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M. B. HUNGATE,
(Seal) Notary Public. 1904. (Beal) Do you want to go to the St. Louis exposition? If so, get into The Bee's voting contest.

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Those Russian and Japanese fleets hide and seek so long without finding one another.

Colombia may now proceed to quiet down and prepare to receive the benefits which accrue from the opening of the Panama canal.

If the scavenger law only had a street sweeping attachment its usefulness would be greatly increased and its name less misleading.

If City Treasurer Hennings makes good his promise to give us an 8-mill city tax levy next year he can have almost anything he may ask for.

If the paving contractors can only be of street improvements this year.

In the meantime Robert E. Lee Herdman is still occupying the soft side of the supreme court clerkship, reputed to be the best paying job in the state.

by stopping citizens of this country from selling arms to Dominican factionists.

It is to be noted that Colonel Bryan has not yet filed his declination to stand its neutrality will cease to be recognized for delegate to the St. Louis convention, by the beiligerents. or for any other office for that matter.

That \$50 fine for thirteen fish caught in violation of the game law will im- by the combatants there would undoubtpress the fishermen more than ever with

People hereabouts will be relieved to learn that Pat Crowe has been heard from again, otherwise they might become apprehensive that he had kidnaped himself.

The Chicago Chronicle is the bete noir of the local Bryanite organ. Whenever the latter wants to throw a fit it prescribes for itself a dose out of the Chronicle's editorial page.

The schism among local democrats is ing anaesthetics and soporities. The next stage will require antiseptics.

The Gophers this year have put on a new mask labeled "Fontanelle club," but it simply covers the same band of political sandbaggers and knife wielders that have been ambushing republican tickets for years.

The Indian supply depot for Omaha has been nailed down once more. For some unaccountable reason it persists in working loose just before each congressional election to enable each succeeding member of congress to put in a few more nails.

One would hardly suppose that the experience of the United States Steel corporation would warrant the organization of a new \$100,000,000 steel company on the Pacific coast. But perhaps there others. are a few more gullibles ready to bite on steel stock if only the certificates are offered to them in a new pictorial of city schools. Nothing succeeds like design.

the successor to Superintendent Pearse, who vacates his position April 1. It lation. will be well to take this announcement

FOR POLITICAL EFFECT.

the anti-trust law are not only politi- interests of the School Book trust. business interests and the welfare of the provement of our public school system. country. They are looking solely for He should realize that he is employed ness affairs.

This is the view of the democratic anxiously seeking an issue upon which of teachers under him so as to maintain to unite his party, and it is being echoed discipline without terrorizing them. He fact that there is no combination, rail- favorites and accord no favors as beroad or industrial, as to which question tween his teachers, except for efficiency has been raised, that is precisely similar to the Northern Securities case, so that each suit would have to be prosecuted on its own merits and decided upon such business for which he is engaged. The issues as were raised before the court. correctly observes, the merger decision would not be conclusive of any particular case and it does not make the way cisely the same issue.

What was said by Attorney General Knox after the decision did not mean that the administration proposes to go no further in regard to combinations found to be operating in violation of the law, but simply that it is not the intention to pursue a course of indiscriminate assault upon corporations. The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that all the pending trust cases will be put through with as much vigor as the merger case was and that if new questions arise which demand a judicial test, and the subject matter is worthy of it, the test will be made. No halt has been called to any of the prosecutions instituted, nor is there any disposition on the part of the administration, according to those who must be having lots of difficulty playing should be well informed, to neglect any obligation or duty in respect to the enforcement of the laws relating to corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

This subject ought not to be treated as political, but the democratic party is so bankrupt that it will endeavor to make an issue of it. That it will find much political capital in so demagogic a course will be doubted by all who have faith in popular intelligence.

