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There should be plenty of work for the building trades at Port Arthur next

Chicago's turn next.

Taking a lesson from Port Arthur, Great Britain may be expected to make a few improvements at Gibraltar.

South Omaha's new public library building has been opened to the public. South Omaha is entitled to congratulations.

much Westberg."

The sock of J. C. F. McKesson took an upward turn during the day.-Lincoln Star. Right here is the place to rise and enter an objection.

No valid excuse remains for Admiral tell the commission just what he saw of desired by the administration. the Dogger banks.

It is cabled all the way from Che Foo that the troops penned up in Port Arwouldn't be under like conditions?

If the railroads will only keep at one another down at Lincoln, the legisstrings may be able to keep control.

The Board of Education has organ ized by the election of officers for the ensuing year. A businesslike and economical administration of the school system will be in order.

islature the first vote of the senate was averting a decline in the price of the unanimous. That is no sign, however, that there will be no diversity of opinion before the last vote is recorded.

The extinguishment of the annual Jacksonian feast as a result of the late about \$100,000 of their product. This election landslide would be the last they to look forward to to satiste their was expected would be pursued else- ation had made to purge the town of hunger?

s Speaker Rouse is a farmer of the rough and rugged stock. He has gone through four legislative sessions without wearing a railroad label and it is not reasonable to believe he will put it on now.

From the present course of his attorneys, the democratic candidate for governor of Colorado must have become afraid as to what may develop when all the ballot boxes and poll books of Denver are opened.

Opposition newspapers have discovered that the railroads have again organized the Nebraska legislature, but it would have made no difference who had been elected, the charge would have further destruction of cotton. been the same.

Since Turkey has decided that colporteurs may not peddle Bibles, it may be the act of the Georgia farmers and their turbance. There is no power vested in that those Turks will reach a point few imitators. As the New York Triwhere they would really drive displeas. bune remarks, it is a scheme of folly license after it is issued because the ing missionaries from the country, as and wickedness. "It is foolish because they have done in Tennessee.

loves company," but it is an odd cointhrown by automobiles, the European and a daughter of the duke.

petent for every position under the republicans just a little more competent | the natural relations of supply and dethan the democrats they replace

REASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS. gin and a part of this will be of more than ordinary Interest. If correctly represented in the dispatches from the nabehalf of the suggested legislation, so will not be carried any further. that some action is likely at the present session, though all the desired legislation relating to interstate commerce may not be secured.

Another matter of importance is the proposed reduction of the tariff on Philippine products, especially sugar and tobacco. As already noted the American sugar and tobacco interests are prepared 28,310 for a vigorous opposition to any reduction of duties and the outcome will very likely be a compromise cutting down 30.220 the duties 25 per cent, so that they will be one-half of the Dingley schedules. The Philippine producers of course want free trade, but that is utterly impracti-28,220 28,330 cable. The question of Panama canal 31,470 construction will undoubtedly receive at-921,785 tention, the matter to be determined being whether the waterway shall be a sea-level or a lock canal. To construct It at sen level, as recommended by the chief engineer, would add very largely to the cost and it is hardly probable that congress will be disposed to do this, especially in view of the fact that some of the engineers of the commission do not concur in the opinion of the chief engineer. It is not improbable that the Hill currency bill, or some of The first thirty-one-story building has its provisions, particularly those for the been completed in New York City. It is deposit in banks of receipts from customs and for coining silver dollars into subsidiary currency, will become law. There is an increasing demand for more subsidiary silver which congress should

not fall to provide for. There is wide interest felt in the arbitration treaties that are before the senate and a very general hope that they will be ratified. These treaties are simply agreements to submit to arbitration The correct diagnosis of the malady legal questions and those growing out to which Mr. Douglas fell a victim in of treaties, expressly excluding any subhis quest for the speakership is, "too ject affecting the honor, the vital interests or the territory of a nation. It would seem that there could be no reasonable objection to an international filed in the name of the Civic Federaagreement of this kind, which is in the tion last month by Attorney Elmer E. Interest of peace, yet there is opposition Thomas against certain applicants for to them, though perhaps not strong enough to prevent their ratification, charges of violation of various provi-Rojestvensky if he does not return and which it is needless to say is earnestly

extravagance in public expenditures seems to be fully assured. It is the ex- and keepers of the resorts affected by pressed determination of the leaders in thur were glad to surrender. Well, who both houses to keep the expenditures for the next fiscal year within the estimated the proscribed district have pledged receipts and observance of this policy themselves to obey the laws and ordiwill have very general popular approval. nances relating to midnight closing. Japan will see to it that there is no pre-A indicious economy is practicable lators who are free from railroad without any impairment of the efficiency of the public service.

