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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

The pen has given way to the sword. All America sympathizes spontane

ously with Baltimore. The Baltimore conflagration will be a hard blow to the fire insurance com-

panies. There is no apparent danger of the Miles boom for president dying from over-exertion.

It is almost a miracle that the loss of life in the great Baltimore conflagration was so trifling.

The cable that connects Japan and opening for the Marconi wireless.

Now that Hearst has organized a posing in the role of the great American trust smasher.

We shall presently see whose prayers are most availing in the relestial hemisphere—those of the heathen Japanese or the Christian Muscovite.

It should not be difficult for the St. Louis councilmen now on trial to prove that they did not get the money which the jury decided Butler did not pay.

It is not safe for Japan to count upon repetition of the action of the powers which cheated Russia out of the victory It scored over the Turks in its last war.

An object lesson in the practicability meeting of the Iowa Liquor Dealers' Omaha this week.

The Japanese are great mimics. They have now followed Admiral Dewey's plan of cutting the cables. It is a good plan provided the right men are at the end which is cut.

If this thing keeps up Nebraska will insist upon Church Howe bringing that of the legislature intended to prevent fellow citizens can become really ac-

The highest tax levy for municipal purposes upon property owners of Omaha out of the state. Valued policy bills on a basis of one-sixth or one-fifth of the true value of the property assessed ing on these will be given this week. was 54 mills. On the same basis the levy for 1904 is equal to 70 mills.

If the judges of the United States supreme court are so anxious to forestall a premature publication of their opinion in the merger case they might render an oral decision and file their written opinion later. Such a course to the legislature. The proposed law is not without precedent.

With the naval recruiting office running in full blast in the federal building Representative Deles Dernier may have an object lesson for Judge Munger when the case for the release of his son from the service of the United States is presented.

After the foreign insurance comrevenue law the people will begin to the legitimate business of the insurance the last legislature.

execute the law without resort to judge squarely with the public. or jury. Their latest exhibition of chivalry was the burning at the stake of a to the railroads have also been intronegro and his wife accused of murdering | duced. One of these provides that all a planter who, had forcibly sought to railroads doing business in the state ter of Mississippi pastime two other ne press company which elects to do busigroes were shot down in cold blood ness over their lines, the practice now merely to make the man-hunt interest- being to give some one express company ing. The declaration of the Governor an exclusive contract on a single rail ain regards the breaking off of diploof Mississippi that the negro has degen- road system. This bill also provides matic relations between Japan and Ruserated because he gets too much school- that express companies shall receive sia as tantamount to war and reiterates ing will doubtless furnish the lynchers shipments for any destination what the statement that the Russian reply

They differ in details, but their main object is the same-to give to all who signments of freight, though shipped to burg. were in the war for the union and re- a point not on their lines and transceived an honorable discharge a pension. ferred to another line of railroad. The cost of such legislation has been the living civil war veterans can be people of that state. pensioned at a total additional cost of Omaha—The Bee Building.
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\$12,000,000 a year. The commissioner of pensions is understood to have it all fleured out to a dollar, but his estimate figured out to a dollar, but his estimate Day," related by the author of the "Arahas not been made public,

While the proposed legislation originated with the Grand Army of the Re at a mass meeting held in the Broad public, it is said that the members of Street Baptist church of Philadelphia that organization are by no means last Friday. The topic discussed was agreed as to which of the bills introduced they will support. Neither, it appears, are the union veterans unanimous in favor of a service pension. One ries?" writing to an eastern paper declares that the proposition is "a slur upon the patriotism and integrity of a large number of old soldiers who will not avail themselves of it, while it opens the door think that anything they can get without earning it is clear gain." It is not to be doubted that there are many others who entertain this view. As to the chances of the proposed legislation passing, it appears probable that one of the bills will get through the house, but favorable action by the senate is not expected.

THE CANAL COMMISSION.

In anticipation of the early ratification of the Panama canal treaty, some interest is being shown respecting the apthat the commission shall consist of ample." seven persons, at least four of whom shall be persons learned and skilled in the practice of engineering, one of the one from the navy. In the appointment of the other three the act imposes no limitation upon the president's choice and it is expected that he will select one or two men experienced in practical affairs and perhaps a member of the legal profession.