STILL DISTRUSTS CHINA

Notwithstanding the very explicit assurances which the Chinese government has given in regard to its intention to faithfully observe neutrality, advices predicted that there will be in that confrom St. Petersburg state that there is vention a strong element which will still a feeling of distrust in official cir- most aggressively and determinedly ininduced to give their consent Omaha cles there, due to doubt whether the sist upon adhering to the extreme and may possibly do something in the way government of China, however sincere radical doctrines and declarations of the its intentions, is strong enough to carry them out. As heretofore noted, that and will spare no effort to secure the government has given the most definite selection of a candidate who believes in promise to our government that it will the utterances of those platforms. It is exert itself to the utmost to prevent any breach of neutrality on the part of its people. There is no question as to the is pretty safe to say that it will have The administration threatens to de- sincerity with which this promise was sufficient potency to command considerastroy a remunerative American industry given, but reports of movements of Chinese soldiers inevitably produce misgiv- to compel recognition of at least a part ings and unless the Chinese government of its demands. shall soon demonstrate its ability to control the situation within its territory

That would certainly be a serious misfortune for the Chinese empire, for the moment her territory should be invaded edly be an uprising of the people which the hoodoo character of the figure thir- the government could not repress and which might even eventuate in the overthrow of the government. Only by the most complete observance of neutrality can China avert danger to her territorial integrity and it is yet to be determined whether she can fulfill the assurances that have been given. Meanwhile the Chinese government has received renewed evidence of the friendto whose good offices she owes the security she has.

The impending vacancy in the posinot yet completely healed, although the tion of superintendent of schools for the political doctors have been administer- city of Omaha will devolve upon the ent gives little encouragement to demschool board the important duty of selecting the right man to direct our pubthis duty should be fully realized by every member of the school board. Upon the selection made will depend the efficiency of the instruction given to more than 15,000 school children-children who have but a few years to put in at their schooling and who can never make up in the future for shortcomings in their early education. The school superintendent who has such responsibliftles to meet should be deliberately chosen only after a most thorough canvass of all eligible candidates and careful investigation into their respective merits and qualifications.

Our next school superintendent should first of all, be an educator. He should be an educated man himself and also a man who understands the education of case the question is simply one of ad-

Our next school superintendent should in the superintendence of Omaha's pub-It is given out that the school board lic schools is the successful superintendwill be in no hurry whatever to select ence of the schools of some other city approximating Omaha's rank and popu-

Our next superintendent should be a with a grain of salt, for it will not be man independent both of the School general, for the expenses of a junket to surprising to see a little ring get to- Book trust and of the anti-trust pub- Florida calls for general commendation. gether under its cover and try to push lishers. It is not necessary that he If the state starts out paying for pleasa secretly selected favorite in on short should be an enemy of any particular ure tours for different state officers unpublishing house, but it is necessary

istration should enter upon an indis- should be made to understand in ad- have no limits. criminate prosecution of corporations vance that the interests of the schools thought to be operating in violation of and of the city take precedence of the

cally hostile to the administration, but Our next school superintendent should they are also quite indifferent to the be conscientiously devoted to the impolitical effect and give no consideration to superintend the schools, not to manto anything else. The merger decision, age the politics of the school board or they declare, has opened the way for of the city-not to build auditoriums, called trusts and it is the duty of the Sar-Ben floats nor shine in secret soadministration to start a general and clety circles. If he cannot find enough relentless warfare, regardless of the pos- to keep him busy in school work he will sible consequences to financial and bust- not be the kind of a superintendent our

schools require. Our next school superintendent should leader in the house of representatives, be a man of firmness and tact. He Mr. Williams of Mississippi, who is should know how to deal with the corps by some of the democratic newspapers, should be open to both suggestion and What these seem to lose sight of is the criticism from them. He should play no and merit.

Our next school superintendent can earn a liberal salary by attending to the right man for the place will not be be-As the New York Journal of Commerce grudged ample compensation for the services rendered, but he will be expected to give full value in return, not to the book trust nor to any political there with the rhetoric. any clearer than it was before for other clique, but to the schools and the school prosecutions, unless they involve pre- children whose education is entrusted to his care.

