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Now that Colonel Bryan has returned to Nebraska, the democratic insurgents will promptly grovel in the dust.

Danger from blizzards is not past. Georgia announces that its peach crop will be the largest in the history of the

The civilization of Japan is unqueswar times.

The Sully failure has demonstrated

If General Kouropatkin blows as hard after he reaches Manchuria as he does is starting the Japanese will have to take to the cyclone cellar.

With the memory of Keiff and Kishieff fresh in the minds of the public, complaint of Japanese cruelties comes with poor grace from Russia.

Counting instructed delegates, the Nei e republican ticket is several laps ahead of most of his competitors.

First Assistant Postmaster General to apprehend that she may be drawn Wynne members of congress would not into that conflict and Great Britain does are concerned, they will not suffer nolave got what they did not want had not want war. Her financial, industrial ticeably by being temporarily without they not insisted upon receiving it.

testify.

The local democracy furnishes some striking examples of the damage factional political clubs can do to the cause of party success. They are not examples that should incite imitation by republicans.

With Premier Combes and Premier Calfour both facing a disappearing maority favorable to them in their parliapents the bond of sympathy between is increasing.

finess of things that the head of the eplum smugglers should lead the latest utbreak against Christians in China. A Christian nation is said to have forced ters to urge more or less radical the opium traffic upon China.

equanimity.

English class distinction comes to notice frequently, but never so forcibly in recent years as at the death of the duke of Cambridge, whose son is not to be permitted to inherit his title because his mother was not a member of any royal family.

If the school board would wait until Mr. Pearse had made his departure Milwaukee it might be in better position to act in the interests of the taxpayers and patrons of the schools free from dictation by the departing politician.

servants.

THE WAR SITUATION.

rent dispatches, and that not of a nature to throw much light upon the sitnation. The correspondents are occasionally able to send a few facts of inoffer explanations of the probable plans of the belligerents are necessarily all at sea, having no definite information as most fragmentary character. The secrecy maintained by both combatants in many alert and eager news seekers are about, is really quite remarkable and must be exceedingly exasperating to the correspondents.

That there is a fine game of strategy have a very important bearing upon the subsequent campaign is equally certain. fensive for the present and this view center of Manchuria. Assuming this to low the retiring Russians, attacking armies of Japan will lose heavily. It this is strongly against any tampering seems improbable, however, that they with the law. will do this, though it is to be consid-31,490 ered that the longer the Japanese delay .31,030 to strike the stronger the enemy will grow, for the Russians are being steadily reinforced and appear to have an abundance of supplies.

Still as we have said pretty much all that comes from the seat of war is conjecture, the only certain thing being that armies it will undoubtedly add to the history of war another chapter of nota-

AN UNTIMELY MOVE.

British government is sounding the powers, including the United States, to ascertain whether they will entertain a tionable since it is able to find a gang the matter has been submitted to the of boodlers in its legislature even during Department of State, in a message from may be just the man we want, and the fact that speculation has less effect out that our government does not be- anything definite about him, except that today upon legitimate business than lieve that either Russia or Japan is he is at present state superintendent

toward this country.

It would appear from the evidence of far eastern war. There is some reason self. and commercial conditions all require a head, and may even show improve-If there are no sinecures in Washing- to be plain to her ruling statesmen that are relieved of the incubus now holding con the public service will surely suffer the suggestion of mediation or interven- them down and obstrucing their best while the Burton trial is in progress in tion at this time has no possible chance efforts. The regular teachers in primary Louis, from the number of govern- of being seriously considered by either and grammar grades have been the ment employes summoned there to belligerent, nor will there be any chance until they have done some hard fighting tem and there is no immediate danger and suffered severely. At present each of the schools becoming demoralized or is confident of success and therefore unwilling to listen to any proposal for a settlement of their quarrel otherwise than by the arbitrament of arms. Besides, as matters stand peace could now be negotiated on a basis but slightly, if or underground methods. If Mr. Stetat all, different from the situation be- son has the stuff in him for a city superfore the outbreak of hostilities. Perhaps intendent he will himself prefer to have quite exhausted, both nations will listen the governments of France and England to a proposal of mediation, but that time longed to him instead of sneaking in is semewhat remote. The war will go on at least until some decisive turning It is quite in keeping with the eternal point in the land campaign is reached.

