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GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

Not average sales ...

A tip to Governor Mickey-avoid becoming entangled in the letter-writing habit.

Omaha now has milling-in-transit rates. The next thing is more mills and elevators.

The preliminary gubernatorial campaign is clarifying, but it is not altogether clear.

something to tell or he would not be so averse to telling it.

To judge by the Trilby story, Herr Strauss is letting no opportunity for free advertising escape.

If we are to have a monument built for Commodore Barry, why not also build one for General Barry?

Officers of the navy who have trouble in getting their titles on straight can

The pope is apparently determined to there was a time when France had though there is not so much confidence Chancellor Andrews and endorsing his saints.

that Iowa boom for the presidency if organization and classification of the the boomers had any chance of deliver- salaries of the consulates, in order that emerge from cover with the names and ing the electoral votes.

Never too late to help the Auditorium fund along. The Auditorium must be made available for use in time for the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival this fall.

The Dietrich investigating committee is getting its fill of "well defined rumors," but like the other "well defined rumors" the difficulty is to substantiate

With a little practice Secretary Cortelyou will soon be counted among the star orators of the cabinet, with demonstrated abilities that no one previously suspected.

Russia permits the impression to go out that it is playing a waiting game. die of nervous prostration after their strenuous work.

The United States Steel corporation fell down in its net earnings for 1903 as compared with 1902 by \$25,000,000. The collapse in its stock values was not without a moving cause.

be said in America if the Moslems should start an active propaganda in this country.

Senators listening to the testimony in location fights of their own.

Governor Mickey has been allowed to select the delegation to the state convention from his home county without a dissenting vote. If the governor can put the opposition to him in other counties to sleep as easily he will have a clear field for a walk-away.

Robert E. Lee Herdman declares that he wants Mr. Bryan to head the Nebraska delegation to St. Louis, in order that Bryanism may be represented in the democratic national convention. Mr. Herdman's condescension is great and Mr. Bryan should be duly thankful.

The engagements in the Orient so far disclose the fact that the Japanese gunthe Japanese have the guns to unlimber, soon with which to answer back,

a meeting in London, at which they tion to their holdings with the owners ratified the agreement entered into with of other property. the government of Canada last year for the extension of the Grand Trunk line to the Pacific. Under this agreement

the gover-ment undertakes to build the the increased valuations of real and line from the coast of New Brunswick personal property, and the unification to Vinnipeg, by way of Quebec and of assessments will make it impossible lease it to the company for a term of for the railroads to maintain their fifty years. The western division, from specious plea that they are taxed higher Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, is to be in proportion than all other property of built by the company itself, but the like value. When the State Board of government will guarantee 75 per cent Assessment convenes shortly it must of the principal of a bond issue, though face the question fairly whether it pronot to exceed \$13,000 a mile for the poses to encourage rallroad tax evasion prairie section and \$30,000 a mile for or whether they will assess the railroad the mountain section of about 500 miles. property at one-fifth of its true valua-The government is also to give material aid toward the construction of the line respective stocks and bonds and their in the form of land grants.

The agreement provides that the new railroad shall be operated as a common that the principle has been successfully distance of 230 miles. That division is jointly operated by the Wabash and the Grand Trunk systems and the results have been satisfactory to both companies. There seems to be no good reason why it cannot be successful on more extensive scale. It is a very important enterprise, which the promoters expect will result not only in a great development of the Dominion in opulation and industries, but also in acreasing its foreign trade. In recommending the project to the Canadian Parliament the premier urged among other things that it would make Canada independent in its foreign trade of the bonding privilege of the United States and enable it to compete successfully for the future trade of the Orient. The incentive to the enterprise is the development of the commercial power and

country. How much of a competitor the proposed line would be to the American transcontinental railways it is not possible to foresee, but the route laid out will be the shortest and most direct from London to Japan and China, an Building Inspector Withnell must have advantage which would doubtless enable the Canadian road to draw transpacific trade from American roads. There is some opposition to the project on the score of the large expenditure involved, but there appears to be every probability of its being carried out.

the commercial independence of the Do-

minion and its promotion is an expres-

CHANCE FOR CONSULAR REFORM. It is said that there is favorable promreported on by the house committee on foreign affairs, is likely soon to be taken up for consideration and if so it is beshow that, despite present appearances, lieved it can be passed in the house, General Miles might think more of improve the consular service by a re- which unanimously arraigned the chanmembers of congress, as usual, and they will not go in for life.