> A PLEA FOR CONSERVATISM. Senator Bacon of Georgia, who is not without influence in democratic councils, makes an earnest appeal to the party for conservatism in all directions. He urges that both in the making of the platform and the selection of the candidate the democracy should observe a pronounced conservatism. That, in the judgment of the Georgia senator, should be its most prominent characteristic in all its work. He would have a thoroughly conservative man for the head of the ticket and a platform in harmony and accord with the character and record of the candidate. He advises that present business and financial conditions be recognized and that "such changes and reforms as may be necessary should be undertaken in a manner so conservative as not to disturb or unsettle the business of the country." Even as to the tariff Senator Bacon would have his party take a conservative stand, while as to the money question he thinks the democracy should recognize that it has been fully settled and removed from the arena of political controversy.

> There is no doubt as to the wisdom and soundness of this advice, but will a majority of the delegates to the St. Louis convention heed it? We think it more than probable that they will not. At any rate it can be very confidently Chicago and the Kansas City platforms quite impossible to say now what the strength of this element will be, but it tion from the convention and possibly

The radical democrats, if not in the majority, are the fighting element of the party and as at present indicated do not intend to permit themselves to be ignored in the national convention. They will be heard there and will make their presence felt at every stage of the proceedings. Counsel like that of Senator Bacon has little effect upon them.

By courtesy of the Brooklyn Eagle The Bee has been printing several letters surveying the political situation of Nebraska and Iowa from a democratic standpoint by one of its staff correspondents, who has sized things up during a brief visit in a most perspicuous way. The democrats down east seem to be imbued with the idea that the ship and confidence of the United States, danger of what they call the "yellow peril" involved in Editor Hearst's as pirations comes out of the west, when, as a matter of fact, this particular can-OUR NEXT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. didacy appears to have more support in the east than in this vicinity. The resume by the Eagle's staff correspondocratic success, no matter who the candidate may be, whether reorganizers or lic school system. The importance of disorganizers predominate in the party management. The developments within the democratic lines will, however, be watched with interest by republicans as well as democrats.

Explaining the attitude of the Board of Regents on the Rockefeller donation, the president of the board overshoots the mark when he declares that under the law the regents have no right to reject any gift that may be offered. It is quite possible and even probable that some tender may be made with conditions attached that would forestall acceptance. The discretion to accept or reject must certainly be vested in the board that constitutes the governing authority of the university, so that in each visability. If the Rockefeller donation is considered a good thing and the conhave experience in the superintendence ditions can be fulfilled, it should be accepted; if not, it should be declined with success and the best promise of success thanks. No one can force a gift of this kind on anyone against his will.

> The action of the state auditor's office in refusing to pass the claims of three members of the National Guard, including the adjutant general and brigadier der pretext that they subserve some

that he should not be the tool of any useful purpose connected with official Those who are urging that the admin- particular publishing concern. He duty the demands on the treasury will

> If there was ever any doubt as to a declaration by the republicans of Nebraska in their state convention instructing their delegates to Chicago for President Roosevelt the county conventions now in progress have dispelled it. Not a county convention has been held in the state that has failed to adopt resolutions for President Roosevelt.

Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri takes occasion to throw a few bouquets at Congressman Hitchcock of Nebraska. Congressman Clark will have to use up whole posy garden to get even with all the compliments that Mr. Hitchcock's paper has put in his basket in the past. Reciprocity in politics is a great thing.

Saddened Philanthropists.

Philadelphia Record. There is a tinge of sadness in the comments of merger philanthropists over the rude way in which the supreme court has suppressed their altruistic efforts for the public good.

Wind Colic.

Indianapolis Journal. Not to unseat Smoot, declares the Hearst papers, would be an outrage on morals, an insult to American womanhood and an affront to American homes. When it comes to a defense of purity in politics, pinochie

A Trick that Failed,

Chicago Tribune. American corporations have widely outgrown state bounds. They take out a charter in New Jersey and do business all over the country. Such an arrangement is anomalous. The merger decision is so important because it tends to alter this arrangement and to establish national control over what are in effect national corporations.

Everybody is On.

