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Governor Mickey might without offense have cut it shorter

York advices indicate that New southern planters have so far failed to raise the price of cotton upon the smoke of their burning bales.

The charter revision committees are apparently proceeding on the theory of making haste slowly, but there is such excessive. a thing as overdoing the slowness.

Minister Conger has started from Peking and Iowa politicians have begun contests, but Boxer methods must be barred.

General Manderson has announced that preservation of the forests is the "paramount 'issue" in this country. Is this a tip for the formation of a new political party?

THE WATER BOARD QUO WARRANTO, water works than they could be duplicated higher plane than its predecessor, but The proceedings instituted before the for. state supreme court by Attorney General Prout to test the validity of the compulsory water works purchase act was

made at the instance of the editor of this board should be induced, by fair The Bee, not because, as is claimed by the Omaha yellows, his candidate for proposition could be submitted to the peothe Water board was defeated at the ple. While the bill empowers the board last election, nor because, as Chairman to compel the mayor and council by man-Boyd of the Water board is quoted as damus to submit a bond proposition, there saying, he seeks to interpose obstacles is no power given to the courts of take to the acquisition of the water works action in the premises. They are conplant, nor because he has any grievance stituted a trust unto themselves. Not against members of the Water board. week Complaints of irregularities in delivery should be addressed to City Circulation De-It is a matter of record that The Bee opposed the enactment of the compulsory purchase bill when it was first introduced in the legislature and repeat-. edly pointed out the pernicious and unconstitutional features of that measure, while it was under consideration before

pulsory purchase act as a high-handed attempt to deprive this community of f its right to self-government and a this city at an exorbitant price. The groundwork for instituting the quo warranto proceedings was laid in the

following editorials: (Bee Editorial, January 12, 1902.) Why should the power of the legislature be invoked to compel the city of Omaha to bond itself for the purchase of water works, unless the conditions of the purhase are satisfactory. The right of the city to assume the ownership of the water works is already expressly guaranteed by the charter, but the mode of acquiring the 30,220 property is left to the judgment of the unleipal authorities. There is no more reason why the municipal ownership should be made compulsory n the matter of the water works than in the matter of the gas works, electric light 921.785 | works, or, for that matter, the street rallway and telephones. There is no more reaon why the governor should be given the right to appoint the water works purchase commission for Omaha than there would be for him to appoint a commission to purchase parks, or a commission to manage an electric power plant, if a municipal franchise were granted for such a concern. On broad gauge lines, the principle of munici-

pal ownership of public utilities is sound, but the property owners and taxpayers of every community should have the right to decide for themselves how much they are willing to pay, and how much they do not want to pay, when to buy and under what conditions they shall create a public debt

in payment of existing public utility plants, owned, by private corporations, or whether they shall build, own and operate their own water works, in case the price asked for a corporation-owned concern is

(Bee Editorial, January 15, 1908.)

As the basic principle for the purchase under the proposed compulsory municipal to get into the lineup for the coming ownership bill, its godfather assumes three things are essential. 1. The enforcement of the right to purchase the plant. 2. Keeping the enterprise out of politics. 3. That none but honest and competent men be

appointed as appraisers. This is about as practical as William J. at all times and under all circumstances. Nearly two years have passed since the a little while ago that the municipal It is an old adage that you can bring a horse to water, but you cannot always make him drink. We have a right to acquire the water plant, but it is another matter to compel the community to exercise that Water board would be a good place to right, whether the conditions are favorable works out of politics by conferring upon the governor the power to appoint the appraise- lem will be definitely settled. Up to ment commission is to presume that governors have no political affiliations or political aspirations. Looking backward at governorappointed nonpartisan police commissions and governor-appointed nonpartiean normal has the board been to Omaha and what school boards and boards of charities, we discover names of very prominent politicians, and we find ourselves face to face with some of the most rotten deals in politics that have ever disgraced Nebraska. the act creating it was valid? · · · But the most childlike and bland proposition is the assumption that we can create strictly honest and competent men by law. The mill to convert dogs into sausage was invented years ago, but the device to grind out honest men by passing them through a legislative hopper is yet

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1905.