The measure does not go far enough to satisfy those who would free the consular service from all political inthe consular patronage, comparatively small though it is. This remnant they to and the Adams bill does not propose Perhaps it hopes the Japanese will all to deprive them of it, a fact which encourages hope of its adoption. Meanwhile there are no complaints being to the consular service. It is admittedly efficient and unquestionably is doing good work in promoting American trade. The serious question is as to how long it would continue efficient and useful The sultan cannot be such a bad in the event of a change in the political of delegates to the congressional confellow, for he will permit Christians to administration of the government, makmeet in Jerusalem. Imagine what would ling the service again the prey of pollticians.

MAKE HAILBOADS PAY THEIR SHARE. Under the new revenue law county assessors will be required to appraise the Dietrich inquiry declare their will- all real and personal property at its inguess to waive the narration of the true value and assess the same at onepostoffice location fight at Hastings, fifth. This is by no means an inneva-They have all been up against postoffice tion, so far as the practice is concerned, but simply an effort to secure uniformity in assessments and make property of every description to contribute its just share toward the maintenance of gov-

ernment.

Under the old revenue law assessors were required to return all property at any way even if the place remain vacant its true value, but by common consent and general depravity assessors and owners of taxable property did not scruple to make sworn returns at anywhere from 5 to 50 per cent of the actual values. This promiscuous system bernian navel heroes, but he still stands of valuation was taken advantage of by firm in opposition to building battlethe railroads and acquiesced in by state ships. How he would fabricate naval boards of equalization for the benefit of heroes without battleships has not been these corporations.

While the average assessments in the state ranged from one-fifth to one-tenth ners are far superior in marksmanship of the actual value of property, the Congressman Andrews at the state capto the Russian gunners. What is more, property of the railroads was assessed ital would indicate that another Richat one-thirteenth of its market value mond is preparing to enter the senawhile if they keep up their initial pace for state and county purposes and at torial battleground. Mr. Andrews is the Russians will not have anything less than 3 per cent of its actual value still able to qualify as a resident of the in such cities as Omaha and Lincoln. South Platte.

SEW TRANSCONTINESTAL RAILWAY. This system of railroad undervaluation The Canadian project for the construct and downright tax shirking has worked tion of a transcontinental railroad have great injustice to other taxpayers, and New Brunswick and its western at Port larger cities, where the railroads are Simpson on the Pacific seems likely to enabled to enjoy all the advantages of be accomplished. Recently the share- municipal protection without sharing holders of the Grand Trunk railway had the expenses of government in propor-

> Under the new revenue law the grand assessment roll of the state will be increased by many millions, by reason of tion, based on the market value of their

earnings for the preceding year. The railroad managers assert that they are willing to pay their due and just highway. A common transcontinental proportion of the taxes imposed for the highway is a novelty, but it is noted maintenance of government. If they are sincere they will acquiesce in an tested in a minor way in the case of the honest and impartial assessment. If air line division of the Grand Trunk not, the people of Nebraska will insist railway from Detroit to Niagara Falls, that the state officers upon whom the duty of assessment devolves shall live up to the letter and spirit of the law.

RUSSIA'S DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

Directly after the outbreak of war the Russian government found it necessary to materially strengthen the department of police. This precautionary action, however, has not prevented occurrences which show that there is much popular that there is more than a possibility of nice fellows. Russia's domestic troubles becoming very grave, especially in case of more serious reverses in the far eastern campaign. A Moscow dispatch states that in the southwestern part of the empire the local authorities have become alarmed at the manifestations of popu lar unrest and that a number of provincial governors have petitioned the minister of the interior to use his influence with the war office to prevent a sion of strong faith in the future of that further depletion of the garrisons.

