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The scavenger law promises to prove a windfall for Omaha lawyers.

Our police board truly decides that and cannot mix, at least in Omaha.

An inexperienced man as county treas Douglas county.

The generosity of the Russian char acter was never so strongly shown as in the grace with which it turns over towns and forts to the enemy.

No new paying in Omaha this yearperhaps, however, the paving contractors will inform us when we may expect them to let us have the work done.

"Eat less meat in the heated season" is a good rule to follow, more especially just now, with a strike in all the big meat-packing establishments threaten-

Colonel Bryan has the solace of knowing that he will be the whole thing once more at the democratic state nom- enough alone?" inating convention for Nebraska next

month. Since the nomination of Parker and Davis the Watson and Tibbles boom has actually reached the point where the questionably a large majority of them

newspapers. Telegrams being received at Esopus would indicate that several well-known democrats did not mean what they said in 1896 and again in 1900; but do they mean it now?

Harvard university is to introduce the study of jin jitsu-presumably with the intention of finding a field of contest wherein it will have some show of winning against Yale.

Bandit Raisouli has been encouraged by is not dead. the ease with which he connected with the Perdicaris relief fund and that he is already hungry for more.

Three people have been killed as the this year with a resident of their state ticket.

After having attended five national conventions of his party W. H. Thompson declares the convention at St. Louis to have been best of all, although it doubtless suited him least of all. There is nothing like looking for the silver lining when the clouds roll up.

Later developments will show whether the conference between the steamship companies over immigration rates is really for the purpose of restoring the former tariff or to call the attention of the possible immigrants to the fact that the low prices will not continue for-

ever. Nebraska could without doubt have had the second place on the Parker ticket had it only been bold enough to claim. But the candidate for vice presidept launched by the Nebraska democracy a few months ago seems to have been entirely overlooked at St. Louis.

The World-Herald expresses the opinion that the nomination of our fellow Nebraskan, T. H. Tibbles, for the vice presidency on the populist national his plans for the future. Who knows but that Brother Tibbles' plans for the future contemplate revolutionizing the defeated. His representatives in the tives of Washington and Sarpy counties gavel as its presiding officer?

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

The railroad lawyers and tax agents who conducted the campaign of education last year at an outlay of \$30,000, expended principally in subsidizing cheap Parker will lose by reason of his dictaeditors and lubricating dear lobbyists, are said to be preparing an onslaught on flon, but that the number will be large the State Board of Equalization, with is not to be doubted and they will not or dictate what they should be. a view to buildozing the board into rais. all be in the west. There are many 1.00 lng the assessments of other than railroad property on the plea that it has not been returned on the same ratio of val- favorable to the gold standard. Many uation as the railroads. The plan of of these will not renounce the position 7c attack, as given out by Bob Clancy, the they have so long held by supporting 12c literary attache of John N. Baldwin, is Parker. We confidently believe that disclosed through a double-shotted edito- the course of the democratic canrial in the Blair Pilot, in which a stren- didate has improved republican chances uous effort is made to prove that the Nebraska railroads have been overval- possibly has materially benefited them ued this year, and that an example is to even in one or two of the southern be made of Douglas county, "the home states. Instead of harmonizing the of the tax agitators."

With the kindest feelings towards the embattled railroad artillerists The Bee ventures the advice, without cost, that they had better "let well enough alone," nit by draft, express or postal order, they had better "let well enough alone," ble to The Bee Publishing Company. In support of this advice it would call accounts. Personal checks, except on attention to the report of the Interstate Commerce commission, issued within the last forty-eight hours, embodying railroad statistics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

According to the Interstate Commerce ommission the capitalized value of railroads in the United States, including the trunk lines, branch lines and side lines, broad gauge and narrow gauge, is \$63. the Nebraska railroad mileage will average up in its earning capacity, and consequently its real value, with an equal amount of mileage in any other state west of the Alleghanies.

Computed at the par value of stocks and bonds on the basis of \$63,186 per mile, the actual value of the railroads in Nebraska would aggregate \$363,951,-360, which, assessed at one-fifth, would have made their assessed value \$72,790,assessed at a fraction less than \$47. 000,000. Assume, however, that the bonds and stocks of the railroad mileage of Nebraska are worth only 80 cents on the dollar-in other words, that the tangible property and franchises are worth 20 per cent less than their capitalization-the aggregate value of the rallroads of Nebraska would be \$291,-161,088, which, reduced to one-fifth gives \$58,232,217, as against a fraction firewater and firemen are incompatible less than \$47,000,000 of its actual assessment.

