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Subscribed in my presence and sworn before me this 30th day of November, D. 1903. M. B. HUNGATE, (Seal.) Notary Publi Colon is quiet. And Bogota is dazed,

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

Net average sales ..

Manila, determined to be fashionable, has its own boodling cases.

Grand Rapids does not enjoy a monopoly of all the grafters and boodlers, by any means.

Nebraska's growth and prosperity is reflected by the increase in internal revenue collections.

The street corner advertising scheme has flashed in the pan, or rather it was snuffed out by public opinion.

The people of Grand Rapids, Mich., will require no evangelist to convert them in favor of municipal ownership.

The heirs of the late General Drake will take the position that he was merely joking when he made his will.

Two guerilla bands are active in Buena Ventura. It requires only one more to get up a South American revolution.

are now on a vacation, do not expect that "it is not a good time to negotiate to resume active operations before the next presidential election.

Latest advices from Wall street indicate that money has been wanted in convening of the joint high commission the crops as to move the stocks.

If Auditor Weston had kept out of the banking business, at least outside of his own state, he would not have been pinched by Wyoming sheep ticks.

There are several well-defined rumors affoat in South Omaha concerning recent deals between corporations and city officials that would justify a grand jury investigation.

State oil inspection pays. For the past six months the oil inspectors have collected enough to pay their salaries and turn in \$3,000 of a surplus into the state treasury, but alas, the consumer had to pay the freight.

Harmony is said to have been restored between the Great Western and its competitors in the matter of grain rates. but is that the kind of harmony Mr. Stickney warbled to the Omaha business men just before taking?

Reduced to equations, the Union Pa cific's live stock report for Nebraska shows two beeves, nearly two hogs, nearly a quarter of mutton and about three-quarters of a horse or mule for every man, woman and child in the state.

The Omaha Woman's club proposes to petition for the expulsion of Smoot of Utah from the United States senste. but what does the Woman's Club propose to do about Senator Platt? That case of cruel abandonment comes nearer home.

sistant Postmaster General Bristow failed to transmit with his report a good questions authorized by the law is not per cent as large a carrier delivery cirphotograph of himself. The pictures surprising, in view of the circumstance culation for the Evening World-Herald the report in many of the big dailies do him great injustice.

Horatio S. Rubens tells the senate be the same if ever they meet.

several hundred dollars worth of postage stamps have mysteriously disappeared from the Omaba postoffice. Former Postmaster Casper E. Yost was with the least possible delay, so that hand over \$10 for advertising they do a sufferer to the extent of \$800, if memory serves us correctly.

HIS STATUS DEFINED

gard to his standing in relation to this government. He will be accorded at tention only in the event of his proposing to arrange peace terms between Colombla and Panama. As he has no authe new republic restored to Colombia, the position respecting him taken by convey to our government.

titude. We pointed out when General that it was impossible for our governrevocable obligation to observe and if secure a law that can be enforced. need be protect the independence of Panama. This obligation was emphasized in the treaty negotiated with the new republic and which undoubtedly ment. The Colombian authorities doubtclamor demanded it. But it is hardly

states if desired.

CANADA'S PREMIER AT FAULT.

Chairman Payne of the house ways and means committee pointed out in a ten years. recent speech that Canada's premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is responsible for the fact that nothing has been done high commission. It appears that as soon as the report was made in regard to the boundary decision, Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the American members of the joint high commission, wrote about the meeting of the commission and whether he could fix a time for reconvening it. Mr. Payne stated that he understood no result has ever come of that communication, Premier Laurier having not even deigned to acknowl-

The chairman of the ways and means committee suggested that perhaps the Canadian officials have not recovered from the soreness caused by the boun-The industrial trust promoters, who dary decision and expressed the opinion reciprocity treaties when one side is feeling a good deal of soreness over a recent decision against them." If the government of Canada desires the re-New York this fall not so much to move it has simply to indicate the fact and suggest a time for the meeting and undoubtedly that body will be called together. The failure of Premier Laurier, however, to answer the letter of Senator Fairbanks appears to show that Canada is not anxious to have the consideration of issues between that country and the United States resumed. Under the circumstances, therefore, there is no good reason why our government should take any action in the matter, as text that the Omaha Daily World-Herproposed in the resolution of Mr. Williams, the leader of the house democrats. Mr. Payne very properly declined to report that resolution from his no such newspaper as the Daily Worldcommittee and we venture to think that the democrats will not make further is an Omaha Evening World-Herald and Canada

QUESTIONING THE TRUSTS.

