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Howell Water bill No. 2 is a confession that Howell Water bill No. 1 is not worth the paper it is written on.

The assembled implement dealers will please step back a little and make way for the man with the snowplow.

"When in doubt, amend the revenue law," seems to be the motto of certain members of the Nebraska legislature.

When the winter wheat is being harvested the farmers will forget all the damage done to stock by the present snow storm.

Commercial club is expected to do more of the water works and substitutes than run a restaurant and operate a

sylvania must envy the emperor of Ger- their terms. Incidentally, but not acmany's ability to enforce laws on the cidentally, the bill repeals the provision subject of lese majeste.

Russian sailors under Rojestvensky might pass the Suez canal with better feelings if they had assurance that they sion that every point raised by The Bee would return in the same ships.

Many more people would favor the idea of removing the tax from alcohol but the damage inflicted upon Omaha and used in the arts if the terms of the law its taxpayers by the compulsory water could be made to cover "nosé paint."

with the Smoot investigation when he no relief. In his elaborate argument on intimates that testimony offered should the appraisement of the Omaha water have some bearing upon the point at works City Attorney Wright takes the

issue.

If Emperor William really admires President Roosevelt to the point of emu- the water works under and in accordlation, the present miners' strike enables him to follow a distinguished American franchise ordinance." It is an open se-

tions introduced by Representative suming the risk of an excessive appraise-Dodge provides for direct nominations of all officers except United States senstors. Why this exception?

After holding undisputed possession of the court house for five years, it is not to be supposed the democrats will evacuate their appointive places until they are cut off from the base of supplies.

Colonel William J. Bryan will be the commencement orator at the University of Nebraska. If that does not serve as complete antidote to the acceptance of the Rockfeller donation nothing will.

France and Morocco have adjusted their differences. The sultan could not permit Raisouli to try his hand at protecting the foreign inhabitants of Tangier, so they will still have to look out for themselves.

opened in the Smoot hearing, the silver lining to the dark cloud raised by the witnesses for the prosecution will be uncovered-if there is a silver lining.

If President Roosevelt will intimate that he will call that proposed extra that time.

Richard Croker has had his string of horses barred from Newmarket because board has already drawn out \$10,000, or he bid for horses against the personal representative of King Edward. One of the royal prerogatives of the British the Howell bill No. 2. monarch evidently entitles him to freedoni from competition.

Lincoln would like to have the proand maintain headquarters in that city. only first be built, equipped and put into commission for train traffic.

the department has recommended \$104, and extensions, 900,000 for the coming year, an increase Daily Bee (without Sunday), per copy... 2c | 1921 | Bee (without Sunday), per week... 12c | 1921 | Bee (including Sunday), per week... 12c | 1921 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1922 | 1 complaints of irregularities in delivery said does not regard favorably suggested to City Circulation Described to cut the estimates for the inharbor improvements and public build- of the more recent immigration.

perhaps sufficiently so to prevent the carrying out of the administration's policy. There is no doubt, of course, that United States will not stop building batthe outcome of the contest.

PERPETUATING A SINECURE.

A bill to perpetuate R. B. Howell and his associates on the Omaha Water board has been introduced in the lower bouse of the legislature in the shape of amendments to the Howell-Gilbert com pulsory purchase act. It is given out cold that this bill is designed to forestall an adverse decision of the supreme court in the quo warranto proceedings now pending before that tribunal. With this end in view the bill repeals' that section of the law which provides that cities of the metropolitan class may have a water board appointed after It should not be forgotten that the bonds have been voted for the purchase therefor a section legalizing the existing water board and allowing members who have served six months prior to the How Governor Pennypacker of Penn- passage of the new bill to serve out of the Howell-Gilbert law making the purchase of the water works compulsory.

amended water bill is an open confesagainst the Howell Water bill No. 1. when it was pending before the legislature two years ago, was well grounded. act is irreparable now, and the repeal of the mischievous and unconstitutional Senator Knox shows his unfamiliarity provisions of the original bill will afford position that "the city of Omaha, by its council, elected and determined to accept the benefit of its option to purchase ance with the provisions of the original cret that the city council did not accept the benefit of this option of its own voli-The bill for direct primary nomina- tion, but that it was clubbed into asment by the Howell-Gilbert compulsory water purchase bill. If the act of the council was voluntary there was no excuse for the compulsory purchase act, which was railroaded through the legislature on the plea that the mayor and

In every respect, therefore,

the

council had conspired to delay and prevent the purchase of the water works. There is less excuse now for the retro active Howell bill No. 2 than there was for the compulsory purchase Howell bill No. 1. In the first instance there was some plausibility in the pretense that municipal ownership of the water works had become a public necessity and something had to be done to expedite it. Now purchase of the existing water works plant there is no excuse for an amended Howell bill. It does not take a man with a profound knowledge of law to comprehend that the final acquisition of the water works may be deferred for two Now that the Mormon inning has years, and possibly four or five years, by reason of the divergence, between the water company and the city with regard to the purchase of that part of the works situated in South Omaha, Benson.