Will any reputable railroad manager or magnate contend that the railroads of of the party and if he desires the nomurer would have been swamped by the Nebraska are worth less than 80 cents operation of the new scavenger law in on the dollar of capitalization? They certainly must concede that the bonds, strong man, for it is said his popularity which constitute more than one-half of that capitalization, are worth par or within a, few cents of par, and 20 per has not in all things pleased Tammany cent off from the entire capitalization and this fact has been to his advantage would leave the stocks at about 60 cents on the dollar, which is certainly extremely low. In spite of this low estimate the railroad assessment as made this year is still over \$11,000,000 below the one-fifth of the capitalized value of the hardest fighting will be done there. the roads after deducting 20 per cent for

For all these reasons and several tax agents and railroad lawyers whether by Tom Blackburn should be summait would not be good tactics on their rily laid under the table, not because part to follow the famous advice of the it emanates from Blackburn, but be- quent tax list in The Bee, is not likely late Senator Hanna and "let well

WILL THEY STULTIFY THEMSELVES! Of the more than six million democrats who voted for W. J. Bryan unpictures of the candidates appear in the sincerely believed in the principles avowed in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms and especially in the money plank. Those who were not for free silver but supported the ticket in the last two national campaigns in order to be "regular" constituted a minority of probably not more than one-fifth of the democratic vote. Nor is it to be doubted that a very large number of the adherents of Mr. Bryan in the last two national campaigns still think Recent advices would indicate that and therefore that the money question

These democrats have now presented for their support a candidate for the presidency who says that he regards counties in the district are permitted not the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established and shall act accord- allow delegates elected by a former result of republican primaries in West ingly if elected. Will they stultify Virginia. West Virginia republicans themselves by voting for him? Will the ventions. This is precisely the proposhould be more careful of their votes millions of democrats who have earn- sition of the committee of which Blackestly and sincerely denounced the gold running as candidate on the democratic standard, charging that it is a device of the money power to control the government and enthrall the people, recant it is tantamount to a public declaration all they have said, repudiate the utterances of years, and support for the pres- of the committee of Douglas county. idency a man who is unqualifiedly com- There would be no objection to holding mitted to the gold standard and its maintenance?

The pertinence and the importance of the question are obvious. It is in the ination of members of the legislature, thought of hundreds of thousands of democrats. Already there are indica- didates for the Board of Education. That tions of revolt against the St Louis matter is left to the discretion of the candidate. Whether or not the feeling being manifested will assume serious proportions cannot now be predicted with any degree of certainty, but it is by no means improbable that it will grow, especially among western egates its duty will have been disdemocrats. It is most natural that charged. The counties will be free to they should associate the attitude of elect the delegates just as they deem Judge Parker with the influence of the best, and these delegates propmoney power of the east, with the plu- erly certified, either by the election of tocracy of Wall street. They are not ficers, if they are elected by direct vote, likely to be satisfied with being told or by the chairman and secretary of the that before his nomination Judge Par county committee if elected in the ker was known to be a gold-standard county convention, will be entitled to man. If there was such knowledge it admission in the congressional convenwas carefully withheld from the con- tion, vention and Parker's chief champion, David B. Hill, stated that he did not that the delegates elected in Washing-1 way accidents and is ready to censure the know what the candidate's financial ton and Sarpy counties by the county ticket is not likely to interfere with views were. Unquestionably if Parker conventions called to select delegates to

the money question.

It would be idle to make any estimate torial message to the St. Louis conventhousands of democrats in the castern states, even in New York, that are not democracy it has widened the breach that existed before the meeting of the St. Louis convention.

NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST The state of New York occupies a commanding position in the politics of this year. Not only are the republican and democratic candidates for the presidency citizens of the Empire state, but a governor is to be chosen and both parties are at present giving even more attention to the matter of the selection of gubernatorial tickets than they are

to the national candidates. It is of course recognized that the contest on 186 per mile. It goes without saying that governor will have a more or less decided influence on that for president, so that the leaders of each party are seeking the most available men to head the state tickets.