The bureau of corporations in the Department of Commerce has sent out a list of questions to all the combinations World-Herald has been one of the offiengaged in interstate or foreign commerce. The questions cover their capi- and was a bidder for the official advertalization and other financial items. It tising last summer is an open admission is stated that only one corporation, the on the part of its publishers that it is a Standard Oil company, has refused to separate newspaper and cannot be comanswer any questions. A Washington bined with any other paper for legal addispatch says that information of the vertising. No claim is made or can be attitude of the company has been con- made for the Omaha Evening Worldveyed to high officials of the govern- Herald or for the Omaha Morning ment, including the president, and it is World-Herald that either of these pubthought that Commissioner Garfield will lications have the largest circulation in take legal means to compel the company | Douglas county. As a matter of fact,

It was of course expected that the law requiring corporations to report their financial condition to the new bureau The Omaha Evening Bee. would be tested in the courts and the fact It is to be regretted that Fourth As. that the first and the most monopolistic the council the affidavit of its circula- pear to be the result of a corner. It is, ac of the trusts has refused to answer the tion manager did not claim within 40 that have appeared simultaneously with that the president of the Standard Oil in Omaha as was proved up for The company endeavored to defeat the legis. Evening Bee within the city of Omaha lation creating the bureau of corpora- by its carriers and verified by its books, tions. It is remembered that when the All the World-Herald pretends to claim bill was pending the chief oil magnate committee he could not accept General brought his influence to bear in opposi- advertising was lower than that of The Wood's statement concerning anything tion to it, so that the present action of Bee. the general is interested in. This is so the company in denying the authority nearly equivalent to calling a military of the government to inquire into its man a liar that the result probably will business was to have been looked for. There should be no hesitation on the part of the commissioner of the bureau eral thousand than any other newspaper This is by no means the first time that of corporations in taking steps to com- published in Omaha. pel answers to the questions upon which he desires information. It is his plain doze the liquor dealers and druggists to

the government to require the trusts to The special envey from Colombia, furnish information as to the char-General Reyes, has been informed in re- acter of their organization, their finan- pel a wayfarer to give up his pocketcial condition and their method of doing business.

it was the general opinion that under the constitutional provision in regard to as an evidence of their esteem and good thority from his government to do this, regulating commerce between the states will have a perfect right to do so, but but on the contrary is distinctly charged and with foreign nations congress has contributions extorted by threat of prowith the duty of endeavoring to have the power to require such an investigation of corporations as the new bureau and when there is absolutely no ground is authorized to make. Intelligent pub- for protest, are intolerable and should the Washington authorities leaves him lie opinion concurs in this view. It is nothing to do not even the privilege of necessary that the question shall be presenting what he was instructed to passed upon judicially and this should be done with the least possible delay. There is nothing surprising in this at- The most powerful of all the trusts baying challenged the right of the federal Reyes reached Washington that his government to inquire into its affairs mission would necessarily prove futile, the challenge should be promptly met and we believe it safe to assume that it ment to consider any proposition in- will be. As the Philadelphia Ledger volving the restoration of Panama to remarks, the issue joined has more than Colombia. The moment the new re- technical importance and the adminispublic was recognized by the United Itration will have public sympathy in States our government assumed an ir- its efforts to enforce the law-or else to