There is no reason to doubt the correctness of this report, which is confirmatory of advices that preceded it. For instance at Warsaw about two weeks since crowds marched the streets singing revolutionary songs and cheering for the independence of Poland, the police being unable to check the demonstration. These facts show that not all the people in Russia, or under the sovereignty of that power, are filled with the spirit of patriotism and are loyally supporting the government. On the contrary there are millions who are eagerly hoping for an opportunity to strike at the government and would welcome reverses to Russian arms that ise of legislation at the present session would give the opportunity. There are down" and permit the paid Hearst propa- charged hit the mark and some of them of congress for a reorganization of the foes to Russia within her borders that ganda to push its way over the country. smashed the incandescent bulbs. The re-

defending the patriotism and loyalty of that it would be adopted by the senate. position in the matter of the Rockefeller cellor for disloyalty, has so far failed to a more equitable system of pay may records of the men said to have voted prevail. Consuls are to be appointed by the denunciation. Veterans of the war the president on the recommendation of who were brave enough to fight in defense of the union ought to be brave enough to show their colors when they attack a comrade.

That canning factory project bears fluence and place it under the merit earmarks that would warrant a suspiundoubtedly effect improvement and it the announcement at this time. Men is perhaps expedient to move gradually with money to invest in an enterprise toward the attainment of a complete they are satisfied will be a paying one congress are not now ready to relinquish from inroads of the river. The scheme appears to be made to order exclusively for the consumption of the county show a disposition to tenaciously cling board, which is being asked to appropriate county funds for river protection.

There are three counties in this congressional district that must participate heard, it is gratifying to note, in regard in the nomination of a republican candidate, and each county is entitled to the same rights as the other. If the congressional committee will issue its call, the various county organizations will be in position to provide for the selection vention that will do the work.

The wisdom of making the position of instead of a fee office has again been demonstrated. With a \$5,000 salary and a staff of clerks that can do twice the business of the office a surplus of over \$6,000 above all salaries has been earned during the past year from fees.

Several eminent educators in these parts and a great many from other parts appear to be ambitious to fill the Pearse brogans, but the school board should be in no hurry. There is no danger that the schools will deteriorate or suffer in from now until September.

Congressman Hitchcock has pledged himself in favor of an appropriation to build a couple of monuments to Hi-

explained. The spontaneous appearance of exSTATE PRESS COMMENT.

Fremont Herald: With the coming of spring the Herald will cheerfully accept ing its eastern terminus on the coast of especially to the real estate owners in power canals and hay markets on subscrip-

> Pearse of Omnha has been elected to a like position in Milwaukee. This is a case of Milwaukee's loss and Omaha's gain. Columbus Times: Most of the names ne sees in the war news of the day have

Pender Times: Superintendent of Schools

much like the list of applicants for liquor license in the city of Omaha. North Nebraska Eagle: A country hog that goes to the large packing houses at fast bacon at 22 cents a pound, is not the only hog in the transaction.

Grand Island Independent: Mr. Summer is still hearing from The Bee occasionally And there are indications that there will be an important engagement, on land, pretty quick. The Bee has been maneuvering for some time to cut off the enemy's supply and there are indications of the ultimate success of its plans.

Valley Enterprise: If the commissioners n the various counties along the Platte river would be on their guard and have men and dynamite on hand as soon as the ice began to break, less bridges would be lost. Men were dynamiting ice at the railroad bridge two days before it was started at the new wagon bridge, thus the cause of its damage. The old adage is still true, "a stitch in time saves nine.

Perplexities of Youth.

Detroit Free Press. Between the depiction of married bliss by the Mormon leaders at Washington and the declaration of a Detroiter, eight times married, that a man is better off single the average youth finds himself in doubt as to what course to pursue.

