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Omaha's grain market seems destined to do lots of scoring to get a good start

Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November. A. I. 933.

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The old year is ringing all the changes during the closing days of its flickering career.

Ex-Congressman Glover evidently went to Colorado to be shown-and be has been shown.

Meanwhile, General Reyes has packed his trunk and looked up the departing time of all trains

Cupid's game as played by that Omaha egg candler appears to have been quite properly a shell game.

General Reyes, at all events, has been knew he would not get.

trict is entitled to a medal.

Just for a few minutes once a week San Domingo is permitted to step forits war is really on.

Parents should not be indifferent to the fact that thin ice will be just as treacherous this year as in previous times. when some one's boy drowned.

If ex-Senator Allen's plea for longer terms for the judges be answered, would the judges in turn give longer terms to

the malefactors? Would they?

it wants to fight over the Panama matter as it was in the heat of the argu-

interest themselves in the size of the forthcoming levy. In getting off easy for 1903, they loaded up for a whole dose in 1904.

The democratic state press continues to busy itself with making republican nominations, but that is because the democratic nominations are not worth bothering about.

The graft of the gang that controlled the police department during the Transmississippi exposition is no longer a an established fact.

have to get out of it.

With Russia ordering meat from South Omaha and Japan ordering flour from Minneapolis, the nation finds itself contemplating foreign war with a feeling fare. more like complacency than heretofore.

The republicans of Des Moines purpose holding their city primaries January 18, fearing that at any later date the weather would be too mild to counteract the excessive heat generated by candidates Brenton and MacVicar.

The salary attached to that vacant federal judgeship for the northern lowa district is still going to weste. Such a situation calls for action even if the litigation of the court is not suffering from lack of judicial officers to pass on it.

There is method in the madness of Ignatius Jehovah Dunn in his ravings over "protected crime" in Omaha. Like his protests against saloon licenses, his ravings apply to every one except Wal- still higher. ter Moise, by whom he has been re-

want the best goods for their money houses can and will fill the bill.

A GREAT WESTERN PROJECT.

lakes and the gulf by a ship canal and sume their normal activity. they will continue to agitate the matter, from congress.

east and west movement of commerce is, in a measure, about to end, and when the north and south movement of commerce is about to commence. During national existence commerce has moved compels the movement of commerce n the world is across parallels of latitude. The north and south movement is about to commence."

Mr. Rainey said that our country is now practically fully occupied, that there is no longer any considerable westward movement of our population. and we are beginning to realize that the great central portion of our contineat to the public spirit of its builders. At was provided with the grandest system of natural waterways in all the world for the purpose of conveying to the sea the products of the Mississippi vailey. "The development of a great waterway from the lakes to the gulf, and through the gulf to Atlantic ports, and through ness across the river from an estabthe isthmian canal to the South Pacific ocean, is now almost an assured fact," declared Mr. Rainey. "It requires only a little more excavation between the Chicago drainage canal and the Illinois river, the removal of the locks and dams in that river, a little dredging, factories, the big office buildings and some provision for protecting valley lands by levees against the increased flow of water through the rivers, and the thing is done and the coast line of the United States is, in effect, doubled." There is, of course, no question as to

patient in waiting for something he the practicability of such a waterway and while it would cost a large As a peace promoter Congressman as will the construction of the Panama tation for push, pluck and enterprise. Walter I. Smith of the Ninth Iowa dis- canal, there would be no difficulty in providing the money and there can be no all these marvels is still represented in within a generation repay the cost. It fested in various pending enterprises, sidering the extremities to which they are is a great practical question in which a Ak-Sar-Ben and his court pageants are driven by the exigencies of the occasion. ward and call attention to the fact that vast productive region is deeply inter- every year the embodiment of Omaha's ested and for which the people of this public spirit. The Auditorium may

TAFT'S PARTING ADVICE.

