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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this first day of December, 1904. M. B. HUNGATE. Notary Public. (Seal) All good things are said to come in threes. Who is to build Omaha's third

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Missouri republican legislators should ployes. be careful, as there is nothing like "alum" legislation to draw a majority into a minority.

In other words, the attorneys for the "Beef trust" maintain that what is the business of the combination is not the of Commerce and Labor, with powers business of the government.

You cannot lose the fruit tree. As Stoessel and Nogi had no apple tree to make famous as the place of their meeting, they selected Plum Tree Inn.

In refusing General Stoessel's horse General Nogl evidently preferred to take no chances on owning an animal which had traveled the road to disaster.

If the Idaho legislature enacts its proposed anti-polygnmy law, far more insome quarters in the selection of prosecuting attorneys.

For all of the alleged growth of democratic ideals in France, American heiresses still manage to find a few specimens of the old French aristocracy on the bargain counter.

Members of the Douglas delegation in the house are waiting to see how many sugar plums they will receive at the hands of Speaker Rouse in the great

candy pull next Tuesday. It may be that railroad politicians are so busy watching Washington this year they will let state legislatures alone, but the people are not warranted in pro-

ceeding on that assumption If Denver wishes to give visiting stockmen a lively time the hosts should arrange to take their guests to the meeting of the legislature, where a show unique in its details is in progress.

Since Japan has decided that no ships not in government service shall be per mitted to visit Port Arthur the enterprising Che Foo correspondent may still lave a market for the product of his imagination

If some democrat of national repute does not come quickly to the reseue of "the Jacksonian club the feast of St. Andrew may have to go uncelebrated. to say nothing of the faithful who will have to go thirsty.

In the interval, there have been no retirements from office voluntary or in- eral Moody. voluntary because the Nebraska su preme court declared that official bonds secured by guaranty bond companies sufficient to establish the fact that there would not pass muster.

Now that the Missouri senatorship contest has been settled, Major Warner will probably see his way clear to accepting the pension commissionership tendered him by President Roosevelt be-

fore the close of the last year. Now many people will whether that Iowa man who has just been chosen president of the American Plymouth Rock club is at the head of an organization of descendants from the pilgrims or of a society for the propa-

gation of poultry. That was no Crum of comfort which the senate of the United States forced upon Senator Tillman of South Caroline, but the senator never murmured, evidently realizing that President Roosevelt is as much entitled to have his way in South Carolina as elsewhere.

entertainments

NATIONAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS. Public sentiment is rapidly crystallixing in favor of national control of railroads, and national supervision of corporations engaged in interstate commerce. National supervision of railroads has in a measure been exercised since the enactment by congress of the interstate act in 1886, but few of the abuses which the interstate commerce

ubated. The marvelous growth of railways, their consolidation into a few great systems and their colossal capitalization have forced upon the country a momentous problem that can be solved only by government ownership or government control. Several bills contemplating the national control of railroads have been introduced in congress recently, but while there is grave doubt that any of these measures have Been introduced in good faith in the face of the physical impossibility of their enactment during the present congress the scope of the proposed laws will attract attention and merits discussion.

This applies particularly to the bill of Senator Newlands, proposing a national commission to formulate a national incorporation act for the construction and plan the railroad systems of the country are to be subjected to national control. not merely over their traffic rates, but also with a practical guaranty of a fixed income upon their present capitaliza-28,220 | tion. The act furthermore contemplates the relief of railroads from all state. county and municipal taxation and the substitution of a national tax on their earnings, computed at a ratio that will make the aggregate tax equal to the amount of taxes now paid by the railroads, these taxes to be distributed to the various states in proportion to their 10,130 respective railroad mileage.

