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The Great Western railroad has been sold once more by Wall street gossip- them there. mongers, but the deed of transfer has not yet been recorded.

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efore me (Seal)

Just avait till those Filipino natives refair and won't they make the eyes of of this kind would be very likely to have their friends and neighbors bulge with a disturbing effect upon the public busiastonishment and incredulity.

Colorado's election contests in the courts promise to continue until the time for the next election, and the worst thing about it is that Sherman Bell's departure for Mexico is being delayed.

The St. Louis World's fair seems to have had as good luck with its president's day as did the Omaha exposition when it entertained the president—and positions. that is saying the very most that could It is pointed out that the president's possibly be said.

The list of speakership candidates in Nebraska is steadily lengthening. As the house, however, we may be sure the number of candidates for speaker will not exceed that limit.

men will appear.

President Compers of the American tory record. Federation of Labor has been re-elected confidence of his people unshaken year in and year out.

The statue of Frederick the Great has country have not yet been extinguished those who do not meet this requirement was committed. by either the bogie of militarism or the spirit of imperialism.

Ghosts have at last received official; recognition in Scotland, a purchaser being released from his bargain because the house purchased was said to be haunted. Fortune tellers should fight shy of Scotland, as its many laws against witchcraft are only sleeping.

The business interests of the country will refuse to be stampeded by all this talk of tariff revision. They know that if the tariff is revised during President Roosevelt's administration it will be rejury to the country's industries.

The Washington correspondents are Roosevelt's cabinet for him. If the selfagree among themselves the president might delegate the appointing power to them, but as it is he may have to constitute himself the court of final arbitra-

III, when it was considered almost crim-

THE LAND PRAUD CASES. the public service. The statement of feature of the post exchange. the United States district attorney involved women as well as men in the frauds charged and this was sustained prosecuting attorney stated that he credit it, Omaha is still, to use a borwould prove that the accused had been rowed expression, "doing tolerably well." guilty of conspiracy to defraud, of fraud

very strong case.

mnuications relating to news and edi-matter should be addressed: Omaha the government; that if the titles were void that are commonly supposed to be on a competitive plane Omaha will present that if no land had been stolen, no of- the most irresistible attractions. sumed that the original purchasers know is doing tolerably well. It is certain that no effort will be spared still better. on the part of the government to send

CHANGES IN PUBLIC SERVICE. It is to be expected that there will be horse by mistake. Such mistakes have at the beginning of the next administrabeen known to be fatal where horses tion, but that the president contemplates mated by some of the correspondents at the national capital is altogether imturn home from the St. Louis World's probable. It is easy to see that a policy ness and it can be safely assumed that Mr. Roosevelt will not do anything that might bring this about, his desire being rather to improve the civil service of the government in all departments. In order to do this incumbents who have not a good record for efficiency will doubtless be replaced, but those who have performed their duties faithfully and well are not likely to be removed from their

theory has always been that the offices In the first stand those which require If that man alleged to have stolen that the diplomatic service is more likely of workingmen employed in close prox-\$5,000,000 from the Rothschilds can only than any other to undergo changes, imity to dangerous combustibles, to say arrange to be tried before the Des Moines though no satisfactory explanation is nothing of the protection it would be to judge who sentenced a man to three offered why this should be. It is the firemen trying to put down conflagramonths in jall for defrauding people of common understanding that this service tions. \$250,000, he might make a good thing is at present capable and efficient. Undoubtedly for some of the more prominent embassies and missions new men A Russian editor says the statesmen of will be appointed, but it seems improbthat country are not educated up to the able that sweeping changes will be point where constitutional government made. So with regard to the consular can successfully be adopted, but it is service those in it who have not proved safe to say that when the time for con- faithful and efficient will be removed, stitutional government arrives the states. but it is not at all likely that the presi- But it will create no disaffection among dent has any intention of replacing any taxpaying citizens who are satisfied that one in this service who has a satisfac- with perhaps a few exceptions the state

There is no question as to the purpose practically without dissent. Mr. Gomp- of Mr. Roosevelt to give the country a ers is one of the few American labor thoroughly clean, competent and honest tives are all at sea over the murder of an leaders who has been able to retain the public service. This he has amply and automobile driver, evidently shot and been allowed to roam at large in the the present one. To this end only capa- with gross incompetency because they neighborhood of the White House now ble and efficient officials will be retained did not bring the murderer in promptly for over a week, but the libertles of the in the public service and the number of within twenty-four hours after the crime

cannot be very large.