THE COTTON SITUATION. year, amounting to 12,000,000 bales acalarmed the planters that a movement has been started among them to burn a On the opening of the Nebraska leg- portion of the supply with a view to staple. Last week the farmers of Clay county, Georgia, met and decided to carry out that policy by destroying most extraordinary course has been folstraw to the faithful. What else have lowed in Texas and in Oklahoma and it where, but it is not probable that this will be so extensively done as appears to have been looked for by the Georgia originators of the supremely foolish plan. The accuracy of the census statement is called in question by officials of the National Ginners' association. Heense for the present year, the com-The president of that body has declared that the government report of the cotton crop is totally incorrect. He stated that many ginners did not count their bales correctly, often adding many hundred bales more than they had in reality ginned. This assertion from the chief official of an organization which together, because they would not earn should have pretty accurate information regarding the amount of cotton ginned ought to have the effect to allay the alarm of the planters and prevent any

Regarded from an economic standpoint, it is difficult to conceive of anything more foolish and indefensible than it means a loss to the farmers which is not likely to be compensated for by a It may be another case of "misery corresponding rise in price. It is wicked because it means a loss to the world, a cidence that since the king of Spain destruction of nature's bounty, of which and the duke of Connaught were both the farmer is only a trustee, just as the owner of a cos! mine is a trustee." That public is discussing the probabilities of paper adds that this burning scheme in a marriage between the Spanish ruler the end is bound to hurt the planter more than it will help him. The cotton or a conviction in a court for violating manufacturers of the world and the There are republicans just as coin- millions dependent on them for clothing are not going to rest content at the therefore, simply a surrender on the county board as the democrats who mercy of bull speculators, either in the have been holding them down for the pit of the cotton exchange or about a has been contending for, and if it was during the last year was 11,291, involving last five years, but it should be the aim pile of blazing bales. "If the south will made by the advice of its attorney, it \$9,382,697 in damages to rolling stock and of the new republican board to put in not furnish cotton at prices based on

year to year, harvest the crop and mar- Federation is endeavoring to make On the reassembling of congress to ket it, the world will turn to Africa and harmless, day the real work of the session will be the West Indies. King Cotton is a powerful sovereign, but he is not an absointe monarch now any more than he tional capital. President Roosevelt is capriciously and lawlessly. If he tries earnestly desirous that there shall be it his scepter will be taken away and a legislation by the present congress on new dynasty established elsewhere" the lines recommended in his annual For several years before 1904 the cotmessage regarding the regulation of ton crops were short and the planters rallroad rates. It is said to be the judg- got good prices. In January last the ment of the president that this should price soured to 16.40 cents per pound not be deferred until the next congress and by February it exceeded 17 cents. and this accords with his declaration In March it was still above 16 cents and that "the most important legislative act that it fell to less than 12 cents in Sepnow needed as regards the regulation of tember was charged to panic among corporations is this act to confer on the speculators. The bull speculators led Interstate Commerce commission the the planters to believe that high prices power to revise rates and regulations." were to be permanent and this induced It has been announced that Senator more extensive planting. The inevitable Eikins has a bill of this nature ready result is that cotton has declined to a for introduction and doubtless further lower price than for several years, but consideration will be given to the to attempt to remedy this by burning Quaries-Cooper measure. It appears up a portion of the product is a piece probable that the influence of the ad- of folly that cannot easily be characterministration will be strongly exerted in | fzed. It is at least to be hoped that it

> WANTED -- A COUNTY INVENTORY. The taxpayers of Douglas county ook to the new county board to inaugurate business methods in the management of county affairs and the members of the new board should see to it

that they are not disappointed. Before the board prepares to sweep out existing abuses with its new broom It should take an inventory and make a searching investigation into the current

Every county officer and every employe should be required to submit an inventory of county property in his ish army is unfit to cope with the army of ustody and include with his inventory imperatively needed during the coming year. The proposed inquiry should begin with the county store and include county surveyor's office, county clerk, sheriff, county judge, and each of the grateful if the doctor will assure them divisions of the district court, with a that the stuff is also valuable as a precomplete exhibit of the furniture, stationery, fuel and other supplies, as well as the road-making machinery in the custody of the road supervisors.