Governor Taft delivered two addresses before leaving Manila for the United States, in which he gave some excellent from seed planted more than fifteen advice to both Americans and Filipinos. years ago. Other projects of general He told the merchants and the press interest to the whole community are that they should actively co-operate with After sleeping it over and cooling off in | the government, instead of giving it, as the morning Colombia is not so sure that they had been doing, a half-hearted sup- spirit necessary to back them will be port. There are Americans in the Philippines who are not satisfied with the administration there because it has not been partial to them and has refused to is that other towns in Nebraska can teen trials. But look at Addicks. Omaha taxpayers will soon have to promote their interests regardless of the general welfare. Governor Taft has ad- rious enterprises successfully carried ministered affairs with a view to the into execution by public spirit here. good of all the people and his straightforward course in this respect has displeased those who desired to exploit the

islands for their own advantage wholly. those holding official positions, he counseled them to desist from speculating the schools in every village were filled well-defined rumor. It is pretty nearly were working to elevate the Filipinos gas lighting contract on the ground that Fortunately the proposed consolidation stowed when natives were capable of there should be a difference between of all the lime plants in the country is filling them. Of course there are still the price of gas and gasoline lamps. not likely to establish a corner in lime some among the Filipinos who are dis- The gas company is obliged to expend light, else a lot of cheap people might contented with existing conditions, but hundreds of thousands of dollars for

THE COTTON SPECULATION.

The only thing in which speculation is now active is cotton and it seems evident that the cotton industry, not only in this country but abroad, is to be by the Harriman-Schiff syndicate and lation in the raw material. The situa- true, Kansas City will become a way market to push up prices to a height Pacific terminus any great length of

tled all enlculations of the manufacturers and it is not unlikely that if con-Later returns indicate that the Rus- tinued it may force a general or wide- from Nebraska ventures the opinion sian government has been playing no spread shutdown of mills before the time that the choice of the democratic nafavorites in placing orders for beef with of the more distant deliveries comes. tional convention for a standard bearer of the more distant deliveries comes.

The New York Journal of Commerce will be Gorman or Parker. How would says that in that case the price of the material will have to come down before even the available supply will be used time under the lead of either of these army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese force ready for action... Japanese force ready for action... Number of Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)..... Japanese army (war footing)..... Japanese army (war footing)...... Japanese army (war footing)..... Japanese army (war footing)..... Japanese force ready for action... Japanese f American meat packers. The Russians The New York Journal of Commerce will be Gorman or Parker. How would and they know the American packing material will have to come down before trust like to follow the democrats next

of Mexico is not to be doubted. There even if the supply does not turn out to is already a very strong sentiment in be considerably larger than is now calfavor of such a waterway, as was culated upon. Of course at the present shown in the action of the convention abnormal price consumption is certain to at New Orleans a couple of months ago, be reduced and when people refuse to states of the Mississippi valley, and this made necessary by the cost of raw mato the importance of connecting the have to come down before they can re- for bombarding the Standard Oil oc-

getting a recognition of their demand very general effort by foreign governments and unofficial promoters from In a speech in the house of repre- countries suited to this crop to secure ournment, Hon. Henry T. Rainey of II. States to take charge of the planting

PUBLIC SPIRIT IN OMABA

In a lengthy screed purporting to levolence, is public spirit, while for from doing the same thing? cross meridians of longitude. As a lack of it the community has nothing matter of fact, the natural direction for in front of it but a dismal abyse of commerce to move on this continent and stagnation, social, industrial and commercial.

While admitting that there is still much work for public spirit to accomplish and that the time will never come when more manifestation of public spirit will not be called for, yet we improvement of the Missouri river. must not overlook the fact that Omaha as it is today is the greatest monument every turning point in the city's history men with public spirit have come to the front and put in the brawn and brains and money to make its forward course assured. It took public spirit even to plan a metropolis in the wilderlished town. It took public spirit to procure the selection of Omaha as the terminals of the great railroads that have since made this the principal partment, but a great deal of inferior traffic center of the Missouri valley. It took public spirit to erect the mills and store houses, to undertake a comprehensive scheme of public improvements that transformed Omaha from a mud hole to a presentable metropolis. It project and carry to successful completion the wonderful Transmississippi exposition, whose record of glory is sum, perhaps nearly or quite as much indissolubly linked with Omaha's repu-

The public spirit that accomplished bubt that the resultant benefits would Omaha's citizenship and is being maniregion will persist in demanding consid- have a halting progress, but the public spirit of our citizens will see it through. If public spirit can make it materialize the proposed grain market at Omaha will materialize just as the great live stock market was successfully built up sure to make their appearance in succession from time to time and the public

forthcoming whenever they have within themselves intrinsic elements of value. All we have to say in reply to critics profit well by taking lesson of the va-