ARGUMENT FOR THE CANTEEN. No more convincing argument for the restoration of the army canteen has been sessment roll upon which the tax burpresented than is contained in the report dens of our municipal government are of the paymaster general of the army. to be apportioned for the coming year. This shows the statistical side of the No ground must be lost that has been question, as exhibited in the reduced deposits of the soldiers, the reduction be ing unmistakably due to the extent of dissipation which has taken place since the post canteen was abolished. It appears that there was a steady increase in the soldiers' deposits up to July 1, vised by its friends without sacrifice of 1901, at which time the statute abolishthe protective principle or ruthless in- ing the canteen went into effect. Deprived of this feature of the post exchange, the soldiers sought entertainment in drinking resorts outside the busy once more reconstructing President Posts, where they squandered their money in riotous dissipation, to their appointed cabinet builders could only physical and moral injury and necessarily to the impairment of discipline. Every post commander has borne testimony to this, most of them vigorously urging the restoration of the canteen.

Referring to the statistics presented by the paymaster general of the army The manufacturers of Victoria have the Army and Navy Register remarks declared in favor of a preferential tariff that there is nothing to stand against between Great Britain and its colonies, this conspicuous and convincing record, but British manufacturers seem to have "The only explanation which can be developed little since the days of George | made of the falling off in the amounts entrusted to the pay department by the inal for the colonies to want to make enlisted force is that the soldiers do not for themselves anything they could buy save their money as carefully as when

record is one of the numerous examples The government's prosecution of the of the disasters which have followed the land fraud cases is being vigorously car- abandonment of the canteen." In view ried on before the federal court at Port- of the overwhelming evidence as to the land, Ore., and the evidence thus far unwisdom of that action, it would seem brought out shows that there has been that there could be no hesitation on the enormous corruption in that branch of part of congress in restoring the canteen; triumph has been almost completely over-

DOING TOLERABLY WELL. Notwithstanding occasional setbacks in the testimony given on Saturday. The and periodic events that operate to dis-

Omaha is after all a pretty good place and of forgery. Thus far he has made a to live in and its population is steadily increasing instead of moving away. As compared with other cities of its size The defense has taken the position, or rather raised the point, that if it be true and class, Omaha will measure up well that the accused had forged affidavits, above the average and to the unbiased government; that if the titles were void that are commonly supposed to be on a

fense had been committed which the Omaha is made up of law-abiding citicourts could punish. While the acts zens. They are law-abiding, but not might have been improper and even im- puritanic. Occasionally a member of the moral, they were not crimes defined by community will go wrong and once in a aid him in the conduct of his private busiany statute. While this appears in while a professional criminal will invade ness interests. His first act was to cut genious, it is not likely to receive judicial its boundaries, but these are the exceprecognition. In referring to it the San tion and not the rule. Omaha takes and that is the voiding of land titles of wholesome amusement and in its fraudulently obtained. "This would put public enterprises of all sorts. In all

all the facts. In most cases the final There are many places where there is purchasers have no doubt about the mat- room for improvement. The regulation companies who buy these lands from the the social evil are two of them. The land sharks are as sharp as anybody editor of The Bee severa; weeks ago, in and if it were once made clear that no a signed open letter, offered some pertifraudulent title would ever be recog- nent suggestions on this score in the of alleged innocent third parties, the gestions embrace a more stringent enceive an immediate and salutary check." Slocumb law relating to the closing of civic affairs. Most interesting disclosures will un. saloons at midnight and on Sundays and doubtedly be made as the trial of these the exclusion of the liquor traffic from land fraud cases progresses and it will the proscribed district. If these sugbe surprising if some of the accused do gestions should be carried out Omaha, not find their way into the penitentiary. although doing tolerably well, would do

