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What will the Nebraska militia without a brigadier general?

iet average sales ..

(Seal)

Port Arthur must be getting accusomed to Japanese bombardment by his time.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn efore me this 1st day of March, A. 194.

M. B. HUNGATE,

(Seal) Notary Public.

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

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Let everyone be thankful that the ither of forty-two children bears no more distinctive name than Smith.

It seems the Bryanite organ in these arts exhibits altogether too much solici-Mickey.

President Roosevelt evidently believes

al, and that is doubly true of federal diceholders.

If the reputation of the ground hog as a weather prophet is to be mainained, winter should not linger much onger in the lap of spring.

sfore it completes the deal

Chancellor Andrews has been taken l at Chicago. He must have been readig some of the nauseating attacks on Lim in the local popocratic yellow.

Russia trusts China just as the crimial trusts the officer of the law. The tore honest the intention of the officer ie greater the dread of the crook.

If Russia had not for years prided self upon the effectiveness of its pecuarly tricky diplomacy it would have Lore friends in its present trouble.

The New York Ice trust must get the Carker presidential boom out of the way if it expects to derive profit from ie business of cooling New York this cammer.

Inside rumblings are to the effect that he members of the democratic family 1 Nebraska are getting ready to dwell a peace and harmony just like a bunch of Kilkenny cats.

Wyoming is starting a movement for nore equitable assessment of property s a foundation of tax reform. Wyoming can get several valuable pointrs from Nebraska.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi is ul generis. No other governor ever hartered a special train to prevent the ynching of a negro, and from none was such action less expected.

To judge by the opinions expressed ly the Gentile press of Utah the editors equire a whole barrel of salt to be aken with the testimony of the Mornon dignitaries at Washington.

Put it down as a cinch that Mr. Pearse will not vacate the superintendmey of the Omaha schools until he is ocksure he has the better-paying Milwaukee job riveted down so it can't get away from him.

It is not quantity so much as quality hat counts. Eighteen companies of solliers are preserving order at Springfield,), after a lynching, while a small theriff's posse stopped a similar crime n Illinois.

Joseph Chamberlain showed no evifence of softening of the brain when he left England on the eve of a parliamentary sitting which all predicted would mark the overthrow of his party. It is sometimes considered good generalship to be absent during defeat.

Now that General Barry, together honorably discharged by Adjutant General Culver, the war of words that serinabers into plowshares, leaving the adutant general in complete possession of The fourth assistant postmaster general taxpayers in incurring the expense of the goreless field.

INVESTIGATION OF BEEF PRICES.

Dakota directing the secretary of combetween the cost of live stock and dressed beef. The matter is one of 'nterest to all the people and the Department of Commerce and Labor will be expected to act promptly upon the reso lution and to make thorough the inquiry is definite and specific, providing that the department shall investigate "the in the United States since July 1, 1903, and the alleged unusually large margins between the prices of beef cattle and the selling price of fresh beef."

It is information which the public ought to have in a trustworthy form and it does not seem that there should ers under which the price of beef cattle extortionate profit on dressed beef. This be done away with. was asserted strongly at the last national convention of stockmen, which adopted resolutions vigorously denouncinaugurated a movement intended to ompany has conspired to maintain meat, while depressing the price of live to light. cattle, says: "The monopoly plunders the country in both ways. It robs the farmer of a fair price for his cattle and it robs the consumer by compelling him to pay exorbitantly for his meat. If 29,912 there is in the country one monopolistic trust more rapacious and sordid than another, it is the National Packing company, and if the Sherman anti-trust law has any vitality at all, it should be employed to destroy the meat combination which, more than any other, operates in

flagrant restraint of trade." This is undoubtedly the general view All consumers of beef believe that the high prices they must pay for that ment are due to the manipulation of a combination of packers and they not unreasonably think that some effective way should be found to break up this combination, charged with plundering both the cattle raiser and the consumer. ude for the renomination of Governor It is not commonly thought that the retailer has any responsibility in the matter, but is absolutely under the control and dictation of the packers as to the and the duty of neutrals is to be neu- price he shall charge for beef. It is manifestly desirable that the public shall know where the responsibility for the high price of beef rests, so that if there be a packing monopoly, as alleged, it can be properly dealt with. It is believed that the Department of Commerce and Labor has ample powers to urchase of Chilean ships may have an ordered by the Martin resolution and if welfare at heart must realize that facadesired interview with Uncle Sam so it is not to be doubted that the department will promptly and zealously perform the duty devolved on it.