Under the provisions of the bill no ap praisement of the works can even be submitted to the people without the approval means or foul, to balk the negotiations for the purchase of the water works, no only is this close corporation to be above the mayor and council and citizenship o

Omaha, but above the governor even. After it has once been installed all vacancles are to be filled by it, and not being removable for misdemeanors in office by the governor, or by anybody, it until the job which Mr. Howell is trying to secure for himself has been anchored.

There are other holes in the water works skimmer which should be plugged before the bill passes the house. The bill grants authority to the water works commission to operate ten miles beyond the corscheme to unload the water works upon porate limits of Omaha at its discretion, but nowhere does the bill make provision for accountability to South Omaha in collecting water rents, planting hydrants or extending water mains. That omission alone insures sufficient litigation to complicate the negotiations and acquisition of the water works for months, if not for

(Bee Editorial, January 26, 1903.)

years.

Senator Howell has ventured to dispel some illusion as to his bill. He asserts that it does not compel the city to build a new water works plant if it fails to purchase the present one. This does not dispel the objection to the governorappointed water commission, accountable to nobody and removable by nobody, and the appointment of a salaried water commissioner, together with the commission that will begin to drain the city treasury taken to punish offenders. within thirty days after the bill becomes a law and will continue to draw salaries whether the city acquires the present water works plant or not. In other words, Mr. Howell falls to justify the attempt to deprive Omaha of the right of selfgovernment, inherent to all American

cities, nor does he dispel the illusion that his plan of putting the cart before the horse in creating a water commission before we acquire the water works and in saddling upon the taxpayers the expenses of more tax eaters before the city has invested in water works.

(Bee Editorial, February 2, 1903.) passed both houses of the legislature last week and has now been approved by the governor, at once becomes a law, as it carries an emergency clause. • • • While Mr. Howell is willing to enlighten the people about the mode of procedure to purchase the water works plant, he studiously omits all reference to the fact that he has

saddled upon the taxpayers of Omaha a part of his department would certainly water commission, which will commence drawing \$300 a month out of the city treas ury for the salary of its members within thirty days, although it may be thirty months before the commission will have

any water works to manage. The objections raised against the compulsory water works purchase act two

cuse is there for its existence, even if

FOREST CONSERVATION.

ducive to legislation for the better pro-

tection of the forests. President Roose

velt's address to the congress vesterday

years ago are just as good today and the have the double council, but the modern Bryan's proposition that the standard doi- apprehensions of its injurious effect upon tendency for a single body is certainly same protection against being deprived of lar should have the same purchasing power this community have been fully verified, reacting against the idea so prevalent their property by fraud which is given to

SENATOR MITCHELL'S CAREER. before it enters upon this strenuous task Was John Hipple in Penusylvania

we would suggest that the proceedings be instituted for a divorce of the legis-Washington Correspondent New York Sut lature from the corporate lobby. John H. Mitchell, senior United States

UNEARTHING REBATES:

Portland for alleged violation of the law it A statement comes from Washington accepting \$1000 for the use of his influence that certain members of the Interstate as a senator in furthering a fraudulent land Commerce commission are incensed over scheme, is a veteran of many political batties. He has been charged by his political what they term the "masterful inaction" emits with many crimes, more serious, of the Department of Justice. They say, If possible, than that for which he is under according to the report, that the commisindictment, but he has always been victor sion has during the last few years unwhen the tug of war came.

earthed several flagrant cases of viola-Senator Mitchell was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1835, and went to Oregon in tions of the interstate commerce act and 1850, after a few years' residence in Callof the Elkins amendment regarding refornia. He became more prominent gradbates, and have in each case reported ually, and by 18% came within one vote of the same to the attorney general with being his party's choice for United States the recommendation to prosecute. Thus senator. He incurred the bitter hostility of may be depended upon to hold the fort far no prosecutions have been begun William Lair Hill, a brilliant lawyer, who was then editor of the Portland Oregonian against the offenders. Hill learned that Mitchell was living under A member of the commission is quoted

Before Going West.

senator from Oregon, who was indicted at

an assumed name, and made a trip to as saying that the rebates paid the beef Pennsylvania, where he traced Mitchell's packers was one which called loudly for anteocdents.