While there are no protests filed against the proposed contract for gasoline lamps with Welsbach attachments Speaking to the Filipinos, particularly for \$30 a year, there is no good reason why the mayor and council should enter upon such a contract in the face of the upon independent self-government until fact that the rate for gas lamps with Welsbach attachments is only \$30 a with children and the masses better year. A few weeks ago members of educated. He pointed out that all forces the council opposed the renewal of the and that rapid promotions would be they regard \$30 a year as an extravagiven and new offices would be be gant price, and it stands to reason that there is abundant evidence that the great gas mains and branches, whereas the majority are well satisfied and have gasoline company is at no expense exlearned to believe that it is the sincere cepting the original cost of the wooden purpose of the government to improve posts. Taxpayers do not always protheir condition and promote their wel- test against excessive expenditures, but that does not absolve the council from exercising due diligence to prevent wastefulness and extravagance.

If the report of the impending acquisition of the Chicago & Alton railroad seriously disturbed for months to come, the ultimate assimilation of the Alton as it has been for months past, by specu- with the Union Pacific system proves tion has an interest for every consumer station and Chicago the terminus of the the Yalu river, practically from Viadivoply is limited, the government estimate not fare very much better than Kansas placing the season's yield below 10,000,. City so far as overland traffic is con-000 bales, and that the usual floating sur- cerned. It is doubtful even whether plus has been pretty closely used up, the ambitious Harriman syndicate will has enabled the bull element in the be content with Chicago as the Union unprecedented for many years and there time. It is almost a foregone conclusion are some who predict that they will go that it will sooner or later manage to thermore, are provided with heavier guns: obtain control of some line from Chi-Necessarily the speculation has unset- cago that has its terminus in New York.

and it expresses the opinion that there valiant bourbons, particularly Gorman? That in time there will be constructed is a strong probability of a reaction from If the democrats want to make their ship canal connecting the great lakes the present high price of cotton through decree of divorce from the populist bed with the Mississippi river and the Gulf a severe curtailment of consumption, in Nebraska permanent let them by all means nominate Gorman.

It is a favorite pastime of the Omaha hyphenated to put up a straw man and then knock him down. The conditional composed of delegates representing the buy or are unable to buy at the price offer of John D. Rockefeller to donate \$66,666.66 for a university chapel buildsentiment is certain to grow. The great terial the stoppage of mills will be in ing if the people of Lincoln would raise interests concerned are thoroughly alive evitable and the cost of material will \$33,333.34 has afforded an opportunity topus with hot air, although up to date It is noted that the extraordinarily there has been nothing more than a with the certainty of sooner or later high price of cotton has resulted in a remote prospect that Rockefeller's conditional offer would be taken up.

Certain railroad tax agents want the sentatives just before the holiday ad- expert cotton growers from the United State Board of Assessment and Equalization to tell them how to make out linois made a strong argument for a and cultivation of cotton next year in their schedules of personal property so canal from the lakes to the gulf, point- places where it is not successfully raised that their roads will be able to shirk ing out that such a waterway will be at present. Information of this nature their taxes as effectively under the new rendered especially important by the has been coming incidentally to the De- Nebraska revenue law as they have in onstruction of the Panama canal. He partment of Agriculture from several the past. We were under the impresurged that the time has arrived in the different quarters and there is reason to sion that that was just what the tax history of the western world "when the think that the movement is widespread. agents were kept on the railroad payrolls for.

The advice of City Attorney Wright give advice to Omaha, a Fremont paper in favor of graceful submission to the the past century and a quarter of our arraigns our citizens as lacking all the Cathers holdup may be the short cut essential elements necessary to make a to taking the city out of protracted litialong east and west lines. Our develop- progressive and prosperous city, which gation, but it would establish a danment has been from the east toward the in a single word is best summed up as gerous precedent. If one man can exact west. The idea has heretofore prevailed public spirit. What Omaha needs most, a bonus from the city by fencing out that there is some normal law which we are told in a tone of malicious ma- a street what is to hinder another man

> If the Commercial club would concentrate all its influence and energy upon the proposed establishment of a quartermaster's supply purchasing station in Omaha, it might meet with a greater measure of success than in trying to secure an appropriation for the

Council Bluffs has had a narrow es cape from being disgraced by a lynching bee-thanks to the firm position taken by its police department and the timely interposition of Congressman Smith and other level-headed citizens who appealed to the mob for the maintenance of law and order.

