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or Smoot is on trial.

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

finally picked with a Reed.

With so many "Civic Federations" on the boards in Omaha, there is liable to be a confusion of names and several cases of mistaken identity.

The police force is no place for either men who indulge a reckless brutality or for men who lose their heads when they need discretion and sober judg-

gunshot.

Secretary Shaw is getting ready with the cash to pay up Uncle Sam's newly contracted canal obligations. He is not figuring on any one concerned refusing the money when it is offered to him.

The most unsightly thing about Omaha is its forest of telegraph and telephone poles. Is it not high time that these wires should go underground, at least on the principal business thoroughfares?

No sensation can be made out of the franking privilege is one big graft, but out. there seems to be no way of heading

It's a trifle early for prairie fires, but the fire fiend who has been so busy in our big cities seems disposed to play On the other hand, the consumers comno favorites and to grant immunity to the farmers as against the merchants price of live stock the price of trust beef and manufacturers.

Wallbridge of Missouri gets the first delegates to the Chicago convention instructed for vice president. The first Nebraska delegates will be chosen March 17, when the Nebraska candidate will have his first inning.

South Omaha democrats are planning an aggressive campaign under the leadership of the major dome of the county jail, who has proven himself invincible in drilling and maneuvering men behind the bars and is just as efficient in handling men in front of the bars.

As long as the United States observes strictly the obligations of neutrality it assumed in the war between Russia and Japan the question of popular sympathy among our people should not worry the press of either of the belligerent countries. This republic is a land of free thought and everyone is at perfect liberty to wish success to either side so long as its expression is followed by no overt act of assistance.

The annual fight for the Indian supply depot at Omaha is to be fought over in the present session of congress, but it is a serious question whether the Indian supply depot is worth fighting for, unless discrimination against Omaha and in favor of Chleago and St. Louis as Indian supply distribution centers is levying war against the government and fought victory and inviting bouquets stopped. Putting up a supply depot in Omaha and purchasing all the supplies away from Omaha does not help Omaha very much.

Major Chittenden, the army engineer ment, is to deliver an address in Omaha before the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on "The Fur Trade and Its Importance in the Development of the Louisiana Purchase." That is a Chittenden could be induced to deliver another lecture on the projected imPLAYING FOR WALL STREET.

It is quite possible that Judge Parker of New York will be the democratic pressions of southern senators and representatives show that his nomination would be satisfactory to the democracy of that section, it being evident that Senator Gorman has lost ground there. If the democrats of New York should decide to support Parker for the nomination there seems to be no doubt that he could command the vote of the southern delegations, or a large part of it. It appears that the New York friends of Parker are now engaged in making

or that portion of it which has been competition with the American trust in understood to be opposed to President Wall street has been tempted to accept the proposed candidacy of Judge Parker, since it is the conviction in the nevertheless it would be impossible to corporation and was undoubtedly crip-broken. It seems the combination was will not insist upon publicity for the do so. combinations, but will leave them free to carry on their operations without any governmental investigation or su-

pervision of their affairs. For such a man as a presidential canstreet element would be willing to con- press has been manifesting more or less tribute liberally to the campaign fund bitterness toward this country, beand if Judge Parker can persuade this cause of the fact that American newsmidable in the St. Louis convention, wherein Russia's course and policy were Reports from Viadivostok are to the for the democratic party realizes that objectionable to the American people. effect that there are no signs of spring this year it will have need for all the The impression obtained at St. Petersthere. It will warm up quickly enough, money it can raise and it has never in burg that the popular sentiment here however, if the Japs once get within the past and will not now object to get. necessarily reflected the position of our New York delegation to the democratic view of the attitude of the secretary of national convention and that would go state could have been due only to the a very long way toward winning the vigilance and vigor which he exercised

Representative Martin of South Daretary Cortelyou to investigate the al- That treaty is admittedly not in the inleged meatpackers' combine and its effect upon prices of cattle and meat its ratification was effected was somediscovery that the franking privilege of products. It is to be hoped Mr. Mar- what startling to the czar's government. members of congress is abused. The tin's efforts will be seconded and carried The negotiation of the treaty, however,