To make the bill attractive to rallway 911,646 29,408 employes, Senator Newlands has inserted a provision for the creation of a pension fund in the United States treasury for railroad employes disqualified for active service by injury or age, and the creation of a special fund from the gross earnings of the railroads to be expended for the arbitration of disputes between the railroads and their em-

> Senator Heyburn's plan of national control is more direct and more feasible than that proposed by Senator Newlands. Senator Heyburn proposes the creation of a national board of corporations as an adjunct of the Department and duties much like those exercised by the British Board of Trade. Under the provisions of this bill railroad mergers or even the indlrect control of several of corporations engaged in any like or postponed. similar business by any trust or through a pool or other arrangement amounting

to a merger of their interests. The nationalization of railroads has become almost imperative, but any plan terest will be shown than heretofore in that would impose upon the people of the United States the payment of tolls based on the present excessive capitalization of the railroads would be a rank injustice. It would be tantamount to the legalization of frenzied finance by which billions of water have been injected into railroad stocks and even into railroad bonds. It would simply mean that the people of the United States had assumed the payment of four or five per cent on a new national debt of more than \$12. 000,000,000 for untold generations. Senator Newlands' proposition that all the stocks and bonds of railroads shall be exempt from local taxation, like the bonds of the United States, would create almost a revolt among the American people, and while the nationalization of railroad taxes on the basis of their gross earnings distributed to the various states and municipalities in proportion to infleage might be acceptable. the constitutionality of such a measure is exceedingly doubtful. Of the two plans for national control of railroads the Heyburn plan is by all odds the most practical and commendable.

BEEF COMBINE ARRAIGNMENT

The arraignment of the alleged beef combine made by the attorney general of the United States in the supreme court a few days ago will command general attention as an assurance on the part of the government to enforce the law against the combination if the facts justify this being done. That there is such justification appears to be very conclusively established by the statement submitted to the court by Attorney Gen-

This statement is to the effect that the evidence secured by the government is is a conspiracy among the packers to control the prices of what they buy and sell, that it does control it, and that its control is merclless and oppressive. The attorney general maintains that the decree of the circuit court on the petition of the government should be sustained and that the injunction against the alleged Beef trust should stand. This infunction has been in force for nearly a year, but it does not appear that it has been regarded by the parties against whom it was issued. In fact, it is alleged that they have constantly violated it, yet no proceedings have been insti-

tuted against them on that ground. There now appears to be a change of disposition on the part of the administration. The purpose, as indicated in the presentation of the matter before the supreme court by the attorney general, is to press the question to a conclusion before the highest tribunal. The evidence of this will be regarded by the It is too early to make predictions public with unqualified approval. The with regard to the keeping of New people who believe they are being Year's resolutions, but some inquisitive robbed by the alleged beef combine people would like to know whether the want to know all the facts and to have keepers of Omaha music halls are still it determined judicially whether they arrangements have been made by which keeping that pledge to admit only are to continue to be at the mercy of its column devoted to musical comment women of character to their variegated this combine or can be relieved from and criticism will be conducted by Mrs.

portance to millions of our people and versal interest.

THE PRIVATE CAR BILL There is no question as to the abuses of the private car system. It is universally admitted that it is a system which is one of the most prolific causes of rebates and discriminations in our act was designed to abolish have been rallroad system and therefore ought to be controlled by a federal statute, by the new musical critic, whose disin-Whether this can be done or not is a question for the congress to determine, the next few weeks, unless the matter is postponed to the next congress, for which there seems to be no sufficient ex-

There is no question in the public mind as to the necessity of correcting the abuses connected with the private car line companies. The facts pointed ent in the comprehensive and the expoout by the Interstate Commerce commission and by other authoritative sources realm, will the death of Theodore regarding the abuses and the violations Thomas be adequately appreciated. He of law on the part of the private car tion that these private line companies ited fountain of musical triumphs he onsolidation of railroads. Under this are every day giving rebates in viola- drew inspiration that has had few tion of the law, and the power of the equals and no superiors. government should be brought to bear against them.

state commerce law to all private freight successful. cars and provides that any facilities exa part of the contract for transporta- of mankind, and the memory of what he tion. The bill makes it unlawful for any accomplished for the uplifting of music operator of private cars to ask or receive in the United States will be long cherany discrimination or rebate, by reason | ished by the millions who have been enof their use, and provides penalties iden- thralled by his masterful ability. tical with the Elkins bill, passed at the

last session. This measure is absolutely equitable in its provisions and ought to be acceptable to the private car companies. Whether or not it will be opposed by them remains to be seen, but in any event it can be very confidently pre-

FRAUDULENT NATURALIZATION allowed, that no fraud in connection each town. with naturalization is permitted. The president stated that in the past year the cases of false, fraudulent and improper naturalization of allens coming the attention of the executive branches of the government had increased to an alarming degree. There had been discovered extensive sales of forged certificates of naturalization, as well as many cases of naturalization secured by perjury and fraud, and in addition instances have accumulated showing that many courts issue certificates of naturalization carelessly and upon insufficient evidence.