When the new board has secured a omplete inventory and checked up the will enable him to break the offices, it will be in position to inaugurate rational economies and enforce greater efficiency in each of the various departments that come under its supervision. A complete inventory will also disclose whether and where the county has an excess of furniture, supplies, and other properties that have accumulated on its hands and can be disposed of without detriment to the public service.

A JUG-HANDLE COMPROMISE The withdrawal of all the protests saloon license, coupled with specific sions of the Slocumb law and city ordinances, is said to have been the result compact the keepers of the saloops in agreed to abstain from dispensing malt and spirituous beverages to women of the town, while the keepers of music character to enter their halls or mingle

with the audience. This is a jug-handle compromise. It was within the power of the Civic Federation attorney to close each one of violated the law during the preceding year, but the withdrawal of the proonly practical attempt the Civic Federvice and close the tough joints. True, to reject the applications for license to notoriously disreputable and disorderly drawn, but having once granted the handle compact. On the very face of it, the compact is a roaring farce, belive up to it, and would not live up to it if they could. To carry out their pledges would compel them to close alnoney enough to pay their license fee. There is no law or ordinance that discriminates against women with rehalls. A woman has just as much right to call for drinks and pay for them in as she behaves and creates no diswomen. In fact, the police board has and conviction in the courts. It is doubtful even, whether the mayor has

the ordinances The jug-handle compromise was, shows that the attorney is either incompetent or is playing into the hards mand, plant an increasing acreage from of the very people whom the Civic of employes in 1904, by 78,000.

One year ago I, J. Dunn, posing as a was forty years ago. He cannot rule against the granting of liquor licenses a preservative to the blvds and furned their to 175 applicants, withdrawing them year Elmer E. Thomas, in the name of to seventeen applicants and then withdrew all his protests immediately after was paid by Moise for what he did for

A Saxon court is to be called upon to cartoon of her immune from laws dethe sensibilities of German royalty.

The Navy department has issued an official bulletin declaring that the battleship has demonstrated its superlority in case of war, as shown by the campaign against Port Arthur, but unfortunately the basis of comparison is vague.

Labor Saving Scheme. Pittsburg Dispatch It looks as if the cotton burners ought

as a means of saving them the labor of expenses of each county office and gathering, ginning and burning their crops. Out of Its Line. Chicago Inter Ocean. General Roberts duclares that the Brit-

to cope with the armies of other great

One More Endorsement Needed. Washington Post. is a valuable portion of good diet in case

An Unfailing System.

ventive.

Chicago Record-Herald. Wouldn't it have been a hot day for Monte payrolls in each of the respective county | Carlo if Mrs. Chadwick had happened to camp there for a few hours with her little

Great Doings for the Year.

New York Tribune There are still some great things to be accomplished in the new year, or the new years to come. Among them are the Panama canal, the "Cape to Cairo" railroad, many others, but the mention of these is strenuous work ahead and plenty of room for high achievement.

Do Not Give Away Franchises.

Boston Transcript. We are coming to a larger appreciation that the public should be a co-partner in gravely said the speaker. them. We are beginning to appreciate the fact that no franchise should be granted without some contribution to the public burden, and this message of Mayor Collins may serve to drive the idea home, so that A careful avoidance of any sort of of a compromise between officers of Boston may reap its share of the benefits the Civic Federation and the brewers of any corporate franchises granted in the

Japan's Supremacy in the Orient.

Kansas City Journal. We have a fancy, worth not much, but as much as the opinion of the rest of the writers on the "yellow perfl," that selling liquor to minors and Sunday tentious nation developed anywhere in the closing, and in addition thereto have Asiatic region. If Japan has an ambition it must be to rule the Orient. We cannot onceive of Chinese hosts sweeping over western Europe, but we can easily conceive of a mighty Japan holding the supremacy The large cotton crop of the past halls have pledged themselves "in all of Asia and dictating the terms of trade honor" not to allow women of any and other intercourse with western nations.