Farmers and ranchmen west of the no competition in the cattle markets because the packers have combined to keep down the price of cattle on the hoof. plain that in spite of the decline in is about what it was three years ago. They furthermore roint to the fact that the packers are now enjoying as good a market at home and abroad as they ever have. Very naturally the query presents itself, who profited by the addition of \$1 per 100 pounds between actual prices of 1901 and 1904. The packers insist that the shrinkage in price of live stock has not benefited them, and the retail butchers insist that they are getting no share of the profits. A congressional inquiry may possibly

help to solve the mystery. It is argued in some quarters that the hit the Beef trust with a feather duster and the question is asked why the president does not institute criminal proceedings against the members and managers of the trust under the Sher man act. The same question has been asked with regard to the prosecution of the Steel trust magnates and the captains of industry who have organized

trusts to control various enterprises. One reason, perhaps the most potential, is that the power to secure convictions under the criminal section of the Sherman act is questionable, if not impossible, and failure of criminal prosecution would seriously weaken the position of the government in the enforcement of anti-trust legislation. Under the constitution, treason, namely alding its enemies, is the highest crime Jefferson Davis, the arch traitor, who marshalled whole armies to destroy the the high crime of treason because the in charge of the Missouri river improve. Department of Justice entertained fears his petition asking that the council comthat no jury of twelve men could be

There is, moreover, no actual proof at Works in preparing paving specificahand that there is such a thing as a Beef very interesting subject, but if Major trust under the definition of the Sherman act. All we know is that half a dozen concerns operating packing provement of the Missouri river in front house plants in various cities maintain lation is to withdraw his petition and of Omaha a great many people in these a community of interest understanding tell all he knows about the matter with-world, are hoping that that time may soon time of danger, any more than can an

candidate for president. Recent ex- ing, such as is presumed to be funda- the inquiry within closed doors. mental with a trust. If it shall be established by the proposed finquiry that there is a mutual compact in the nature of a trust, it will devolve upon the govcan be done under existing conditions.

STEEL TRUST COMPETITOR.

a play for the support of Wall street, corporation promises a most vigorous way. neutral markets and perhaps its prac-Roosevelt. The statement is made that tical exclusion from the German market. The foreign organization embraces twenty-six establishments and is the result of negotiations which have been financial district that Mr. Cleveland in progress for nearly two years. The cannot be persuaded even tacitly to ad- incentive to it was American competimit that he might accept the nomina- tion, which became more active after tion, or else if he were so persuaded the creation of the United States Steel nominate him, except by one division of pling the iron and steel industry of

30,450 | street element hostile to Mr. Rooseveit steel companies, but undoubtedty its that in the event of the election of Par- tendency will be to cause more comker he would not undertake to enforce petition between German and American 30,570 the laws against the combinations or steel in neutral markets, such as Eng-27,320 to do anything which could in the land, the Orient and Africa. It is quite 31,180 slightest degree interfere with the op- | possible that the German syndicate will erations of trusts. It is only upon such | slaughter prices in the neutral markets, conditions that the anti-Roosevelt ele- the understood purpose being to keep 31.720 ment in Wall street can be persuaded up prices in Germany rather than in the 27,000 to support Parker. What that element outside markets. However, it is to be wants is a "conservative" man for expected that a vigorous effort will be 877.120 president, which simply means one that made to exclude the steel products of travagance. But the pinheads have got to autonomy. The existence of this treaty Less unsold and returned copies 9,648 will steer clear of the course pursued this country from the German market find some fault with him. Perhaps his was formally denied by the Russlans, but 867,472 by the present administration in prose- and in order to do this the syndicate cuting those who are believed to be may lower prices there. At all events violating the anti-trust laws. These the American corporation may look for Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this lat day of March. A. D. Wall street financiers and promoters a sharper competition on the part of the M. B. HUNGATE. (Seal)

Notary Public.