Where Japan Got the Edge. Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Russians are reported to be displeased with the tone of the press in the United States. Don't mind a little thing like that. Probably some of the editors have been chums of Japanese students at college, Russia should send some of her boys over unrest in portions of the empire and here to be educated. They may be real

New York Not the Battlefield.

Philadelphia Press. New York democrats are taking themselves seriously as a matter of habit New York was once decisive of a presidential election. It is so no longer. The solid south and New York, and even New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, car no longer carry the country. The west thing he said when he revived was: Russia's Objection to the Line from and central west have grown. Ohio, Indiana or Illinois must be added to New York and the two small states which have often gone with it before democratic success is possible. New York alone is not It has lost the place it once enough. A candidate who suits New York and can carry New York is not enough, unless he can also detach at least one of the great central states. Bryan, Bryanism and populism are strong enough in Ohio, Indiana or Illinois to make it certain that a candidate opposed by Bryan can carry no one of them for the democratic

DO YOU HEAR THE GROANST Early Effect of the Prospect of Willie

Springfield (Mass.) Republican (ind.) Democrats of standing and sanity are A Grand Army post down at Lincoln are wonted to political work of that sort, prepared to work in the dark.

It is not pleasant to see men who were honestly enlisted to promote the candidacy It is a conservative measure, seeking to gift. The Kearney Grand Army post, of William J. Bryan-a man of character laughed long and loud over it and showed of this cable, and a desire to be accomand with ability for public service, possessed of convictions and the full courage of them-now engaged in advocating Hearst as a fit representative of the radical sentiment in the democratic party. The conduct of these men gives great joy to re publicans of the plutocratic type, who una democratic national convention, when facing the serious responsibilities which good men are going up." will fall upon it, can ever seriously consider making Hearst a candidate for system, but so far as it does go it would clon that ulterior motives are behind ident or for vice president. But the harm of welcoming such a candidacy and permitting it to gain any standing in the party is none the less manifest and great. The more such an unblushing attempt to reform. At all events it is an obvious do not make the investment contingent capture the highest office within the peofact that a majority of members of upon protecting a particular location ple's gift is countenanced by any considerable number of democrats, the more degrading to the party, and is bound to have its effect in repelling support and country. It is in this practical aspect that the Hearst movement is to be viewed and feared.

IRISH LAND ACT A FAILURE.

Landlords Boost the Price to Pro hibitive Heights. Philadolphia Press.

The Irish land purchase act, by means of which the Balfour ministry expected to solve what is known as the Irish problem has turned out a failure. Amendments are pending in Parliament, and if adopted much better results may be expected; but so far as settling the discontent in Ireland clerk of the district court a salaried is concerned, that idea has been abandoned. Instead of supporting the government, the Irish members have voted regularly against it since the law became operative. Sales of estates have naturally ceased, and a condition reached where practically nothing can be done without further legislation. Agreements of sale were reached in the case of 135 estates, chisfly small properties.

The landlords are blamed for this condition of things, and apparently with reason. The trouble grows out of the high prices demanded. Under the land act, which this one succeeds, provision was made for a land court finally to determine the price There is no such provision in the new law and high prices are demanded. discussing the matter in Parliament member related one case within his own constituency concerning which the owner agreed, under the old law, to sell eighteen years' rental. The tenants agreed to pay the price, but the land court, on inquiry, refused to allow the sale to be was too high, and that the land was not go on! good security for so large a sum. But under the new law, when the tenants renewed their offer of eighteen years' rental the landlord refused to sell for less than twenty-five years' rental, claiming that the increased demand for real estate war ranted the demand.

It is such unwarranted demands that have made the new law a failure. reality, property in Ireland is decreasing rather than increasing in value. It looks as though the landlords would have themselves to blame, as usual, for any future land troubles in Ireland

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the

Appendicitis is the most fashionable epifemic raging in New York at present Pneumonia is more conspicuous, but the fact that undertakers are called in after the doctors renders it disagreeable and therefore undesirable. No such feeling attaches to the appendix, hence the doctors are cutting much cuticle, also the cake. Opa familiar look. In print they appear very crations have become so common that people are not nearly so shocked as they to be when told that friends are in the hospital undergoing the surgeon's knife Physicians say that high living is responsi-416 cents a pound and comes back break- ble for the prevalence of the disease in the metropolis, and advise people not to eat rich food all the time.