> LET THE ANTI-TRUST LAW STAND. There is a disposition in some quarchanges in the Sherman anti-trust law. On the part of some of the advocates of

Having learned that the sultan of amending the law it is declared to have Sulu was not unduly excited when told become important and necessary, in that the treaty between his august per- view of the decision in the merger case, conslity and the United States had been that the act be amended to exclude railabrogated, the public can return to con- roads specifically from its provisions. templation of the war in the Orient with Those who take this view hold that the roads should be allowed to consolidate to any extent they wish, but not permitted to make what rates they please, the power to regulate rates and charges to be vested in the interstate commerce commission. This is not a new sugges tion and it has never been favorably regarded by the public, perhaps because there is lack of confidence that the commission could always be depended upon recognized, have been adopted by unanito conserve the public interests: If the rom the city before undertaking to fill railroads were allowed to consolidate to because no members present thought it the vacancy created by his transfer to any extent they wish it is more than worth while to record themselves in the probable that they would be allowed to negative. This certificate of character

who believe that the anti-trust law the whole thing is a huge joke, but un-The declaration by one of the city should be amended by the insertion of informed people outside will take it in councilmen that the council is con- the word "reasonable" before "restraint earnest. The harm will be done when tantly violating the city charter is of trade." They urge that the act is they find out the character and caliber ardly justification of another charter crudely drawn and that the word of the man and Omaha becomes a laughofraction, but, quite the contrary, "reasonable" was omitted from the text ing stock for the ease with which it is should call for a cessation of the dis- through an error. They further assert guiled. regard of charter provisions. If the that the merger decision, while demoncouncil can with impunity refuse to strating beyond question the attitude observe the charter in one connection, it of the court at present, will not prove Comptroller Lobeck have a long story to can do the same in all things. The a sufficiently clear cut precedent to tell in defense of their conduct in cononly safety for the taxpayers lies in serve as a guide to subordinate courts nection with the paving specifications. the strict enforcement of the laws lim- in the future and might even be re- They do not explain to the public, howiting the authority of their public versed by the supreme court itself were ever, why they could not have told this

events there would be danger of this.

can hardly be regarded as a valid reason The seeker after something definite for amending the act as proposed. Laws cil report had been made and adopted. and trustworthy in regard to operations are not to be changed simply because in the far east will find little in the cur- of the possibility that their judicial interpretation at one time may be overthrown or reversed at some future time.

The Foraker bill, introduced before provided for amending the anti-trust patches are made up of guesses and con- law so as to exclude from its application paper is largely responsible, jectures, while the military experts who "reasonable" restraint of trade. It met with very little public approval and almost none at all in congress. Possibly that there is an overwhelming sentirespect to their land operations, when so as it is, lest by changing the law it should be weakened, as most probably would be the case. The highest tribunal has now established a precedent for conintention of its framers and its decision in progress is not to be doubted and that is generally accepted as pre-eminently it must soon bring on a clash that may just. It has produced no disturbance and none is likely to come from it. The scope and application of the anti-trust law have been very fully and clearly the Russian plan is to remain on the de- defined and are well understood. There is an end to mergers, at least for a long finds support in the statement that the time. No corporation engaged in trade campaign of the commander-in-chief is among the states can have any difficulty based upon awaiting the enemy at Muk- in determining whether its operations den and Harbin, the latter in the very are in conformity with the law or in violation of ft. The supreme court debe the plan and that the Japanese fol- cision leaves no room for doubt on any ersential point. It is satisfactory to the them in their entrenched positions, the intelligent judgment of the country and

WHY THIS BURRY!

At the meeting of the school board Monday the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Pearse was officially ten-1, and at the same meeting an attempt was made to force the selection of W. W. Stetson of Maine as his successor. both belligerents are concentrating great This precipitate action seems to have been taken, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Stetson had not applied for the position and no one knew whether he was even a receptive candidate, while a number of formal applications It is possible, as reported, that the from other educators were on file, en-

The Bee is not prepared to judge joint movement for ending the war in whether Mr. Stetson is, or is not, prethe east. The statement is made that eminently qualified for the position of the ambassador of the United States to he may be just the man we do not England, and that after having been want. The chief objection to his elecready now to welcome even a tender of of Maine and is a professional lecturer good offices for the ending of the war on pedagogy before teachers' institutes and it will take no part in any move- and associations that see fit to hire him ment for that purpose until it has direct To invest him with the responsible assurances from both the powers at war duties as head of our school system that it would be advisable to do so. Ac- on the mere voucher of the out-going cording to one report the feeling in superintendent would, in our opinion, be Washington is that it is inopportune a decidedly hazardous venture. In view even to discuss the matter, because it is of the fact that Mr. Stetson is adverlikely to offend either Russia or Japan, tised to address the spring meetings and especially the former, because of of several of the Nebraska district her reverses and her sensitive feeling teachers' meetings, and will be in the It is perfectly easy to understand that it would seem to be advisable, if he is to Great Britain should desire to bring be seriously considered, to wait until about, if possible, a termination of the he arrives and let him speak for him-