The tax agents of the different Nebraska railroads continue to enjoy themselves by traveling from one county seat to another tendering the county treas-Vanderbilt says he secured Morgan's numerous changes in the public service urers 20 per cent less than the taxes levied against their roads and demanding receipts in full. Does anyone wonder were not worth nearly so much money. making a "new deal" all around, as inti- what would happen if a passenger 110 years old, and issued a monster souveshould present himself at one of the rail- nir edition in honor of the event. road ticket offices with a demand for a \$10 ticket for \$8 in cash, or if a shipper on having his freight bill presented by the collector should express an unwillingness to settle for more than 80 cents | Roosevelt. on the dollar? The traveler would be advised that if he did not pay up before storage charges began to accumulate his a stipulated period and sold to the high- evening of November 29. est bidder to defray the cost of carriage. to scale down their taxes are not accepteá.

of the public service divided themselves the storage and sale of explosives in the automatically into two or three classes. city of Omaha, subjecting the traffic in ing or experience in certain definite same and the amounts purchased? Such lines. In a second class are positions an ordinance would operate as a preeducation and good repute. It is thought same time as a safeguard for the lives tions may in time be observed.

The announced intention of Governor Mickey to retain most of his appointees and to make changes only where he is satisfied he can make distinct improvements in the service will have a bearish effect on the enthusiasm of applicants for places under the state administration.

I care not what they call you; you're just plain soup to me;
I break my bread into the bowl to cool it, don't you see.

Let those who want to die of gout, of richer food partake:
But give me a bowl of soup like mother used to make. and to make changes only where he is institutions are pretty well managed.

Over in Chicago the police and detec conclusively shown and it is needless to killed by the man who hired the vehicle say that he will not be less solicitous for a presumable outing. The news- into a huge Don't Worry Club, with some and earnest in this direction during his papers of Chicago are certainly derelict next administration than he has been in in not charging the police of that city

> In the interval the fact should not be overlooked that the Board of Review is now in session, going over the city asgained in the fight for tax reform.

> Omaha shows up in the weekly bank clearings statement with a nice round percentage of increase over the comparative figures of the corresponding week of last year. Omaha is going constantly forward in a business way.

> The Lincoln Journal has now waked up to the fact that "that which detracts from the fair name of Omaha is an injury to us all." Then why does it strain itself to detract from Omaha's fair name at every opportunity?

> may not be unwelcome to builders and public works contractors, but it does not set well with the merchants who would like to sell heavy ulsters and felt-lined

The postscript to the autumn season

Sir Gobbler has gotten past Thanksgiving, but he will not score safety until he survives the Christmas holidays.

Locating the Emphasis.

Chicago Record-Herald. Taggart arises to declare that he is a democrat still. We would respectfully sug- war. The nation not prepared will have past 35 who own bank stock. Let us the canteen was in full operation. This gest that the accent belongs on the still. the least influence

A MILLIONAIRE IN POLITICS. Striking Example of What the Right

Man Can Do When Moved to It. Philadelphia Record. Among the popular democrats throughout the country who here and there survived looked, but whose case is none the less borne, the millionaire mayor of Auburn, N. Y., was re-elected on November 8 by a

over 2,000 majority to Roosevelt. United States senate or to the class of tive politicians. Outside of these two circles the millionaire is a rara avis in our political life, for when an office-holding freebooter has accumulated his pile he retires to enjoy it, leaving the field to be the land titles issued in consequence observer intending to make his home in filled by some one more needy. But the were voldable at the discretion of the one of the half-dozen mid-western cities mayor of Auburn is of a different stamp. He made his money before he entered poiltics, as the head of a well-known reaper company, and to him office holding is a financial loss rather than a gain.