A CRINESE MENACE.

We have already pointed out the danger to Russia from a Chinese uprising in Manchuria and it now appears that the Russian government is fully alive to this menace and is taking steps to meet any exigency in this direction that may arise. It seems that Russia does not doubt the intention of China to observe neutrality, but the difficulty is in the possible inability of the government to control the people who are hostile to Russia and are in a position to make a great deal of trouble for that

This is particularly the case with the natives of Manchuria, who were threatening long before the war began and were only prevented from uprising by Russia's sternly repressive measures. It is notorious that the Manchus, who are one of the proudest of all the Mongolian peoples, have never ceased to resent Russian occupation of their country and the ruthless acts of conquest which have marked it. They cherish the memory of the slaughter of their people as some thing to be avenged whenever possible It may well be that the successes of the Japanese and the apparent weakness of the Russians have incited the Manchus to go on the warpath. The population of Manchuria is numbered by many millions and would doubtless be able to fur nish a large contingent of fighting men, who in an irregular warfare would be able to do a great deal of damage to the Russians. Should Japan win an important victory on land, one that would give her a decided advantage, a Manchurian uprising could hardly be prevented. This would place the Chinese government in a very difficult position, for it has very little control now and would be almost helpless in the event of any considerable

popular uprising CONGRESSMEN PROTEST.

The report on the Postoffice department investigation which was made public a few days ago and which involved a number of members of congress, has called out an indignant protest from some of the representatives named in the report as having committed certain irregularities. While it is certainly most natural that the men accused should feel indignant, believing they have done nothing to warrant their arraignment as made in the report, the intemperate language used by some of them regarding Mr. Bristow, the fourth assistant postmaster general, was hardly justifiable. It is the general public impression that Mr. Bristow has been faithwith his militia brigade staff, has been fully performing his duty in the investigation, with the full approval of the president and the postmaster general ously menaced the state with a war of If he has seemed to some to be overswords is over and General Barry and zealous, is it not fair to assume that he his gallant staff will convert their was urged to this by those higher in au- point of view, therefore, the county comthority and to hold them responsible? missioners would be justified by the

the investigation. It was devolved upon the resolution by Mr. Martin of South is well known that from the outset he auses for the difference which exists therefore, to denounce Mr. Bristow for doing what he believed, with the endorsement of his superiors in office, to be necessary to make the investigation thorough.

As to the members of congress in volved in the report, it does not appear directed by the action of congress. This that, with perhaps a few exceptions, they had done anything irregular or which has not been done by congress causes of the low prices of beef cattle men of all parties since the beginning of the government. It has never been re garded as other than proper and legiti mate for a member of congress to ask, for example, that postal facilities in his district be improved, or to call for any other reasonable consideration for his constituents from a department of the be any great difficulty in obtaining it. government. This is one of his duties It is the common impression that the and so long as its performance is free difference is due to an arrangement or from any form of corruption there can understanding between the beef pack- be no reasonable objection to it. Perhaps the system is faulty, but it has alis kept down and the packers reap an ways existed and is not likely soon to viding its tracklayers will replace torn-

If congress shall order an investigation of the Postoffice department the people will certainly find no fault, yet to order ing the course of the beef packers and it in a spirit of retaliation would not be commendable. The general conviction break up the alleged combine. An east- undoubtedly is that that department has the legislature defeated a bill changing the ern paper, referring to the charge that been very thoroughly investigated and name of Lincoln county to Davis county. what is known as the National Packing the wrong-doing fully exposed, still there may be some things undiscovered that a arbitrarily the high prices of dressed congressional investigation would bring