According to a Washington report the president is being urged to give an elastic interpretation to the term "engineers" and to regard the canal enterprise as essentially a business undertaking, which Corea has been cut, which leaves an this view in selecting members of the officials and thieving in all sections. If the law and appoint four engineers of erty, the city hall and everything else trust of his own he will have to cease approved ability and that the other three worth having." This was a rather secommissioners will be of unquestionable vere arraignment of the Philadelphia that will devolve on them. The com- ties with slight variations. mission will be well paid and the only difficulty the president is likely to find is that of choosing from among the many capable men who will be recommended for the position. It is understood that he already has a large list from which to select and doubtless it will be much increased after the treaty

IOWA CORPORATIONS.

shall have been ratified.

The legislature of Iowa has abundant material before it, relating to corporations in that state, to command its careful attention during the remaining time of prohibitory laws is shown in the of the session. Numerous bills have been introduced providing for amendassociation which is to take place in ments and modifications of existing laws, some of them rather drastic in character, but all prompted by belief on the part of their authors that they are necessary in the public interest and

Insurance companies are at present the object of greatest attention, bills having been introduced in both branches uniform home with him, so that his mergers of insurance companies in the state and to create an examining de quainted with the consul general to partment in connection with the office of the state auditor to have supervision and inspection of the insurance concerns and to examine companies from have also been introduced and a hear-

In regard to the bills relating to mer gers and to examinations, there is no doubt as to the soundness of the principle involved. This was very clearly and conclusively set forth by the auditor of the state in his last report and his position was unqualifiedly endorsed by Governor Cummins in his message relating to mergers provides for a com mission composed of the governor, auditor of state and another state officer, to hold hearings in respect to the consolidation or reinsurance proposed by companies, these hearings to be open to policy holders of both concerns. It is provided that reinsurance to the extent of less than one-half of the risks shall be permitted. This appears to be panies, the railroads, the public service a perfectly fair and reasonable proposicorporations and a few other special tion, which would give protection to fact a compromise and this ought to be Mississippi planters still continue to or at least such of them as mean to deal

Several important measures relating

The fate of these measures cannot be variously estimated. Some say that it predicted with any degree of certainty, will add to the present pension disburse- but their consideration will give to the ments as much as \$40,000,000 a year, or present session of the Iowa legislature about 33 per cent. Others say that all rather more than usual interest for the

WHAT CARNEGIE SHOULD DO.

The dramatized story of "King for a bian Nights," was re-enacted by a number of preachers and goody-goody people "Could not Mr. Carnegie have done better for Philadelphia than making a donation of \$1,500,000 for its public libra-

In response to this conundrum Rev.

Madison C. Peters said: If I had \$1,500,000 I would establish a cookng and domestic school for girls. There is lack of technical training of girls as they leave the schools. They make poor house to the assaults of that other class who keepers, and our young men are afraid to marry them. Another good thing would be o open places of amusement for young men by the side of the saloons. The saloon is only bad on account of its rum end, and if that were counteracted much good would

> Another Philadelphia divine recommended the establishment of old men's Christian associations. In support of this suggestion he urged that "It is the hardened old sport who does the most damage because he, as a rule, has money. To reform him would mean saving young women and men."

"The giving of money during life," expointment of a commission, as provided claimed still another preacher, is a grand for in the Spooner act. That provides thing and Carnegie has set a noble ex-

Endowing a chair of good manners in our colleges would be a good thing. Too many graduates have no respect for age, and frequently have bad manners. Nothing is four to be selected from the army and more disgraceful than the disgusting conduct of a gang of college hoodlums, Another speaker denounced the libra-

ries as just so many monuments for Mr. Carnegle.

"That same amount of money could have been better expended," declared the emotional pulpit orator, "in establishing a newspaper without a business office. An untrammeled and free press would be one of the greatest institutions on earth."