It was urged by the president that there should be a comprehensive revision of the naturalization laws and he recommended that the courts having power to naturalize should be definitely named by national authority; the testimony upon which naturalization may be conferred should be definitely prescribed; publication of impending naturalization applica tions should be required in advance of their hearing in courts; the form and wording of all certificates issued should be uniform throughout the country, and the courts should be required to make returns to the secretary of state at stated periods of all naturalizations con-Secretary Hay, in a report lust laid before congress, supports the recommendations of the president. He says it is a thankless task when persons for whose protection abroad the government intervenes are discovered not to be entitled to the naturalization certificates they hold.

It appears that there are about 5,000 separate and distinct courts which now and the report says that the rules they of the constitution that there shall be a ally defeated. It is also pointed out that the certificates of naturalization vary so when they are presented to the officials rives. of foreign governments they are often not accepted as proof of American citizenship until they have been supported dent that the law should restrict naturalization to certain courts, definitely named, and forbid all other courts from entertaining naturalization proceedings. There can be no question as to the importance of this matter and it should receive the early attention of congress. It does not seem that there should be any great difficulty in carrying out the recommendations of the president and secretary of state and therefore that the necessary legislation could be adopted total of gifts and bequests for charitable, by the present congress

The Bee is pleased to announce that what they feel to be its oppressive ex- Mary Poppleton Learned, whose musical countries, and one that foreign millionsires i unto them.

promote the growth of musical sentiment in Omaha and to encourage legitimate projects designed to stimulate true musical culture, its musical department under successive critics being recognized both at home and abroad as an author. his wife in the cemetery at Elmira, N. Y. ity on musical subjects. The same object and standards will be kept in view terested and unbiased weekly review of musical matters will surely command and which will be determined during the attention and interest of all among us who are devoted to music as professionals or amateurs or simply as music lovers.

THE LATE THEODORE THOMAS. Only in the world of music, among sition of the masters in the musical was a master mind in his realm-not companies are sufficient to establish a only a great musician bimself, but a

Thomas made will live for generations, hear about, A bill has been introduced in congress, and it was won not alone by exceptional the purpose of which is to place the ability, but also by a devotion to his private car lines under the supervision art and a persistent industry which have and control of the Interstate Commerce rarely been equaled and never excelled commission. This is in accordance with in the history of musical endeavor. His the recommendations of the administra- art, it has been truly said, was his retion, which has received general public ligion, for which he fought with the approval. There is a universal feeling zeal and the unswerving devotion of a by the president in his annual message, leader of his time he taught the counto put a stop to a system which is ab- try to understand classical music and to solutely demoralizing in its effects. This love it. During all the years in which proposes to do. It extends the inter- of the public, and in this he was largely

Theodore Thomas was in his sphere a tended by them shall be subject to the great man, one who had contributed obligation of common carriers and made slike to the enjoyment and the benefit petitive point they will be mistaken.

One provision of the constitution of Nebraska seems to have been overlegislature from passing any general dicted that sooner or later there will city, town or incorporated village withbe legislation which will subject the out first acquiring the consent of a macompeting railroad corporations by one private car lines to the control of federal jority of the electors thereof. This syndicate would be prohibited. Senator authority. The necessity for this is so would imply that all street railway by in favor of scribes of lesser distinction Heyburn's bill also prohibits the control obvious that it cannot be much longer franchises in Nebraska acquired under and narrower fame. During the last twelve municipal charters without ratification by a vote of the people of the respective towns and villages are void, and it is a Discoveries," "The Golden Bowl" and 'The In his annual message President serious question whether franchises Son of Royal Langbrith" might never have Roosevelt called attention to fraudulent granted by county boards over roads leading through towns or villages would to our government and that it is the have any validity unless the proposiaffair of every honest voter, wherever tion to authorize the franchise was subborn, to see that no fraudulent voting is mitted for approval to the people of