WHAT ARE THEY DRIVING ATT

The organization of the Fontanelle club, which claims to start out with a membership of nearly 100 picked men distributed in the various wards of this city, is a new departure that very naturally justifies the suspicion that the coming campaign in Douglas county is again to be fought on factional lines. The godfathers of the Fontanelle club profess that it is an open door affair in which republicans of all shades of opinion and affiliation are welcome, but the names of the officers and executive committee, barring alone its president doubtless chosen to mask the real purposes of the prime movers, afford conclusive proof that the Fontanelle club is to be what its name implies—a club of political Indians with scalping knives at the belt and dirks in their boot-legs.

While every group or faction of the republican rank and file have a right to organize themselves into clubs, it is a serious question whether the party can be the gainer by clubs that are organized for the perpetuation of factional feuds. This is especially true in a national campaign year when harmony within the party ranks is desirable and essential to insure the party's success. thoroughly prosecute the investigation Every republican who has the party's shown the ability to fill this high office. cord and pave the way for another bolt feat, and no sincere In case the adherents of their faction the party defeated this year. are defeated at the primaries.

There can, of course, be no serious objection to clubs organized in the interest of candidates for congress or any other office before the nominating con vention. Such clubs would rally the admirers and supporters of the respective candidates without interfering with party harmony, but secret political knifing clubs are in politics simply what guerrillas that fight behind the ambush

If there really is any long-felt want, or short-felt want, of scalpers' clubs within the republican party under the name of "Fontanelle" we are entirely at a loss to know whence this want springs and what the men who have organized the movement are driving at

If the republican party in Douglas county needs reforming or rejuvenating there is nothing to prevent the reformers from discussing the issues in the existing republican clubs, which are not organized on factional lines, but are open to all who may have anything to present to promote the interests and elevate the morals of the party.

The right of legislative investigating committees, whether appointed by a state legislature or municipal legislature, to hold sessions behind closed doors has been affirmed by the district court and the council committee charged with the investigation of the charge that the paying specifications submitted to the council by the Board of Public Works had been prepared by interested contractors, will proceed without further hindrance by injunctions. The principles laid down by Judges Troup and Redick are on all fours with precedents established by congress and by legislatures. Investigations of this class are in the nature of grand jury inquiries which could not now hear. The man who possesses a few be conducted with open doors without frustrating the object for which they were instituted. The only way substantial proofs of corruption or conspiracy may be established before the committee that would justify prosecution against public officials or outsiders is to have the hearings in private, though opportunity should be afforded the accused to make a proper defense. If, however, no foundation exists for charges of malfeasance the investigation behind closed doors can result in no harm to anybody.

The funding of the floating debt of Douglas county, now bearing 7 per cent interest, into a 314 or 3% per cent bond would not merely save the county several thousand dollars, but would place it in position to carry on its business | And let the educators who accept it apply more nearly on a cash basis. The premium on the bonds would doubtiess more than repay the expenses of a special election, including the cost of registration revision in Omaha. From every did not seek the arduous task of making a special bond election. It is to be ex- be allowed to interfera

pected, however, that the scheme of The house of representatives, without him because he was believed to be the funding the floating county debt will debate or division, on Monday passed most capable man to carry it on and it not be popular with warrant brokers and parties who are willing to extend has had the earnest support of those credit to the county for supplies with merce and labor to investigate the above him. It is manifestly unjust, from 5 to 20 per cent added to the cash

> Superintendent Pearse wired Milwaukee that he would accept the position of school superintendent to which be had been elected and then told Omaha reporters that he did not know what he would do and would not decide until he should have received for nal notification. That, however, is characteristic of the man.

Rhode Island democrats are in a wran gle as to instructions to delegates to the national convention. Inasmuch as it makes little difference what Rhode Island does in the matter so far as the vote of that state is concerned, the fun of the fight can have 'no bad after

The spring campaign begun by the street railway company will prove eminently satisfactory to its patrons, proup pavements with durable material on a substantial base.