action. This case was developed prior It was discovered that Mitchell's real name was John Hipple, and that while very to the passage of the Eikins law and young he had married a poor girl, the the evidence is said to have shown clearly that all of the railroads between had soveral children. He left his family Chicago and Kansas City were paying and disappeared, and in due time turned up rebates on all shipments made by the on the Pacific coast as "John H. Mitcheil, packers. Other cases in which the pay- His identity having been established, the Oregonian printed an exposure which ment of rebates was unearthed are caused a sensation in the state. For years noted, in all of which the evidence, it is afterward the Oregonian referred to him stated, was sent to the Department of as "John Hipple Mitchell."

Justice, but as yet nothing has been Mitchell did not deny the truthfulness of done regarding them by that depart- the story. Instead, he took the people of Oregon into his confidence, admitted that ment. It is said this has been very he had changed his name and asked the disappointing to the commission and it. people to judge him by his record as a man will be equally so to the public if the among them rather than by the errors of facts are as represented. It is manihis youth. He took steps to have his new festly to little purpose that the commisname legalized and made peace with his sion unearths rebates and supports its former wife by proper legal settlement. The people of Oregon took Mitchell at his findings with proper proofs if the eviword, and the attacks upon him were unadence is to be pigeon-holed and no action valling. In 1872 he was elected to the United States senate and took his seat on

The Elkins law is plain and explicit. March 4, 1873, the same day upon which It provides for punishing both the carrier William B. Allison entered upon his career that pays rebates and the shipper who in the senate. Allison has served continuously ever since, and now has the record of receives them. The country applauded having served longer than any other man. the declaration of President Roosevelt living or dead. But Mitchell has been in that in order to keep the highways of and out several times, and every campaign, commerce open to all on equal terms with few exceptions, has been a fight in it is necessary to put a complete stop which the fur flew.

Senator Mitchell married early in his to all rebates. But this will only be Oregon career, before the exposure of his accomplished by a strict and vigorous enforcement of the law, a duty which was a resident of Oregon, of beauty and Pennsylvania experience. His second wife rests with the Department of Justice, good family, Several daughters and one There is very general public confidence son were born to them. The son, John H. The water works purchase bill, which in Attorney General Moody, who is able Mitchell, jr., is a prominent lawyer in Ore-

gon. One daughter, Mattle, was a famous and undoubtedly conscientions, yet this beauty and belle in Washington. In 1891 confidence may be impaired by a persistshe married the Duke de la Rochefoucauld. ent disregard of matters vital to the in- and is living in Paris, where her mother is terests and welfare of the public. We now visiting her. are not disposed to believe that he is

TAINTED FRANCHISES.

Irreparable Wrongs Done by Crooked Public Servants,

New York Tribune

Governor-elect Folk of Missouri, in his the shore of the gulf of Tartary: zeal for reform, has hit upon the idea of forfeiting public franchises obtained by bribery. The plan is one which naturally suggests itself to an honest man. The opie as a whole seem entitled to the

hardly be believed. Six years ago his flag

erably below that old boundary between

the two armies may be regarded as equal an indvidual. A deed obtaned by fraud The Russian defense and the Japanese atmay be set aside. Why not a franchise?

ter with your glasses. The trouble is with you; you, yourself. Your head is congested, you are dizzy, you cannot see clearly, and you are all out of sorts. Wake up your sleepy liver ! Get rid of a lot of bile. Take one of Ayer's Pills each night, for a few nights. These pills are liver pills, all vegetable, sugar-coated. They act directly on the liver, curing biliousness, constipation, dizziness. Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. ATER'S BAIR VIGOR-For the hair. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL-For coughs. AYER'S SARSAPARILLA-For the blood. AYER'S AGUE CURE-For malaria and ague woman asked. "Well, off and on," was PORT ARTHUR AND AFTER. the reply.