DECIDEDLY QUESTIONABLE. The extension of the contract with the Omaha Water company for sun will be at once ratified by that govern- plying South Omaha with fire hydrants for the next ten years is sure to comless felt that it was necessary to make plicate the negotiations for the acquisicity of Omaha. It is a matter of noconceivable that they could have had toriety in South Omaha, as well as in indeed, if they did not realize that the will expire absolutely in 1908, and conopportunity they had thrown away was sequently less than five years before gone forever and that nothing they the ten-year extension would terminate. might offer could exert any influence. It is a matter of notoriety in South As was said by an official of the De- Omaha, as well as in Omaha, that the partment of State, the sole concern of last legislature enacted a law to compel this country is to maintain peace in the city of Omaha to exercise its right Consul Skinner on his arrival at Jibou-Panama and there is no doubt that it to take over the water works at an apwill take whatever measures may be praisement of its plant and without . 922,673 found necessary to do this. American paying for the franchise after Septem- will heartily join with Menelik in exinterests there are too important to al- ber 10, 1903. Under this act appraisers tending their warm hospitality to the low them to be imperiled by war on the bave been appointed and the work of as- bold American who is willing to entomb isthmus. The wise course for Colombia sessing the value of the property is ex- himself for a few years in that delightis to accept the situation without mak- pected to be finished in the very near ful country. ing any trouble and effect a settlement future. Should the city of Omaha ratify with Panama, in doing which she can the appraisement and vote the water have the good offices of the United works bonds to pay the appraised value, it will naturally be compelled either to acquire that part of the plant located in at the hands of the Omaha double-South Omaha or to operate the same under the new contract for the next

If the South Omaha section of the plant is purchased the water company will have the right to include the value looking to the reconvening of the joint of its plant and the value of the unexpired franchise in South Omaha, or the unexpired contract on the sum total to be paid by Omaha. The appraisement of this part of the plant would not, however, be compulsory under the to the Canadian premier asking him original contract, but would be a matter of mutual agreement. If the appraisement of the South Omaha franchise is excessive it will be a source of contention in the courts and may block for years the annexation of the two cities, which ought to be expedited in the interest of good government and for the From every point of view the ex-South Omaha at this time must be regarded as a questionable measure and of Goubtful validity. If the extension of the water company's contract constitutes an extension of its franchise the people of South Omaha ought to have had a word to say before the mayor and council clinched the compact. If it is not a legal franchise the water company will still claim that it is a valuable asset which Omaha must pay for in the final settlement.

THE ANNUAL HOLDUP.

with the Board of Fire and Police Com-

missioners against granting licenses to notices in The Evening Bee, under pre- laying all the blame on a woman, ald has the largest circulation in Douglas county, is nothing more nor less than attempted blackmail. In the first place, Herald has ever been published. There having separate lists of subscribers, could not be used for legal advertising. The fact that the Omaha Evening cial papers of Omaha for several years both of these papers combined do not have as large a bona fide circulation in Douglas county by several thousand as

In the city advertising contest before in that contest is that its bid for city

And there never has been a day within the past twenty-five years that The Omaha Evening Bee did not have. a larger bona fide circulation by sev-

The attempt to browbest and bulland imperative duty to do this and patronize two or more papers and to It may speedily be determined by the not need will not serve the requirecourts whether or not there is power in ments of the law, and make them under titled son-in-law by next spring.

threats of protest is no better than would be a highwayman's threat to com book at the muzzle of a revolver. Brewers, saloon keepers and druggists who When this matter was before congress are willing to make an annual Christmas present of \$10 to the World-Herald test when there is no excuse for them be frowned down

The Union Pacific is said to con template a shorter route from Omaha to Fremont. By all odds the shortest route from Omaha to Fremont would be the original Peter A. Dey line, by which Omaha would be brought within thirty miles of Fremont. Such a line would be sixteen miles shorter than the new Northwestern Omaha - Fremont If it is worth millions to the Union Pacific to shorten its line five or ten miles in the Rockies, it surely is worth millions to cut sixteen miles of the "ox-bow" out of its main line between the Missouri river and the Platte

The announcement that the decision of the revenue law contest case will go preme court, December 15, is a disapsome effort to recover Panama. Popular tion of the water works plant by the pointment. Why the attorneys representing the property owners and corporations that assail the validity of the any serious expectation of accomplish. Omaha, that the contract between new revenue law should have delayed ing anything. They are simpleminded, Omaha and the water works company their briefs and compel the supreme court to keep the people in suspense is incomprehensible.

> The American people will rejoice to know that King Menelik has extended a royal African welcome to American til, Somaliland, and we feel sure that the Abyssinians both male and female

Is the annual game of stand and deliver to which Omaha liquor dealers and druggists have been subjected ender to be repeated?