Omnibus legislation has always been the omnibus building bill, an invention credited to "Our Dave," is just as victors as are the river and harbor bills stuffed with jobs and steals for the alimprovement of rivulets and by congress when "Our Dave" was retired. We doubt whether the American people will view with gratification the means the combination by congressmen and senators who have introduced pubvarious other measures in order to pull through the public building bills they have introduced whether meritorious or

When it comes to formulating amendments to the constitution, the legislatures of the past have usually made a fluke by simply letting the whole matter drag along until too late in the session to get agreement between the two houses. Moral-let the present legislature take up constitutional revision in its early stages and work out the problem successfully.

Omaha will be completely up-to-date when it shall have pulled off a pure food show. But why wait till next summer for the proposed free distribution of breakfast food samples and maple syrup can-lets when they would come in so much more handy in the cold weather

King Alfonso of Spain says he will apply vary so widely that the intention not marry for state reasons, but will uniform rule of naturalization is effectu- wife who suits him personally. But the chances warrant placing odds that the young ruler will find custom stronger widely in wording and appearance that than affection when the crucial time ar-

A Good Example.

Chicago News. Perhaps General Miles' refusal to accept politicians

Free Topies in Russin. Washington Post It appears that in enlarging the powers

and freedom of the press in Russia the czar allows editors to add the crops to the weather as subjects of untrammeled comment and discussion.

Gifts and Bequests. Philadelphia Record.

Millionaires "gave up" less predigally last year than in three preceding years. The religious and educational purposes is computed at \$46,256,500, which is eather more than \$30,000,000 below the figures for each compared with \$128,888,732 in 1961. But it is etill true that the American monetary

actions. The question is one of vital im- education and high standing among show little disposition to follow. The formusic lovers of this community fits her eigher, who hangs onto his last shilling. its flual settlement is awaited with uni- peculiarly for this important undertak- love of money shown by Americans, whose ing. The Bee has for years aimed to generosity is equal to their financial genius.

> Mark Twain's Tribute. Harper's Weekly. Here is the little verse which Mark Twain has had cut in the modest block of

marble which marks the resting place of Warm summer sun, Shine kindly here.

Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Goodnight, dear heart,
Good night, good night.

Historic Warnings for Despots. Chicago Chronic Czar Nicholas ought to study the French

revolution. There is a psychological mosment at which a despot must yield to the demands of the people and if he does not yield then everything he does is like adding fuel to the flames. Having refused the those who appreciate distinguished tal- demand of the presidents of the zemstvos for a parliament, every minor concession will only fan the flames of revolt.

Municipal Ownership that Pays.

Minneapolts Journal. The city of Hull, in England, has Just established a municipal telephone system. which gives unlimited private service for case absolutely convincing to the Amer- maker of musicians, and an interpreter \$24.33 a year. The National Telephone comlean people. We know beyond a quest of the master minds from whose unlim- pany, a private system in the same town, bas been charging \$18.66 for the same servies, but now had to meet the city rates, The price of city gas made by the Hull mu nicipal gas works is 4s cents per 1,000 feet. The reputation which Theodore These are municipal scandals we like to

Feeling for an Opening.

Philadelphia Record. Mr. Hill, of the Great Northern, describes pooling as "a device by which a weaker concern seeks to obtain an equality with the stronger." Mr. Miller, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, had expressed much the same opinion. He said lately Pooling is a species of blackmail, wherein that something must be done, as urged crusader. More than any other musical the strong roads are blackmailed by the weak roads, and the strong roads will subroit to this only within limits." is what the bill introduced in congress he was an orchestral leader his aim was the legal recognition of pooling in order by Representative Stevens of Minnesota to elevate and expand the musical taste to stop competition with each other. Now Hence there should be no hesitation in the outdone by the "Land of the Afternoon," some of them are getting around to the idea of a governmental regulation of rates that to pooling. If they suppose that the government will fix rates higher than the com-

> BEST SELLING BOOKS. Literary Stars of the First Magnitude

and Some Others. The Bookman.