During his two-years' administration

Mayor Osborne has brought to the direc-

tion of the city's affairs the same execu-

tive skill and acute business instinct that

off extravagant expenditures and abolish gaged the services of a stenographer and Francisco Chronicle remarks that it sug. pride in its homes, in its churches, in its clerk out of his own pocket, and supervised gests one good remedy for land frauds public schools, in its clubs, in its places every detail of the city business with a watchful eye. As a result the tax rate has been reduced, notwithstanding an increase in municipal improvements, and purchasers on inquiry. It may be as these lines of substantial progress Omaha Mayor Osborne has been voted the most popular administrator the city ever had. It is a great pity that there are so few millionaires of this stripe in politics. The who can make money for himself ter. The lumber companies and cattle of the liquor traffic and the restriction of could just as readily make money for the community in which he dwells if he would bring his talents to bear on the public business. It is not enough that the wealthy manufacturer should be charitable and a "good spender" in order to keep his money nized by the government in the hands interest of practical reform. These sug- in circulation; he should keep his business ideas in circulation just as well, and to that end he should do what he can to aid business of the land thieves would re. forcement of the provisions of the his fellow citizens in the conduct of their

PERSONAL NOTES.

The foot ball season scores a total of nine deaths.

In the Patterson case in New York the skeleton stepped from the closet to the

No fewer than 165 people will receive medals and certificates for bravery shown in the Slocum disanter. John W. Foster has been re-elected presi-

dent of the Washington Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. The Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune, without mental reservation, admits that it is

Dr. Charles A. Eastman, the educated Sloux Indian, has finished his allotment role of the Sioux and has grouped the tribe under appropriate family names. He was commissioned to do this work by President

Manual Garcia, the singer, is still living told to walk and the shipper would be in London, and on March 17 next be will be 100 years old. He is the only singer now living who took part in the first season of Italian opera in New York in 1825, singing goods would be put up at auction within the role of Figaro in "Ili Barbier" on the

Observers figure that at the opening night Yet these railroads have the audacity to of grand opera in New York "about twentyprofess disappointment that their offers six pints" of diamonds were on exhibition. Among the gorgeous garments in evidence was a sable fur coat worn by Mrs. Adolph perfectly matched and blended skins. The New York Automobile club thinks

turn-about is fair play. It has had exsuch articles to inspection and requiring perts out timing the high-steppers in Centhere are only ninety-one republicans in talents of a particular order, or learn- a public record of the parties buying the tral park and has registered 437 cases in which the speed limit was exceeded, one pair of horses actually going at the rate of twenty-two miles an hour. Thus, by which require only fair ability, ordinary ventive upon bomb-throwing and at the keeping tabs on one another the regula-The sweet singer of Chicago Creek, com

monly known as "Bathhouse John" Coughlin, has broken out in poetry again, determined to maintain the prominence of the Windy as the home of the divine muse. Mr. Coughlin's effort bears the fetching title, "Ode to a Bowl of Soup." stanza gives a taste of the filling, tuneful qualities of the lyric: I care not what they call you; you're just

Consolation for the Left. Washington Post.

Senator Cockrell enjoys the distinction of being the only defeated democrat who has been asked to step up and select his section of pie.

> Huge Don't Worry Club. Baltimore American.

With President Roosevelt in the White 80,000,000 paid-up memberships.

> A Matter of Form. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Arthur at present. Mere Matter of Collateral.

New York Tribune.

New York has already oversubscribed its half of the new Japanese loan. There is a remarkable readiness in London and in this city in supplying the sinews of war to any combatant who can deposit the

Great National Industry. Chicago Tribune.

There were 60,000 divorces in the United States last year, or an average of tearly seven for every hour of the day and night, Sundays included. The business of making have become a great national industry.