Hurrah for Mississippi,

Chicago Chronicle, Abraham Lincoln carried Mississippi against Jefferson Davis the other day when

Hands Ready for the Stuff.

Cincinnati Enquirer. There are strong symptoms of a selfish and unseemly straggle in Panama for the money that is to be paid by the United States for the canal concession. That is an awful proposition that our government should invest the fund and keep the junta and other patriots of the new republic from squabbling over it.

Emperor Hits the Pipe.

Leslie's Weekly. With his characteristic enthusiasm, the German emperor's newly-acquired smoking habit is absorbing his attention, and he is forming quite a collection of pipes. One of them is a "veritable jewel," made by a Berlin artist from designs furnished by the kaiser. The bowl is of meerschaum, while the stem is of Turkish wild cherry The pipe is ornamented with a W, on which is perched a bird, the whole in silver. A carved branch winds round the bowl. In who is colorless as a partisan and was this pipe the emperor uses only the finest Havana tobacco.

Strange Political Incident.

Nashville American (dem.) One of the strangest incidents in American politics today is the support given by a few democratic newspapers to the presidential ambitions of a man whose only claim to distinction lies in the fact that he is a multi-millionaire, especially when many of these same newspapers are bit terly antagonistic to all forms of wealth. There is absolutely no consistency in such policy. The pretense that this candidate, who is making a bold effort to buy the nomination, has been a friend of labor and the so-called common people, is not deserving of notice. His alleged friendship has a purpose-to advertise his properties and enhance his own fortune at public expense. At no time and in no place has he ever tion on the intelligence of the party, but it the top of a hill, he invariably alighted public corruption, is a new horror in Amerwould result in another overwhelming de- from his carriage at a certain point in

History of a Life.

Collier's Weekly. The life of man seems indeed but a tranient hour, hardly long enough "to look about us and to die," when we compare t with the existence of a tree. In comparson to some of the Sequolas, Methusalah died in infancy. A United States senator has lately made public certain information received by him about the amount of history stored away in the great trees of California. One of moderate size, fifteen feet diameter, five feet from the ground, reeals the following experiences: In 271 B. C. it began its existence. In 245 A. D., to immigrate there would be no immigrawhen it was 516 years of age, a forest fire tion." burned on its trunk a scar three feet in width. After 1,196 years of placid life, in another fire, in 1441 A. D., the tree, aged 1,712, received another injury. Another scar followed in 1580, and was not covered with new tissue for fifty-six years. The worst attack of all was in 1797, when the tree, then 2,068 years of age, was attacked by a fire, which left a scar eighteen feet wide, reduced by 1890, in 103 years, to fourteen feet.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

The Rockefeller Fund and the Nebraska University. Baltimore American.

There is an agitation on in Nebraska

provement of the popular educational sys-

owners than in any other way no squa-

just now. The cause thereof is the offer of a large sum of money by John D. Significant Incident Marking Change Rockefeller to the Nebraska State uni-Conditions in the West. versity for the construction of an addi-Bill Barlowe's Budget. tional building in connection with that in-An advertisement appearing recently in stitution. The offer has given rise to a local paper is significant as marking the discussion of the question whether it is final windup of the cattle business in cenproper to accept a gift of money from tral Wyoming as once pertained to the man representing a great monopoly, the running of large herds on the open range. noney offered being understood to be a Pime was here when the cowboy hunted dogles and was himself hunted by Indiansportion of that wrested from the people of the country by the alleged questionable when the settler was unknown-when all methods of the Standard Oil company. this vast territory comprising an area larger than four or five of our northern If such scrupulousness were always to be adhered to in the matter of accepting most New England states-an Inland sea of sagebrush-flecked plain and forbidding badendowments, the universities and collegessectarian and secular-of the country would lands-was an uninhabited waste, dotted here and there with an isolated ranch, and be even poorer financially than they are and more begging and pleading for help actually owned and controlled by the cattlefrom the masses would be heard than we man and his cowboy henchmen. One could millions made in some other line of busiman voice-without seeing a habitation of ness has his donation gobbled up almost any sort-without evidence of life anywhere before he has offered it and "no questions other than the behorned bovine, and he as wild as the buffalo, antelope and deer who asked." Is it always known that the man who made his money in dealing in cattle grazed by his side as comrade and friend, and hogs and wheat dealt fairly with those The range rider was monarch of all he surfrom whom he bought and to whom he And, supposing the money came dishonestly, according to conscientious dis-