It is unquestionably a fine thing to be ranked among the very highest in the literary world, yet a study of the "best selling books" of the last five years shows looked or ignored within recent years. that the stars of the first magnitude have The constitution expressly prohibits the not nearly had things all their own way. The names of such men as George Merelaw granting the right to construct and M. Barrie, Henry James and William Dean dith, Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling, J. operate a street railroad within any Howells look very impressive in print; yet omehow when the leading bookseller Duluth, let us say, turns to the task of making his monthly report on the local literary market he seems to pass these men months Mr. James, Mr. Klpling and Mr. these reports are concerned. "Traffics and been written. On the other hand, the newcomer, though he or she may realize that years will be needed to build up a literary reputation of the first rank, has the conolation of knowing that the distinction of being the author of the best selling novel to the United States and the accruing advantages are, in a measure, open to all.

While it is, of course, impossable to prediet with any degree of accuracy what a victors under any form or pretext, and year will bring forth, there are certain men and women writing to whom we can point as authors whose pooks will be found on the list for some years to come. is Winston Churchill, for instance. We do not rank Mr. Churchill very high as a novelist, but we ascribe to him a very rare knowledge of the resources and the limitations of the American reading public. We of the omnibus building bills was passed have no hesitation in predicting that about swept away by some general disaster or the early summer of 1906 Mr. Church'll will publish a new novel of 500 or 600 pages, and that it will be instantly in great demand. Other authors whose books are almost certain to be found on these lists are John building bill practice, which simply Fox jr., Booth Tarkington, Eare Douglas White, Ellen Glasgow, Mary Johnston, Ger- not much in you. But if, with heart untrude Atherton, Gilbert Parker, George daunted and face turned forward, you relie building bills to barter and trade on Barr McCutcheon, Richard Halding Davisthe list might include a few names more. Most of these men and we nen are doing ex-"best sellers" it is without any intention and larger than any defeat. of disrespect.

CANTEEN OR NO CANTEEN.

Systematic Campaign Against a Return to Common Sense. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Women's Christian Temperance union has begun a systematic campaign against a return to common sense in the matter of the army post canteen. national officers flourish its claim of 300,-000 members in every state in an evident leciding a man's question. It is respectfully suggested to these

of man in his home and of man in a world their vocabularies, that accomplish things. of men and women is doubtless accurate and profound, their experience has given them little opportunity to know men in mass or when living in what is almost wholly a man's world, such as a military post and military service generally. Of course they may object that there ought not to be a man's world almost entirely separated from the world of good women Perhaps not; but there is, and only man can deal effectively with its problems. The testimony of the public egally and morally responsible for the dis- \$15 ipline and the physical and moral welfare of the army is practically unanimous that the abelition of the canteen has resulted in the increase of drunkenness, disease, descri tion and other crime in the ranks of the army. That is the cold, hard facts that congress has to face. And until something like a majority of average men are can by additional proof. The secretary of two salaries will not strike the public as so vinced that the use of alcoholic beverages state concurs in the view of the presi- ridiculously foolish as it appears to certain is a sin and a crime on a par with theft,

there will be drinking in the army. Confronted with the positive truth tha oldiers will drink, the concrete problem before congress is to arrange that their drinking shall do the least possible harm to them and the public service. The can teen may not be the best solution of that problem, but no better has been offered by the Women's Christian Temperance union. In fact, these good women offer no adjution at all, but take a pursly negative

noltion There is, however, a way in which the members of the Women's Christian Temperance union and other good women may bring about the conditions in the army that they desire. Let them train their sons-let them use their influence to train of the last two years, and it looks small boys generally-that any use of alcohol as n beverage is wrong. Let them begin at home and conquer that kingdom for all princes set an example to these of all other stinence, and all the rest will be added

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

The driest religion is the gushing kind. Every man owes every other man a happy

"Time to burn" ke ps the devil's furnace When hypocrites meet the devil has time

He cannot be a saint who will not be a BETTERDE You do not cleanse yourself by smutting every one else.