Indianapolis News. Said the caar to the German attaches who are leaving St. Petersburg for the "Gentlemen, all Europe now realizes that Russia tried to avoid war, and to obtain a peaceful settlement." Aye. stre, everybody is on! All understand that Russia was eager for peace; all she wanted was to be let alone in her gobbling; but, for some reason, others objected.

Relief for the Northwest.

Milwaukee Sentinel. President J J. Hill of the Great Northern road will be disappointed, as will also J. P. Morgan, to whose genius as a financier it is believed the merger scheme owes its existence. But the citizens of the great northwest lying between the Mississippi river and the Pacific ocean will feel more comfortable in knowing that the merger threat no longer hangs over their heads.

Where Strenuosity Gets a Frost. Baltimore American.

The United States senate is conservative but sure. After forty-two years have elapsed that body has decided to reward the heroism of some Sloux Indians who rescued a white woman in 1862. If most of the Indians participating in the heroism are not "good Indians" by this time, they are at least too old to benefit much by the government's bounty, or by the advertising the publication of the senate's action will bring them.

To Preserve Ningara.

Philadelphia Ledger. There was introduced in the New resolution memorializing congress negotiate a treaty with the Dominion of of the beauty of Niagara Falls by the diversion of the water. The legislature might appropriately have entitled the resolution "An appeal to congress to save us from ourselves." The rescue is necessary. and it is not unfitting that congress should be called upon to effect it by the suggested

Advisers of the Czar.

London Answers The great czars of Russia, somebody said, when they want a man, go out into the street and find one. It is another way of saying that the czar's ministers spring from nowhere. It is almost true. Russia has had an empress who began life as a peasant and married a Swedish drageon. and it was an Armenian who all but destroyed the autocracy of the czars and set Russia among the progressive nations Sergius De Witte, descendant of a Dutchman, started at a wayside railway station on the career which has brought him almost at the head of the state. So, too, with the man who today holds the keys of all the mysteries of the great Russian war machine. Alexei Nicholalevitch Kouropatkin began life as a sublicutenant.

PERSONAL NOTES.

President J. J. Hill isn't saying anything, but presumably his woodsawing outfit is in active operation. The campaign in San Domingo resembles

got the button? Thomas Bent, the new premier of Vic toria, Australia, began life as a market gardener and is a man of aggressive spirit

and great determination. Miss Anna Cousins has just succeeded n climbing Mount Shasta on the back of pony. This is the giant mountain of the coast range and is 14.444 feet above the level of the sea. It is the first time a horse has stood upon the summit.

man consul for Georgia, has resigned on account of ill health. His commission was signed in 1868 by Emperor William I, and was countersigned by President Grant. President Roosevelt has given a general letter to the Indian agents of the country. introducing Frederick R. Burton, who has done some excellent work in transcriptions

Jacob Rauers, for thirty-five years Ger-

of the songs of the Ojibway Indians, and asking the agents to give him all proper assistance in the furtherance of his mis-Congressman Maddox says the Bristow report accusing representatives of corruption and the hysteria of the house remind him of the town goat in his home. "The goat is an outcast and the town

drunkard got in the field where the goat was feeding," Mr. Maddox said. "The goat chased the drunkard and ran him to the nearest tree. The drunkard got a stout club and grabbing the goat by the horns, hit him across the muzzle. The goat rolled over and began plaintively bleating. 'Ba-aa-a-a all you want to,' said the man, 'but who started this row?" Congressman Bede of Minnesota was one

of the guests at the dinner of the old Second army corps in Washington and was assigned to speak to one of the regular toasts. He began by declaring he was not accustomed to speaking to so distinguished "The most of my friends," an assembly. said he, "are in congress or the peniten tiary. The other day up there-I mean in the house, not in the penitentiary-the chaplain asked the Lord to look down on Some of us thought that was pretty hard, inasmuch as most men had been doing it, and we didn't see why the Lord' should be asked to add to our humiliation."