Who Are Genuine Democrats!

Chicago Chronicle. If the genuine democrats of the country cannot have Grover Cleveland for a leader next year they should be careful to select somebody who will represent as strongly as possible the principles which have been and still are associated with his name.

Variety is the Spice, Etc.

St Louis Globe-Democrat Uncle Sam is about as inconstant as cific isles, later he kept steady company with the gem of the Antilles, and now he lots of land, he will erect a huge office is shining up to the dusky maid of the

Harmony and Peace.

Baltimore American. While the present administration and the benefit of the taxpayers of both towns. their views on certain questions, there are such frank relations existing between tension of the water works contract in them that there will be no falling out during the process of reaching an understanding.

Turn on the Light.

New York Tribune. That strange, forbidden land, Thibet, nay ere long have its mysteries explored for the benefit of the race and the progress of civilization. The day has gone by for hermit kingdoms anywhere upon terrestrial ball. Turn on the flashlights and let us see what they may disclose!

Just Like the Man Baltimore American.

Nearly a thousand policemen, detectives and secret agents failed to protect President Roosevelt from the approach of a The protest filed by the World-Herald crank, and it was more good luck than their management that the crank happened to be on harmless thoughts intent. And the troop of defenders a thousand strong applicants who have advertised their showed they were true sons of Adam by

Railroads and Dividends.

Chicago Record-Herald. Although exact figures cannot be had be fore the close of the year, it is known that the gross revenues of the rallroads have increased materially during 1903, and will propably average \$9,000 per mile. If, therefore, earnings should fall off as badly as effort in this direction, eager as they now an Omaha Morning World-Herald, and in 1893 they would be reduced to about profess to be for reciprocity with the supreme court of Nebraska decided \$7,890 per mile, which is about the figure five years ago that the combination of of 1900. For the latter year the average the circulations of these two papers, 2.33 for 1902. The surplus for the year, howdividend rate was 2.42 per cent, as against ever, shows that net earnings could have decreased 20 per cent before it would have to have been, been dissipated. It must also be remembered that railroads are now in better posiston than ever in their history to operate conomically and withstand a long siege of siness depression. The conclusion would, therefore, seem to be warranted that the power of the railroads to pay present dividends is not likely to be affected by adverse business conditions.

STAND FROM UNDER

High Living and Right Thinking Menaced by a Boom in Sauerkraut. Chicago Record-Herald.

Important news comes from Philadelphia to the effect that there is a strong buil movement in sauerkraut. bears are on the run, and December sauerkraut is now quoted in Philadelphia, the sauerkraut center of the country, at \$30 : ton, having rapidly gone up from \$6. This cording to direct information from the sauerkraut exchange, due to a scarcity of raw material. One of the sauerkraut bulls in an interview with a Philadelphia Press reporter said:

"Cabbage has become extremely scarce and the best stock has advanced in a short ime more than 300 per cent, and as a con sequence the sauerkraut market, which has heretofore been dull and featureless on account of the mild and open weather, is be oming unusually firm, and western sauer kraut by the barrel in car lots is going u in price, with a prospect of very high valges when the demand is good."

People who have been caught short o sauerkraut are naturally hastening to cover, and there is really no telling how high the bulls will send it before being satisfied. Philadelphians have been pretty hard hit by the slumps in steel and Penn sylvania railway stocks, and it is barely possible that they will try to get even or sauerkraut. If they do the man who has barrel or two of sauerkraut in his cellu

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. An appraisement of the estate of the late Collis P. Huntington, famous railroad

magnate, has been made public in New York. It shows the real and personal property in New York state left by Huntington to be worth \$28,301,768.

Ever since the death of Mr. Huntington which occurred suddenly of heart disease on the night of August 14, 1900, while he was staying at his Adirondack preserve Pine Knot, near Racquette Lake, N. Y., et forts have been made to keep the exact ondition of the estate from the public, Re peated efforts were made by people who said they were creditors to compel the ex ecutors to render an accounting of their trust, but all of them failed, the cour holding that they were not creditors and were not entitled to an accounting.