Some Pie for Democrats. Chicago Record-Herald. Governor-elect Douglas of Massachusetts has offered to General Nelson A. Miles the position of adjutant general of the Massachusetts state militia. There is no indica-

tion, however, that Mr. Douglas thinks of

Unanimous for Peace. Philadelphia Press.

private secretary.

peace conference which President Roosevelt favors has not so far met with the opposition of any nation invited to The new eagle is about one foot across the take part. Russian newspapers sputter, wings. but do not denounce the proposed gathering, while Japanese newspapers favor it All of the leading nations express themselves as pleased at the prospect of another gathering of that kind. This fact and the increase in arbitration treaties speak well for the advance of the world are employers who will not employ redin that direction. At the same time there headed men. Yet we know men who are is no cessation in the preparations for red-headed, bow-legged and several years

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

on the Spot. The case against Lieutenant Colone William L. Pitcher, Twenty-eighth infantry, who was charged with "conduct un-

General Chaffee.

out of the army, not only on account of ment. The medicine will go straight to the tion we may be sure that the president majority of about 100, though the city gave its unique features, but because of the The mention of a millionaire in politics precedent it would establish through the cure. In many cases the medicines do cure. nounced any decision, in advance of the usually turns the current of thought to the threatened court-martial. If colonel It is easier and cheaper to go to the drug- evidence. At present the president knows Pitcher was court-martialed and dismissed gist and buy a bottle of medicine than it nothing about Standard Oil that any body wealthy contractors who have enriched the result would prove to army officers is to call on the physician or have him themselves by intimate connection with ac- that they must exercise twice the care in call on you, and then pay him, and get his to read the evidence in the many previous their love making that is required of the civilian citizen. Failure to keep their prescription filled and pay for that plighted troth will expose them not only to a breach of promise suit, but to dishonorable dismissal from the army besides, unless they can show good reasons for breaking their sacred word of honor. Court-martial proceedings were averted by Miss Harold's request for the dismissal

of the case, as she wished to avoid further notoriety. In his letter to Colonel Pitcher, General Chaffee stated that in deference to Miss and expense of a physician any more than Secretary Root-that up to the present time be taken. He concluded with a sharp rep- a half dozen or more in the drug store, and

a dainty little shake and then drop it.

know how to shake hands in the good American way? If you want to get cut on election day just keep up that idiotic handshake and you won't get as many votes in this district as Tom Watson will. You have got to shake hands like a granger. Pull your arm down to the leve of your waistband and don't be afraid of hurting the other fellow's fist. That Washington handshake won't go out here

on the plains." Dawson had an awfully hard time get-ting rid of the fashionable form of greeting. In spite of the instructions of his managers he would find himself waving his friends' hands in the neighborhood of his necktie. It finally got so bad that a man was detailed to go along with Dawson to see that he performed the operation in the true western style. If the watcher found the candidate getting his hand up in the air he would deliver a suggestive poke in the latter's ribs, whereupon the arm would come down to the proper place. Notwithstanding this handlcap Dawson managed to overcome the 1902 majority of his opponent and won out by a small margin. He defeated Martin J.

Wade, the lone democrat from Iowa. "It was almost a case of grand larceny Director of the Mint Roberts to a Brooklyn Eagle correspondent. "That district was laid out so as to include about all the democrats in the state, and the republicans virtually gave it, bag and baggage to the democrats. But to turn about on election day and take it back was about as bad as the district, but nothing could stem the tide of republicanism this year. Wade ran 3,000 ahead of his ticket."