Justifiable Suspictons,

Detroit Free Press. We do not charge that the weather bureau is corrupt like the Postoffice deweather is paimed off on the people, who pay a good price for a high-class article.

Up Against the Wall

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Japs are in a war fever over what they regard as foreign territorial encroachment. They recognize the Monroe doctrine principle as a vital matter, especially to a tried public spirit to the utmost to people who, like themselves, have reached ber he may appoint nine more. In the ap-

> Sacred Traditions of the Bar. Indianapolis News.

The anxiety felt by the counsel engaged in the United States Shipbuilding company receivership case, for fear something may name of the bar, is really distressing, con-

Perish the Thought.

New York Tribune. Can it be possible that Mr. Bryan has condescended to accept a photograph with an autograph written upon it from the Great White Czar, the autocrat of all the Russias? What has the Nebraska leveller in public affairs, the typical and characteristic commoner, in common with a czar'

Ordinary Rules Defied. Baltimore American.

The fact that the whipping post has no reformatory influence on criminals in Delaware is no criterion for the rest of the country. Delaware criminals, like Delaware politicians, are a law unto themselves. For instance, any man in any other state in the union would have given up a race for the United States senatorship after seven

The Bean Ration System.

Kansas City Star. Major W. H. Bean of the commissary department of the United States army has devised a scheme whereby it is possible to live on the exceedingly moderate outlay of 5 cents per meal. The dispatch announcing the discovery unfortunately falls to detail the menu, but it makes this significant statement: "The basic principle of this economic method of living is old and simple enough. It is built on the theory that the plainest fare perfectly cooked is more nourishing and a great deal more palatable than all delicacies of the season crowded into the human stomach and only relished because they cost a lot of money." The italics, as the magazine critics say, "are ours." They indicate the fatal weakness in the Bean system. For where, in these days of "hired girls" who stay only a month, is the perfeet cook to be found? The major will have to try again.

IN FIGHTING TRIM.

Statistics of the Military and Naval Strength of Russia and Japan. Chicago Record-Herald. subjoined statistics give approxi-

mately the forces of Russia and Japan,

upon both of which countries the eyes of

the world now are turned, because of the strained conditions over Corea and Man-While the naval advantage is decidedly in favor of Japan, whose entire fleet practically is in waters, there is considerable jecture as to the number of troops that Russia has in the far east. Military critics are of the opinion that the cuar has for a long time been massing his forces along of cotton goods. The fact that the sup- transcontinental line, while Omaha will stock to Port Arthur, but this is mere surmise. The believe is entertained, however, that Russia has at least 150,000 men within striking distance, should Japan decide to draw the sword. Another matter worthy of attention, in case hostilities should result, is that in every class of vessel, except that of protected cruiser, the war ships of Japan are more modern than those of Russia, besides being faster, and, fur-

in the east (all classes).
Area of Russia (square miles)...
Population of Russia.
Area of Manchuria (square miles)
Japanese army (war footing)....

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Mighty Trust Committed by the City to Its New Mayor.

The magnitude of the trust committed by the city of New York to George B. Mc-Ciellan, the new mayor, who assumes his a hopeful sign in the vigilance and persistduties on Friday, is shown by statistics ency displayed by the government in run- the "installment plan" of selling furniture compiled by the Tribune. During the new ning down those who have been recreant and other household goods. He introduced year the mayor and his official associates in office as well as those who have had will have for disbursement the tremendous corrupt dealings with these unfaithful pubsum of \$200,000,000. It is about one-third of lie servants. A bold crusade is being made was quickly adopted, not only in this counall the gold money in circulation in the upon the eve of a presidential election. try, but in Europe. country, and \$50,000,000 more than all the silver currency. It is a little more than lican leaders that the following of exone-half of all the national bank notes posure upon exposure would be damaging outstanding, and one-fourth the value of to the party in power, and particularly made a great deal of difference if that the agricultural products exported and to the political prospects of the president; system never had been introduced. nually. It is equal to the combined rev- but the very fact that there has been no enues of Japan and China, or of Spain hesitancy in following where the signs of undoubtedly had a great influence upon the and Sweden.