A Year of Satisfaction

Leslie's Weekly. To us here in America, if nowhere else, the year just now passed has been one to be looked back upon with pride and gratithese resorts if, after due hearing, the fication-a year that has not only brought police commission had overruled the us many good things in itself, but has burn their share of 2,000,000 bales of protest and granted the license in spite witnessed the beginning of many other surplus cotton and they proceeded to of specific proof that the applicants had things that surely make for happiness, prosperity and progress in the future. Thus, to be specific, it has witnessed the popular choice by an unprecedented matests is a virtual abandonment of the jority of a president who stands committed by precept, pledge and past achievement to a government policy which insures the maintenance of right and reason in every sphere of national influence and it was the right and duty of the board authority; a policy that means no less for the future welfare and betterment of conditions for the humblest workingman than it does for security and exact justice to the employer and the capitalist; a policy means honesty and fidelity in public office, the fearless discharge of public duty, the recognition of citizen rights without regard of public enterprises, the upbuilding and strengthening of American interests both at home and abroad, and a still further for peace and good will throughout the world

WAR OUTCLASSED.

People Killed in Railroad More Wrecks Than in War.

Frederick H. Adams in Success A report recently issued by the Interstate Commerce commission shows that the total roads in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, was 55,130, comprising 2,787 killed and 51,343 injured. This shows a large increase over any other year It is a large total, and, in comparison, may be said to be similar to the complete destruction of any one of such cities as Sait dealer in liquor dispenses drink to Lake City, Utah; San Antonio, Tex.; Racine. Wis.; Topeka, Kan.; Waterbury, Conn.; Wilkesbarre, Pa., or Augusta, Ga. neither of which has anything like 53,000 inhabitants. In both the American and British armies. September 19, and October 7. 11 and 12, 1777, in the series of fights authority arbitrarily to close a resort and movements around Saratoga, as inbecause it is patronized by women. cluded by E. S. Creasy in his "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World," there were whether well behaved or without less than 20,000 men; while the highest tocharacter, unless there is a disturbance tal given by C. K. Adams in Johnson's "Cyclopaedia," of the killed, wounded and missing on both sides at Waterloo, one of the greatest battles of all time, is 54,-428 men-not so many by 702 as last year's total of United States railroad casualties. part of the Civic Federation of all it The number of collisions and decaliments

on the Spot. The experimentalists of the Department great moral reformer, filed protests of Agriculture have thrown boracle acid as of coffee. The job will be continued through the winter, unless success sooner crowns ment for the free and unobstructed the undertaking. It is the contention of the issue of licenses to all the places backed department that the production of a cup of by Walter Moise and his brewery. This good coffee depends more upon the way it is made than upon the grade of coffee bean employed. Not only will all the known. Civic Federation, filed protests methods of coffee making be employed in against the granting of liquor licenses the experiments, but scientific measures will finish this year, be used to determine with the utmost exactall the saloons backed by Walter Moise, tion, through the process of roasting and message of the mirror, "Be pure and shine beverage. What promises to be a most in- is a reminder to "Re strong." Louise renders an editor who prints a making coffee by cold water infusion, who was killed in the Philippines. A status though supposed to eliminate the undesir- in General Lawton's honor will be erected able tannic element, has been found by the shortly in Indianapolis. fining less majeste. Ridicule seems to department expert to contribute in reality | Levi P. Morton, former vice presiden be the easiest barb with which to reach little or nothing to that effect. The process banker, diplomatist and statesman, smokes

Washington Post, "can no longer stem the one 'o dem rankos." to encourage the spread of the boil weevil the eight-hour bill, the statehood bill, the Alaska delegate bill and half a dozen other measures of less importance have been sent to the senate for that body to deal with in the manner it knows so well. It is such an easy matter to defeat a bill and at the same time avoid the responsibility of votany other great power. But, then, the if it came to a 'showdown' the pure food an estimate of the additional material British army does not make it a practice bill, some sort of a statehood bill, the register of deeds, county treasurer, of tuberculosis." Many persons will feel that the senate will no longer become the buffer, and that if the house cannot kill its own 'bad legislation' the senate will not resort to its own effective weapon. Free Competition, Complete Monopoly but in the end it does, and with that superior air of being the real bulwark of the nation, it goes about the duty of stand-Another English earl has gone to Monte ing off objectionable measures as a staunch | gards the solution of what is called "the Carlo with a "system" which he thinks soldier would mount guard at the gates of railroad problem." a citadel."

> recalled how "Dave" Henderson of Iowa compel the presence of the absent memthe conquest of the poles and also that of and on one pretext or another were althe air by flying machines. There are lowed to go unpunished. At midnight Henderson was brought before the speaker. sufficient to indicate that there is plenty of He declared he had no excuse to offer. whereupon another Iowa man moved that he be fined \$5,000. Half a hundred seconds were immediately heard. Speaker Carlisle put the motion and about 200 voices velled "aye." Then the speaker called for the noes, and Henderson in agonized tones of the value of franchises and the fact alone responded. 'The noes have it,' man is excused.

