviit to the disadvantage of his party in a leged gentlemen. The fortunate eleven are campaign. President Roosevelt regards the the nine justices of the United States suexistence of corruption as the discreditable preme court, the clerk and the marshal of thing, and his first thought is to make his the court. The elevator goes from the administration and his party deserving of ground floor of the capitol to the main floor, on which is located the supreme court of the United States. It is a small elevator, Exposure of all the rottenness in the so that, with its conductor, three portly postal service may hurt many republican forms of justices of the supreme court of politicians, but thorough, rigorous prose- the United States would fill it. It is one of cution of faithless public servants cannot the very latest designs of electric style. The interesting thing about this exclusive eleacting under orders from the president to as they are to past customs, have not yet go to the bottom of things and leave noth- got out of their habit formed before the new elevator was put in place, of going from the ground to the main floor by means of the senate elevator.

> Secretary Root and Representative William P. Hepburn of Iowa met in the corridor of the War department the other day, relates the Post, and a very interesting conversation occurred between them. It was to exercise power individually instead of corporations."—Washington shortly after the return of the president organizing from his great western tour, and some comment was being made upon the wonderful performance and the way the president had stood the wear and work of the journey "He has certainly set a pace that will be

hard to follow," remarked the secretary. "The limitations upon men for public of fices grow-more and more circumscribed. said Hepburn. "It is become so now that only a young man can be president, only a rich man ambassador and only a very

patriotic man a cabinet officer." The last tribute was to Secretary Root, as t is well known in Washington that he remains to the cabinet at the earnest solicitation of the president and at the sacrifice of his personal interests. The secretary then related sorre of the difficulties and annoyances of ho'ding a cabinet office, which everybody here has come to recognize as a part of the general scheme of government. Finally, Hepburn suggested that perhaps Mr. Root did much more hard work as a cabinet officer than he would in the practice of law, and the secretary was inclined to think that he had worked as hard at his profession in his office, but the conditions were different.

The work of a cubinet officer is new finished," he said, "and I know that while I am doing my work today I am at the same time responsible for everything that occurred in the department in the past, and scrutiny in the future. I know that congress will call for the record and that it will become public and be scrutinized. It is a good thing, too, a very good thing, that our business is conducted on that basis. It makes every officer more careful."

POR THE SECOND PLACE.

Roosevelt. Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph

With the presidential nomination settled

advance, the nominee for vice president ust be a man of national consequence-one known to the whole people and approved by nore than local sentiment. The people will mand this through their delegates. He must be, in fact, such a man as the people ould choose for president. The importance the vice presidency is measurably increased in the public estimation by the cirumstance that public attention is not diverted from it by a contest for first place. The office is therefore regarded much as it ought to be, and the man selected by the republican national convention as its nomince will be selected with a view to his per The senseless performance should no more sonal merits and national reputation and vention took the bit in its teeth and nom-

insted Roosevelt. With the qualities named the nomines must also be in harmony with Roosevelt and ready to co-operate with him in the carrying out of administration policles, as Roosevelt co-operated with Mc-Kinley and as Hobart did. Since the people have already in effect made the nomination for president, wisdom must be shown in the fiscal year on Wednesday next. Com- the selection of his yoke-fellow on the na-

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

As candy-eaters and water-drinkers

Americans rank first. The higest tower in the world, 750 feet high, will be erected at the Central station in New York City. The cure of rheumatism by bee stings

is said by a Vienna physician to have been successful in 500 cases. Any housewife can tell if the milkman is using formalin as a preservative by setting an uncovered bottle of milk in a

thing is wrong with it. On the army this year we shall spend \$130,000,000; on the navy, \$85,000,000. will be \$27,interest on the

The Baldhead Bund of Bayonne, N. J., cut, but whose hair has latterly been cutting them. Here's wishing they may enjoy many a comic opera treat together. Little Claire Circle of Springfield, O., has

ten living grandparents, and it is thought

that there may be a couple more in England who escaped the count. All the grandparents live at Springfield, so Claire is in a fair way to have what she wants. There is a negro murderer named Smith out in Multnomah county, Oregon, who is certainly a stickler for his prejudices. There is a strike in the county, and Smith objects to being executed on the only gal-

lows in existence on the ground that it was built by "scabs," John Ransom, a well-to-do farmer of Huron county, Ohio, made his will many years ago, providing that his body should be cremated and the ashes strewn along the railroad track. He died last week and his wishes were carried out in a modified way where the different sections were joined the ashes being scattered over the farm

tury. Among the curious devices to be seen in just in time for the milkman and draws it up again after he has put the milk inside

Ernest Legouve, who recently celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday, was asked to what he attributed his long life and good health. "No cares, no ennul, no sorrowsthat's one reason of my good health," he replied. "But that is not enough. The body must be kept elastic and for this reason we must walk, play billiards, and, above all, fence. For me fencing is the

SMILING REMARKS.

Don't suppose Adam ever called Eve his "little apple dumpling."-Philadelphia Bui-

Estelle-Ah! His proposal was just like a dream.

Agnes-Well, you ought to know, dear, you've been dreaming of that proposal for years!-Town and Country.

Most of us am philosopher 'nuff to expect a pain occasionally, but what makes us mad am dat it allus comes in de wrong place.— Detroit Free Press.

"Mis'ry like comp'ny, don't it?"
"Yes, but w'en I see it comin', dat's de day I don't feel sociable."—Atlanta Consti-

"Does it cost much to live in the city?"

asked the rural youth.
"About the same as it costs to live in the country," replied the village sage, "but fury to keep up appearances. Chicago News. " 'Tis love that makes the world go round." quoted the very young man who was beginning to have symptoms.

"But it hasn't got a monopoly on the revolution business," rejoined the bachelor who was carrying weight for age." "A limited quantity of barrel-house trouble

limited quantity of barrel-house t juice will produce a similar effect." cago News. "I hope you won't take offense, Miss-Titian," said Stinjay facetiously, "but I suppose you're what might be termed a 'strawberry blonde."
"Not at all," she replied promptly. "I really prefer chocolate and orange ice."— Philadelphia Press.

"Well." said the man at the office win-dow, "if you haven't anything but an upper berth I'll take that, I've got to have a good night's sleep."
"We don't guarantee the sleep," replied the sustere man inside the window. "We only furnish you the berth."—Chicago Trib-

JUST A REMINDER.

Baltimore American. Could a man but be a baby For a little while each day, Could he say when comes the gloaming, "I have had enough of play— Take me, arms of her wh Soothe the worries all away;

Soothe the worries all away;
Tuck me in and
Croon above me
Words that prove you'll
Always love me.
Hold my restless, play-worn fingers
In your own so restful, strong,
While your lips breathe forth the cadence
Of some old, sweet evensong." Brother, you may drop your burden At the closing of the day; In the Father's eyes your labors Are but prattling bables' play; And He longs to show His mercy

And to soothe your cares away. Hear that soft voice Croon above you; "Peace, my careworn Child, I love you." Then the arms called Everlasting Slip beneath you—tender, strong, And your tired heart ceases sighing While your lips send forth a song.



tasks the whole world over.