The \$200,000,000 in the purse of Father

Knickerbocker, with which Mayor Mc-Clellan and his Tammany associates are brought to light have been going on for among the young people of small means. to be intrusted, includes \$106,674,965 which has already been appropriated for the expenses of the various municipal departments during the ensuing year and \$100,-000,000 which the city may spend on public improvements. There is the subway, for example, for which there is still an unexpended balance of \$9,000,000, and the tunnel under the East river, for which \$3,000, 000 has been set aside and only a small part spent. With the completion of the Williamsburg bridge at a cost of \$15,000,-000, the sum of \$5,000,000 is to be spent in addition for the purpose of laying out an adequate approach in Manhattan and in widening Delancey street. The Manhattan bridge, between the Williamsburg and the Brooklyn bridges, whose tower foundations are almost completed, will cost \$20, 000,000, and the Blackwell's Island bridge will cost some \$10,000,000 more. Other projected public improvements and their estimated costs are as follows:

Municipal Staten Island ferry line. Municipal Thirty-ninth Street ferry Riverside Drive extension For the purpose of meeting these ex-

censes the issue of bonds has been authorized to the extent of \$75,186,273, and the budget makes a further provision for \$25 .-265,498, to be issued at various times next year. The estimated cost of carrying out plans to which the city is committed, to say nothing of the expenditures which Tammany may think of, is estimated at \$73,750,000.

The budget for the year 1904, which was authorized by the present administration, is an increase of \$9,500,000 over the budget for the preceding year. Of the \$106,000,000 appropriated, the mayor controls \$60,600,000 more or less directly, according to the way he appoints the heads of his departments. For example, the man whom he appoints police commissioner will have charge of a department which will cost the city \$12. 660,000. In a much less degree Mayor Mc-Clellan can make his power felt in the Board of Education, which is authorized to spend \$21,000,000 of the city's money. The entire board of forty-six members was appointed by Mayor Low, according to the revised charter, and Mr. McCleilan will not have a chance to affect its constituency except to fill vacancies, until next December, when he is empowered to appoint nine new members. In the following Decemthe edge of a continent and can move no pointment of the trustees of Bellevue and its allied hospitals, the Board of Elections, the trustees of the City college, the Board of Plumbers, the justices of the courts of special sessions and the city magistrates, Mayor McClellan will only be able to fill vacancies now and then, at the expiration be said or done that will reflect on the good cations of the city government, however, take office on New Year's day.

The offices, therefore, which come under the mayor's jurisdiction to a greater or less degree and the sums of money which have been appropriated for their depart-

have been appropriated for their departs
ments in the budget for 1904 are as fol-
lowa:
Mayor\$ 63,500.00
Chamberlain 50,350.00
Corporation counsel 460,560.00
Bridge commissioner 423,038,38
Water commissioner 4,799,852.23
Park commissioner 1,999,333.95
Charities commissioner 1,902,490.16
Trustee of Bellevue 598,880.78
Commissioner of correction 794,350:00
Health commissioner 1,109,391.48
Tenement house commissioner 516.433.08
Police comm! !loner 12,030,500.00
Board of elections 979,210.00
Street cleaning commissioner 5,447,712.20
Fire commissioner 5,968,306.28
Tax board 349,900.00
Board of Assessors 30,450.00
Board of Education 20,913,017.77
Normal College
Commissioners of accounts 150,500.00 Civil service commissioners 100,000.00
Board of City Record 667,300.00 Board of Plumbers 5,154.00
Courts of special sessions 167,050.00
City magistrates 200,300.00
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It is said that upward of 8,000,000 railway time tables or "folders," as they are called in the trade, were given away in 1903 in New York City. The rallway and steamship companies are printing more and more each year, handsome in design, clean and concise in type and text and beautiful in illustration. Five years ago the railways thought \$25 per 1,000 was enough to the pay for posters. The New York Central was considered extravagant when it paid 340 per 1,000. Some of the Illustrated time tables issued by the trunk lines this winter cost \$150 per 1.000. The Pennsylvania road distributes 96,000 folders every month in New York, many more than any other built in the Fifth avenue district in the

There are 2,200 New York patrolmen who to Mrs. Sully, have passed the physical test for the office of roundsman. They are now undergoing a more severe strain, as they are compelled to sit at benches under watchful eyes and write out some things they know and others that they do not know. The ordeal concerns their knowledge of laws and ordinances, the rules and regulations of the police department, the administration of the city department and questions on localities. In many cases the reports show greater evidence of perspiration and mental agony than of knowledge.

McKinley and Hanna.