> Except for half-hour intervals the sun as not shone upon New York for eight days. During that period a cold, drizzling rain has fallen intermittently and the wind has blown gales from all directions. Pheumonia is raging and the person without a cold or a wheeze of some kind is an exception. The worst sufferers have been the 15,000 or more victims of drugs. Many morphine flends were driven to suicide, and three or four of these cases were first described as murders. Drug victims are the first to feel the effect of cold, wet spells. The tendency is usually toward suicide or unhappy creatures and the little processions toward the deadhouse over the river have been very numerous of late.

In saving his aged grandmother from death by a Third avenue car, 9-year-old Charles Ryan of 183 East One hundred and Seventeenth street was struck by the car and severely hurt about the head.

He was taken to the Harlem hospital, where his wounds were sewed. The doctor told him he had better spend the night at the hospital.

"Not much," said the boy. "Do you think I am going to let grandma go home alone? Not for me. I go with her," and he marched out holding his grandmother's

The grandmother was Mrs. Mary Ryan. with her on an errand because it was too mother's arm and pulled and pushed her out of danger.

While he was doing that the car struck him and rolled him over and over. He was senseless for a few minutes, but the first "Where's grandma?"

"I'm here safe through you," she replied "and sure it's a fine broth of a boy you

Walking was never so fashionable in the netropolis as it has been this winter. Men and women who heretofore would never have thought of walking except where and when they had to ignore street cars and leave their horses and carriages in stables, hurry along Fifth avenue, Broadway or through the parks at a pace which looks as though they meant business.

Some are walking to get thin, others t get fat and still others to create a good circulation-so they say. The truth is, they walk because it's the fad. But, fad or no fad, it has its advantages.

"About a month ago," says a letter to the Pittsburg Dispatch, "a young lad invaded groaning over the possibility of such a the gallery of an uptown theater and cpened fire on the actors with a bean They are not doing well to "lie shooter. One in five of the pellets dishas the ample bags from which to draw it. ployed on the staff of the Herald hap-The effort everywhere is to hire men who pened to be in the audience and he wrote an even column on the incident. Some has come to the front with a resolution and to enlist them in a "still hunt." Thus people thought it was a waste of space, two of these men have invaded Springfield, but James Gordon Bennett, the boss of the job, who is a chronic European, happened to see it in the paper. He thought the tale was too funny for anything." it to his friends. They all said it was good-very good. Then Mr. Bennett wrote a cablegram to the big chief of Herald Square, telling him to give the reporter who wrote the story a \$50 bonus would have been a surprise in any newspaper office in New York except the Herderstand with the rest of us that the ald. Bennett is always doing these things. American people will never lower their Mr. Hearst or Mr. Pulitzer do not throw ideal of the presidential office to at such a fits any more, but a good man in the candidacy. It is impossible to believe that newspaper line is always sure of a steady job along Park Row, and the prices for

Most of the department stores in New York now have in their regular employ a number of what are known as "shoppers The woman engaged for this work must dress well, be of distinguished appearance and must be thoroughly familiar with nearly all the things sold in department stores. Her work is to go about from store to store and find out the prices of sober and sensible folks will be turned rivals. She must keep her eyes alert for against that party and its ticket. It is new wrinkles practiced to allure trade. If sales are in progress she must inform her employer as to how they are "going." inviting the disrespect of the voters of the Her conscience must be elastic enough to stretch a plain lie into "business diplomacy," and she must be careful, above all, not to be spotted as a "shopper." would end her usefulness at once. Men are very rarely employed as shoppers.