Several prominent republicans are be ing considered as possible candidates, among them former Secretary Root, who would make a strong leader, but he is not seeking the nomination and is understood not to desire it. If he could be induced to accept a nomination 29.112 272, while as a matter of fact they are the republicans would be assured of a most aggressive campaign, for Mr. Root is a man of great energy as well as ability. He is moreover very popular with the masses of the party. With Mr. Root as their candidate the republicans should say that he came to his death by would feel that a campaign would be made in the state as thorough, as dignified, as convincing and as successful vide safeguards against just such deadly as was the campaign made by Theodore Roosevelt himself when he was a candidate for governor.

Among possible democratic candidates for governor Mayor McClellan appears to be most prominent in the attention ination he probably will get it. There is no doubt that he would prove to be a in New York city has been steadily growing since he became mayor. He in popular regard, though it may have lost him the favor of some of the Tammany politicians. If not a "pivotal" state this year, New York will certainly be the center of political interest and

IT UNDER THE TABLE

The proposition submitted to the recause it is not debatable. The proposi- to reflect on Mr. Fink with the rank and tion is unrepublican, unprecedented, and bears on its face the rankest discrimination.

From time immemorial the functions of the congressional committee in every district of the United States have been failed to act within the prescribed time to name the place and fix the time for holding the nominating convention and Herald a cinch on the job. to apportion the delegates to which each of the political subdivisions (of which the county is the unit) that make up the district are entitled. Nowhere has a congressional committee undertaken to arrogate to itself the right to subdivide a single county, or for that matter all of the counties, into voting districts. Nowhere has a congressional committee attempted to deprive the governing bodies of the respective counties that the financial plank of the platform of their legitimate prerogative to make the fire force. of 1896 and 1900 was sound and right their own apportionment within the county. Nowhere in this country is there a precedent for singling out one

county for a primary election, under arbitrary rules and conditions, while other only to dispense with primaries, but to county convention to act in future conburn is the sole maker and owner.

The Blackburn proposition should be laid on the table, furthermore, because of a lack of confidence in the integrity joint primaries, so called, but the congressional committee really has nothing to do with joint primaries for the nomcandidates for county offices and can-

county and city committees. When the congressional committee has decided when and where the convention to nominate the congressman is to be held and apportioned the number of del-

In the present instance it is proposed had sent his gold-standard dispatch be- the state convention shall be duly acfore the nomination he would have been credited and recognized as representa-

form and therefore agreed to ignore county shall hold primaries under specific rules and conditions that will deprive them of the privilege of electing of the number of democratic votes these delegates in a county convention. Whether these rules and conditions are satisfactory or not, the congressional committee has no right to prescribe them

If, however, Blackburn and his com mittee insist upon running the primaries of Douglas county for congressional nominations, let them assume the authority and responsibility both and foot the bills. The county committee can shrunk \$56,006,000 this year. Only five New look on with equanimity, but it certainly should not stultify itself by abrogating the powers preperly vested in county everywhere except in the south and committees, not only in Nebraska, but everywhere in the United States

> After all the heated atmosphere to which we have been treated by the democratic press regarding the evils of the money power, their two chosen standard bearers are both men of wealth, gold power behind the nominations has been Wall street and the trusts, whose opposition to President Roosevelt is becoming more and more pronounced their power at the hands of the repub. swearing off is \$625,078.87%. lican administration, hence their transfer of allegiance, which has been welcomed by the democratic party. If this is not a complete reversal of the traditional policy of the democratic party, what is it? Its policy of vacillation and expediency does not stand comparison with the consistent policy of the republican party, made up of the great middle class of the nation, in whom, on the last analysis, lies the nation's strength.

As a direct result of the insane cele bration of the Fourth of July in Omaha one man has lost his life at the age of 34, owing to the premature discharge of a 22 blank cartridge that burned the palm of his right hand and became fatal through lockiaw. Who is responsible for the untimely taking off of this man in the prime of life? The coroner's jury will say that he came to his death by accident. The court of public opinion the reckless disregard of unwritten laws that command every community to proaccidents by the suppression of insane Fourth of July celebrations.

The report of the Interstate Commerc commission showing that 9,640 people were killed and 76,553 were injured by railroad accidents in this country last year, proves the necessity for greater care on the part of railroad managers and persons connected with the operation of trains. America has the highest percentage of casualties of all the countries of the earth, and the only action taken looking to improved conditions is the annual comment of the newspapers following the publication of on that occasion. the official figures, while the laws passed by congress for life-saving devices on cars are in a great measure ignored by the railroad companies.