General Gillespie, who furnished the decontrol of this medal over to this associahave patented devices developed in the line of their official work.

The assignment of the patent to the sec retary of war accomplishes all that was desired by general Gillespie and others who are interested in preserving the medal from piracy. It was inappropriate that it should in any degree be within the control of an organization no matter how unquestioned might be the integrity of the members or how virtuous might be the purpose of the patentes. According to many who are entitled to wear this congressional able feature in the production of an emblem which is not all that it seems to be Naturally, those who wear the medal feel brass, plated in imitation of gold. It is there will be further comment from official sources on this subject.

The latest thing in the way of strikes has been declared by members of the cabinet. They have revolted against a custom which proportions. For many years cabinet mir isters have written, at the request of editors, from time to time opinions on various topics, usually connected with their departments, reviews of the year, messages of good cheer and congratulation and appreclations of various things. The demands, at first few, have become so many and so inworked at night to accommodate the editors. This year the demand has been unusually heavy, and after a discussion at the cabinet meeting, led by Secretaries Hay and Shaw, a strike was declared.

So many members of congress, in both houses, are preaching the doctrine of small expenditures that irreverent senators and ongressmen declare the national legisla ture has been bitten by an "economic bug." Senator Allison and Congressman Hemer way, at the head of the two appropriations committees, were standing by Speaker Can non in the matter of economy. The other day a visitor strolled into the room of the senate committee on appropriations with cigar in his hand. "Is smoking permitted here?" he inquired of Senator Spooner whom he knew. "Everything is permitted here except appropriations," was the dis "Smoke up. gusted reply.

Two months ago the residence of John Ludwig at Bucyrus, O., was burned. In the house was a tin box containing \$200 in paper money. The money was burned to ashes, which remained in the box. The box and contents were sent to the government for redemption, and today Mr. Ludwig was notified that he would be paid all but about \$6 of the amount he claimed was in the box The money belonged to the lodge of which Ludwig is treasurer.

> Statistics of Suicide. Chicago Chronicle.

The statistics of suicide for the year just losed show that this crime is alarming; on the increase in the United States. There were 5,340 cases in 1899, 6,775 in 1909, 7,245 is 1901, 8,291 in 1902, 8,597 in 1903 and 9,240 1904. The cause of the increase appears t be little speculated on, but that it is in many cases connected with insanity is suf ficiently obvious from the fact that last roadbeds. This gives the astonishing in- year fifty-five persons committed suicide creuse of 648 collisions and derailments by throwing themselves in front of locoover 1908-astounding but for the reduction | motives and fourteen by setting themselves

PERSONAL NOTES.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched Parisians are raising a fund with which the heroje defender of Port Arthur. Captain Robert L. Howse, who has him

> the West Point Military academy, is a native of Texas and was graduated at the academy in the class of June, 1888. The St. Louis beauty who narrowly escaped being burned to death because she was so fat that the firemen had a hard job | these monopolistic organizations. pulling her dainty form through a window,

been appointed commandant of cadets at

wisely resolves to do the anti-fat act to a A mirror, a crystal and a sword are carness the effects produced upon the coffee ried before the emperor of Japan on an eral Paper company. These two great

had been relicensed. Dunn admits he grinding and, lastly, in the brewing of the is the crystal's injunction, while the sword in this country. The way to bring them teresting feature of the experiments will Governor Durbin of Indiana is consider be the testing of the method employed in ing the advisability of suggesting to the the western part of Sumatra of using the legislature that the state appropriate money caves of the coffee plant instead of the for a monument in Arlington cemetery to decide if the present state of Princess berries. The method in vogue in Cuba of the memory of General Henry W. Lawton.