WAR SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

Some Matters Bearing on the Row in the Orient. "All Quiet on the Yalu" is the regular

song of the war correspondents kept out of harm's way by the contending armies. The Yalu is not a very picturesque stream in winter garb, but in summer it is a beauty. It is 300 miles long and navigable for native craft one-third of the distance, but steamers are unable to proceed beyond Antung. Some miles below Antung, but situated in the same bank and lying close within the estuary of the river, is the port of Tatungkao, where, when the weather permits, cargoes for Antung are sometimes discharged. Tatungkao, however, is difficult to approach, and as a general rule steamers unload and receive their cargoes at An-

The estuary of the Yalu river is broad but the anchorage of Tatungkao is exposed to the northeast winds, which at times blow with great force. The stream has a rapid current, and, owing to the presence there than from some of the people of of innumerable shoals and sand banks, presents serious obstacles to successful navigation. Islands, both small and large, appear in its course, and high hills, covered with bush and timber, break away from the banks.

From early December until the end of February the stream is frozen. Until lately the region of the Yalu was almost an unknown land, but with the advent of the Russians many changes in the character of the district have taken place. On the Corean shore lumber camps have been formed, while at Tatungkao and Antung prosperous native settlements have sprung into existence. The river teems with native craft, which nly between the mouth and the higher reaches, while logs of timber, or polygamy, the yellow ones are always chained the one to the other, float leisurely down the stream.

The war between Russia and Japan has given rise to many reminiscences on the part of those who have met socially the representatives of both nations. A Philadelphia society girl, who has just returned from a visit to Washington, tells in the Philadelphia Record of an amusing story of her introduction, at a semi-official reception, to one of the attaches of the Russian legation. "Of course I didn't catch his name," she said, in telling the story, 'It seemed a mile long and twice as hard to pronounce. It sounded like bottle of whisky,' with a count in front of it. Well, when I was introduced to him I said, in a ocular sort of way: 'Count Bottle-of-Whisky, how do you do-sky?' He looked at me quizzically and then remarked: 'Bully-govitch.' And maybe I didn't feel

According to The Jewish World, a very touching editorial appeared in a recent is sue of the Hebrew daily "Hazefirah," of Warsaw, Poland, where the editor, Mr. Sorolow, calls attention to the Talmudic law which requires every married man be fore going on the battlefield to grant a conditional divorce to his wife, that she may remarry if he does not return within a reasonable time after the end of the

The rabbis of Lodz have caused all the Jewish soldlers that left that city for the seat of war to grant such divorces and Editor Sorolow suggests that the example of Lodz should be copied all over Russia. Every married soldier, volunteer or reerve, registers with a rabbi his name, address, age, height, birthmarks, name of company and regiment he joins, and the rabbl keeps a record of same until the soldier returns from the war.

If after a reasonable time after the close of the war clapses and the soldier does not return, he is counted among the lost and unidentified dead, and his wife obtains the divorce from the rabbi granting her the right to remarry.

Japanese hostilities crop out in spots ecasionally in New York city. The other night a cook named Yoship heard his peo ple had sunk a few more Russian warships and he started out to celebrate the occa sion by whipping a few friendly Ameri-The jam came when he entered a cans. Canada that should prevent the destruction | popular bar room and announced he would buy drinks for everybody in the crowd ex-Irish are very warm supporters of the Finally the Jap became obstreperous and by an Irish policeman, locked up by an the Jap left the court room an Irish doortender remarked to him: "Romeone's beer Irish are for the Japs every time."

During a feast which he gave not long ago the emperor of Corea had the misfortune to break a tooth. His august majesty at once threw the chief cook and all the latter's assistants into prison. A dentist who was touring the hermit kingdom heard of the trouble and gave relief to the roya sufferer and was paid 1,000 yen (about \$500) for his services. Then the imprisoned kitchen force was set at liberty, but the chief cook was sentenced to serve three months without pay. The emperor ordered another feast to celebrate the fact that the imperial jaw no longer ached.