You soon lose the religion you try to keep to yourself. Most of us believe that fasting fattenshe other fellow.

A bushel of notatoes may be worth a on of philanthropy. It takes more than the Sunday suit to

make the solid saint. We find no better feelings in others than

we foster in ourselves. The man who puts heart into his will always get ahead in it. When "the good things of life" are our

est things they become our worst. You cannot escape your taxes here by talking about your citizenship there. If vinegar would preserve morals some men are sour enough to save the world.

When you come to say good-by to old sins it is unwise to hold a farewell meet-When a man wears his plety as an or-

nament you can depend on its being

The seamy side of sin never shows up ntil we have nothing with which to smooth it down-Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Philadelphia Press: Two Salvation Army nen in New York, one said to be from this ity, and two young girls of the "army, took the funds they had collected and went to housekeeping. They were finally arrested. It is to the credit of this great organization that instances where the perons employed prove false are very rare.

Much good is done at little cost. Chicago Inter Ocean: Surgical operations are always painful, but where life What lost. The conditions disclosed by the 1rwould the railroad managers have? Hith- vine-Taibot controversy show that one or erto they have seemed to be clamorous for the other of these men is a moral cancer on the body of the church, or that both are. relentless use of moral surgery. Painful as sketched in the Los Angeles Times in shall obvinte competition without resorting life to use the knife when the knife is necessary.

Chicago Chronicle: While the converts of Rev. Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander in Liverpool already number 4,000, the pastors of the churches are in open opposition to the movement because the converts do not come to them. Over 200 pastors have published a statement that in their opinion the excitement is not beneficial, because the converts do not join the churches as they did in the Moody revivals. On the other hand, the supporters of Dr. Torrey retort that the converts avoid the churches secause they are only spiritual cold storages. Time alone can tell who is right.

DON'T RECOGNIZE DEPEAT.

Give it the Marble Heart, Pick Up Courage and Hustle On.

O. S. Marden in Success. After 12,000 of Napoleon's soldlers had ocen overwhelmed by the advance of 75,000 Austrian troops, he addressed them thus: "I am displeased with you. You have evinced nefther discipline nor valor. You have allowed yourselves to be driven from positions where a handful of resolute men might have arrested an army. You are no longer French soldlers. Chief of staff, cause it to be written on their standards, 'They are no longer of the army of

Italy. In tears the battered veterans replied: "We have been misrepresented. The soldiers of the enemy were three to one. Try us once more. Place us in the post of danger and see if we do not belong to the army of Italy." In the next battle they were placed in the van and they made good their pledge by rolling back the great

Austrian army He is a pretty poor sort of a man who loses courage and fears to face the world just because he has made a mistake or a slip somewhere, because his business has failed, because his property has been because of other troubles impossible for

him to avert. This is the test of your manhood: How much is there left in you after you have lost everything outside of yourself? If you lie down now, throw up your hands, Wiggin, Marion Crawford, Stewart Edward and acknowledge yourself worsted, there is fuse to give up or lose faith in yourself if you scorn to beat a retreat, you will show that the man left in you is bigger cellent work, and when we spenk of them than your loss, greater than your cross, "I know no such unquestionable badge

and ensign of a sovereign mind," said Emerson, "as that tenacity of purpose which, through all changes of companions, or parties, or fortunes, changes never, bates no lot of heart or hope, but wearies out opposition and arrives at its port." It is men like Ulysses S. Grant, who whether in the conflict of opposing armies on the battlefield or in the wear and tear of civic strife, fighting against reverses battling for a competence for his loved ones, even while the hand of death lay effort to intimidate congressmen from chill upon him. "bates no jot of heart or using a man's knowledge and judgment in hope," that wring victory from the most forbidding circumstances. It is men like Napoleon, who refuse to recognize defeat, good women that while their knowledge who declare that "impossible" is not in

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Chicago's Two Million club elevates its collective olfactories as New York slides by with a Four Million club.

In its new building the New York Times occupies quarters twenty-five stories above ground, and rightly claims to be the sky pilot of journalism

Although congress and a score of state legislatures are grinding industriously, the plain people may "be gay and happy still" by simply forgetting the proceedings.