> employed by the celebrated coffee makers of cigars on what he calls a rational plan. In Paris, Vienna and Constantinople will be order to keep his appreciation of thrift in used, insofar as they are known. It is a good working order he occasionally smokes recognized fact, however, that some of a 5-center. One day last week the clerks in these adepts possess secret methods which his bank became aware of a remarkable they will not disclose, as, for instance, the odor, obstinate and suffocating. When it famous Egyptian coffee maker of the kink was at its worst a messenger boy explained private room. "It's all right," he said to "When the house leaders," says the the cashier. "De boss is in dere smoking

tide of public sentiment as shown in the | Congressman Gelffogle of New York is determination of the house to pass certain still suffering from the ill-advised seal legislation, it is unloaded on the senate, displayed by a young newspaper friend in Thus it happens that the pure food bill, the recent campaign. The young man printed a story to the effect that Mr. Goldfogle was the wealthiest democrat running for congress in Manhattan and said the New Yorker's fortune was somewhere between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. In a few hours after this story appeared the coning against it. Everybody is aware that gressman's trouble began. Constituents poured upon him, eager in their demands bill, some sort of a statehood bill, the eight-hour bill and several other measures passed by the house would also be passed by the senate, but it is now only a matter.

The property of that enormous wealth. He controlled the position of political prominence. Certainly, I did. answered Senator Certainly, I did. answered Senator Sorghum, "If there is anything I hate it and his family was practically driven out a deadhead."—Washington Star. the senate, but it is now only a matter and his family was practically driven out of blocking the way with a debatable meas. of doors by the hordes of solicitors. Ever ure and all 'bad legislation,' or what is since the unfortunate publication Mr. considered bad by the leaders, dies on Goldfogle has been kept busy explaining March 4. Sometimes the threat is made that his fortune is of modest proportions.

FOUR WAYS TO DO IT.

Socialism, Government Regulation. Wall Street Journal.

There are just four ways open as re

The first way is that of free competition inrestricted and unregulated in any way Haif a dozen veteran congressmen were That such competition would operate to telling stories in a committee room the the advantage of shippers there can be other afternoon, when one of the number no doubt. But it would make railroad rates unstable; it would make the operaescaped being fined \$5,000 while the Mills tion of the railroads at a profit difficult, if tariff bill was under discussion. It had not impossible; and as the prosperity of the been difficult to maintain a quorum and the railroads and the stability of rates are eshouse directed the sergeant-at-arms to sential to the prosperity of the whole country, unrestricted competition between bers. One by one they were brought in transportation companies might be calamitous. There was a notable development of the country during the period when callroad competition was most extensive but that period was filled with many intervals of depression, due largely to the nstability of rates. It is noteworthy that the greatest prosperity this country has enloyed has been during the time when railroad consolidations have materially reduced the area of competition.

Another way is that of complete monopoly. At the outset it may be said that while the period of greatest prosperity in this country has been coincident with a reduction in competition, it has also been just that period in which the most vicerous.

"I thought they weren't going to be married until the spring."

"Yes: but they changed their minds suddenly, and did the thing yesterday. You see they happened to find a good servant girl out of a job and they wanted to snap her up."—Philadelphia Press. this country has been coincident with a resign for the new medal of honor, has de- duction in competition, it has also been cided not to assign the patent rights in just that period in which the most vigorous the emblem to the Medal of Honor Loyal measures have been taken to prevent com Legion. The hubbuh raised over the an- plete monopoly. Whatever may be the adnouncement that he had arranged to turn vantages of a consolidation of the ownership and control of the railroads in the tion induced him to change his mind. In- hands of a few strong men, this much stead, he will transfer the patent to the may be said with certainty, that the people secretary of war and his successors, fol- of the United States will never permit for owing the practice of other officers who long the railroads of the country to be completely monopolized. They would prefer even less prosperity to the loss of lib-

The third way is that of socialism-that is to say, government ownership of the There has been some growth ratiroads. public sentiment in the United States favor of such a development; but the administration of the postoffice, which is government business, has not been such as to make the idea of government ownership of the railroads attractive, even if the medal of honor there is still an objection- people were prepared for any such advance toward socialism. The fourth way is that of government

regulation, which is the middle road bethat it might well be of gold instead of tween socialism on the one hand and complete competition on the other. The only alternative for either government owner ship or the wastes of unregulated competition is government supervision. There is no other stopping place. We must either enforce competition to the fullest extent or else the government must buy the railhas grown into a nuisance of intolerable roads and operate them. If we fear the consequences of unrestricted competition, the power of complete monopoly or the results of government ownership, then we must be prepared to accept that policy which, while leaving the railroads to the operation of private capital, shall permit them to secure that measure of concentration which is essential to the largest ecosistent that many of the secretaries have nomical results and stability of rates, and then subject them to vigorous government regulation.