veyed; life was cheap-but free; fortunes were made-and lost. But conditions have changed. Despit pricrimination, from the whole people, could vation and oftimes oppression, the settler it ever be returned drib by drib to the incame to stay. Then the wire fence-a dividuals from whom it was extorted? On foul blot on a landscape hitherto as free that hypothesis is it not better that the and unfettered as the ambient-and with money be spent in such a way that the it is the beginning of the open-range stockcommon people may obtain the benefit growing industry. One by one they went thereof, rather than to be expended for the to the wall, and today the final steps are being taken to wipe from central private gratification of the man into whose hands it has fallen? Let it be regarded ming's records the last of her range herds. as a conscience fund or what not. Such The Fiddleback ranch is for sale. Estaboverscrupulousness would not be silly if lished by E. H. Tillotson some time in the any good, either moral or practical, were seventies-afterward run by his son W. L. Tillotson-it was for years one of the bigto be obtained from its exercise. As it gest of the "big outfits"-its cattle rangstands, let the money be accepted and ing from the North Platte river to Monused to the best interests of humanity. tana and its brand an open book to every cowpuncher who rode a brenk, wore vesti it to the welfare of mankind as con scientiously as the present owner surbuled schaps and packed a nickel-plated renders his supposed-to-be ill-gotten gains. six on either hip. Farewell to the Fiddleback-the last link It is positively known that large sums of money may be spent profitably in the im-

which serves to unite the past with the present-sole remnant of a great industry. tem and when the money can thus be f life in the open, of that true type of more avarly returned to its alleged rightful western manhood which the world will never see again with like environment-the cowboy. Though gone, thay are not for- heaters. mish notions or political buncombe should

"THE UNTHINKABLE HEARST."

'AgCampaign Based on Cheek and a Check-Book."

STRATEGY OF EXPERTS.

Washington Star: There is little doubt

as to whether Russia is big enough to

conquer Japan; the question is whether it

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "Russia i

Indianapolis News: Japan is said to

strategic move, they say, "Yes; that's wha

what the Japs will do next, they say, "Oh,

we thought they'd do," But when asked

s smart enough.

Japan is doing likewise

Washington Post:

of enjoying the climate.

the free use of that of others.

equipment that count.

pretty husky place.

peck measure.

hospital of Cincinnati.

yous this summer.

order to relieve the horse.

argued as follows:

Methuselah died in a poorhouse.

they do not eat pork?

from which he graduated in 1847.

"The line is busy," usually, too.

Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant 1

The death in New Jersey, at the age of

132, of a man who used tobacco and drank

Congressman Wachter of Maryland re

ceived a petition from a man outside his

district for appointment to a court va-

cancy over which the congressman was

At the Patti concert in Louisville Friday

night there were no more delighted visitors

than Mr. and Mrs. George Flournoy, an

old couple who journeyed from their home

in Falmouth, Ky., to hear the diva. Ter

years ago, when she was there, she sang

"My Old Kentucky Home" and the hus-

band and wife tearfully listened while Patti

warbled the beautifully simple old song.

The vocalist saw how interested they were

and outdid herself for their especial benefit

thanks. On Friday evening they had a

WINDER OF THE BANGE.

melody, to their intense delight.

"They may

PERSONAL NOTES.

David Sears, a wealthy Boston bachelor

walt and see."