This suggestion drew a reprimand from Dr. Peters, who said: "The modness training. It is very unlikely that ern newspaper is a great champion of canal commission. It is safe to say that it was not for the newspaper the polihe will comply strictly with the letter of ticians would steal the Goddess of Lib-

his ways and broaden out his program of for young men, reformatories for old reprobates, colleges for inculcating good tisements of merchandise slaughters and of conjecture. In the meantime the City of Brotherly Love has accepted Carne gle's contribution even if some of the supersensitive people are incensed at the idea of a memorial to Carnegie,

An irrepressible conflict is in progress between the principals and the engineers and janitors of the public schools of Chicago. The principals of Chicago public schools have organized a movement to dethrone the engineers who are playing autocrat and to subjugate the janitors who are soldiering, and the engineers and janitors are proposing to combine against the principals to meet the embattled principals is that they should have charge of everything in the school building so that the schools can be properly heated and kept clean. On the other hand, the engineers and janitors resent the interference of the principals and refuse to be bossed. Chicago is, however, not the only city where the question of authority over engineers and janitors has become a burning question It would not take many sparks to kindle fire of considerable dimension in Omaha, and we shall not be surprised if the very near future the Omaha Board of Education shall be compelled to declare itself as to who is who.

The annual controversy over the state printing contracts has broken out afresh, but it is extremely doubtful whether fectually stamp out the state printing graft. 'The Bee fully concurs with the ough revision of the state printing system by the next legislature. It seems to us, however, that the secretary of state and the State Printing board could rate a salutary reform in state printing by requiring contractors for the printing interests take a fall out of the new the people without doing any injury to of session laws and compiled statutes to use first-class instead of third grade realize fust what they did get from companies. It contemplates what is in book paper and to omit all superfluous enough to make us forgive his eccentricity material inserted for the purpose of padentirely satisfactory to the companies. dipg. Contractors for printing legislative bills should be required to follow closely the model of bill printing in conlines on one page and charging up full measure for the whole page. It is just such impudent grafting that has caused oust them from their home. As a mat- shall receive shipments from any ex- the expansion of the state debt beyond a mere mental wart, and vanity, from tak-

The Japanese minister to Great Britwith an excess was not delivered because it never was coccount consciousness.

of railroad or not. It is perhaps some sent, the assurances of the Russian min-Bills have been introduced in the what doubtful if the state could en- ister of foreign affairs to the contrary house of representatives providing for force regulations of this kind, but there notwithstanding. In diplomatic slanthe pensioning of every living union soi- is no question that they would prove guage this would be tantamount to calldier who can produce a certificate of serviceable to the public. Another im- ing the Russian minister a liar, but the honorable discharge from the army, portant railroad bill requires that the belligerent Japanese diplomat feels perroads shall assume full liability for con- feetly safe 1,500 miles from St. Peters-

> Publicity of assessments is one of the great safeguards of the new revenue law of Illinois, which requires publication of the assessment of all real property with description, location, dimensions and street number. The first test of the efficiency of publicity will be made this year, and it is confidently predicted that it will have a salutary tendency to prevent discrimination and favoritism by assessors.

Looking Backward a Few Years.

Detroit Free Press. Let's see, wasn't it liquid air that a few years ago was going to perform all the wonders now predicted for radium?

Shadows on the Horizon

Indianapolis News. The outlook is gloomy for the American boy. With a Brooklyn school teacher's pronouncement in favor of spanking with a rubber hose comes the news that all the shingle mills in Wisconsin are starting up again.

A Possible Peril.

Chicago Record-Herald. There is to be a congress of mothers in Washington in May. Let us hope the nurses will have the goodness to refrain from organizing in the meantime and presenting an ultimatum just as the mothers are getting ready to pin on their badges.

The Ideal Professor.

Philadelphia Press. The ideal college professor, according to President Harper of the Chicago university, "should be married, and if he has three or this it is evident that many of the colleges and universities do not want "ideal professors," for the reason that they do not pay enough in very many cases to enable a man to support a wife, to say nothing of the addition of three or four children.

An Estimate of the President.