KNOCKING THE PAPER TRUST

Philadelphia Record: Should the General purchase a sword for General Stoussel. Paper company of the west fall under the government attack in the courts the turn will then come for its more powerful and more iniquitous twin frother in the east Indianapolis News: A victory in this case would have an exceedingly good effect in nothing more than in the demonstrate that even with existing laws the goverment is not powerless when confronted

Kansas City Star: There is only one is way and only one effective way to adthe paper business, now controlled by International Paper company and the (... bean from the time it leaves the planta- state occasions. "Know thyself" is the binations have practically absorbed business of making and selling white pay terials entering into the manufacture

Chicago Tribune: The news print population enopoly was not formed until its protive promoters had gone down to Washiton and had persuaded congress to iniduce the present paper schedule into the Dingley law. The Dingley law is, if no: mother, at any rate the nurse, of the usas print paper monopoly. To leave the Diagley law unchanged in this respect is to face ten upon the newspapers of the United States a monopoly which is bound in the to increase the prices now paid by their subscribers and advertisers.

Philadelphia Ledger: The tariff duties print paper were raised from \$2 to \$6 a lug the mystery on emerging from Mr. Morton's for the sole benefit of the trusts, in order that they might have, under the shelter of the Dingley bill, an opportunity to hold the American buyers by the throat, just as they are charged with doing in the allegations made before the house committee and in this petition filed by the attorney go eral at St. Paul. This tariff tax is not a revenue producer, but a prohibitive device framed for the purpose of permitting trusts to flay the consumer, and when the attorney general gets through with the combination many people will have new light on the tariff problem.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

'I wish James would swear off on his

vanity."
"Is he vain?"
"Vain! I should say he is vain! Who only yesterday he told me he thought he was every bit as good looking as I am."
Cleveland Plain Dealer. Naggus-What's the trouble now?
Borus-I've got the writers' cramps.
Naggus-You mean writers' cramp?
Borus-No. I don't. I mean cramps.
got all three of 'em-fingers, stomach
pocketbook.-Chicago Tribune.

"Jigsby's with that new war play that

"Yes, he was telling me he has one of the leading roles."
"So he has. He leads the hero's horse on and off the stage."—Philadelphia Press. Beggar-Kind sir, could you help a victim of the trusts? I am starving: Citizen-How are the trusts responsible? Beggar-They shut down the factory where my wife had a job. sir.—Puck.

Snappe-I don't see why you can't fecide about the matter at once.

Mrs. Snappe—Well, it takes me some time to make up my mind.

Mr. Snappe-I don't see why it should be a should be sho

Goinski-Sneidelheim has lot of drubbies' Geepoudski-Vot iss?' Goinski-Vell, he has faildt in peezness. Geepoudski-Vell?' Goinski-And now he has got Pright's disease. Gerpoudski-I'll pet he's got id in his vife's name!-Cleveland Leader.

"Do you keep long cotton gloves here?" asked the old lady.
"Some times we keep 'em longer than we'd like, lady." replied the fresh clerk.
"But you won't keep your job that way." interrupted the proprietor, who had overheard the remark."—Catholic Standard.

A HUNDRED YEARS HENCE.

Japan Mall.

hundred years lence and what matters all this toll and strife?
A transient dawn, a narrow little day.
And twilight shades us for eternity.
Peasant and potentate will turn at last
And mix their dust, the worms will feed
on each
impartially. And if, indeed, they speak
The truth who tell us of a life beyond.
Each will meet each before a throne, when

Clean from the flesh, resolves into a man Ah! Symbols of a rest that is no rest. Decking the wornout covering of fiesh With stone and brass, and banneret and shield, As if you would preserve their very dust From contact with a lesser kind's decay

What of the night? Why were we born to sin
And suffering, who gains by our regret?
Can we be even sure that at the end
Of all our trouble we shall be allowed
To simply sleep eternity away? Will all the aching hearts and weary limbs

Discover slumber on the other side? Or will they rise, as prophets say the will,
Fresh to a happiness they never knew?
I wonder: As for me. I have no new
Demand to make; I only plead for peace.
And in my pleading I am not alone.

Look to your work, who brought the thing The teeming millions with a single cry. Peace! we re-echo; give us ceaseless peace. We ask no monument above our bones. No epitaph of all we left undone. mly a grave among the other graves, mly to cumber nature for an hour, mly to fall to pieces on her breast, and, falling, pass beyond the reach



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