In minerals Russia is one of the richest nations of the world. Her mines are still largely undeveloped, although they contain great quantities of gold, silver, copper, platinum, zinc, salt and coal. Iron and coal are found together in Poland and the Donetz coal basin. There are also iron hat ancient game of button, button, who's mines near Moscow in Finland and in the Ural mountains. Pig iron is produced to the amount of 3,000,000 tons a year. In the records. 1899 the production of steel amounted t 1.318,000 tons. The coal in European Russia is laid in horizontal strata that are hard to work, and although the mines produced 12,000,000 tons in 1899 Russia is compelled to buy coal from her neighbors. Gold is found chiefly in Siberia.

Everybody knows the fondness of the adult Chinese for kite flying. The Corean. however, puts this pastime to a use altogether novel. When the time of good reso lutions comes around at the new year the Corean writes on a kite all his faults, "Evil disposition, impatience, bad words, street fights." etc. "It was so dark," says one American residing in Corea, relating such an instance, "that no kite could be seen, but when he had run the string out to its full length he cut it and let it go, imagining that so he had rid himself of his enemies and could begin the new year with

Since Japan was opened to the world it has been rapidly growing in wealth. Six bate on Monday John G. Carlisle, ex-sec great banks and 1,802 smaller institutions carry on the banking business. The Bank of Japan was founded in 1882, has a capital of \$15,500,000. In the 681 banks there were deposits in 1900 amounting to \$139.534.230, or \$2.79 per capita. The unit of circulation is the yen, worth 50 cents, which is divided into 100 sen. Smaller coins are 5, 10 and 50 silver sen pieces.

> Red-Handed Nerve. Philadelphia Press.

It need cause no surprise if South Carolina sends James H. Tillman to congress. He committed a cowardly murder in wantonly shooting N. G. Gonzales, and was acquitted by methods not complimentary to that state; but he announces himself a candidate for congress and under the machinery his uncle, Senator Tillman, operates, he may easily be returned as elected. But the house of representatives Best coal mined in Wyoming. may not care to admit a murderer to its membership.

A YEBRASKA VICE PRESIDENT.

even with John I. Webster, except that Mr. Buflivan is not likely to get the election if he gets a nomination.

Kearney Hub: The Sixth district concention did the right thing in endorsing the candidacy of Hon. John L. Webster for vice president, and honored itself by so doing. Kearney Hub: John L. Webster called

President Roosevelt in company with Senator Millard, just to give the president a better idea of the sort of man he is to have for a running mate. Mr. Webster will be satisfied with Mr. Roosevelt, and the latter should be able to reciproente

Norfolk News: John L. Webster has been in Washington to promote his candidacy for the vice presidential nomination. and the reports seem to indicate that he has received a more favorable reception his home state. He may finally surprise those who have been skeptical regarding his candidacy by appearing at the convention with a strong following.

Papillion Times: The state central comnittee has endorsed Hon, J. J. Sallivan for vice president on the democratic ticket. No more able man could be found for the position and it is to be hoped that he will be nominated. And, while speaking of vice presidents, it will be remembered that John L. Webster has been endorsed by the republicans for the same place. Nebraska should be represented on the national ticket.

IMPORTANT TRUTHS.

Anti-Trust Laws Altogether Work of Republicans. New York World (dem.).

1. The anti-trust law was framed by a republican, was passed by a republican house and a republican senate, was signed by a republican president. 2. The law remained a dead letter on the

statute books during the entire second term of Grover Cleveland, a democratic president. Through those four years of democratic administration all appeals and all efforts of the World to have the law enforced were met with sneers, jeers and open contempt from a democratic attorney general, Richard Olney, who pretended that the law was unconstitutional, and who would do nothing toward prosecuting violators of it.

3. The first effort to enforce the law was made by Theodore Roosevelt, a republican president. The first attorney general to vigorously prosecute offenders and to test the law was a republican attorney general, Philander C. Knox.

impregnable in every respect, as the World

a republican. 5. The dissenting minority of the court in cluded every democratic judge of that tri-Mr. Justice Peckham of New York. All voted against the constitutionality of the law, but denounced it as a danger to the republic.

6. Under these circumstances it does not seem probable that the democrats can make great capital in seeking to monopolize the anti-trust issue and charging the republican party with the crime of being owned body and soul by the trusts. It is just as well to record some plain

truths, however unpleasant or surprising. PUSHED OFF THE PAYROLL.