So far as the public schools of Omaha saviors of Omaha's public school sysinefficient because of the lack of an ornamental superintendent for the next three months. In choosing a new superintendent there is, therefore, no call for haste nor excuse for snap judgment sooner or later, before they have become all the preliminaries straight and above board and walk into the office as if it beunder cover.

> The Bee last Saturday commented editorially on the local school superintendency situation as follows:

> It is given out that the school board will be in no hurry whatever to select the successor to Superintendent Pearse, who vacates his position April 1. It will be well to take this announcement with a grain of salt, for it will not be surprising to see a little ring get together under its cover in on short notice.

> Six members of the school board, at its meeting Monday night, sprang a dark horse candidate for superintendent and tried to carry his election by rush line tactics. Predictions sometimes come true, especially when based upon a knowledge of the forces at work and

their customary methods. Beslobbering resolutions, lauding Superintendent Pearse as a great educator. mous vote of the school board probably make the rates they wished. At all will now be framed and exhibited by Mr. Pearse as his professional diploma. It is stated that there is a certain con- Every one in Omaha who understands tingent among the congress attorneys the conditions appreciates the fact that

Building Inspector Withnell and City its present personnel to change. This story before the council investigators bad.

instead of waiting until after the coun-

The local Bryanite organ forgets to explain that President Teeters of the Board of University Regents, whom it takes so severely to task for defending the Rockefeller gift, is also a product of fusion reform for which that

Understands His Party.

Kansas City Journal. mated the number of itching palms in the democratic party. He is gathering in delegates at a rate which is causing panic among the respectable leaders of the party.

Get Busy, Please!

Cincinnati Enquirer. Possibly too much has been printed about the war in the east. If the men who are running the conflict on both sides can get notoriety without doing anything, they may be content. If their names can be kept out of the papers for a while they may get to fighting in earnest and make ome news that will be worth reading.

Thinks the Spell is Broken.

Philadelphia Record. Nebraska is no longer hypnotized. stead of holding the democratic convention on All Fools' day, as the Bryunites de sired, it will hold it June 1, by which time most of the states will have held their conventions and selected their delegates. Nabraska no longer aspires to rol the democratic party.

Paeumonia Worse Than War. New York Press.

Can it be possible that 6,000 persons it New York have died of pneumonia since December 1? There was a four years' war between sections of this country, and in all that time doctors did not treat a single case of pneumonia. No soldiers ever suffered more from exposure, with the possible exception of the French in the retreat from Moscow. But even among those hopeless followers of the mighty Napoleon pneumonia was unknown. Physicians let us die in swarms right here in our warm houses of a disease that did not kill a soldier in the longest, bloodiest wars of his-

Restraints of Trade

New York Times. The supreme court, expressing its opinio by the pen of Justice Harian in the Northern Securities case, makes a fetich of ompetition and in effect declares that the strong arm of the federal government should be stretched forth to interpose the shield of the law wherever a community inds itself "at the mercy" of a single railroad corporation which has obtained supremacy in the interstate commerce of hat region. The states and cities which "at the mercy" of the railroads brought nto one system by the Northern Securities merger, are growing rich and prosperous Such restraints of trade as have been im posed upon them by this railroad system ave by an astonishing paradox augmented their commercial exchanges and fostered as many Moro insurrections with ice crean their industries, while at the same time organizing and constituting a great highway of trade between the vast fields of production in the heart of this continent and the markets of the distant east.

"Home, Sweet Home!"

Philadelphia Ledger, What a picture of delightful domesticity s that presented by the telegram reporting the return of the president of the Mormon church, Joseph F. Smith, to the bosom of his families! We are a home-loving people, and tears must rise unbidden at the vision of five waiting, smiling wives and of thirty-four chubby little arms stretched out to greet the husband and is bad enough when called away on business to sigh for one's fireside and easy sides and five easy chairs! It was a busy is an old hand and appointed the Bee Hive house as a rendezvous and then in a carhouses. But the picture to dwell on, with four dozen lumps in your throat, is that that she shall be at peace. But it ought ment when the teachers and principals of the first greeting, when five wives and thirty-four children embraced the returning traveler and wondered what he had prought them. That should melt many a heart in this city of homes.