The gross personal estate of Mr. Hunt ington, according to the appraisement amounts to \$35,594,586 in this state. The gross real estate is reported to be worth \$1,796,225. The total amount of the deduc tions to be made for debts, claims, no value stocks and bonds, etc., is \$9,089,046.

No Illustration of the waste of human life is more striking than the fact that in New York City during the last year 538 individuals have been killed in traffic accidents. How reckless we are as to human lives is shown by the comparative figures for London, where-in a larger city-there have been only 158 deaths in the same way. It is said that the Merchants' Association of New York has resolved to pursue reform work in this matter by all the methods in be appointed to the vacancy. its power, especially by such devices as may prevent the unnecessary number of accidents. The use of a new fender, for instance, on trolley cars, is to be encouraged which has been in successful use in Liver pool, England.

The attention of an early morning crowd on Columbus avenue today was attracted by a large tomcat perched on a girder of the elevated road directly underneath the ties. He had evidently been there most of the night, and looked badly

What excited the crowd was the narrow to climb up to the track. Time and again he would poke his head up and duck just as a train roared over him. Between at tempts he sat and mewed. It was a thirtyfoot jump or a climb down an iron pillar A changing crowd that kept growing watched the cat for three hours. Finally Jesse Emery, an expressman, who once was in the navy, came along. He jumped off his wagon and started up the iron pillar.

but found he didn't need it. Emery climbed sailor-fashion up the pfllar and then along the lower girder, while the trains roared over his head. When he grabbed the cat there was a yell of delight from the crowd, and another when he dropped the rescued animal into a blanket which two men and two small boys held. The cat landed on his feet, and with a spring jumped out of the blanket. He The didn't stop to thank his rescuer. rescuer jumped onto his wagon, said

was closed.

William R. Hearst, owner of the American and Journal, has secured the block Byron's moon. A few years ago he was bounded by Broadway, Eighth evenue, paying attention to the queen of the Pa- Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets. On this great site, comprising about fourteen building. The price is more than \$1,290,000. The new Hearst building will be a half mile farther north than the new Times building and a mile from the Herald. will leave the Tribune, the Sun and the World rather lonesome sentinels on news-

> Life in a New York City after one month's experience has lost its charm for Willie Robinson of Sandy Mush, Buncombe county, N. C.

With an occasional quilting party or husking bee, he is satisfied that as long as he lives he will be able to endure existence without again venturing into the snares and pitfalls set by wicked men for guileless youth in the great world that lies beyond Sandy Mush. Considering that Willie dreamed of re-

turning to his historic home with untold wealth bulging from every pocket, it is somewhat pitiful to have to relate the sad story of the leavetaking of his ambitions. If he had been even a bit leisurely in speeding on his way there would be opportunity to commend his courage. But with a frightened glance now and then over his shoulder, he made a dash for the first train. He had been freed from the House of Detention barely an hour before he was on his way.

If it had not been that he was compelled to appear in the court of general sessions against two men whom a month ago he had rated as his dearest friends, he would not have allowed himself even this delay. Fortunately for Willie's peace of mind, his friends, Frederick Williams and Edward Wilson, whose advertisement of the wealth to be obtained by following their advice had lured Willie to New York, pleaded guilty to a swindling charge, and were at once sentenced to three years in Sing Sing. Nearly everything in New York has mys

tified Willie-it is all so different from life in Sandy Mush-but nothing has surprised him more than his hotel experience, as he believes his stay in the House of Detention

"The folks down in Sandy Mush surely will wonder when I tell them how I stayed at a hotel for a month for nothing and was paid 50 cents a day besides," he said.

Young William H. Vanderbilt arrived at the mature age of 2 on Wednesday last and the important event was celebrated in old English fashion by the servants and tenants at Oakland farm, Long Island. There were feasting and merry-making for everybody, the affair being under the management of the English butler, who was ably seconded by the troop of underservants, nearly all of whom are also English, for most of the housemaids and other domestics in Fifth avenue mansion are from "the other side" nowadays

Home-grown citizens of New York do not receive half the consideration accorded the new-comers from the sore spots of Europe. Recently the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution authorizing a sale of corporate stock to the amount of \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used for the Park department. Nine-tenths of this will be spent on the eastside of this great Atlantic seaboard-the dumping ground for 'Europe's human slag. Books, fresh air and leisure are the alchemic ingredients used for the purpose of transmuting the waste piles into golden American citizenship.