Returning from a visit to the land of his birth, to the land where he has spent forty-two years of his life, though without becoming an American citizen, James Devaney, an aged Irishman, is held at Ellis Island, a veritable "man without a coun-

When Devaney originally came to this country he made application to become a naturalized citizen, but later he was so busy with other matters that he neglected to ask for his full citizenship papers. The other day when he returned from brief trip to Ireland the immigration officials were compelled to deny him admission because he may become a public charge.

He is likely to be sent back to Ireland and it is quite as likely that he will not be permitted to land there, for his continued residence here has led him to for feit his British citizenship.

> Any Old Thing Goes Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Courier-Journal has no purely individual likes or dislikes to overcome. If it had the power directly to place a man in the White House it would place Mr. Gorman there because it is tired of the mugwump business and of baby leadership and rather than of an exhorter or a magnetic wants at the head of affairs a democrat leader who can sway thousands. of tried, trained and proved ability. It has freed its mind about Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst. It is its purpose to consummated, on the ground that the price support the nominee. Now let the battle

> Value of Little Things. Engineering Review.

The greatness of little things finds frequent illustration in railroad operation. A case has just been discovered where nine years ago an error of 5 cents was made in the computation of a rate-sheet between two given points. It was found upon investigation that as a result of this error the two railroads operating between the two points have lost upward of \$17,000 during that time.

INDIGNATION OF THE TRULY GOOD.

Philadelphia Ledger (ind.): The Bristow report does not accuse any of the congressmen implicated of actual fraud, but rather of irregularity, which is a word that in these cases seems to cover a multitude of

sins. Chicago Tribune (rep.): There are repre sentatives who fear that the report will interfere with their prospects for renomina tion and re-election. As they cannot go before their constituents and deny the truth of its statements they feel obliged to abuse its author or to defend the really indefensible practices it sets forth, or to remain silent. Those who have said noth ing have been shrewdest.

New York World (dem.): Indignant virtue is rampant in Washington. The congressmen whose characters have been speckled by the Bristow report were throw ing tomahawks yesterday and they were not particular whom they hit. There is no more talk about hushing up the investigation-it will go on now until everybody has been either cleared or damned. All of which will be entirely satisfactory to the public.

Kansas City Star (Ind.): The country b not in a mood to stand an attack upon the men who have driven out the boodlers. The very anger of congressmen under the recent exposures is accepted by the people as a semi-confession of guilt. The galled jude always winces. If representatives are to gain by the scheme. It may render an overindulgence, which is equivalent to guiltless, why this explosion? Bristow, to suicide. Believue is crowded with these the nation, is the embodiment of official integrity. If the squaaling congressmen know what is good for them they will let him alone. Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.): Indignation

exhibited by congressmen who visited the Postoffice department regarding their inclusion in the Bristow report is much enjoyed by the subordinate officials in Washington. One of these gentlemen remarked that the situation recalled an incident in which a spoiled child and a bumble-bee played the principal parts. "The congressnen who are now howling," said an old official, "were clamoring for the publication of the records of the department regarding increase of allowances and rentals made by Beavers upon their solicitation Here is where the bumble-bee comes in The speiled child had set up a wild how! and the mother called to the nurse to learn 75 years old. The boy insisted on going out the cause of the trouble. Willie wants i bee,' replied the nurse. "Then give it to dark for her to go alone. Ryan and his him instantly,' commanded the mother grandmother were crossing on the "far Presently there came from the nursery a side" when a southbound car approached wild wall, and the mother shouted, 'Why at high speed. Ryan had hold of his grand- don't you give Willie the bee?" 'I did,' sald the nurse."

A CABLE NOT CONTRABAND.

Guam to Japan. Philadelphia Press.