The Washington colony of newspaper cor-Lewisohn, wife of the banker. It is said to respondents heard with interest the news to congress from the Ohio district which he represented twenty years ago. While he was speaker Mr. Keifer undertook to reform the press gallery of the house. One experience was enough for him. He took the control of the gallery away from the standing committee of correspondents and on interesting occasions would fill it with his particular friends, excluding the newspaper men completely from watching the proceedings of the house. The press committee took the gallery doors and excluded those holding cards from the speaker. This brought of a clash and the upshot of it all was that Speaker Kelfer was soon relegated to ob-

"The government could afford to pay a pension-and a big pension, at that-to Senator Cockrell, in order to retain his services in the senate. By his watchfulness over a certain kind of legislation the Missourian has saved to the government thousands and thousands of dollars of money. I refer to the care he used to exercise over the passage of pension bills. His retiremnt from the senate will leave no one to keep a proper check on reckless pension

legislation. This remark was made to a Washington correspondent by a well known statesman, in commenting on the election of a republican legislature in Missouri, which means the loss of Senator Cockrell's seat. Republicans in Washington express no gratification over the defeat of this grand old House the whole country resolves itself man. He represents a distinct type. No against him. Cockrell's hobby was pension legislation. He made it his business to came up for passage. When practically The missiles which the Japanese are every other member would desert the senthrowing into Port Arthur are said to re- ate, when pension legislation became the semble sausages in form. But only in order of business, Cockrell would stand by, form, of course. The Japanese would be and with a pile of official records on his foolish to fire real sausages into Port desk, keep tab on each bill. Whenever s questionable measure would be reached, he would suggest that it go over, and in this way did much to purify this sort of legislation in the senate.

All the rare animals presented by King Menelik of Abyssinia to President Roosevelt will go to the National Zoological park at Washington, D. C., and will be shipped from their present temporary quarters in the Bronx Zoological park, New York City, within a few days. The ostriches, a zebra, the surviving lioness of the pair sent, one of which died at the Bronx menagerie, two baboons of a species said never to have been seen in America, and of a most startand unmaking misht marriages appears to ling likeness in bodily outline to the human shape, and a zebra, said to be the largest ever brought to America, constitute the gift of King Menelik.

A new gilded eagle will stretch its protecting wings over the White House at an date. The bird will be finer and larger than the old eagle that perched for inviting Grover Cleveland to become his so many years on the flagstaff over the main entrance. There has been no eagle over the White House since President Roosevelt's election. The flagstaff ornament was blown off by a high wind the day previous. It was replaced, but the next day the same thing happened again.

Rifts in the Clouds.

Minneapolls Times. The army and the navy now reject howlegged men, some corporations refuse to employ men over 35 years old, and there THE MEDICINE HABIT.

Hard to Shake Off.

Indianapolis News. There is something fascinating about a medicine advertisement it begins by de-

The medicine habit is easily acquired, particularly if the dose is something pleasant to the taste. In the matter of narcotics the sensation is more agreeable than Any investigation which materially adds to otherwise. A small dose taken to relieve pain, followed by beneficial results, gives Standard Oil company must penetrate beis easy to take a dose when there is no pain and soon the habit grows. It is not the poor that dread the trouble

in his campaign for congress in the Sec- she would go into a drug store and buy a ond district. Dawson, from a long resi- medicine, and take it whenever she felt old-time pump-handle operation at a nat- other woman became a confirmed drunkard ural angle he would selze a voter's hand, from buying medicines made of bad whisky. pull it to the region of his chin, give it The cases of morphine eaters are so common that they excite pity, but not surprise. When Dawson's managers observed this An Indianapolis man went to Europe and ceremony once or twice they took alarm. not knowing the name of his favorite drug "Here," they said to Dawson, "don't you in the country where he was staying, wrote to a druggist here to send him a large quantity.

Many a patent medicine is prescribed by reputable physicians, and it does not follow because a proprietary remedy is advertised that it is a quack medicine. The danger to many people is that because it is easy to buy medicine which is guaranteed to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to they insist upon knowing the essential facts. may form the habit of using it when they need no drug at all.

RUSSIA WANTS WHAT WE FEAR. Legislative Assemblies Regarded "the Worst Feature of Government." Denver Post.

'Don't you-know that the Colorado legislature is on the bargain counter, biennially, just as strong as the Massachusetts legislature that Thomas W. Lawson writes about?" asks a correspondent. "Yes we know it.