New York Post; This much is certain "Stay in the harness and thus avoid growing rusty." is the motto of Judge J hat Japanese ascendency in southern Manchuria, whether direct or through a J. Jackson of the United States court i protectorate, would mean a sharp check to European aggression in North China. Boston Transcript: The weakening of Russia at this point may mean a strengthening of its force at others, but however

surrender of this stronghold can hardly be overestimated. New York Sun: When they took Port Arthur some years ago from China, occupled it and proceeded to enjoy the fruits

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of their well won victory, it was snatched from them by the civilized builtes of Europe. Individuals can be inglorious and contemptible, but nations can outdo them; and if Russia is now bitterly explating its

share in the infamy that was then visited upon Japan, it is only reaping as it has sown and as it richiy deserves. We need hardly observe that that chapter in history will never be repeated, not even if all the

powers in Europe sought to participate fin 41. Springfield Republican: But we are not to conclude from this that Russia is yet wiped out as a Pacific and far eastern power. Unless, within a short time, the czar should yield to the desire of the world for peace, we must look to another year of war to determine the final position of the Muscovite in that part of the earth. That he will be utterly driven out can

was not yet south of the Amur, except on but probably the czar could secure terms of pence today which would leave him supreme in a territory extending consid-

> Siberia and the Chinese empire. New York Tribune: In point of honors

> > PERSONAL NOTES.

ply to his wife's protestations of inno

Dr. Chadwick says, "I hope so," in re-

sburg. Miss Pert-An ancestor? Miss Passay-Yos. Miss Pert-Ah' your father, I suppose.-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Yes, when I handed him a Christmas present he said: "I beg your pardon, but do you give trading stamps" "-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ove my appendix?" "Well, it's customary,"-Brooklyn Life.

"I really believe you married me simply because I have money." complained the hercess, who was as stingy as she was plain. "Ne," replied her husband, candidly, "I "Ne, replied her husband, candidly, "I married you because I thought you'd let me have it."-Philadelphia Press.

Mamma-What's the matter with the

the northern district of West Virginia. 118 enjoys the distinction of being the oldest member of the federal judiciary and has the longest record of service. PASSING PLEASANTRIES. that may be, the moral loss to it of the Miss Passay-Yes, I am proud to say, an neestor of mine fell at the battle of Get-

You

cannot

wipe off

the blur!

And the reason is

there is nothing the mat-

"That Bifferblatt is an absent-minded

Raynor-There's one good thing about 1965, anyhow. The financial question doesn't come up for settlement again this

Shyne-Doesn't it? Look at all these Christmas bills, will you?-Chicago Tri-

'Please, sir," pleaded the beggar, "Id

"Hease, shi, picaded the organ, 1'd like to get a square meal. I—" "Here, poor fellow," said Kloseman. "here's a penny for you." "O! thank you, sir; but, pardon me, you haven't got a dyspepsia tablet about you, have you? I always suffer when I over-eat."—Philadelphia Press.

"Doctor, is it absolutely necessary to re-

If our municipal government is burdensome because we have too many needless and expensive boards, the begin to unload.

The place of "general manager of the senate" has not yet been filled .- Lincoln Journal.

The senate ought to be able to get along very well this year without a general manager.

That Ohio man who desires to have states enact laws prohibiting the production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" may be doing good work from an artistic standpoint, but he is an iconoclast nevertheless,

Speaker Rouse hits the nail on the head when he says sixty house employes to be discovered. are enough to wait on 100 house mem bers. But he must not allow himself to forget it before the session is half over.

A New Jersey judge has placed a corporation operating exclusively in Louisiana in the hands of a receiver. New Jersey seems to be as good a state for the death of corporations as for their birth.

In asking a fee of \$200,000 the receiver of the defunct shipbuilding concern probably estimates his services upon the amount of money the promoters did not take from the public after he assumed charge.

A Kansas citizen has proposed a bill to permit marriages for a period of ten violates the fundamental principles of softyears in that state, but what is more government. It is, in fact, an indictment urgently needed is legislation which of the intelligence and integrity of the citiwill compel husbands and wives to stay married at least that long.

It is now intimated that, in the interwill be passed by the present congress. but there is a strong probability that efforts will be made to care for some works, which will involve the outlay of incrbors in "riders" to other legislation, anywhere from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 after

The report that disorders at home may compel the ezar to declare the war at end would indicate that Russians are the people of Omaha can be trusted to not to be judged by the ordinary standard, as rulers have been known to inaugurate foreign wars to allay domestic discord.