The dispatch recently sent from St

Petersburg to the effect that Russia would

protest against the United States permitting a cable to be laid from Japan to Guam. there to connect with the line running t this country, may have had no good foundation, and yet it has attracted wide attention. The only ground of protest would be that such a line violated the neutrality law. But it is not easy to see how a protest could be based on that ground. Russia recently issued a proclamation defining what is contraband of war, and while it is unprecedentedly long and includes articles concerning which differences may arise, there is nothing said about a cable. The proclamation for the most part includes only articles that could be used in actual hostilities. A cable that would connect with the army in the field, or be happening as Hearst's nomination, as well while the performance was in progress he in other ways, might be objectionable. But a cable to Guam would be in the direction opposite to where the war is carried on and would be far removed from hostilities. consular service. The bill of Representare hardly less dangerous than the such a campaign as this young man is suit was that something like a panic was and merely be the means of communication pushing is costing a pile of money, but he precipitated. A bright young man embetween far distant countries. Its primary object would be for commerce. Orders for military goods might be sent over the cable the same as they are sent by mail, but that would not make the cable con-

traband. No permission has been granted by the United States government for the landing modating to Russia may delay action, though there is no reason apparent why the United States should deprive itself of the advantage of the cable. Russians are a This little inclined to discover faults in the way of violation of neutrality that do not exist. The complaints against the commander of the Vicksburg at Chemulpo were found Chicago Tribune. without good foundation, and so with other matters. The United States will rigidly uphold its position as a neutral, but the sympathies of the people cannot be controlled. As a rule they are for Japan because it promises the "open door."

PERSONAL NOTES.

The best general in the Russian army is General Putoff.

Senator Tiliman is suffering from an inflamed tonsil. Some of his "burning words" must have lingered too long on their way outward. A dispatch from Tokio states that prince of the royal blood will likely be

attend the opening of the St. Louis exposition. War correspondents in the far east are hereafter to be labelled as such. But that, apparently, is as far as they are allowed to get toward the front for the present. Will Crooks, a labor member of Parlia-

dispatched at the mikado's special order to

ment from the east end of London, made his oratorical debut in the house recently and scored an immense success. He spoke on behalf of the unemployed, moving his hearers to tears and laughter by turns At one pathetic passage the speaker held a paper in front of his face to conceal his Governor Brodie of Arizona recently re

ceived a telegram from one of the Rough

Riders, whose fighting blood is still in cir-

culation. The telegram was as follows:

"Am going to the Orient. Which would you advise, Russia or Japan?" The governor, in order to head off a soldier of fortune, hurriedly replied: "Better stay in the United States; it's better than either. Joseph H. Smith, head of the Mormon hurch, who has been making unexpectedly frank revelations in the Smoot trial, leas not much the appearance of a preacher, A thin aquiline nose, deeply furrowed cheeks, very bright eyes, behind steel-rimmed spectacles; short-cut hair, only slightly gray, and a patriarchial white beard reaching to his heavy gold watch chain are his characteristic physical features. In answering questions and even when he rises in his place to make a longer statement of his own motion, his manner is that of a man accustomed to dealing in terms of precision A FARMERS' TRUST.

How the Newly-Launched Combine Looks to the East.

New York Commercial. At last the long-forthcoming "farmers" trust" appears to have been launched. It was organized the other day at Omaha by delegates said to represent twenty states and its bartized name is the "Farmers" National Exchange company." It proposes to deal in grain, live stock and all kinds of produce, on commission and otherwise, and to this end will erect elevators, warehouses, cold storage plants and stock yards. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000,000, di-

vided into shares of \$10 each As will be noted, this project is based purely on old-fashloned corporation lines. precisely like railroads and banks on which western farmers have been pouring vials of wrath for these many years. As it is the intention of this new octopus to "absorb" similar associations, it is likewise based on practically the same lines as the Northern Securities company and the United States Steel corporation, against which, with unanimous voice, western ticklers of the soil have set up a mighty howl. In essence it differs not a particle from any of the combinations that are floated in Wall street.

It is not entirely clear how the projectors of this new "aggregation of wealth" hope western farmers more independent of certain middlemen, but, in lieu thereof, they will be compelled to support an army of managers and employes, besides keeping up the various structures it is intended to erect. They get rid of one burden only to assume another, and it is the toss of a coin if the latter will not prove to be the heavier of the two. Should the project end in fallure, the shareholders will be out the amount of their investment and all they will have to show for their money will be a bundle of experience, something on which it to very difficult to raise cash.