Chicago Chronicle (dem.) No doubt Perry Heath is correct in his statement that Mr. McKinley wished to have Senator Hanna for his successor. The late president owed more to Mr. Hanna than most people ever will know. Mr. Hanna was not only a personal and political friend of the truest type, but he was actually indispensable to the movement which made Mr. McKinley president. Money, time and labor were freely given by Mr. Hanna to the cause which eventually triumphed in the sudden elevation of an Ohio congressman who at the time of his greatest victory was bankrupt ! purse and in influence. The friendship of Hanna and McKinley has ennobled them

> Giving the Foreigner a Show. Springfield Republican.

The trunk line railroads have also agreed to make special low rates on agricultural This will machinery for export. cheaper machinery for farmers in Argen tine, Russia, Australia and elsewhere who are growing grain to compete with Amerlea in western European markets. American farmers must pay the full rate on their machinery. And this is called \$2,000 beining home interests.

RUNNING DOWN THE GUILTY.

Bold Crusade Against Grafters of All Brands.

Detroit Free Press Loyal citizens of the United States, even those who are pessimists and cynics, see There was a fear at first among repubyears and admiration goes out to those who It has fostered thrift. show a dogged determination to end them. Where there is complaint among the memwho protest against the exposures and cling to those under suspicion.

There is nothing alarming in the war by national, state and municipal authorities. It is reassuring and tends to establish move in the interior department to unearth frauds and punish those who perpetrated A. Benson, the wealthy San Francisco real estate dealer, has secured vast tracts of body is a postage stamp. government land by fraud, bribing men of tion that enabled him to carry out his is convincing though incapable of legal prosecuted as soon as possible, and Secretary Hitchcock will recognize his department.

The conclusion of moralists from the criminality in office so widely pervading, is that the overweaning passion for wealth and the display which it makes possible, will have to be checked. Growing out of prosperity has come an unprecedented craze for sudden riches in financial circles, politics and private business. In the rivalries of pride men live beyond their means, and rather than surrender their selfish indulgences seek money by questionable if not criminal methods. We need more old-fashioned business honesty, less showy estentation, more acts of kindly consideration and less inclination to conduct ontidence games under the guise of reputable business. It is high time that thou sands of the people who are not in office pull up, as so many public officials and associated grafters are made to do.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Bryan has learned the czar's plans for the education of the common people, but it took the czar only fifteen minutes to give "a minute description" of his pro-

gram. There are twenty-five men who begat their service in the house of representatives in the fifty-third congress who have served continuously since and who have now entered upon their sixth terms. Driving with his wife last week, ex-

Governor W. H. Upham of Wisconsin narrowly escaped being run down by a of terms of office. In all the other ramin- freight train. He exclaimed to the engineer: "You came very near killing a J. R. Sovereign, who succeeded the late

Terence V. Powderly as head of the labor unions of the United States, and who was a'so labor commissioner for Iowa for several terms, has struck it rich in Iowa and is now a mine owner and millionaire, Colonel McClellan, mayor-elect of New

York, is said to be negotiating for the purchase of his boyhood home, "Maywood," on the ridge of the Orange mountains, New Jersey. His father, the late General McClellan, bought the place in

"To James Jones, in grateful memory, from Mrs, Jefferson Davis," is the inscription on a heavy band of silver which encircles a handsome buckhorn handle walking cane which is owned and highly prized by an aged colored man employed in the

United States senate, Oliver Wayne Stewart of Chicago, who may receive the prohibition nomination for president in 1904, was the only member of the dry party elected to the last Illinois legislature. He is chairman of the

organized the prohibition alliance. William Erastus Tefft, the dry goods The lines that show gaps of a phrase or a merchant of New York City, who died last summer at Great Barrington, Mass., gathered together during the latter half of his life a collection of theatrical play bills, photographs and printed matter pertaining to the stage that is said to be surpassed only by one or two similar colections in this country.

national committee, and two years ago

Daniel J. Sully, the bull cotton operator, who is having things all his own way on the cotton exchange just now, has bought the new American basement dwelling at 6 East Sixty-second street, New York City. The house has been held at \$285,000 and is one of the finest of the finest of the many high-priced speculative residences last few years. Mr. Sully presented a deed of the house on Christmas morning "EASY PAYMENTS."