World's Work. He is no every of capital. He has no hatred of wealth. He believes in the protective tariff. He stands upon sound money. He has spoken for a more tio" currency. His position is at the opposite pole to populism. But he refuses to by controlled by Wall street. He declines to notify corporate interests in advance when his official duty compels him to proceed against them. He believes that it is his duty to enforce the law.

Take a Little Sunshine, Bill.

New York Tribune Why cannot that gloomiest of pessimists the Nebraska hypochondriac, swallow a The world it not wholly out of joint and all awry, notwithstanding that the iron dice of destiny have been this year or control the national convention | Point.

Eloquent and Unasswerable.

Baltimore American. President Roosevelt was elected to the commissioners will be of unquestionable vere arraignment of the Philadelphia vice presidency (with the constitutional course, very little can be determined from the very important duties politicians, but it might fit other localities for the very important duties politicians, but it might fit other localities of that high and exalted office, with these reports and no final conclusions are events) on a platform that was pledged possible until the reports from company Today the trusts are in sore distress, and more has been done to dissolve the combinations that were hurtful to the peolibraries, cooking schools, all-round ple's interests than anyone had thought and to familiarize the soldier with that housework institutions, amusement halls possible to be done. This fact is an eloquent and unanswerable argument in support of the republican doctrines, as well be a judicious move to have the soldiers as a splendid reason for continuing the acquainted with the article so that they party in power, and for still entrusting with the leadership thereof the man whose guidance has accomplished such wonderful and unexpected results.

What the Japanese Yen Is.

London Chronicle. When the public reads that 100,000,000 yen have provisionally been set apart by Japan for war purposes, it may perhaps put an exaggerated estimate on that amount. Although Japan has a gold standard, the yen is of silver currency, and fluctuates with the price of silver, so that at the moment 100,000,000 of them means scarcely more than £10,000,000. But even this is an immense amount in a country in which the wages of a skillful artisan often not more than 3 yen a week. The Japanese curency system is decimal. Thus the yen, or dollar, is divided into 10 sen or cents, the sen into 10 rin, the rin into 10 mo, the mo into 10 shu, and the shu, finally into 10 kotsu. Government accounts do not take account of any value smaller than a rin, but estimates private tradesmen often descend to mo and shu, which are incredibly minute fractions of a farthing. No coin exists, however, to

represent these lillipution sums. THE USE OF A CRANK.

Lessons Drawn from the Life o George Francis Train.

Collier's Weekly.

"People called me insane," said the late George Francis Train, "and I don't blame them. What would a village of peanuts say if some day a cocoanut rolled in among them?" His aid in founding the Union Pacific and introducing the tramcar system into England, some of his public speeches, and even his queer autobiography, show how lucid a crank can be and how serviceable. For crank he certainly was-"champion crank," as he liked to call himself-and yet society could have better spored some saner people. Nature often find no other way to drive a mind to useful work than by this same conviction that it is a cocoanut in a peanut world and we all know men who accomplish little can only have the requisite absorption in the thing in hand in proportion as we are not philosophers, and it is astonishing how much of the world's business is performed by the most lop-sided of its' citizens. In without additional legislation inaugu- the mind of every crank there is apt to be one cultivated corner. To do one thing thing else. The crank is a man who permanently forgets all other things or never knew them, and who has not One of his main uses today is to show specialists what they may come to if they do not take care. "Young man, think of nothing but your job," was the solemn advice of a millionaire, and it points as clearly to a padded cell as to a fortune. Another blessing that we owe to him is the vivid way in which he reduces all extremes to their absurdity. Steadfastness with him becomes a fixity, stanch opinion ing no vacation, settles down into mania of greatness. Cranks win some followers. but they help all outsiders to be more sane When she makes a crank, Nature is teaching the world by a practical joke to take more interest in her variety. There is

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Affairs Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Among the justifiable provisions adopted by the house of representatives during its consideration of the army appropriation bill has been the prohibition of the payment to army officers on the active list or retired list of salaries as clerks or civilian employes of the government. In every exscutive department of the government there are several of these employes. There are at least two in the War department. There is no reason why an officer retired for disability should draw salary as a civilian If officers are engaged in any employe. sort of duty they should receive the active pay of their respective grades, but it is something very like "graft" when they are found on the pay rolls of the government in a clerical capacity. The War department has no means of knowing who these officers are or how many are really employed by the government, except in one case where the chief clerk of one of the departments is expressly prohibited by law from receiving both salaries. In that case, he chose his army retired pay and gave his services as chief clerk.