Still, it is a good thing that the enterprise has been undertaken. It will furnish the grain growers and cattle raisers interested a clearer idea of what a corporation really is. They will be very apt to discover that the work of a corporation involves responsibilities and risks, that such an in stitution is quite likely to suffer losses and that it cannot thrive long unless it deals fairly and honorably with its patrons or with the public. As a school for the acquisition of such knowledge the Farmers' National Exchange company is certain to prove a success, whatever the results may be otherwise.

LAUGHING GAS.

"Yes," said the despondent man, "life looks very dark to me. I guess I need a little inner light."
Sulting the action to the word he blew out the illuminating gas and went to bed.—Philodelicks Press.

"But do you and your wife always agree?" But I certainly agree "Maybe not always. But I certainly agree with her oftener than she agrees with me.

Cleveland Plain Desier.

"I understand he's a writer of fiction."
"I should say so. You ought to see the letters he sends his wife when she's out of town."—Philadelphia Ledger.

He—Her complexion is just like straw-berries and cream, isn't it? She—It is something like strawberries; it comes in a box.—Boston Herald.

Helen-I have been informed that our paster is going to marry the soprano.

Belle-Does she contemplate severing her connection with the choir?

"Oh, no: I understand that he will withdraw from the ministry."—Town Topics. "Do you remember how Quivers, before

"Yes, indeed." "Well, he told me the other day that he had found out his mistake; he's convinced now that she's made to order."—Boston

Her Father-I understand the object of ou. Mr. er rather premature?—Philadelphia

"What I say is true. Besides, 'seeing is elieving,' you know." believing, you know."
"Oh, not always."
"No."
"No."
"No. I see you, for instance."—Chicago

"Why do you think she is so anxious to she's attending cooking school."-

Instructor (at night school)-Give an ex-Shock Headed Young Man-"Go to!"-

W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, was asked the usual question as to what impressed him most in America. "The fat Irishmen I see here," he re-plied. "We have none at home."—New York Times. "Woman is naturally of a clinging rature." observed he.
"Yes," rejoined his wife, "but she isn't to be compared with a man when it comes to holding on to a \$5 bill."—New Yorker.

Washington was asked why he had cut Washington was asked why he had cut down the cherry tree.

"Because," he replied, "Andrew Jackson is going to monopolize the hickory."

Thus, with precoclous foresight, did he lay the foundation of his career.—Judge

HYMN BEFORE ACTION.

Rudyard Kipling.
The earth is full of anger.
The seas are dark with wrath;
The nations in their harness
Go up against our path!
E're yet we loose the legions—
Ere yet we draw the blade,
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lord God of battles, aid!

High lust and froward bearing. Proud heart, rebellious brow— beaf ear and soul uncaring, We seek Thy mercy now; The sinner that foreswore Thee, The fool that passed Thee by, Our times are known before Thee— Lord, grant us strength to die!

For those who kneel begide us
At altars not Thine own.
Who lack the lights that guide us,
Lord. let their faith atone;
If wrong we did to call them,
By honor bound they came;
Let not Thy wrath befall them,
But deal to us the blame.

From panic, pride and terror.
Revenge that knows no reinLight haste and lawless error.
Protect us yet again
Cloak Thou our undeserving,
Make firm the shuddering breath. In silence unswerving To taste Thy lesser death!

Ah. Mary pierced with sorrow, Remember, reach and save
The soul that comes tomorrow
Before the God that gave!
Since each was born of workan,
For each at utter need—
True comrade and true foeman,
Madonna, intercede!

E'en now their vanguard gathers.
E'en now we face the fray—
As Thou didst help our fathers,
Help Thou our host today!
Fulfilled of signs and wonders.
In life, in death made clear—
Jehovah of the Thunders.
Lord odd of battles hear!

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