Sultan of Sulu Left Without Visible Means of Support.

An agreement made between Major Gen

eral Bates of the United States army and the sultan of Sulu and his tributary chiefs has been abrogated by order of Mr. Roose cept the Irish, who, he said, were Russian velt. The agreement was signed in August sympathizers. It happened that New York 1899. Under it the sultan and the other native signatories continued to receive Japanese, and the remark was resented. from the United States government the pensions previously paid to them by Spain was put out by an Irish bartender, arrested This agreement was held here by the antiexpansionists as a bargain whereby the Irish turnkey and blandly acquitted the United States inferentially recognized slavnext morning by an Irish magistrate. As ery and polygamy by annual payments of American cash to people who practiced both. As a matter of fact neither slavery kiddin' you, you little yellow lobster-the nor polygamy was recognized officially or unofficially, directly or by inference. The pensioning was a prudent measure to avoid hostilities which at the moment might have been exceedingly dangerous to us. There never was and there will never be any at tempt to interfere with the polygamous customs of the Moros. There never was any intention to maintain slavery or to condone it. The passage of an anti-slavery law appears to the subjects of the sultan as a deliberate infraction of the bargain made with their chief. That is because they do not understand the nature of the bargain. The sultan and the smaller chiefs have falled, in the opinion of the Philippine commission, in the opinon of the War department, and, lastly, in the opinion of the president, to live up to their obligations. Not only have they refused to comply with American-made laws, but some of them have also declared war upon American authority. This is sufficient justifien tion for the annulment of the agreement That agreement temporarily served a good purpose. When the occasion for it no onger exists it is better expunged from

Railroad Pension Systems. Philadelphia Press.

One of the encouraging things in connection with the employment of a large number of men by any corporation is the increasing desire to provide for their well fare in old age. Some rallroads do this now by a pension system and relief fund, and the New York Central railroad is taking steps to follow in the wake of the Pennsylvania and other roads in this respect. The New York road has had pension system, but it is not founded on You may be old and ugly, boorish, crabbed, length of service or particular disability. It really doesn't matter, if your bank ac-The new system will meet all of these requirements, and will be of great advantage to employes.

Don't Forget the Willies! Philadelphia Record (dem.).

The number of democrats available for the presidential nomination is increasing. Among the number Representative Patter son of Tennessee, mentioned in house deretary of the treasury; Representative Williams of Mississippi, the leader of the dem peratic minority in the house, and Schator Bailey of Texas. Any of these distinguished democrats would make a strong candidate.

HOL- IT LOOKS FROM AFAR.

Premont Tribune: Judge Sullivan parts | Democracy's Scrap at Lincoln as Viewed in "the Enemy's Country." New York Tribune.

An unexpected check was given on Tuesday to Colonel William J. Bryan's mans for dominating the next democratic national convention. Colonel Bryan has probably reconciled himself to the discovery that his political power has been undermined in the east and the south, and that he can now muster only a shattered remnant of his former following in the eastern and southern states. His hope has been to maintain his grip on democratic state organizations in the northwest and beyond the Missouri, and, with the aid of scattering friendly delegates from other sections, to build up an opposition which would have to be reckoned with in a convention operation under the two-thirds rule. A minority numbering more than one-third could, with energetic leadership, block an offensive presidential nomination and even extort a compromise on questions of platform policy. Colonel Bryan has therefore been exerting himself to hold the far west faithful to radicalism, counting it labor lost to renew his missionary efforts in what he once broadly designated as the "enemy's coun-