New York Evening Post (ind.) The Evening Post has been rejuctant to speak of the presidential candidacy of W. outting the finishing touches on some more R. Hearst. We have felt it to be one of cattleships," says a contemporary; and thost things that "need much washing to be touched," and had hoped that its grotesque and humiliating aspects would have spent \$100,000 in firing somewhat input him out of consideration by all but years of tolerance and polite suffering he effectively at Vladivostok yesterday; but the bought and rotten. But it is evident hen good advertising always pays in the that his umblushing campaign-based, as & Corea, resembles Florida geographically, and would like very much to resemble it in placifily waiting for people to come and pay for the privilege nently mentioned would have a chance of Philadelphia Inquirer: When the war exelection, and could preserve honor even in perts at Washington are told of a Japanese

The possibility of his securing the nomi-

ause and damn any party.

mly with a shudder-depends wholly upon Baltimore American: Russia is calling out her reserves. Again has the mistake Hence the duty of a public warning bebeen made of underestimating the power of a smaller opponent. Nations, like indi-Hearst's huge vulgarity; at his front of the corner drug store, watching and critividuals, prefer to buy their own experience bronze; at his shricking unfitness mentally, claing the druggiest's customers. Do you at a high rate rather than economize or for the office which he sets out to buy. wish something for nothing? Help yourself All this goes without saying. There has at the drug store. Do your eyes ache at 3 Portland Oregonian: The most sacremage in Russia has been removed from tellectual equipment, absolutely without ex-Moscow, where it remains in times of perience in office, impudently flaunting his peace, to St. Petersburg, whence it will wealth before the eyes of the people and be sent with the army to the far east saying. This image, representing the Virgin apfolly. This is to degrade public life, But pearing to St. Sergiusbard, is about a foot square and is incrusted in precious stones behind. It is well known that this man It accompanied Peter the Great and Alexhas a record which would make it imposander I on their campaigns. Attached to sible for him to live through a presidential it is a silver tablet upon which are enumcampaign-such gutters would be dragged, erated the battles at which it has been such sewers laid open! We can only refer present. Disciples of Buddha are not to the loathsome subject. Let those who easily outdone when it comes to things want a hint of the repulsive details turn 'sacred." and Japan will perhaps be able to the Congressional Record of January 8, o match this image in supposed influence 1897. There they will find a speech by Repover the god of battles by one equally resentative Johnson of California showing sacred to her people. But after all, it will the kind of a milistone which would be be modern strategy and military and moral hung about Hearst's neck if he were ever to come before the voters.

We consider it the duty of honest news-

papers to let these facts be known. It to ore than a party matter. Democrats, it If all reports are correct, Vladivostok is true, have a special motive for wishing will stand a good deal of shelling. It's a to prevent their party from being dis graced; but there is a large question of How can there be a real bond of sympatriotism involved, as to which repubpathy between us and the Japanese when licans also should show that they are sensitive. They cannot wish to see the opposisition debauched. The example would be has given \$250,000 to Harvard university, too generally demoralizing. Next would come the turn of the republican party. If the Hearst millions can purchase the dem-On March 4 Senators Eugene Hale and ocratic nomination today, who knows that William Pitt Frye of Maine completed ome financial Catiline will not instruct their thirty-third year of service in conhis brokers to buy the republican nomination four years hence? The country cannot In Massachusetts it has been decided afford to have its insignia of honor trailed that a quart bottle must hold a quart; in the mud of the market place. That after awhile justice will be done by the would be a calamity to all honest citizens of any party. We have not yet reached The longest direct telegraph line in the the point where we can be indifferent to world is that between St. Petersburg and the spectacle of an aspirant for our highest Viceroy Alexieff's headquarters at Mukden. office being an Alcibiades without talent or courage or personal charm, and with little Benjamin Wood Davis, a well known but profligacy to entitle him to the name Cincinnatian, who died recently, left \$140,000 . . . We are convinced that it is only to various educational and charitable insti- necessary to set forth the facts in order tutions, among others \$10,000 to the Jewish to make an end of this unspeakable candidacy. Hearst's record will crush him as soon as it is known. It is, obviously, betan advocate of modern physical culture ter for the party, better for the nation. as an aid to the making of good soldiers that it should be known before the convenand he has mapped out a program for tion. Afterwards, it would be too late for systematic instruction of the men that the party that nominated him to save even make their home at Chicago's army rendez- its honor. It is not a question of policies. but of character. An agitator we can endure; an honest radical we can suspect; John Morley, who is a great lover of animals, always has a pet dog sitting on a fanatic we can tolerate; but a low volum tuary trying to sting his jaded senses to a his lap when he is writing in his study, fresh thrill by turning from private to