THE DECISION SUITS THEM.

Railroad Managers Applaud the Wreck of the Merger. New York Evening Post.

Attorney General Knox made one very striking remark in his comment on the dedsion. It was this:

"My views on the decision cannot be bet ter expressed than in the language of one of the best known railroad presidents of the United States upon the occasion of the decision in favor of the government in the court below. He said: "The decision is sound law, good sense, for the advantage of all legitimate interests and for the country's welfare, and voices the judgment of probably nine-tenths of the most censervative business men of the country."

Much curiosity has been expressed in railway circles as to who was the railway president whom the attorney general cited. the scenes chiefly converged on the executive heads of two very large and important railways in the nearer northwest. It was said this week, not disrespectfully, that the language quoted was that of a 'railway man of the old school." This description used to mean to the financial community and try to push a secretly selected favorite, three years or so ago, a person of obstinate opinions, who had been left behind in the progress of events; it is coming nowadays rather generally to mean a person who kept his head when other people were going mad; and the guess is for that reason

interesting But as a matter of fact, citations by the attorney general were not necessary. reasonably thorough canvass of responsible railway officials, made both before and since Monday's decision was given out, showed remarkable unanimity of opinior that opinion approving a judgment against the Northern Securities combination. following statement of views is fairly typisaid to represent both important railway and important banking interests: "It is clearly evident that the Northern Securities company must be dissolved, without any trifling and in good faith. In my opin ion the decision will ultimately result in pressing effect until it is thoroughly understood, but eventually it will mean that the railroads will develop and expand along lines that are natural. It means, of course, the survival of the fittest; but so does everything else in this life." One railway icer among those talked with this week, the question of the usefulness of the Northern Securities, and of the theory emodied in it, as a restraint to speculative assaults on permanency of railway manage It is, in fact, no secret, to any one familiar with the talk of railway cir eles, that the high grade, practical operating men, proud of their own achievement and aware of their system's peculiar qualities, have chafed from the first under this

theory of sweeping everything into a huge

conglomerate, where no one would really

know who ruled, and where the good work

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Sopt.

Hon. Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas, whose record as fourth assistant postmaster general, commands national attention has under his direction the largest body of men in the government service. There are at least 100,000 men under his control including all fourth-class postmasters, the city letter carriers and the rural carriers besides the route inspectors, special agents and division superintendents. Originally, the fourth assistant had 60,000 fourth-class postmasters under him, but when the in vestigation was commenced last year there were turned over to him 20,000 city letter carriers and about 15,000 rural carriers and 375 inspectors, special agents and division superintendents.

With the exception of the fourth-class postmasters, all of these were formerly under the first assistant postmaster gen eral. They were continued under his jurisdiction in the appropriation bills.

The free delivery service and the clerks were formerly under the first assistant now he has 23,000 clerks and 5,000 post masters of the first, second and third class under him. The second assistant has 11.000 people under him in the railway mail service, while the third assistant postmaster general has only the 100 clerks in his bureau and a few superintendents in the registry department.

Speaker Cannon never falls to show rood-natured contempt for the senate. though he confines his flippant allusions to informal conversations, and does not as Mr. Reed was wont to do, carry ridicule of "the higest legislative body on

earth" into his formal utterances. The other day he met Mr. Frye o Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, and rallied the acting president of the "upper house" upon the decision of that body to put in another clock.

"Hello, Frye. Hear you're going to have two clocks in your chamber. What's in the wind?"

"Why, you see, our present clock is at consult it. Besides, Cannon, we don't want you to be able to say that the senate is alvays looking backward."

"Thank God for that! I was afraid that if you got in two clocks you'd have too much time on your hands, and God knows what that means to the country.

One of the important items of the United States army commissary is candy, and why pot? If Uncle Sam can supply United States senators with free quinine pills-30,000 of them-there need be no criticism of candy for our soldiers. In fact, noth ing can be too good for them. The only question to be asked is whether it is good andy or not. We want no glucose and white earth served out to our hoys in blue or khaki in the far off Philippines and in sweltering Panama. None but the best, in lace paper trimmed boxes, tied with gold cord, will do. We'd rather see them eating candy than drinking vino.

There would be no great complaint if ce cream were served every day at mess. The army of the Philippines will suppress as without it. A Spartan diet does not necessarily make a Spartan.