There is much to commend in the sug gestion that the Carnegie hero fund be opened to the claims of people who practice their New Year resolutions. Surely of such stuff are heroes made.

The groomsman and bridesmaid were jostled by the throng as the procession retraced its steps from the altar. "Whither are we drifting?" whispered the groomsman. "Drifting with the tied," responded

the maid without wrinkling her face. A woman in Iowa, who has just finished a century of years, has hit the pipe for thirty-four years. Savants believe it she had tackled the weed a little carlier in life she might have had two centuries of pleasure instead of one.

The report that bears in Pennsylvania were descending from the mountains to the valleys appears to be confirmed. A young man in the western part of the state recently hugged his best girl so enthusiastically as to dislocate her collar bone.

A widespread movement in Indiana has for its object a revision of the language of the state so as to bring it within speaking distance of real United States. Should this evolution come to a focus it will mark the beginning of a dreary epoch for Hoosier fictionists.

Three of the finest and most claborate New Year supplements come from the opposite shores and the center of the republic the New York Times, Colorado Springs Gazette and Los Angeles Times. The first is a detailed pictorial and descriptive writeup of the new Times building, just occupied-a building, by the way, that overtops every skyscraper in the metropolis. The scenic glories and productive wealth of Colorado shine in word and picture in is at stake they must be endured or life the Gazette supplement with such inviting charm as to cause one to hunger for the good old summer time and a hike to the mountains. Glowing as these two are in word picture and color picture they are as the process may be, it is the way of 172 pages. As a choice between the three is difficult to make, we pass them up to pilgrims on pleasure bent, and stick to the old reliable, ever faithful, genial and generous banana belt of the Missouri valley.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Mr. Goodley-Her age really surprised me. She doesn't look 28, does she?
Miss Snappe—Not now; but I suppose she
did at one time.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What did her father say when you told him you wanted to marry his daughter?" "He kicked." "And then what did you say?"
"I asked him to kick my hat out too."—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tess-Percy Vere was telling me that he still hopes to have the luck to win you.

Jess-Well, Percy will find that it takes
more than luck to win me. I'm no raffle.—

"How old is she?"
"Well, next month she will start on her series of twenty-sixth birthdays."—Cleveland Leader.

Greene—My wife and I quarreled last night for the first time in years.

Browne—What about?

Greene—She thought the reason we had never done so before was due to her generous nature and I thought it was mine.—

"Drat this thing!" growled her husband, fiddling with the windowshade.
"What's the matter, dear?" inquired his wife sweetly.
"Oh! dash-ding this miserable window-blind! I---" "Don't swear at it. You should 'pity the poor blind.' "-Philadelphia Ledger.

"I bet I get into more trouble than any man in this state," volunteered the young fellow who had come in and ordered a Scotch highball. "Nothing in the trouble line overlooks me. Why, I'd be afraid to marry—" What! Ain't you married?" ejaculated the red-nosed elderly party who was hovering over the gratis lunch. "Boy, you don't know what trouble is."—Louisville Courier-

CALL OF THE WANDER-SPIRIT.

Louise M. Sill in Harper's Weekly. Come out of the open, brothers, The open plain of the sea! Leave children, and wives, and mothers,

Afar where the winds are giving Their souls to wander free, Where life's for the lusty living— Come brothers, come with me.

And range afar with me

The spray of the salted surges Cuts sharp with tonic pain, The spume of the billow merges In ice, and stings again.

But down long ocean reaches Your course will lie to the calm And silver of tropic beaches. The green of the fruited palm.

Thus day and night I call them, In spring, in winter drear; Whatever the fates befall them They cannot, will not hear. They toil and bear in sadness
The uncient yoke of Need.
The guerdon of all their mudness.

Nor pause, nor hope, nor head They soothe a mother's sorrow, They guard a wife's repose, For marvelling children borrow its fragrance from the rose.

Content with bribe and barter, And counterplot of care. Half sinner and half a martyr. They dare, and fear to dare.

Yet sometimes to my calling They turn with wistful eyes, And under the laughter falling I hear their smothered sighs.

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