It is a general habit of legislatures to be for sale, and the Colorado article is not better or worse than others. And the people know it, too. The worst feature of the thing is that it is regarded, popularly, as inevitable and regular-that is to to carry the second Iowa district," said say, the people don't know any way to get honest legislatures and expect exactly what they get.

The worst feature of American government is forty-five corrupt state assemblies. The very nature of the legislature tempts the members to be venal. It has ceased to be an honor to go to the legislature; stealing. Wade is immensely popular in the nominations are made without care; the lawmakers feel that they'll have the reputation of being dishonest whether they are straight or not; there is a lot of costly drinking and costlier gambling and the a situation here.—Philadelphia Press. salaries amount to very little, and, really, salaries amount to very little, and, really, some of them argue that when it's the custom to pay for passing, or not passing charge Spencer. He was the best fire rewhat's the use of being prudish?

While the people in Russia are clamoring for legislative rights, we, in America, frankly regard our lawmaking bodies as the worst feature of our government.

Funny, isn't it? Can nothing be done about it? Yes. It the first place, the legislatures are large, which depreciates the honor and lowers the quality of the members. the next place, a primary law, which would force everybody, wishing to vote at the election, to go to the primary, would tend to check the large proportion of lawmaking skates. The best way to reform any class of office holders is to make the office honorable.

Simplicity the Soul of Beauty. Coffier's Weekly. Beings who manufacture furniture at one

time used to make their objects simple because decoration was expensive. Now we have progressed to the idea that simplicity is refinement and furniture advertisements are full of eloquent descriptions of that virtue. A hotel in New York advertises that it has "no marble halls or Moorish rooms." Charles Wagner's books on the simple life sell like popular fiction, which, in inspiration, finish, and originality they much resemble. A whimsical artist complained that this popular movement had taken away the only thing which was left to men of taste. "They drove us away from the sumptuous," said he, "now breath of dishonesty has ever been breathed they are making even simplicity commonplace." There is, of course, a distance that is immeasurable between art's sim know the history of every pension bill that plicity and the imitation of it in machinemade furniture. Nevertheless, in educating our great mass of people, nothing lately has been of more value than the new idea that simplicity is the soul of beauty.

INVESTIGATING STANDARD OIL.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Skeiched It Is Very Easily Aquired and Highty Greatest of American Combine Pisced Under the Searchlight.

San Francisco Chronicle It is announced that the president has directed the Department of Commerce and the late republican landslide, is one whose becoming an officer and a gentleman" in scribing the symptoms of the disease for Labor to make a thorough investigation having filted Miss Caroline Harold, a clerk which it is a sure cure, and anyone with of the petroleum industry. It is added that in the War department, has been closed a vivid imagination will immediately feel "the president has determined that the worthy of consideration. Thomas M. On- with a sharp reprimand from Lieutenant all the pains and aches, "that full feeling Standard Oil company shall be broken." after dinner," a rumbling in the head and This last assertion may be dismissed as The case aroused deep interest in and everything else described in the advertise- false. In ordering an official investiga-"spot," and from one to five bottles will has not made any decision, much less anmay not know who will take the trouble investigations of the petroleum industry. There is probably not much more to learn outside the books of the Standard Oil company and the meetings of its directors. the sum of human knowledge about the the user a firm belief in the medicine. It hind those walls. And in pushing inquiries into those secret places the president faces the fight of his life.