The secretary of war has approved the design of the new medal of honor recommended by General G. L. Gillespie, U. S. A. and General Horace Porter, representing the Medal of Honor Legion. The design, before adoption, was submitted to well known artists in Paris as well as this country, with the result that the new emblem possesses the artistic quality in keeping with the service for which the medal stands. The design consists of a five-pointed star, the metal being light gun metal. The words "United States of of Public Instruction McBrien is a candi-America" and "Valor" appear in raised date for the republican nomination for block letters. The ribbon is of blue, bearing in irregular order thirteen white stars, and is attached to the back of a suspended eagle. The name of the person and the service rendered will appear on the back rounding out his second term as deputy cago, 276 miles. From Chicago to Omaha, of the medal, which is of smooth surface for that purpose. The design is protected by letters patent. There has also been apfour children he will be still better." From proved and adopted a rosette hexagonal in shape, showing thirteen stars on a blue background. The design of both medal and rosette is most effective.

The general staff of the army is acting as a central board in looking over finally the examination papers of the twenty-nine candidates from civil life who have appeared before the army boards to determine their qualifications for appointment as second lieutenants in the army. The four additional candidates who are now undergoing examination may be included on the list as competitors with the first twentynine who were examined, though there is assurances from the eastern countles that some question of this, for the reason that the examinations were not identical for the four additional candidates. It is barely possible that nineteen appointments will be made instead of the fifteen, as originally intended, the recommendation to this effect having been made by the adjutant general's office as being entirely fair to the twentynine candidates who supposed they were competing for fifteen vacancies and did few doses of "liquid sunshine," although not anticipate the extra four rivals. That the democratic party is doomed to defeat is a question, however, which is not yet settled. It has been decided, however, to have a physical examination of all the candidates about a month before their sap-Mr. Roosevelt can be induced to take the people. It has exposed bribery of thrown, and it is plain beyond dispute pointment, which will occur in June, after that Mr. Bryan cannot be the candidate the commissioning of the graduates of West

The commissary general of the army is in receipt of some preliminary reports from subsistence officers on the experiments made at various posts with hash. Of commanders are received in Washington. The comments of the subsistence officers are favorable to the article, the trial of which was to establish its lasting qualities diet. The hash is intended for issue to troops in the field and it was conceived to would not regard it, when issued to them in time of war, as an experiment. Soldiers are sometimes very hard to please in the matter of edibles. The subsistence officer at Ilollo, for instance, reported recently that the troops showed a fondness for a gingersnap which was a part of the subsistence stores and of which the command purchased something like 200 pounds per month for individual consumption outside of the regular ration. This preference for the article led the subsistence officer to for some of the hardtack, with the result that the gratuitous issue of the article, which had been in such demand as purchaseable food, led to a kind of revolt and not only did the soldiers refrain from eating the gingersnap, but its sale stopped as

A bill has been prepared by the general staff of the army providing the means of rewarding distinguished or specially meritorious service rendered by army officers in the grades from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, inclusive. The bill provides forty-four offices in the army, with an enduring system of extra compensation which, with the use of the special title, furnish the manifestations of governmental this position will especially qualify him appreciation of distinguished service. The for the duties of secretary of state, and we bill in its present form is somewhat involved, but it has this merit in that it gives Ad Wait will endorse the statement that the president an opportunity to reward officers, either for actually distinguished service or through favoritism, without interfering with the rights of promotion which belong to other officers not so fortunately situated. To some observers best way out of the difficulty would have been to re-establish the regular staff corps on the basis of a permanent commissioned personnel. The only remaining means of rewarding line officers in a practical sort of way is by making them judges advocate or general officers, and there has been quite enough indiscriminate resort to the atter system of reward. Of course the method which will prevail under the latest proposition is the next best device, despite the remote possibility that the selection of officers for the distinguished service list will sometimes be controlled by "pull." That may make little difference, because the army, by this time, is injured in a sentimental way quite as much as it can ever be, short of physical demoraliza tion. It is likely that there will be on th distinguished list many officers who deserve to be there on account of their service. In any event, these distinguished service people will not interfere with regular promotion and that is a very alluring prop-

Detroit Free Press (dem.)