The success of the meeting of the State Teachers' association in this city should encourage Omaha to go after why not empower him to appoint the maymore of these big meetings. Omaha is ors and councils of all cities in the state, equipped to take care of some of the so as to insure nonpartisan government on big national and international associations, as well as state and interstate associations.

Reports from Port Arthur are to the effect that but one-fourth of the original force was alive and in service when the place capitulated. This would mean that of 128,000 fighting men 96,000 had perished, so that Japan's loss before the town was not so severe as that of the defenders an unusual feature in the history of war.

(Bee 'Editorial, January 16, 1903.) The Omaha representatives of the water works company do not appear to be very much concerned about the compulsory purchase bill, and are not likely to show their

was a very strong presentation of the hand by co-operating with Mr. Howell, but forestry subject. He said that the time we have positive knowledge that the owners of indifference and misunderstanding in of the water works in New York would be very much pleased with a compulsory pur- regard to the subject has gone by, and chase on the terms proposed by Mr. Howell. that the meeting to discuss it of men * * * At the present prices of iron the to whom the forest is important from compulsory appraisement and purchase will the business point of view was a great

give all the way from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 more for the plant than it would have inventoried for five years ago.

(Bee Editorial, January 23, 1803.) "Senate File No. 1, the compulsory water works purchase bill," has been railroaded through the senate, without discussion, as

an emergency measure. While strictly local conservation of the forest by wise use in its scope and affecting only the taxpayinto the practical accomplishment of ers of Omaha and South Omaha, this bill that great end. He pointed out how country are dependent upon the forests. zenship of Omaha to publicly declare in favor of placing Omaha in the hands of a

receiver, or appointing a guardian to pro-tect it from itself. * * * With the exception of issuing bonds already voted and vot- tinually greater demands upon the ests of economy, no river and harbor bill ing more bonds hereafter for the consum- forest." mation of the proposed purchase by the The president said that a timber famcommission. Omaha is to have nothing to ue is inevitable if the present rate of say about the management of the water which would mean incalculable injury the expiration of four years, when the govto the industries of the nation. He de-

ernor-appointed commission is to give clared that unless the men from the way to a commission elected by its citizens west believe in forest preservation the on the gradual installment plan. * * * western forests cannot be preserved. It elect an honest and capable board of water is needless to say that there is a praccommissioners four years hence, why are tically unanimous western sentiment fathey not equally competent to elect a comvorable to the view of the forest probpetent commission before negotiations of iem which Mr. Roosevelt has repeatedly

the water works was submitted for their iem which Mr. Roosevelt has repeatedly ratification? * * * If it is right for the expressed and he can be assured of gen governor to appoint a water commissioner eral and hearty western support for any for Omaha, why not also empower him to efforts he may make to carry out his policy. While this subject has been discussed for years, it is only within a the lines laid down in Senate File No. 17 with the seriousness which its import-There might be some excuse for the govervor appointing a police commission on the ance calls for. This awakening having plea that the public safety demands the taken place there is reason to expect extension of police powers over large citles. that something soundly practical will be

but no Nebraska legislature has ever sought done. to deprive the citizens of any town or vitlage of the right of self-government which It is announced that the legislature is at the base of our entire fabric.

will begin to wrestle with the divorce Incidentally, and quite apart from in anti-American spirit, Senate File No. 1 is problem as soon as the committees are crude and seriously defective in many announced and stringent divorce legisparts. It contemplates the purchase of lation is looked for before the session is water works on the three appraisers plan over. This indicates that the legislature which exposes the city to the visk of paying from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 more for the

enactment of the Howell-Gilbert legislature should be confined to a very we are but little closer to obtaining limited membership acting as a little possession of the water works than we close corporation. were before the law was enacted, with

To the recommendation of the tax a prospect that two or three years more commissioner that some way should be will elapse before the water works probdevised to secure revenue from certain January 1, 1905, the Water board has classes of people who, though they do a profitable business as brokers or They have to pay taxes, and the waste of drawn out of the city treasury \$9,597.80. agents, escape taxation because they or very nearly \$10,000. Of what benefit have no tangible property to be assessed, the Real Estate exchange does not deign benefit can it be so long as Omaha has even to give notice. no water works to manage? What ex-

doing this, but more activity on the

Lincoln's charter committee is said to

be leaning toward a resumption of the

old system of two-branch city councils

consisting of an upper and a lower house

differently constituted. Many cities still

be welcome and reassuring.