Our soldiers won in 1861-1864, not because of hard tack, but in spite of it; they might have won more quickly on roast beef and apple dumplings if they could have been With 100 rounds of ammunition and twenty rounds of butter scotch there is no telling what young Americans might do. Why don't they try it instead of all these hashes and pemmicans and other things which inspire no enthusiasm?

When Hoke Smith was secretary of the interior he was especially generous to Georgians in the matter of department clerkships. It was generally conceded that around the patent, pension and land office one could not throw a stick without hitting a Georgian. Senator Voorhees of chair; but to think of sighing for five fire- Indiana had been trying to place one or two Hoosier constituents, but had failed. One day the senator came along, whistling "Marching Through Georgia" and keeping step to the tune. "What are you doing riage made a systematic round of his that for?" asked Hoke Smith. "Just can't help it,' said Senator Voorhees. "This is just like marching through Georgia to years he has worked continuously at his come through your department." He got the appointments that day.

> Secretary Hay's million dollar apartment house, Stoneleigh Court, threatens to drive him to something or somewhere. That is, the tenants do. Here is an instance of the secretary's distractions due to his owner-

> ship of the apartment house: He was called up on the telephone the other night. The voice at the other end of the line said:

"Hello, Mr. Secretary, I live in one of the apartments in Stoneleigh Court, and our dumbwalter is out of order. Please ome over and have it fixed right away. That is only a sample. He's always getting the same sort of complaints. Mr. Hay turned the renting of the apartments over to a firm of agents. His tenants insist on doing business direct with the secretary of state. He is called out of bed to hear complaints about gas stoves he is besieged in his office by tenants who want things done.

Mr. Hay figured on leaving the magnificent Stoneleigh Court as an investment for his children. When he was building The guesses of people more or less behind it the contractors struck a marsh under the foundations and were obliged to excavate fourteen feet deeper than they ex- by only one. There are 316 John Browns pected to and put in piling. This cost and \$15 John Smiths. Among the \$00,000 Mr. Hay \$300,000 in excess of the sum he names recorded are 1,200 Whites, 450 Blacks, had decided to put into his house, but 9 Greens, 1 Red, 17 Blues and 5 Lavenders. that is a minor matter when compared with the friendly tenants who want to take their complaints and suggestions to the man who owns the building.

Representative Cowherd of Missouri has a constituent who has for years been trying to procure a pension as a daughter of s soldier. At first she asserted her father served in the Mexican war, then in the Seminole war, and finally in the war of 1812. She wrote Mr. Cowherd that a man having the same name as her father served in the war of 1812, and he wrote her that to required something more than a mere name to get a pension, and to send some addi tional facts. In reply he received this: "My father was of medium height, had black hair, couldn't skut one eye without shutting the other and knew nothing about

Prof. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry in the Agricultural department, and something of a humorist, was before the house agricultural committee. "What is a scientific agriculturist?" inquired one of the rural members, desirous of enlightment and also of drawing the professor out. "A scientific agriculturist," replied Prof. Wiley sagely, "is a gentleman in the employ of the government who can make \$2 grow on and only one, troubled himself to go into an appropriation bill where only \$1 grew before.

> A Penetrating Prod. Mexican Herald.

The fun poked at Russian names is rather provincial. Many English proper names must seem quite as odd and mirth-pro voking to the Russians as theirs do to us No Russian would write "Cholmondeley" and prouounce it "Chumley," or "Beau champ" and call it "Beechem." And what would a Russian of cultivation say to the Virginia family "Enroughty," who pro nounce it "Darby?"

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Cherry Pectoral

AS IT LOOKS NOW.

Forecast of a Prospective Scene at the St. Louis Convention. Washington Post.

On the assumption that Mr. Bryan is an honest man, what must be the gauge the rear of the chamber, facing me, and of his intellectual capacity as tested by senators are tired of turning around to his views on the great issue that was permanently settled by his first defeat almost eight years ago? In the year of our Lord 1904, after Mr. Bryan has enjoyed more than seven years of plenty and has waxed fat in purse as a direct result of that sockdolager-the only presidential candidate in our history who was enriched by being voted down-and fully stx years after the silver cause became a horror to most of those who had supported it, "the peerless leader" calls or the party which he can never lead again to rise up and shout: "We demand the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal rate of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation."