> It has been almost officially stated-by ex-Harold's request no further action would the well-to-do. A dose in the closet is worth the work of the bureau of corporations has been wholly preliminary; that is, it has rimand for the language used by Colonel certainly the one at hand is preferred to been collecting and classifying the informa-Pitcher in his reply to an inquiry from the one a few squares or a mile away. A tion scattered in official records throughout Inspector General Burton. The letter was woman once contracted the medicine habit the country, accessible to any one but never dictated by Secretary Taft and a copy of from being presented with a case of ho- before assembled. The bureau has had It will be filed with Colonel Pitcher's ef- meopathic medicines when she was about agents in this state engaged in that work. to take a journey. She had no need of a and, of course, in all other states. When single remedy in the case, but because the all that is now known has been assembled Iowa republicans in Washington tell medicines were there she tipped one bottle it can be determined what more there is what a narrow escape Albert L. Dawson, and then anothr to her tongue, from time that ought to be known, and it is in the private secretary to Senator Allison, had to time, and finally got to the point when effort to discover those things that the great fight will come. When searching questions are propounded the Standard Oil dence in Washington, had acquired a fash- inclined. It is a wonder that the doses did officials will probably refuse to answer. lonable handshake. Instead of the good- not endanger her life, but she still lives An- The courts will be invoked to make them answer, and not until the supreme court has passed on the case shall we know what authority the people have over corporations under the constitution of the United States. The Standard Oil company has doubtless been selected for the initial investigation because it is the most powerful of all corporations, and because its enormous annual accumulations are being steadily invested by the stockholders who receive them in acquiring control of about everything else. A thorough investigation of the Standard Oil company and its ailled interests will lay bare all there is to be known about "trusts." And the public at large will

Mighty Triumph of Pic. Philadelphia Inquirer.

The truth seems to be that Massachu setts elected a democratic governor solely on the pie issue. The republican candidate was a slik-stocking who never ate ple except after dinner, while the hornyhanded Douglas sticks to the breakfast dish of his ancestors. Johnson, the Swede, who carried Minnesota, is an editor who counts that day lost when he does not have pie for breakfast. We might multiply examples, but the truth is already sufficiently apparent.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"They're comparatively rich, aren't they?"
"Well. I wouldn't say 'comparatively,' but
'relatively.' They have a rich uncle of
whom they expect great things."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Do you think," she asked the dermatol-gist, "that you can make my nose beauti-"Well, I may not be able to make it beautiful, but I couldn't help improving it some, even if I were to hit it with a mai-let."—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Cawler—Delia Flannery, who has applied to me for a position as cook, refers me to you. She says she used to work here

bills, there'll be money spent on both porter we had. The trouble came last week, sides and, if it isn't taken, the lobbyists He wrote an obituary of Van Sandt Sapwill be that much in pocket—therefore was fully covered by insurance."—Puck.

"Do your servants ever get gratuities?" asked the caller, "Mercy, no," answered Mrs. Justinn; "but I was afraid the butler had em the other day, and I made him stay out in the barn until he could be well fumigated."—Cleveland Leader.

"There is no satisfying people," said Senator Sorghum plaintively. "Public opinion is painfully inconsistent."
"What is the matter now?"
"Some people are saying that I used money to get into politics and others that I used politics to get into money."—Washington Star. ington Star.

The Japanese emperor smiled upon the court. "And what," he asked, "what news of the war?"
"There are, your majesty," answered the prime minister, "reports of a battle off the coast."
"I am convinced," observed the emperor "I am convinced." observed the emperor with a twinkle; "I am convinced that if there has been any trouble on the ocean the Russians are at the bottom of it."

HIS WINTER LOVE.

Somerville Journal.

Of all attractive sights I see,
As I meander through the town,
The most delectable to me
Is Ethel in her winter gown.
So snug it fits her rounded form—
And ne'er was shapeller form than hers'
So cosy, jaunty, trim and warm
Looks Ethel in her furs!

A loving boa 'round her whirls
And clasps her in its fond embrace
A sealskin cap, set on her curis,
Sets off the beauty of her face.
Her gloved hands nestle in her muffer charm my immost feeling stirs.
She's such a dainty bit of fluff,
Is Ethel in her furs!

She must be mine! The little minx,
She knows I find her sweet to see;
And. do you know, I think she thinks
At times she really cares for mo.
She shall be mine! I'll not take no
From her. But what if she demurs?
She shall not! For I love her so!
Sweet Ethel in her furs!



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