Notary Public. ernment a man who will not call into experienced, but there is no doubt of A person unfamiliar with the case, the courts such an organization as the its ability to meet this, though in doing dent party would hardly go a third time to ble blockade. He says that between each reading the reported evidence, will have Northern Securities company, one who so it may have to make concessions difficulty in determining whether Smith will tolerate mergers and combinations that will sacrifice profits. This movehowever flagrantly they disregard the ment of German steel manufacturers is laws and however injurious they may very likely to cause the creation of sim-The deadlock over the Iowa federal be to the public interests and welfare. Har organizations in other European district judgeship has at last been They want a man for president who countries wherever it is practicable to

IN A BETTER FRAME OF MIND.

report a better feeling toward the United States. Almost since the begindidate there is no doubt that this Wall ning of the far eastern war the Russian in safeguarding American interests in the far east, particularly in the matter DEALING WITH THE BEEF COMBINE. of securing the treaty with China under which two ports are to be opened in terest of Russia and the way in which implied no hostility to Russia. Secretary Hay was simply conserving the Missouri river complain that there is rights and interests of the United States and in doing so was faithfully performwas not hostile to Russia, but was taken in the interest of the world's retary of state, by act or utterance, shown any unfriendliness toward Rusing is more certain than that he will observe absolute impartiality between

the belligerents while the war lasts. So far as the American press and people are concerned they have not hesi- will make the army more efficient. tated to let Russia know where their sympathies are and their reasons for siding with Japan. Our people have no Japan's Control of War News One of confidence in Russian promises, which proposed investigation is an attempt to they have found are made only to be broken. This opinion will not be easily changed, but it will not exert the least influence upon the policy and conduct

of the government. It begins to look as if the successor to imitate the tactics of that defunct statesman. It will be remembered that the item in which Omaha was supposed out of the appropriation bill so that at the critical moment the valiant congressman from this district might project himself into the breach in the most spectacular manner and have it restored by his associates. The wires to Omaha would then become bot forthwith bearing messages announcing the hard for the courageous champion of the flag any American can be guilty of, and yet and an appropriation. It's a great

given permission by the court to amend The whole nation, from the mikado down mittee charged with the conduct of the found in Virginia to render a verdict investigation into the methods pursued tions be restrained from compelling him to answer questions within closed doors. clear himself of all suspicion of manipuparts would be more deeply interested. by which the market is controlled. The out padlocks or restraining orders, and come.

ownership of these concerns is separate the first thing he should explain conand so is the management, consequently fidentially is who is paying the lawyers no direct, or even indirect, profit shar- that are fighting in his name against

It is a pity the democratic national convention did not go to Chicago instead of St. Louis A scene of the political ernment to break up the combine and farce comedy in progress for the masenforce the anti-trust law, so far as it tery of the party machinery of the Cook county democracy, for which opposing factions are contending, with the aid of court writs, would be more The organization in Germany of a of a spectacle for the entertainment of steel syndicate somewhat similar in the delegates than all the sideshows of character to the United States Steel the Louisiana Purchase exposition mid-

plaining of a top-heavy public school system, imposing excessive tax burdens. top-heavy school organization is until they study an exhibit of the finances of the school district of this city.

One span of the Elkhorn bridge, constructed only a year ago near Valley, has been carried away and Douglas county taxpayers will have to foot the bill for reconstruction. Had the bridge been of lifted by the ice.

Bill of the Manila Breakfast,

Indianapolis Journal. Admiral Dewey and his brave comrades And who denies that it was worth every cent of it?

Chronie Kickers.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Because the White House needs a new clothes don't fit.

> No Squinting Westward. Philadelphia Record.

twice defeated.

Sticking to Old Methods.

Indianapolis News. Notwithstanding the fact that the house will no doubt persistently stick to the slap - and - miss - and - swear-and-try-again The latest advices from St. Petersburg method when the time comes.