Competition in Coffee. Philadelphia Record. The story that a syndicate has got con

trol of the whole Porto Rican coffee crop and purposes to market it here in competition with the Brazilian coffee suggests that at last somebody in the island has discovered what is the matter with Porto Rico's chief product. It is not the transfor of the island from Spain to the United States that has changed conditions for the worse, but the excessive production it Brazil, which has depressed the price of all coffees. Porto Rican coffee has got to be sold in competition with Brazilian coffee if it is to be sold at all, and the merchants of the island seem at last to be wakin up to this fact.

Cherry Pectoral

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
in my family for eight years. There is
nothing equal to it for coughs and colds,
especially for children."—Mrs. W. H.

BRYMER, Shelby, Ala.

One dose of this standard cough medicine at bedtime prevents night coughs of children. They escape the croup. Run no risk from bronchitis. A doctor's medicine for all affections of the throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs. Ask your own doctor about it. 25c., 50c., \$1.00. All druggists. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

PERSONAL NOTES. BRYAN AMONG THE GOLDBUGS.

W. S. Gilbert, the famous librettist of comic opera, has just passed his 67th birthday, but still insists that he is young and he is a candidate for president again it is in his prime. He has not had a day's sickness in a dozen years past.

Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, who was confirmed by the senate a few days ago, will reach the retiring age on January 9 next. This will make a vacancy as chief of the general staff. It has been announced that Major General Adna R. Chaffee will

Reed Knox, who has been acting as con fidential clerk for his father, the United States attorney general, has resigned from the Department of Justice and will devote his time to the Knox farm of 300 acres at Valley Forge. Father and son will engage in the business of raising blooded cattle.

The date selected for the next annual of the Republic, in Boston, is the week beginning Monday, August 15. The grand parade will be held on Tuesday, and it is about. expected that nearly or guite 100,000 veterans will appear in it. It is intended to make the route of the parade a short one, escape the animal had every time he tried that the old soldiers may go over it without too great fatigue.

Seven members of the present house of war with Spain. They are: Charles Dick. Nineteenth Ohio district; Arlosta A. Wiley, Second Alabama; Butler Ames, Fifth Massachusetts; August P. Gardner, Sixth Massachusetis; William Hughes, Sixth New Jersey; Francis B. Harrison, Thirteenth New York, and Wyatt Aiken, Third South He took a rope with him to lasso the feline, Carolina. They ranged in military rank from private to lieutenant colonel.

The young king of Italy is supposed to owe not a little of his physical activity and hardihood to Colonel Osio, a grim old soldier to whom he was turned over at the age of 12. Previous to that time he had been in charge of nurses and governesses Colonel Oslo put him through a course of sprouts designed to counteract his delicacy of health, his nervous irritability and his whimsicality. If he had a cold he had to rise at the usual hour, bathe and go "Ferget it" to the crowd, and the incident through the ordinary grind. The colonel finned into his head that if he were a donkey he would not be the less a donkey for being a king's son. Most of his precents were in this spirit and his young charge has developed into a rather unusu ally serious-minded sovereign.

INFORMATION REFUSED.

Standard OH Company Turns Down Polite Request. Chicago Tribune.

The Standard Oil company has refused to for by the commissioner of corporations The questions are not of a searching nature. They call for the capitalization of a company and some further information about its financial status Many large corporations have answered them without objection. Presumably the Standard Oil company does not believe that compliance with the request of the commissioner of corporations will injure its business in any way but the company resents the suggestion that even a government official shall know anything about its affairs. It wishes them to be a secret to all except the few men who are at the head of the corporation. Seemingly it is resolved to dispute the right of the national government to call on corporations which are national in their scope for information as to their financial and other affairs. The company's lawyers may plend that the guaranty of the con stitution that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated" applies to the request for information. This plea was made in a suit brought against a concern which had refused to answer some queries of census officials. The judge before whom was tried said: "There may be a limit to the power of congress to compel a citizen to disclose information concerning his business undertakings and the mainer in which they are carried on." He said a'so If He'd that as regards railroad, telegraph and insurance companies "the public good requires that wholesome and strict supervi- I don't sion should be exercised, and all the information needed as a basis for such regulation should be produced when required." Why does not a great monopoly like the Standard Oil company need regulation as much as a railroad does? If there are limits

o the information which the government

can lawfully demand of that monopoly the

supreme court should be asked to define

them. Doubtless suit will be brought for

that purpose if the company persists in its

natured Nebraskan has ever shone even in his own country. The trouble always begins when he shows signs of wanting people to take him seriously Chicago Inter Ocean: The English won