PRES. ROOSEVELT'S "MISTAKES."

innumerable swigs of booze since he was a kid of 12, provokes varied comment with Redound to the Honor and Credit of whittled morals. The commentators fall the Nation. to mention the fact that the modern Leslie's Weekly.

ican politics. To set the heel of contempt

upon it must be the implse of all hones

The democratic and assistant democrati apers are saying that President Roosevelt has made many mistakes. Yes; he has made mistakes. Let us mention a few of

supposed to have control. To break the The president ended the coal strike in force of an objection to his locality he 1902, and thereby opened the mines, gave against me as a nonresident. Such is the work to tens of thousands of persons who had been idle for months, and reduced the facts. But if there was no inducements price of coal to 80,000,000 Americans. He carried out the country's pledge with

Cuba, first by withdrawing the troops from the island after pacification had become complete, and then by inducing an apa thetic congress to grant to the island the reciprocity which had been promised. He led congress to pass the national irr gation act, which will benefit every state and territory west of the longitude of Missiuri's western boundary, which will oper to settlement a new empire in the arid region comprising over a third of the con tiguous part of the United States.

After the concert they were brought to her He enforced the Sherman anti-trust ac dressing room, where they stammered their of 1890 so that the people can repeal it if they dislike it, can strengthen and extend similar experience, Patti singing the same it if they want to retain it and if it needs strengthening and extending, and in so doing gave vitality to a statute which had seen forgotten, and he also carried out a republican pledge repeated in many of the national platforms.

He called a halt on England, Germany and Italy in their projected attack on Venezuela, compelled the disputants to submit their case to arbitration, and thus gave international and final sanction to

the Monroe doctrine. He negotiated a commercial treaty with China, overcame Russian menaces at Peking, induced the emperor of China t ratify the treaty, and thus opened the Manchurian ports of Mukden and Antung

to the trade of the United States. He induced England to agree abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850, which tied the United States' hands in canal building across the isthmus negotiated a canal treaty with Colombia which that country blindly rejected; then ride a hundred miles without hearing hu- he turned to the newly created Republic of Panama, which seceded from Columbia on account of the latter's folly in refusing to accept the canal treaty, gained a treaty with Panama under which the canal is to be built and a world dream of four cen turies' duration is to be transmuted into fact. For his work in getting an isthmian canal under American control he brought the bulk of the southern democracy over to his side, and for the time blotted out party lines throughout the United States more thoroughly than they had been blot ted out before or since Monroe's "era of good feeling."

The American people love Roosevelt for some of the "mistakes" which he has made

SODA AND TELEPHONES.

Projected Revolution in Methods of

the Retail Druggist. St. Louis Republic. Pity the poor druggist no longer. has cultivated pity of his own for himself and rises in subdued anger to get redress He is resolved that the corner store shall henceforth cease to be an interrogation and accommodation bureau. Through long has earned a rest; and he will take it.

What a convenience is the retail drug democratic senator has said, purely upon store. It has drugs and tollet articles; it 'cheek and a check book"-is making some has stationery and school supplies; it has headway. Hearst stands today, in fact, as cigars and tobaccco; it has a news stand the greatest temptation to the democratic and money order department; it has a party to play the fool and break its neck soda water fountain, where tee cream and again. Almost any other candidate promi- refreshing drinks are sold; it has most of the things a well regulated family may need or desire, and, in addition, a free defeat; but Hearst is enough to sink any public telephone, which, instaled for the convenience of patrons, is abused by every swain and maid who has more time for nation-which decent men can contemplate silly chat than brains for useful work. Is there anything you would like to ignorance of the man and his methods. know? Ask the drug clerk. Is there anything you want? Get it at the corner drug times. It is not simply that we revolt at store. Have you idle time? Spend it at

been a case of a man of such slender in- in the morning? Ring the night bell at The drug clerk is a temperate, smiling considerate fellow, whom the men like and "Make me president." This is the ladies admire. He has a capacity for seeing and enjoying the folbles of human there is something darker and more fearful nature, and this makes his work relatively pleasant, with all of its annoyances. But he has decided to lighten his burdens and