The attempt of the World-Herald to to establish a "cash stamp fault in the matter it is not Mr. Fink, but the board of commissioners, who because they wanted to give the World-

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is to be commended for its enforcement of the rule by which intemperance is made a cause of removal for any member of the police or fire department. No man is fit to stand guard over the life and property of this community who indulges excessively in drink, and for the same reason no man who goes

Doesn't Need the Money. Chicago Record-Herald. Lord Kitchener has made up his mind never to marry. In other words, he wishes American girls to understand that he doesn't need the money.

Punishing the Souvenir Fiend. Brooklyn Eagle. A costly table in the Japanese section at the St. Louis fair has also been ruined by vandais, who required pieces of it to

keep as souvenirs. How would it do to

collect the ears of the vandals as sou

venirs of a happily departing species? Also, One Death Minneapolis Journal, Before the Fourth the Omaha city coun il decided that it was not right to deprive the dealers in fireworks of their profits. Twenty Omaha people were maimed on the Fourth, several of them for

life. The dealers, however, have a nice

The Rosebud Land Lottery. Boston Globe.

Uncle Sam's laws against lotteries are strict, but the Rosebud reservation drawng is very like a lottery. There are 2,600 quarter sections to be allotted, and of these t is estimated that 1,500 are valuable. For the first number in the drawing there is a standing offer of \$10,000, while the first 100 umbers are estimated to have a cash value of \$5.000. However, the drawing scheme is better than the Oklahoma rush.

> Danger in Too Much Hurry. Washington Post.

It is charged that while only trained, high-grade men can operate trains that are not fully equipped with all the latest improvements, the installation of these improvements is often used as an excuse for employing inferior men, thus offsetting any neasure of safety that might have been added by the improved equipment. The public, after all, is to blame. of course, regrets the loss of life in railmanagers for running trains at too high a rate of speed, but when he starts on a trip he wants the speed limit removed. The nation is in a hurry and the railroad company that proposed to lessen the speed of trains for the express purpose of reducing the chances of accidents would promptly be nominated on a gold-standard plat. but that the republicans of Douglas business would go to its cival.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Moralists endeavor to impress upon man

kind that no good comes from swearing, but there are exceptions, especially in the matter of tax values. In Omaha, for instance, no material advantage is gained by swearing after the schedules are in. The sbullition is useful only in relieving the pressure on the hot air tank. New York City presents an altogether different aspect to the swearing multitude because swearing there counts for much. By that method the assessed valuation of personal property Yorkers whose personalty assessment was over \$1,000,000 did not have their assessments reduced by the swearing-off process They are Andrew Carnegie, whose assessment of \$5,000,000 is the largest in the list: Russell Sage, who pays personal tax on \$2,000,000 of property; Frederick Vanderbilt, assessed for \$2,000,000; Alice Vanderbilt. \$1,000,000, and W. K. Vanderbilt, \$1,000,00). The largest reduction was the cutting off of \$1,700,000 from the \$3,000,000 assessment of John Jacob Astor. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's he is no novice in politics, and for years assessment was reduced from \$1.500,000 to \$250,000. J. P. Morgan's \$600,000 assessment standard men, pure and simple, and the was reduced to \$400,000. The original assesament on personalty amounted to \$4,589,-966,384. Almost every one included in the list for assesments visited the office of the tax department during the time allowed for rectification of the records. The total every day. The trusts fear a curbing of of personalty left subject to tax after the

> of New York there is a corresponding increase in rents. While this would no doubt go on under any system based on the present plan of ground ownership there are some phases of it which aggravate the situation and which are bitterly complained against. There is a practice popular with foreigners, particularly Italians, of leasing tenements for three, five and ten years. In this way many future purchasers are broken in. This leasing process, so popular in Mulberry and Mott streets, is not reomplained that inasmuch as few owners will lease an entire building for much less than the rentals bring the lesses is obliged to grind the tenants in order to recoup himself. Tenement workers, indeed, have occasionally met this leasing practice in ugly form. There are many Italian merchants on a large scale who invest their earnings in tenements in the Italian quarter. A house in the Italian quarter brings from \$30,000 to \$30,000, of which the larger amount usually remains on bond and mortgage. The humble purchaser always moves into the house, acts as janitor, rent collector and repair man and pays off a good part of the mortgage every year, until he secomes the unencumbered owner.