Nobody in or out of Omaha has yet

entured to explain what induced the defunct county board to grant an eternal franchise to the interurban electric road, and more insistent on strict regulations The Forest congress in session at which will be capitalized by its promot- and full reports. Washington cannot fail to arouse geners at hundreds of thousands of dollars, eral public interest in the very importwithout exacting a farthing either in the tion is purely academic. The court of apant question of forest conservation. shape of outright bonus or future while it should have such influence upon the national legislature as will be conroyalty.

> Having concluded a successful holiday holdup campaign against liquor dealers and druggists that netted the World-Herald about \$2,000, our redoubtable congressman has departed for Washington to conclude his arduous labors as a representative of this congressional district.

step toward the solution of the forest secure a single vote in the republican problem-"a problem which cannot be caucus for United States senator, but he has nevertheless had an opportunity Stock exchange be converted into a vested of the most interesting of the pupils in the settled until it is settled right." He expressed the belief that at last forces to plant seed which will germinate in right. have been set in motion which will conthe course of time, whether Jim Hill vert the once distant prospect of the likes it or not.

The decision of western railroads to keep all their own cars on their own may be a business proposition, but the Wood is an indispensable part of the failure to provide enough cars to accommaterial structure upon which civiliza- modate all the business is the sticking tion rests and civilized life makes con- point.

Hardships of the Presidency. Indianapolis News.

The president had 7,718 callers at his New Year's reception. Every once in a while forest destruction is allowed to continue, a man hears something that convinces him that he wouldn't care much for the job. anyhow

A Tip for Congressmen Washington Post.

The administration's policy in making federal appointments is assuming definite It appears that the president will form. follow the recommendations of members of congress any time they pick out the men he wants.

Pertinent Suggestion. Cincinnati Tribune

The suggestion that congressmen elected November ought to meet and organize the following December has additional recent period that it has been considered get their hands in sooner-that is, of course, into the way of doing business.

Change of Retainer and Tune Kansas City Star.

Ex-Attorney General Griggs, now a corporation lawyer, is opposing government

involves a dangerous step toward "im- assert themselves if they are to have their perialism." Griggs argued in the insular cases that that have controlled so many members of imperialism" was a bugaboo and that the ederal government might legitimately exercise all the rights of sovereignty. However, a little_change of opinion is all in certainly will if corporations continue to proposes to make a reputation on a for the government now.

tack were both heroic in a high degree. The obvious objection, of course, is that a The victors have won with distinction. franchise is generally an asset of a corpoand the vanquished in their defeat have ration in which innocent persons have in-

ested, and that it would be unjust to gained great renown. As for prestige that is another thing. It is a tremendous forfeit the values which they obtained in blow to Russia to see the flag of the good faith from the thieves. On the other Rising Sun replace the cross of St. Anhand, it may be said that the city or state drew, or the black, two-headed eagle of is a corporation of innocent investors, and Byzantium, upon the walls of the fortress they are not voluntary investors, either. which was supposed to be impregnable, their property is quite as much a hardship and which was to be for all time the buland an injustice as the forfeiture of the wark of Slavic dominion and domination in the far east. It is a mighty triumph property of innocent investors in a fraudfor Japan a second time to raise its flag ulently obtained franchise. The doctrine above Pert Arthur and to take that place

of caveat emptor may be thought to apply here and warn investors, who have from the very power that nine years ago a free choice against buying stolen goods. made it relinquish it when it had taken it If they did have to buy at their own risk from China.

in such cases, stockholders might be more careful about the conduct of corporations So far as this state is concerned the ques-

H. B. Stocke, the chief florist at the St. peals in the old Broadway railway cases sustained the validity of a franchise based Louis exposition, planted during his service more than 15,000,000 flowers. He has on corruption. The aldermen committed a accepted a position with the government crime when they voted for it. They stole the city's property and gave it to their in Washington.