Only a ghost, and a demented ghost at that, could be imagined to utter that cry from the grave of a long-buried issue. A herd of wild asses, joining in one long, loud-ringing bray, would nicely typify a so-called democratio convention that should perpetrate such a hideous bawl as that in 1904.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A New York broker has obtained a \$12,500 verdict in a suit against Russell Sage. It is quite evident that "Uncle Russell" is

getting old. Boris Sarafoff, leader of the Macedonians, will conduct the spring insurrection in an automobile. This promises to change the

Macedonian cry to a toot. Allen P. Lovejoy of Janesville, Wis., has just died. He leaves an estate valued at about \$10,000,000 and was the richest man in Wisconsin outside of Milwaukee. His fortune was chiefly accumulated in lumber-

ing operations. Mr. Rockefelle tion as a man who is probably as willing as any of the big financiers to profit by his opportunities, but everybody that in cornering the violet market he has shown himself the king of the bunch.

E. P. Harris of Topeks, the only living man who set type on the first paper published in Kansas, has been celebrating his semi-centennial as a printer. For fifty trade, and is still able to turn out a respectable "string."

John Morley, M. P., the distinguished literatteur and biographer of Gladstone, is the great-grandson of Duncan McAllum, a Methodist preacher, and the grandnephew of Dr. Daniel McAllum, also a Methodist preacher. His mother was a Methodist class leader.

M. Paderewski, the planist, who has been touring Russia, has been expelled from the country at twenty-four hours' notice. The reason for such action, according to a Vienna version, is that at a special audience with the egar the planist corrected his majesty, saying: "I am a Pole, but not a Russian.

New York physicians report that a great many of their pneumonia patients are bachelor men and maids who are of the "roomer" class and have little or no home care. On this account they need closer atand elevators and all kinds of things, and tention than home patients. All the hospitals in the city are full and have been for months. Believue and its allied institutions turned away from eighty to 100 patients There are more John Browns than any

other name in the new city directory of Philadelphia, but they lead the John Smiths

In the bird line there are Canary, Robin, Eagle, Crow, Hawk, Sparrow, Buzzard. Peacock and Bantam

Water Engineer Alfred M. Quick of Baltimore estimates that 50,000,000 gallons of water were thrown upon the flames during the great fire of last month in that city

JABS OF THE JOKERS.

"Do you think you have written any ines that will live?" she asked the famous author. "Yes," he replied, "I have sent some private and confidential lotters to my friends which they will probably publish after my death."—New York Sun.

Dick-Why did you ask her to sing; surely you can't enjoy that caterwauling. Ned-No, but it is always such a keen delight to hear her stop!-Somerville Jour-

"Are you still making visits to your dentist?"
"No."
"How's that?"
"Oh, nothing only I ran out of teeth."—
Detroit Free Press.

Jones—Is your son fond of literature? Jenkins—Immoderately. I've known him to read some of his own articles.—Boston Transcript.

"Mrs. Gaddle—That's the lady in the cor-ner house—called upon me today," said Mrs. Newcome on the evening of their first day in Lonesomehurst, "and she tells me all the people are like one big family here." "Ah! yes," replied her husband; "always knocking each other."—Philadelphia Catho-lic Standard.

"The trouble with Cores." said the progressive diplomat, "Is that it is too slow,"
"Slow!" replied the emperor, "you wrong us. Any country that can jump from fatty degeneration into nervous prostration as quickly as we did is pretty rapid."—Washington Star.

"Til trouble you to hand over your watch." said the courteous footpad. "No trouble at all, I assure you," returned the equally courteous citizen. "It's one of those dollar watches that's guaranteed to run one year, and the year's up."—Indianapolis Sun.

"I must warn you, Bridget," said Mrs. Nuritch, "to see that the peas are thor-oughly mashed."
"Mashed, it is?" remarked the new cook

Patron—I'll have a piece of pumpkin pie. Waiter—Punkin pie! Yes, sir. Patron—Pump-kin pie. Waiter—Oh, yes, sir. Think the Boston dub will have any chance o' winnin' the cennant this year?—Philadelphia Lodger.

THE PROPOSAL AND PAPA. Pittsburg Post.

Lord Fucash had with ease obtained
Miss Ostorbilt's consent;
And so the next day—altho' it rained—
To see her pa he went.
The peer, with reveries of "dough,"
And the impending bliss
He'd have in spending it, you know,
this,

Went

Her pa received his lordship's news With manner sternly grim; American men—thus ran his views— Were good enough for him. Lord Fucash ventured on a sneer—

van flouteris Cocoa. Pure and Unmixed. Delicate Aroma. Really Cheapest In Use. Best & Goes Farthest

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