The American people in general have ome to feel a deep interest and real affec tion for Mr. Hanna. Even those who can not bring themselves to approve of his political methods have watched with no little satisfaction the broadening of his sympathics and the development of his intellect under the fostering conditions of official life. The country has come to have something of the feeling towards him that once had towards Zachariah Chandler, who was not greatly unlike Mr. Hanna in many of his characteristics. Mr. Hanna while he has been growing in grace and is popularity, has become something of a pub-lic institution, and his early restoration to ing interest in an abundant world and sav- health and strength will be sincerely wished ing a natural peanut mind from that awful for even by the bitterest of his political enemies.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

STATE CANDIDATES,

Blair Pilot: Deputy State Superintendent state superintendent. Mr. McBrien has to vindicate the town is to chase that felproved his ability by years of experience low into the Busch. and has had a very successful career in the school rooms of Nebraska. He is now the Carbondale region of Illinois to Chistate superintendent, and in this capacity has made many warm personal friends hard coal \$2.50. The only reason for the among the school men of the state.

The Nebraska schools have made a decided step forward during the last three years and a share of the successful administration in the state superintendent's office ago he went back to his home state and is due to the energy and ability of the dep- | took Mrs. Brewer with him. Mrs. Brewer uty, who has always been a ready and is from the east and had never been in the willing worker in the educational interests west. After they crossed the Mississippi of the state. Washington county repub- river people who knew the justice called Heans will make no mistake if they use him "judge." Mrs. Brewer gasped, being their influence for his nomination and elec- accustomed to the more dignified title of tion to the office which he has so ably filled

for the last three years as deputy. Chappell Register: The friends of E. M. Searle, jr., are urging him to become a the auditor would be selected from the west this time, we are informed that he has consented to enter the field. Ed. as examiner of county treasurers, has been in close touch with the auditor's office the past three years, and is well qualified in every way to fill the office. He has examined treasurers in most, if not all, the countles of the state, and as he always makes friends wherever he goes, he is without question as strong a candidate as could be named. Loup City Northwestern: Hon. E. M.

Searle of Ogalalla, Neb., is a typical westerner, as well as a typical western republican. He is practically a Keith county product, the family of his father being one of the early pioneers of the western part of this state. It is with infinite pride and satisfaction that Northwestern places Mr. Searle in nomination for the office of state auditor. He is a goung man of sterling integrity and wealth of character. He is ties of that high and exalted office, with real estate agent, "for 4500 per square hopes to his heat of the state and foot." We desire honor to his host of friends. to say to our readers, regardless of whatever their political faith may be, that it is extremely doubtful if any stronger man could be placed upon the republican ticket. Wausa Gazette: Northeast Nebraska has a candidate for a state office in the person of J. R. Manning of Wayne, who aspires to the position of commissioner of public lands and buildings and whose name will be presented to the republican state convention as a candidate of that office. Northeast' Nebraska has furnished its due quota of republican majorities, but has been dealt with rather sparingly in the distribution of political positions of trust. This section of the state is entitled to recognition at the hand of the coming convention. Mr. Manning is a man worthy of the honors he covets. He will go into the convention with the undivided support of his congressubstitute a proportion of the gingersnaps sional district, and, we hope, come out with the nomination sought. The Gazette is for Mr. Manning first, last and all the

> time. Syracuse Journal: The Journal is pleased to note the favorable reception of the candidacy of Hon. Addison Walt of Syracuse for the republican nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Wait has been a resident of Otoe county for thirty-three years and during all that period has been a working republican. He represented this county in the session of the legislature of 1896. Mr. Wait is now a member of the republican state central committee, which position he has held for three years. He is also chief clerk in the office of secretary of state. The experience attained in can assure our readers that all who know no better man for the position can be found in the state.