Too Big a Job for Congress.

Philadelphia Press. The effort to involve the government in the work of constructing good roads in the various states does not promise success. The bill on the subject sent to a house committee has no apparent proslegislatures.

Good Riddance!

Philadelphia Record (dem.). promoters he is very likely to get the uncompromising enemy of Russia. This dent. Yet, after all, it would not require much of an upheaval to destroy what remains of Bryanism and populism in the democratic party.

A Pathetle Figure. Indianapolis Journal. It is reported that former President Kruger of the Boer Republic is slowly dying, mind and body, an exile at Mentone kota has asked the house to direct Sec. Manchuria to the trade of the world. France. The loss of his country, his wife and his son have proved too much even for his sturdy constitution, and it is when men come to such a pass as this that they are said to be dying of broken hearts. Poor old "Oom Paul" is one of the most pathetic figures of present-day history.

Athletics in the Army. Lieutenant General Chaffee in Outing. A soldier should be physically prepared as well as mentally educated to perform his duties. A regular course of physical its isolation prevented it from getting aid culture, now recognized as highly benefit from Europe, so that it had to maintain to the neutrality and integrity of China cial to men in any walk of life, is of still the struggle alone. The odds against it greater importance to the soldier on whose were too much, and the splendor of Axum physical constitution depends the success peace and has been universally com- if it cannot be present at the fight; a good Islam, but has remained Christian and mended as a most wise and sagacious sound physique will take it there; to ac- independent to this day, triumphant alike move. In no respect, then, has the sec- quire this necessitates a well-arranged over Caliph of old and Mahdi of later course of calisthenic and athletic instruc- days. tion, intelligently applied. Athletics should be a feature of the military training of a sia. Whatever his sentiments may be soldier, and persuasive policies to induce he has kept them to himself and noth- him to participate in athletics has no place Parliament at the end of this session marks in the relations of officers and men, and the formal end of a long career that alproper instruction. Athletics will make the service more attractive to the men, will increase the number of re-enlistments and

EFFECTIVE CENSORSHIP.

the Wonders of the Day. Chicago Record-Herald. movements from reaching the outside world, and even in great part from reachsorship has been beyond doubt, as Baron to "Our Dave" in congress were trying Hayashi states, thoroughly justified by the exigencies of the war. Other nations, under similar circumstances, attempt the whereabouts of some of Napoleon's armies were often unknown for weeks at a time. at such times as the rest of the world.

Japan is, of course, exceptionally fasince the only land wire from that pethe Russian lines. But with passenger boats running to Chinese ports this gives previous years. Japan only a couple of days of leeway at the most.

The real foundation of Japan's ful secreey must be looked for in the great Building Inspector Withnell has been seif-restraint of the people themselves. helps the cause.

When the preliminary movements of part at least relaxed. Not only the small east, but newspaper readers all over the OTHER LANDS THAN OURS,

What are the Balkans? They are probably the most varied conglomeration of warring and jangling races, creeds and tongues to be found in the same area of territory on earth. They consist, broadly of the kingdoms and principalities-more or less independent-of Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, and of the provinces of Bosnia and Herregovina, beonging to Austria, and of Macedonia and Albania, belonging to Turkey. Their inhabitants consist of Bulgars, Jews, Slavs, Turks, Greeks, Gypsies, Serbs and what not, most of whom "would rather fight than eat." These different races are scattered pretty much all over the Balkans The people of the Balkans, however, are not wholly to blame for their fighting propensities. They have felt the cruel effects of the abominable rule of Turkey and they Taxpayers of Lincoln who are com- have been taught by stern experience that their chief means of relief is a vigorous assertion of their rights by force of arms. Such of them as have measurably escaped should look into the school system at from Turkish rule are in open sympathy Omaha. They cannot know what a with such as have not, and are ready to go to their aid.