The German emperor has determined to onfer decorations on those who risked their lives in saving passengers of the illfated steamboat General Slocum, recently burned in the river at New York. As the former ruler of many who lost their lives on the vessel, he has instructed Consul General Buenez to procure for him a list of names of those whose rescues were disinguished by heroism. It was he who first cabled for a list of the dead, which was promptly sent. While this list was being prepared, however, another request was received for the names of the bravest three women nurses. This Consul General Buc nez submitted to Health Commissioner Dar lington, who is now engaged in the delicate task of picking these from among the many women who did noble service

The craze for trading stamps that has seized the metropolis has, it would seem, given birth to swindling companies, and the authorities are being kept busy in investigating complaints. The latest scheme is blackwash County Treasurer Fink be- tradesman buys stamps of the company others we submit to the gentlemanly publican committee of Douglas county cause, in the discharge of his duties as sand, and gives them to his customers, one prescribed by law and interpreted by stamp for every ten-cent purchase. He the courts, he has published the delin- signs a contract to redeem the stamps presented by customers in books of 1,000. giving goods from his stock to the value of \$2.25. The company agrees to purchase file of taxpayers, although his action from the dealer the redeemed stamps, paywas doubtless a sore disappointment to ing him \$2.25 a thousand, in cash or credit. the popocratic paper. If anyone is at If all the stamps issued were redeemed the company would make a profit of \$1.75 on every thousand, less expense of desk room, rent and printing.

The plan of the swindlers is to flood district with stamps, take the money of tradesmen, and perhaps redeem a few lots of stamps, but when the time comes for the redemption of any great number of books the office of the concern will be found vacant and the swindlers missing.

Popular actresses made in the past from \$300 to \$1,500 a year on the sale of their photographs, but now this source of revenue is altogether lost to them.

"I," said a popular actress, "drew from my photographer, up to ten years ago, a regular annual income of \$800. I was under contract to pose only for him; he had the on periodic sprees should be retained on exclusive sale of my pictures, and on each picture that he sold he paid me a royalty. "That is the way it used to be with all popular actresses. They signed papers to the effect that they would pose only for one photographer, and he signed papers to the effect that he would pay them a royalty on each of their pictures that he sold. Thus they made easily from \$5 to \$25 a week. "No such pleasant condition exists today. The change is due to that perfecting in the half-tone process whereby the magamines, the weeklies and the newspapers can reproduce photographs beautifully."

> When the case of Winford Burkhart, a former soldier in the Philippines, charged with abandonment by his wife, came up before Judge Higgins in Jersey City other day and the court was informed that Mrs. Burkhart was at the Jersey City hospital too ill to appear at the hearing, he left the bench and called up the hospital over the telephone.

"Hello! Is this Mrs. Burkhart?" he asked, after she had been called to the "Well, this is Judge Higgins of the crim-

inal court." "What do you want of me, your honor?" "I want you to tell me the story of your

husband's ill-treatment of you," Judge Hig-

gins answered. "Well, judge, it was like this: He slapped an army officer in the face over in the islands. They sentenced him to five years' Imprisonment. I went to see President Roosevelt, pleading for my husband's freedom, and he was released. Then I got him a job. And, judge, soon after that, with-

out any cause, he deserted me." "I'm much obliged to you, madam," the judge answered, hanging up the phone. Returning to the court room he said to Burkhart, who is 25 years old: "I'll hold you in \$250 bonds, and you must pay your wife \$3 a week." Not being able to furnish bond, Burkhart went to jail.

Like the shade of Hamlet's father the monument to Sunset Cox in Cooper square continues to move uneasily about through the lanes and plazas of this neighborhood. When one rides downtown on a Madison avenue car in the morning he sees the bronze figure of the stateman at the front door of John Wanamaker's shop, and when he returns in the evening he finds the statue communing with Peter Cooper a block away. There has been so much of excavation work in this neighborhood in the last year that poor old Sunset has United States senate by the use of the convention realized that he could not in the next congressional convention, be ridiculed as an old fogy outfit and its shifted around fifty times. He is the bronze shost of New York.

DEMOCRACY'S LEADER.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.): It is good ticket. It is a strong ticket. It is winning ticket. And it ought to be to every intelligent and loyal democrat an acceptable ticket.