PERSONAL NOTES.

When asked as to the disposition of his \$150,000,000, Russell Sage said the other day; "Wait until I am dead. There will be more than one person surprised."

The emperor of Germany is compelled to change his dress sometimes twelve times a day. He has \$400,000 worth of clothing He bears 100 titles and is an admiral in three of the biggest navies. General Chaffee, head of the army, was

born at Orwell, in Ashtabula county, O., the county in which also lived those great agitators of anti-slavery-Joshua R. Giddings and Benjamin F. Wade. The Japanese government has ordered

back to Japan twelve of the fifteen Japanese engineers who are at the Westinghouse Electric company's plant at East Pittsburg, on account of the threatened war. If the postmaster general does not fee

like walking he does not have to. The equipment of the Postoffice department includes four horses, three carriages and two sets of harness-valued, all told, at \$3,006. Mayor McClellan of New York has lately fallen into the habit of attending dinners He goes out in a dinner jacket whenever the occasion presents itself. He is always affable, ready of speech and sympathetic

of such vagaries as invariably crop up at public dinners. Trouble is brewing in St. Louis. A local

doctor publicly recommends whisky as a good thing for sick people. The only way

It costs 75 cents a ton to bring coal from 500 miles, soft coal costs \$2.25 a ton and difference is that the Chicago-Omaha roads need the money.

Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court is from Kansas. A short time "justice." When they got to Leavenworth she was still more surprised to find that everybody hailed the justice as "Dave." She rebelled at first, but finally thought candidate for state auditor, and with many the plan a good one and now she calls him "Dave" herself.

WAIFS OF THE WITS.

"Remember," said the man with the red face and angry eyes, "the worm will turn," "Weil," answered the cold-blooded cifi-sen, "let him. About all the comfort the average worm gets is a chance to wriggle," —Washington Star.

"What is the principal occupation of a modern municipal official?"
"Dodging responsibility."—Chicago Post.

Reporter (for Daily Bread)—Allow me to ask you, madam, if the report of your engagement to Count Sawmilegoff is—Society Leader—I beg your pardon, sir, but that is nobody's business.

Reporter—I know it, ma'am. That makes it everybody's business.—Chicago Tribune.

Crawford-What's that peculiar odor in Crabshaw-It's either my daughter at her burnt wood decorations or else my wife has scorched the breakfast food.—Town

"Well, well!" remarked the investor, "you were born on February 2, weren't you?"
"Eh? No. Why?"
"Well that's ground hog day, you know,"
--Philadelphia Press.

"Papa, you and mamma want me to marry Cousin Jack, don't you?"

"Yes, child."

"And, he tells me his people are all in favor of it, too. Is there any law against fourth cousins marrying?"

"No, child."

"You! then I shan't marry him."—Phila-

then I shan't marry him."-Philadelphia Press "Do you estimate a man's success by the

amount of money he saves?"
"Not exactly," answered Senator Sorghum, "but the amount he gets hold of
and spends has comething to do with the
popular impression on the subject."—Wash-

"Quite an elegant wedding, wasn't it?"
Elegant! I'll bet it will take her father
a year or more to square up for it."—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"The thermometer at the first drug store registered 2 degress below zero this morning, while the next drug store, only half a block farther on, showed 4 below," remarked Cumso.

"Yes, there's keen competition between drug stores now," explained Cawker.—Degree troit Free Press.

OWHEN I WAS A MAID."

Chicago Chronicle. When I was a maid, Nor of lovers afraid, mother cried, "Girl, never listen to men." Her lectures were long, But I thought her quite wrong, And I said, "Mother, whom should I listen to, then?"

Now, teaching in turn
What I never could learn
I find, like my mother, my lesson all vain.
Men ever deceive,
Silly maidens believe
And still 'tis the old story over again.

So humbly they woo, What can poor maidens do But keep them alive when they swear they must die?

Ah! who can forbear As they weep in despair Their crockodile tears in compassion to dry!

Yet wedded at last, When the honeymoon's past The lovers formake us, the husbands re-Our wanity's check'd.

And we ne'er can expect They will tell us the old story over again.

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