fellow thieves, yet the city was held bound Dr. A. J. Barchfeld, congressman-elect forever to treat the stolen goods as the from the Thirty-second Pennsylvania dislawful property of "innocent investors." trict, stands six feet four inches in his The railroad corporation was, we believe, stockings, and with one exception is the dissolved for its unlawful actions, but the tallest man in the house.

property which it had criminally obtained George W. Raper is a blind typewriter was handed over to be administered for operator employed in an Indianapolis facthe benefit of the individuals composing it tory. He is rapid and accurate in an un-

and passed on to a new company. It may usual degree, and because of his inability Former Governor Van Sant failed to well be doubted if Mr. Folk would have to correct errors has learned to make very much better fortune than the New York few. Raper lost his eyesight two years taxpayers in overcoming the theory that ago as the result of a fever. a vested wrong can by a few sales on the

> public schools of New York City. He was The lesson of the situation confronting brought to New York by Lieutenant Peary

> us, at least in New York, is the desirability and has been transformed from a blubber eating Arctic normad into a clever young American, bright in his studies and cap-

tain of a base ball team. Minister Van Swinderen of the Netherlands is an excellent horseman, and like all] dishonestly and without due compensation. excellent horsemen he is apt to criticise

morning

Grievances Against Railroads Pour in Upon Congress.

Kansas City Star.

Senator Cullom is quoted as saying that never before in his experience as United States sensior, which covers more than twenty years, has there been such a flood of correspondence as has come to his desk and to the desks of other senators concerning the matter of railway rate con trol. Nearly all of this correspondence is from shippers who have been discriminated against by excessive rates on the one hand and rebates to their rivals on the other. Senator Cullom frankly acknowledges that the people have become thoroughly aroused over the proposal of the president to bring the raiways to time, and that they are mmendation in the fact that they would giving the chief executive their support in an unmistakable way. Mr. Culloni believes that congress, regardless of its own will in the matter, will be forced to do something of consequence in this direction. And this is only one of the increasing manifestations of popular spirit in dealing with congress. The people are becoming supervision of trusts on the ground that it more and more convinced that they must As attorney general Mr. rights as against those special interests congress. And to this end it may be expected that the people will soon demand the election of senators by popular vote. They the day's work. Mr. Grigg's isn't working secure the election of their agents through for the government now.

Papa-He was playing around the plane and he fell and bumped his head on one of he .edals. Mamma-Poor little dear! Is he badly Papa-Oh, no! Fortunately it was the soft pedal.-Philadelphia Ledger.

"What was the excitement after the church services last Sunday?" "Why, an unknown stranger put a \$10 bill in the collection plate." m-dollar bill!

was bad!"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PROBLEM OF THE HOME

Lostie's Magazine.

Hello! We want a servant girl. Helio: We want a servant givi You've got no servants-what? What's that? Oh. yes, I understand Beg pardon. I forgot. An employe will suit as well: Yes, black or white will do; We're looking for a hired girl. No matter what her hue.

What's that? A green one? Well, how

much Does she expect to get? What? Four per week with room and board? Well, please don't send her yet. The last one that we had was green: We only paid her two: 1 And what she did was small compared With what she couldn't do.

Our house is not a training school. With pay to any girl That comes along-speak louder. What? You say you've got a pearl Who only wants three afternoons. Two nights, and has a beau. And who won't work upstairs if she has To do the work below?

Well what's the price of pearls today? What? Six per week? How nice: What? Six per week? How no I didn't think that one could get A pearl at such a price. However, if she-what? Oh, yes

We always go away a summer time and let the help Keep right on drawing pay

What's that? She doesn't like the street We live in? Well, we'll move: We never wish to do a thing Our help does not approve Pray, ask her in what neighborhood She'd rather live-what's that? No matter what the neighborhood, She won't live in a flat!

trenchantly those who do not ride with You've got another? What's she like? skill. At a musicale in Washington the other day the minister, in the course of a conversation with a senator's wife, said: "I saw young Blank at Chevy Chase this 1 saw young Blank at Chevy Chase this Well Well, send her up. Perhaps we'll suit, At least, I know we'll try.

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