Chicago Tribune (rep.): As a citizen and a jurist, Alton B. Parker has been upright, clean-minded and honorable. The demo cratic party has done well in presenting to the country a candidate of such personal rectitude.

Philadelphia Record (dem.): After eight years of political nightmare the democratic party has shaken off its delusions, recovered possession of itself and of its faculties and resumed its historical place as the conservator and defender of the rights and and rested. nterests of the common people.

Chicago Post (rep.): The party is to be congratulated on its choice. It has selected a strong man, a man of unusual intellectual force and sterling character, a type of our best citizenship. Judge Parker is a fit leader, and, although he has de voted himself sealously to his profession has been a recognized power in democratic councils. Pittsburg Dispatch (ind.): The most hit

ter partisan will concede to Judge Parker with gladness the high personal character which is essential to an aspirant to this most exalted office of all known on earth As to his qualifications as a statesman the people must await the deevlopments of the campaign to discover, and as to his fitness for the great position for which his grooms-With the steadily increasing population men have nominated him doubtless the world will never know more than now.

Springfield Republican (ind.): In personal intercourse, Judge Parker, according to all accounts, is a kindly, tactful man and well adapted to dealing with all sorts of men. Not the least valuable characteristic of the man as the democratic candidate, moreover, is that in personality, judicial type of mind and steady, well-poised intellectual processes, he stands as the antithesis of his formidable opponent. All this can now garded favorably by philanthropists. It is fairly be said of Judge Parker, whose character and policies will become more and more defined as the weeks pass by.

mother is reported to have said that she attributes his success in good part to s generous application of the rod in his youth. Other mothers will please take New York World: Fancy William Jen nings Bryan at the head of a two-thirds

majority surrendering unconditionally to the minority on the vital plank of the platform! Bryan may be a demagogue, but he is not a coward. Cleveland Leader: How that middle name of Hon. Henry Gassaway Davis would have

fitted some politicians! Only in the sense that money talks, however, can that amusing middle name be said to be appropriate. Davis was never guilty of much speechmaking. Springfield Republican: David B. Hill is not reputed to be an emotional man, yet,

after the nomination of Parker had been made he is reported to have 'laughed and cried alternately." It will, perhaps, be in teresting to observe what he does last of all, when this campaign is over. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: A m 81st year occupies second place with

Parker. Should he succeed to the presidency he would not last long. In case of his death or disability the secretary of state would become president. Is Hill slated for Parker's secretary of state? Portland Oregonian: The picture Richmond Pearson Hobson delivering an impassioned harangue before the demo-

cratic convention and the picture of Richmond Pearson Hobson on the deck of the Merrimac before Santiago show what a vast descent there is from the ideal to the

PERSONAL NOTES.

The youngest member of the democratic national committee is R. A. Billups of Oklahoma. He is only 24 years old. Senator T. C. Platt has purchased Villa

Eden at Highland Mills, N. Y., to please his wife, who says she is tired of "living around in hotels." Judge Parker's mother says she used to

whip him frequently. He will realize the utter triviality of that kind of whipping after November 8 Washington A. Roebling of Trenton has

given \$10,000 to the fund to establish new buildings for the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute of Troy, N. Y., destroyed by fire recently A foreign observer, after a trip in this

country, wrote a magazine article in which he declares that Americans are totally without grace and asks: "How could we expect to find grace in a country where the men chew tobacco and the women gum?" David Rankin of Tarkio, Missouri's farmer king, was given a handsome leather couch by some of his employes on his seventy-ninth birthday, which arrived last week. "Boys," said the vigorous old man, T've got a lot of these things in the house, but I never have time to use them." NOW FOR CAMPAIGN FUDGE.

Enlightening the People on the Activ ities of Greatness.

Chicago Inter Ocean. crists approaches, more of the habits and customs of the Dweller at Esopus are revealed. Every day human traits are shown. The simple life is opened to view through the special correspondent and the photographer.