Origin of the installment Plan of Selling Household Goods,

Chicago Chronicle. It is said that Peter Grogan, who died in Baltimore recently, was the originator of the system shortly after the civil war, according to a biographical sketch, and it

It makes no great difference whether Peter Grogan or someone else devised the "easy payment" plan, but it would have

The sale of goods on small payments has grafting led, and that the order from the conditions of life in cities. It has enabled executive authority has been to let no people to procure and use at once furniture guilty man escape, has pleased the people which would otherwise have been unattaininstead of disgruntling them. The abuses able for years. It has encouraged marriage-

Ordinarily it is a good rule to keep out of debt, but in the matter under consideration bership of the party it is not toward the the rule can hardly be held to apply. Peoactive reformers, but toward the leaders ple are encouraged to go into debt for homes, and it is hard to see why they should not buy the furnishings of the home itself on easy payments. Whether against the grafters, now being pursued the plan should be extended further is another question.

Certainly there is hardly anything that the probity of those in control. The dan- cannot be had on easy payments by payger would have been in an attempt at ing a small sum down and agreeing to pay whitewashing or condonement. The latest the remainder in small installments. You need not go shabbily dressed, for a bundred tailors are willing to make you a suit them, is apiece with the action taken in of clothes and let you pay for it while you regard to the postal scandals and the manip- are wearing it. You can buy pianos, bicyulation of contracts in the War depart- cles, books, jewelry, false teeth, horses, ment. The evidence at hand is that John | wagons and baby carriages on time. About the only thing which is spot cash to every-

It looks at first sight as if all this conthe Interior department for the informa- stituted an invitation to extravagance to buying what you cannot pay for-yet it is schemes. Some of those implicated will be evident that not many people are buying arrested, others against whom the evidence what they cannot pay for or the installment houses could not continue in business. proof, will be dismissed. Benson will be It must be that a great majority of the articles bought on installments are eventually paid for in full by the buyers, and so long as that is the case the system cannot be prenounced harmful.

At any rate, the easy payment method undoubtedly has come to stay. It is branching out and growing in every direction and its popularity constitutes the best proof that Peter Grogan was a far-seeing man when he began selling people goods on their promise to pay in small regular installments.

LAUGHING LINES.

How is Jagway holding out on his total abstinence pledge this time?" "Total abstinence nothing! He eats mince pie and sauerk day."—Chicago Tribune and sauerkraut three

"It's kind o' onlucky," said Uncle Eben, "dat some folks can't hab a merry Christ-mas wifout hollerin' an' blowin' horns till some one else gits a headache,"—Washing-

"Lushman is troubled a great deal by his "I didn't know that before."
"I didn't know that before."
"Yes, she usually has a severe attack of it every night when he comes in late, and then the trouble begins."—Philadelphia

"Is she really fond of music?"
"Fond of it! She dotes on it. Did you ever notice the dreamy way in which she

plays?"
"No."
"Well, she gets that by sleeping with a sheet of music under her pillow.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Kitty-Do you think Nellie Breeze is real nice?

Bessie—I don't know; why?

Kitty—I told her Fred Simmons gave ma empliment Fred could give me must

I wonder what she meant' -Boston Transcript. "Can you supoprt my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?" "No, siree! I don't intend to keep right on buying her candy and flowers. She'll have to do without that."—Detroit Free

"Folks dat's mean enough to criticise a gif 'cause it didn' cost much," said Uncie Eben, "deserve to be disappointed."—Wash-ington Star.

"She seems to be wrapped in thought," he said, referring to the woman with the beautiful neck and shoulders.
"Yes," his fair companion replied. Shouldn't you think it would be rather chilly to be wrapped in nothing but thought above the waist line?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

AS A TALE THAT IS TOLD,

W. D. Neshit in Chicago Tribune "We spend our years as a tale that is old."-Psalm xc., 9. As a tale that is told—as a tale that is told. The leaf of the year flutters loose from our And we think of the lines that blotted or

And the page may be weak, or the page may be bold, may be bold. But the year has gone by as a tale that is told. O, the books that we write, with a year for each leaf! The sunshine of laughter; the shadow of grief;
The joy or the sorrow the characters trace
May not be emended—the leaf falls in
place,
A scrawi, or a chapter illumined with gold.
We have done with the telling—the tale
has been told.

And it may be "The Preface;" It may be The songs and the sighings will soothingly blend. But whether of dumbness or whether of wit.
The chapter is finished; the story is writ.
Thus, silently, silently, fold upon fold,
We spend all our years as a tale that is told.

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