England than in this country.

der why it is that the United States did not elect William Jennings Bryan to the presidency, in view of the fact that he has a superb command of language. They do not seem to understand that something more than language is demanded over here national encampment of the Grand Army in a case of this kind. It is all very well for a president to know how to talk, but he should also know what he is talking

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Bryan has made

a good impression on the English. If ever

highly probable he will run better in

Baltimore American: Mr. Bryan will

make a good impression in England if he

keeps on being facetious. It is only in

the role of comedian that the good-

Kansas City Times: A few years ago Mr. Bryan would have scorned the thought, or, at least, the act of going abroad and hobnobbing with the titled men of England as a piece of rank toadyism unbecoming a representative of the "plain people. representatives served as soldiers in the But since the plain people have enriched him by paying to hear his lectures and buying his spellbindings in book form Mr. Bryan has done many things that he did not countenance in the days when he championed what he called "the down-

BRIGHT AND BREEZY.

trodden masses.

All the girls who are dangerous don't have golden hair hanging down their backs.—Somerville Journal.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man thinks he's devoutly thankful when he's jes' feelin' a low-down satisfaction in bein' luckier dan his neighbors."

"Think of a woman with her social re-sponsibilities having a child!"
"Disgraceful! But they say she is fond of it."
"That's the strange part. She like a mother to it.—Town Topics.

"An' how's yer husband the day?" asked Mrs. Rafferty of Mrs. Muldoon. "Sure, an' he's no better," replied Mrs. Muldoon. "The doctor's afraid morality will set in."—Detroit Free Press.

"Don't you believe, then, that 'public office is a public trust ?" "O! sure, it's very like a trust. Some fellows seem to have a regular monopoly of it."—Chicago Tribune.

"Elect me president of the United States," said the prohibition candidate, "and I will guarantee that my secretary of the treasury shall see that the money mar-ket never gets tight."—Brooklyn Lafe.

He followed Lee and Jackso As brave as brave could be

He was a private in the ranks—
No history tells his story;
Stacked arms at last on Jordan's banks,
And went to heaven for glory.
—Atlanta Constitution.

UNCLE HENRY'S OPTIMISM. S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. S. E. Elser in the Record-Heraid.

I don't pretend to say that things are all right here below,
There's few folks that have angels' wings, there's gobs of sin and woe;
The man's a fool that shets his eyes and says there's nothing wrong—
It ain't the good chap gits the prize, unless he's big and strong;
This here old world ain't heaven yit, it's full of wrongs today—
But I've the faith to think we'll git 'em straightened out some way.

straightened out some I don't uphold the man who stands around and talks of love And sort of folds his peaceful hands and thinks that up above thinks that up above
There's One who guides us, wet or dry,
who's plannin' for us here And who will reach out by and by and make sin disappear—

I don't believe that kind of stuff, but is believe some day

We'll have the grit and wit enough to clear the wrongs away.

I don't deny that God is there-he may be I don't deny that God is there—he may be watchin', too;
But don't let's leave to His kind care the work we ought to do;
If He'd intended to take hold and banish all the woe.
It seems to me that He'd of rolled the clouds back long ago—
I don't believe that He's inclined to clear the wrongs away,
But I believe He'll let us find out how ourselves, some day.

Some people think it ain't jest right to not sing happy songs
About a sky that's always bright, a world
that's free from wrongs;
But I can't, somehow, seem to think it's that's free from wrongs;
But I can't, somehow, seem to think it's noble not to care.
Or that the wrongs at which you wink don't keep on bein' there.
The world ain't Paradise just ylt, there's sin to wash away,
But I believe we'll have the grit to clean it up some day.

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