On Wednesday morning Judge Parker took a swim before the camera and Wednesday afternoon, with the assistance of two hired men and two grandchildren he drove Mary Jane, the white lamb with two black legs, out of the public river road back into the Parker grounds. Or Wednesday evening he sat on the porch

The world knows that these things hap pened at Esopus on Wednesday. A week ago it would not have cared a rap about them. But fame and the special corre spondent have seized upon Judge Parker and his Jeffersonian simplicity, and the dem ocratic candidate finds himself in the position of the famous citizen of Oyster Bay Their cases, indeed, are parallel and are sure to give rise to a campaign of personal information that will be more exiting than any campaign of personal oratory possibly could be. May we not expect something like this:

The president got Judge Parker's up with an appetite breakfast consisted this morning and ate of muffins, two eggs heartily of bacon and from the pet hen of eggs, of which he one of his grand was always fond durchildren, and a disting his ranch life in the west. A Rocky distinguished jurish Ford cantaloupe and a glass of milk followed.

Or this:

Or this: The president spent Judge Parker the morning punch-half a cord of ing the bag in his after he had t gymnasium and box-his morning ing with the chii-today. Althoug Revolver prace says nothing and will tice in the afternoon have nothing showed that Mr. until notified Roosevelt was as nomination, around skillful as ever in Esopus it is gener-hitting the buliseye, ally known that Judge Parker has fixed ideas on the subject of splitting

wood as an exer

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

New York Sun: A sunrise nomination, but a sunset platform!

New York Tribune: Where are those perspicacious romancers who have been telling us about the "pathetic" figure cut by William J. Bryan in the St. Louis convention?

Chicago Post: Esopus sends out a seemingly convincing campaign cry. Parker has passed the parish church plate for fifteen years, and neither Parker nor the plate has been found wanting.

Philadelphia Press: Judge Parker's mother is reported to have said that she more dead of this claimed his attention, morning, he or and with his two ganized Archie, grand children he Quentin, and Theo-spent a busy morndore, jr., into a lawn ing. Judge Parker moving party, and had little to say to before noon the lawn the correspondents at Oyster Bay was who were looking looking spick and over the fence, and span. The lawn will be moved every thought of the action Thursday after this at St. Louis intiIn the afternoon the mated that he would president took a wait the notificahorseback ride.

Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and the Or this: Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and the

physical exercises of presidential candidates are not the only things that it is the duty of the special correspondent to tell about, however. Even the animals at Esopus and Oyster Bay take on a national interest at this time, and we may expect

Helen Maria, a Mary Jane, the fancy bred hen that white lamb with the was given the presi-black legs, got into dent by a neighbor, more trouble this has been laying blue afternoon when she eggs. This freak of slipped down the Helen Maria's was clift near the river unaccounted for un-and was found hangtil yesterday, when ing by the rope that one of the Roosevelt had attached her to children was detected her stake. Judge coming from the Parker, his grandcoming from the Parker, his grand-hennery with a mis-children, two his-views smile, a men two hisbrush and a cup of corresponden dye.

For we are, after all, a human interest people, and whatever concerns our presidential candidates and their daily life is sure to lure the public to read the fudge pages of the great American newspapers LAUGHING LINES.

"They say the stork has no voice."
"It doesn't need any. It has a loud-voiced proxy in nearly every family."—Chicago Tribune.

"Runnybout has a beautiful automobile suit and hat, but no auto."
"No, he is having the machine enameled to match the clothes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"United we stand!" thundered the demo-cratic orator in the convention.

"Oh, I don't know," interrupted an ob-servant brother, "it seems to me that di-vided we stand."—Cleveland Leader, "Why is gunpowder like baking powder?"

"Give it up."
"They are both used in making crackers."
-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Mistress—We shall shut up the house for few days, Norah. We are going to Devil's

lake.

Norah (crossing herself)—The saints pre-sarve us!—Chicago Tribune. HOT TIMES IN GEORGIA.

Atlanta Constitution. Hot times, believers! Dey got me on de But de watermillion's yander, with his ripe side ter de sun;
En de peach is rosy red—
Not too high up overhead,
in spite er all de weather I'm a-havin'
er my fun!

Though de white man got me gwine fum
de breakin' er de day.
En de mule is in de furrer, en a-leadin'
er de way.
Though de furrer's mighty long.
Still I'm singin' er a song.
En sometimes I gits as happy as a mockin'
bird in May!

But I thump de watermillion, whar he

kiverin' de groun'.

En I knows, de way he answers, dat his health is good en soun'!

Though de weather make me run.

Ch. I'm havin' er my fun.

En Georgy is de Promis' Lan'—so, shake de peaches down!

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