Macedonia and Albania, which are largely populated by Bulgars, are the scene of the present threatened uprising, and the indications are that Bulgaria is merely waiting for the signal to spring to their assistance

One of the most influential promoters of the complications between Great Britain and Tibet, which have led to Colonel Younghusband's expedition, has been the stone arch construction it would not Chinese vicercy of Sze-chwan. The long have been carried away by the wind or and difficult trade route from Lhassa to the east through China lay through his province, and the tolls he exacted from the Tibetan caravans gave him a large annual revenue. As the viceroy of the province to which Tibet was directly, if only inally, a vasual, he exercised great influget \$830,000 for their part in the May day ence at Lhassa, and did his best to prevent festivities at Manila bay six years ago. the establishment of trade relations between the Tibetans and the British. is said to have been chiefly responsible for the treaty which was signed by the gov- Jeff's nerve. ernments of the czar and the lama about eighteen months ago, and which provided for the protection of Tibet and religious stable the president is accused of ex- tolerance, but left little room for Tibetan the original document fell into the hands of the Indian authorities some time ago.

Former President Cleveland says that in A French engineer who recently arrived choosing a democratic candidate for the at Kieff from Viadivostok says that the presidency the place where he lives should pressure of traffic upon the Siberian railnot be taken into consideration. Yet a pru- road threatens to result in an inextrica-Nebraska for a candidate who has been of the ordinary mail and passenger trains dispatched eastwards from Tchellabinsk, there are seven or eight departures of troop trains. The soldiers are herded to the number of forty in each fourth-class car, and suffer great hardship through of representatives has authorized the print- the lack of adequate messing arrangements. ing of 10,500 copies of "A Few Directions Owing to this general congestion of traffic Destroying Mosquitoes," most of us along the permanent way, and the increasing blockade of the sidetrack accommodation at the intermediate stations, the troop trains occupy from twenty-one to twenty-six days in reaching their various destinations, and the troops are in no con dition to make long marches to reach their different point of concentration. The same authority, speaking from his professional knowledge, says that the single track Siberian line is in many places beginning element that he is the sort of "con- papers have expressed sympathy with pect of favorable consideration. It is not to show the wearing effects of the heavy servative" they want he may be for. Japan and pointed out vigorously a subject for congress, but for the state traffic, and more especially of the heavily trains drawn by two or three locomotives Over some sections trains must be slowed down to six or eight miles an hour. The Brother Bryan is beginning to show that breakdown gangs are insufficient, and rehe is not altogether wanting in the pres-cience of a political weather prophet. He ting it from Wall street. If Parker government and Secretary Hay, so it suits the trust magnates and merger appears, was especially regarded as an the nomination of Clayeland for presiforces at the front is constant. ...

The Ethiopians are a people of long and distinguished descent. Their emperor Menelik, claims lineal descent from an earlier Menelik, who was the son of Bolomon, and Makeda, or Balkis, queen of Sheba. If so, there is no other royal dynasty in the world so old or so illustrious in origin. Whether or not that clain is well founded, we know that Ethiopia was a great empire long before the Christian era, and that in the early centuries of that era its capital, Axum, was a large and splendid city. It held sway over Yemen and Sheba, and thus commanded both shores of the Red sea, and was the one great bulwark of Christianity against Mahometanism in that quarter of the globe. Against it the whole power of the Mahometan world was directed, and was destroyed. But a considerable part of a campaign. Military training is wasted of the empire never was conquered by

The announced determination of Sir William Vernon Harcourt to retire from should give way to orders prescribing ready has been completed. Sir William has been in Parliament since 1866, though with some interruptions, and for a considerable period was among the most influential of liberal leaders. Since the breach in the ranks he has remained an individual figure with no large following, and his unsuccessful attempt to rally his party on a religious issue of "anti-ritualism" proved him a politician of so antiquated a type that little at tention has been paid to him since. If the liberal party expects to recover power it vented news of its military and naval must have the inspiration of new men, and to this end it is desirable that the old timers shall pass into retirement. Some ing its own citizens, may truly be called thing to the same effect might be said con one of the wonders of the war. The cen- cerning the opposition party in the United