> avoid unnecessary labors and expense One way is to do away with the free public telephone. Another is raising the price of soda. He will sell less soda, make larger profits and be rid of spendthrift chatterboxes. By installing a nickel-in-the slot telephone he will free his ears of foolish conversations and accommodate customers who use the instrument for business The retail drugggist is justified in enforce ing reform

LAUGHING LINES.

Liethuselah's mother sobbed bitterly.
"I told that horrid street car conductor that Thusy dear was under 50," she walled, "but he made me pay full fare!"
Even in those days it was evident that the corporations were soulless.—New York

Wally Ostrich-Oh, ma, I've got such if Mrs. Ostrich-What have you been eating?
Wally-Why, I just swallowed a few horseshoes for luck!-Chicago News.

"Senator," said the interviewer, "it is impored that you intend to retire from "Senator," said the interviewer, "It is rumored that you intend to retire from politics."
"Well, well," replied the senator, "It's queer how rumors start. I suppose this one grew out of the fact that I attended church with my wife last Sunday,"—Phila-delphia Press,

When you get a redhot potate in your mouth there is but one thing to do with it, in spite of the rudeness of it. The stomach is no more fireproof than the mouth is.—Baltimore American.

The Young Man-No, I shouldn't call Japanese a musical language, Take the word "sweetheart," for example. In Japa-nese it is "shinobitsuma." Miss de Muir—I don't like that so well. It takes you too long to say it.—Chicago Tri-bune.

"I am agreeably surprised at the room you have given me," said the manager of the theatrical troupe, with a patronizing air, "It is really first-class."

"Ah!" replied the proprietor of the hotel, "Your room is better than your company."

—Philadelphia Press.

She (flushing expectantly)—Fred Smithers, s I live! Foor fellow—it saddens me to link how broken up he was over my refusal. He (wrinkling forehead)—Where in thun-Brooklyn Life.

Prison Visitor-What brought you here,

my man?
Convict—Superstition, ma'am.
Prison Visitor—Superstition?
Convict—Yes, ma'am. It was the unlucky
thirteen, ma'am.
Prison Visitor—Thirteen! In what way?
Convict—Why, the judge an' the jury
united against me, ma'am.—Cleveland Piain
Dealer.

First it snows and then it thaws, And then a rain is brewing. And then the doctor has you and You don't care what it's doing. —Washington Star.

TWO OF A KIND.

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune Across the sad and solemn sea. I reach a friendly hand to thee, My brother in adversity,
Yl Yonk Ik.
I, too, have seen the lamp of fame Snuffed out, just when its rosy flan Filled the wick.

I, too, have seen coy glory flit
Just when my name had made a hit,
And people tried pronouncing it,
I' York Ik.
The splendor that I made mine own
Now rests beneath a chiseled stone—
"Jacet hie."

Your name, with rhythmic clink and clank, Was one before which others shrank—Mine with more softness rose and sank, Yi Yonk Ik.

My name was like a serenade,
Until some jealous lout or jade
Threw a brick.

My name was like a gentle sigh-A song beneath the southern sky-But still, we're brothers, you and I, Yi Yonk Ik, Although your name, when spoken, makes A sound like Westinghouse's brakes Clutching quick.

But, do not mourn. Rejoice with me, For future ages still shall see, Our names a-romp through history, Yi Yonk Ik.
Yes, Yi Yonk Ik and Wos y Gil Shall through the coming epochs peal.
We can't kick.



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