But it is not in the "enemy's country"

that this latest blow has been struck at his political prestige. It is in Nebraska itself that his wishes are being disregarded and his counsels neglected. At a meeting of the democratic state committee on Tuesday night Colonel Bryan had to submit to s compromise with his opponents to save his credit as a party leader. The committee was to set a date for the state convention, which is to choose Nebraska's sixteen delegates to the democratic national convention. Colonel Bryan favored an early call. A refractory element in the party, wishing to drift with the tide and be in a position to make terms, if necessary, with the eastern "reorganizers," wanted a late call. The radicals were eager to elect delegates at once and pledge them to "stand pat" on the Chicago and Kansas City platforms. The dissidents were determined to leave the make-up of the delegation open until the last practicable moment. After a stormy session of three hours Colonel Bryan's friends had to yield no far to hostile pressure as to set the state convention for June 1, only five weeks before the assembling of the national concention. Even then the Bryan following won by the close vote of 17 to 14, and the Lincoln editor emerged from the contest d'sconcerted and crest-

Colonel Bryan's discomfiture may have been due to irritations and frictions largely local in character. Nebraska is a state noted for unruly factionalism. Both the republican and democratic organizations suffer from the outcropping of constant 4. The decision of the supreme court of fends and jealousies. The Lincoln leader's the United States, given as a finality from authority in matters of doctrine and policy which there is no appeal, upholding the law | may still be paramount; but it must be inas perfectly constitutional and absolutely tensely annoying to him to see his plans challenged and upset by malcontents within for twelve years constantly insisted, was his own household, whose pernicious acdue to five judges, every one of whom is tivity must give color to the claim that even Nebraska has begun to waver in its allegiance to his fortunes and his teachings. If Colonel Bryan cannot hold Nebunal, to wit: Chief Justice Fuller of II- | braska backsliders in line how can he exlinois, Mr. Justice White of Louisiana and pect to beat down disaffection in Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, in the central these distinguished democrats not only mountain region and on the Pacific coast? A few more "victories" like this latest one in Lincoln, and Colonel Bryan will find himself a leader without a following, a political promoter with no goods to deliver and no votes to trade.

JUST FOR FUN.

"You have never taken a great deal of interest in currency problems?"
"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I never could see the sense in worrying about what kind of money you are going to g The thing to do is to get it. —Washingt Star.

Mr. Tim Idity—Is your chauffeur a safe man to ride with?

Mr. Knote Slowe—Why, sertainly! No policeman has succeeded in catching him yet.—Town Topics.

Jinks-What do you think of that court decision to the effect that a man can't compel his wife to do the cooking?

Old Hunks-It didn't need any court decision to establish the fact that mighty few wives can be made to cook. It isn't in 'em.—Chicago Tribune. "I'll bet my boots it isn't so." It was not an elegant expression for a

young lady, but it was very emphatic.
"But that would be such a very small wager," he urged.
Then she smiled sweetly upon him.—Detroit Free Fress.

Mrs. Newlywed—Doctor, that bottle of medicine you left for baby is all gone.
Doctor—Irapossible! I told you to give him a tablespoonful once an hour.
Mrs. Newlywed—Yes; but John and I and mother and the Lurse have each to take a teaspoonful, too, in order to induce baby to take it.—Puck. "How is your daughter getting on with her plane studies". "First rate," answered Mr. Cumrox.

her plane studies?" "First rate," answered Mr. Cumrox.
"She's getting to be a fine performer. Six months ago she couldn't play anything but tunes; and now I can't stand it to listen to her five minutes."—Washington Star. Ned-It took me a long time to make up my mind if a man who appended in stocks

s a fool.
Ted—How did you finally determine?
"I speculated."—Town Topics. It was plain to be seen that the Japanese appreciated the slient sympathy of England and America with their cause.
"Yet," they said with some show of reason, "it is only a just "ecompense for the past. Why, for the last twenty years English and American opera companies have been murdering "The Mikado!"—New York Sun.

"Amie, you and I have been friends since we were little girls. Tell me what your brother Tom said when he heard that I was engaged to Dicey."

"He was very, very sorry."

"He was very, very sorry,"
"Dear old Tom."
"Yes, he thinks that Dicey deserves the st and should have consulted his friends." Dotroit Free Press.

'Mary Blue told me she was to be mar ied in June "Did she?" "Yes. She needed." She said she'd got everything she

Except what?"
"Except the man."—Cleveland Plain

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