South African gold fields have nearly re covered from the Boer war. The maximum same thing, but it is doubtful whether any productions of the Witwatersrand were other nation in modern warfare has suc- \$75,000,000 in round figures in each of the to be most interested was always left ceded a tithe as well. It is true that the years 1898 and 1899. In October of the latter year the war broke out, and but for that the production of the year would have But that was due to the lack of communi- run well over that of 1898. In 1900 and 1901, cations. Napoleon himself was as ignorant of course, the production was very small, but in 1902 it ran up to \$35,000,000 and in 1903 to \$60,000,000, or four-fifths of the out of purely personal regard for him vored in being an island empire. She can amount before the war. There was a gencontrol every cable perfectly, and she can eral increase in the gold output last year control messages from Corea fully as well, month by month, but in the last five months the variations were slight. The ninsula is the interrupted one running into Rhodesian output, which exceeded \$4,000,000 last year, is also a marked increase over

> Panicky Feeling in Men. New York Sun

When the Iroquois theater was burned with a loss of 560 lives, it was explained that most of the deaths were due to the to his humblest subject, is centered upon senseless panie that seized the women and the one task of winning the victory over children in the audience, causing them to Russia. Each man is doing his duty, if it lose their heads and crush one another at be only to keep his slience. The nation is the exits and on the stairways. There were by the majority of the Board of Public satisfied to live in temporary ignorance of no children at the Strollers' club on Saturthe progress of the war, if that ignorance day evening, and the women present seemed to keep their heads at least as well as the audience of men, but there was a panic ships and troops cease and when the armics all the same. One man is credited with The best thing Mr. Withnell can do to are face to face, the censorship will be in having stopped the jam just in time to prevent a disaster, but the incident proved army of newspaper correspondents in the that an audience of grown men can by no audience of women and children.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR



IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Henry Watterson has backed out of the Kentucky political fight, and declares that there is no going against the Hearst barrel.

Jeff Davis of Arkansas thinks the demo cratic nomination for vice president is just his size. There's nothing the matter with Bourke Cockran declares that the demo-

crats can win with Cleveland as their candidate. It would be unkind to print what he sald about Mr. Cleveland on another occasion.

Although it was stated at the time that Mr. Bryan did not talk politics during his call upon Mayor McClellan, later reports show that the New York official inquired as to the time when navigation opens on Salt Creek.

One candidate for state office in Texas has taken a solemn pledge that he will not, if elected, appoint any of his kinsfolk to office, nor levy contributions from his clerks in order to defray the expenses of his second campaign.

Congressman Kluttz of North Carolina, who refuses to stand for an assured reelection, comes from the same district in which, in 1815, a United States senator-elect refused to serve because he "did not propose to ride to Washington in the mud."

The first convention held in the country to choose delegates to the national democratic convention was held at Warren, O., and resulted in a victory for the adherents of William R. Hearst. His opponents were thrown bodily out of the hall and chose a contesting delegation.

coming Joe Folk for governor of Missouri. A bunch of Jim Butler's Indians jumped in at a critical stage of the proceedings, punched the heads of the leaders and chased the reformers out of town. Reform in Missouri is a thing of few days and much trouble.

Campaign buttons were never before se widely used in the canvass of "Joe" Folk for governor of Missouri. At the St. Louis Folk headquarters alone the first order have been distributed throughout the state. The official button for the general public to wear is a plain enameled disk, an inch in diameter, bearing an excellent likeness of the candidate and the inscription, "Folk and Good Government." A finer button for officers and members of campaign clubs is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, with

the name of the club thereon. ETHICS OF THE PASS.

Railroad Courtesy with a Strong

Chicago Chronicle Now that it has been held in the court of last resort that a person who accepts and uses a railroad pass is bound by the contract which he thereby makes with the company to hold it blameless in case of accident the question arises: Will there be any decrease in the demand for these eviiences of railroad favor?

Probably not. Serious railway disasters are not so numerous and the man whose hat is chalked has at least as good a chance of escaping injury as the one who pays full fare and all the extras. Besides, there are accident insurance companies which take the risks of travel for comparatively small sums and in case of disaster settle without litigation.

It is a curious fact in conection with the law of the rail that it has taken more than fifty years to determine this question. While there has been no settled practice in the matter, the opinion seems generally to have prevailed that in spite
of the stipulation usually printed upon a
pass that its use relieved the railroad of
If Bill was there. responsibility in case of accident an action could be maintained against the company. Many such suits have been settled out of court and the lower courts in numerous instances have held such contracts void as against public policy. The present decision will govern hereafter.

Wholly aside from the legal questions involved it might be asked why such a

contract should be forced upon the recipi ent of a pass by a railroad company. Comparatively few people ride on passes as a matter of charity. These favors are extended in most cases, we suppose, in consideration of services received or expected A courtesy with a string tied to it is not much of a courtesy. The great majority of people who receive passes render some valuable equivalent for them, no doubt Among such may be mentioned extensive shippers of freight and the whole body of officialdom.

Railroad companies which solicit business by distributing passes and which seek legislative or other official favor or immunity by putting passes where they will do the most good would be highly indignant if the returns made for such courtesies were found to be equivalent in any degree. Why, then, should the pass when not plainly extended as a matter of charity be any less valuable than a first class ticket?

LAUGHING LINES.

Magistrate (sternly)—Didn't I tell you the last time you were here I never wanted you to come before me again?
Prisoner—Yes, sir; but I couldn't make the policeman believe it.—New Yorker.

Jean Valjean had stolen the candlesticks, "I couldn't help it," he faltered, "the gas is so bad in my house I had to have something to see with."
Thus we can easily understand why the bishops so readily forgave him.—New York Sun.

"That cat you insisted upon having around the house," said Mr. Cooley, "is around your canary bird now."
"What!" cried his wife. "O! drive her Some presumptuous people got together in a suburb of St. Louis for the purpose of your canary bird."—Philadelphia Press.

"What was it your husband wanted to see me about?" inquired Mrs. Newliwed's paps.
"I think he wanted to borrow a couple of hundrededollars from you." she said. "He's so anxious to get out of debt."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Your grandfather is nearly a hundred years old. How has he managed to live so long?"
"Pure contrariness."
"Contrariness? How's that?"
"You know there are rules prescribed for people who want to live to be old. Well. he never follows any of them."-Chicago

Hungry Hawkins-Do yer mean ter say yer got a square meal out o' dat sour iplomatic Mike-Sure! ungry Hawkins-Well, yer a wonder! How'd yer do it? Diplomatic Mike—When she opened de Diplomatic Mike—When she opened de door I sez: "Is yer mot! Miss?"-Philadelphia Press.

IF BILL WAS THERE!

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune If Bill was there—
There where the Jap and Russ
Are raisin' such a fuss—
The cables would be sizzin' hot
A-tellin' of the fights they fought,
For Bill—he's got the whole thing planned;
How each one ought to make a stand,
And just how either could begin
And, with no trick at all, could win,
There would be trouble in the air
If Bill was there.

If Bill was there—
He'd take his submarines
And rapid fire machines
And tow 'em slowly, after dark,
Right up to where he's put a mark,
Near that there town—it's name, b'gee!
Runs out some fifteen miles to sea—
And then you bet there'd something drop,
He'd fight below 'em and on top,
And someone sure would get a searce. And someone sure If Bill was there. would get a scare

If Bill was there—
He's stuck a dozen plus
To mark the outs and ins
Of how he'd march a million men
Across the land and back again
And put the foemen in the ditch
Whose men? What side? He don't care
which!

If Hill was there—
But he's at Miller's store—
Him and a dozen more
Of our town's keenest strategists.
With stubby pencils in their fists.
Concoctin' battles and campaigns
That take in all the seas and plains.
If either one—the Russ or Jap—
Is lookin' for a likely chap
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