East Omaha and Dundee. Conceding that Omaha will need a water board when it shall have acquired session in July or August members of the water works, there is no need whatthe present congress might make such ever for the maintenance of a board that session unnecessary, as few of them has no water works to manage. It was a special tax for the maintenance of the water board, in addition to the \$91,000 of water rent we are now paying. The thereabouts, and another lawless tax levy is to be made lawful this year by

If the original bill was vold it should be allowed to die at the hands of the supreme court. If a water board is necessary, a provision should be inserted jected suburban trolley lines establish into the new charter for the creation of tests filed by Attorney Thomas for the an elective board, to be chosen at the Civic Federation was aimed at a saloon Omaha is not so particular about the lo- next city election, whose members shall backed by Walter Moise, although practicable distance. It is too early to said the senator. "I hope so, too. But cation of headquarters if the lines will not qualify until after the city has ac- Thomas had cited one or two of the

administration program for increasing matter of fact, the management of the the navy and those who think that a water works will have to be in the hands judicions economy in this direction can of a commissioner specially qualified for very well be observed. The appropriation of the water works, tions for the naval establishment for the while the board will simply establish

IMMIGRATION FACTS.

There are some interesting facts in the dation shall be complied with, and it is statistics of immigration for the last fis crease of the navy. On the other hand, decrease of 44,176 from the preceding it is stated that Speaker Cannon and year. It is noted that these immigrants those who think with him do not view brought with them an aggregate of this proposed increase for the naval nearly \$21,000,000, or nearly \$5,000,000 establishment with favor, taking the more than was brought by the larger view that the amount recommended for number of immigrants in the preceding new ships can be very largely cut and year. The commissioner general of imfurther increase of the navy postponed migration remarks that this fact, taken for a time. This opposition includes in connection with the countries from those who think that naval appropria- which the increases of the year came. tions should be kept down in order furnishes assurances of a marked imthat more can be done for river and provement in the character and thrift

It is noteworthy that among the coun It will probably be found that the tries from which immigration increased number hostile to the large increase for England stands first, the explanation the navy recommended is very strong, doubtless being the unfavorable industrial and business conditions there. The immigration from Germany was also increased, but not to so marked an extent some addition to the navy will be though the whole number of arrivals provided for, but the proposal that three from that country was considerably new battleships be authorized is not larger than from England. Russia and likely to have the support of a majority | Finland made a larger contribution to in either branch of congress. It appears, our alien population than in the precedto be regarded by most of the leaders as ing year, which is readily explained by quite unnecessary at present and that conditions in those countries. It is quite there can be no danger in waiting for probable that a still greater number will this another year. Mr. Roosevelt is an come from there during the current fisuncompromising champion of the battle- cal year. On the other hand there was ship, regarding it as the main reliance a very considerable decrease from the in any navy worthy the name. He is preceding year in the number of immidoubtless right in this view and the grants from Italy, doubtless due to the better times in that country. Less peotleships, but there are many who think it ple also came from Sweden, the decrease needless to go on doing this as rapidly from that country as compared with the as the present program provides for, A preceding year being over 18,000, while compromise policy will undoubtedly be Norway came within a few hundred of the number sent over in the fiscal year 1903, and Denmark slightly increased her contribution. The total number of immigrants from the Scandanavian countries was slightly in excess of 60,-

There can be no doubt that this immigration as a whole made a valuable adto our population, while the money it brought into the country was fust so much added to the national wealth. As the New York Sun remarks in referring to the statistics, these people, like their predecessors, "will help to build up our country and do their share toward making Great America of today the Greater America of the future."

OUR MINING INDUSTRY.

The metal mining industry of the country is steadily growing and its annual contribution to the national wealth is large. In its review of the industry for the last year the New York Comnercial presents many interesting statistics. In the United States and Alaska per cent compared with that of 1903. New gold discoveries of great value were made in Nevada, in a section beto have been worked barren years ago. The hidden quartz lodes of the Rockies still present untold possibilities. Alaska is only in the primary mines show millions of dollars in the increased value of their output, while as to copper, both in pounds and dollars, the increase has numbered many millions and new discoveries are constantly being made in widely separated localities. Silver alone shows a decrease, the reason for this being in the fact that greater profit was to be made in the

development of other minerals.

It is stated that the number of mills precedented and a rough calculation show that about 3,000 stamps were installed in various parts of the smelting and evaniding plants and specially constructed ore-treating machin ery. The Commercial says that slowly but surely the mining industry is coming into greater favor. Capital, once convinced of the opportunities which this field affords, is readily interested and the growing popularity of this class of investments attests the results. The importance of the industry as a factor of national prosperity is still very much underestimated and that paper thinks that the tide has turned; that each year the facts regarding the industry force an increasing proportion of town people the continued belief that it merits a department with a member of the cabinet at its head under special national conare hoping to some day bring about and and toll more severe and distasteful. rate of recent years they are very 'lkely in the not remote future to attain their between metallic and non-metallic products. It will perhaps be double this

within the next ten years. bank elections have worked several changes in the lists of directors and officers of Omaha's banks, They are gregarious, and would choose but the active management of each of them remains with the same men who would care to stay in Washington at an outrage upon this community to levy have been in charge for many years. The fine condition of Omaha's banking liness and oppressive serenity of the couninstitutions today is a tribute to the careful and conservative financiering of these officers, and it is safe to say that no group of banks of equal capital and in a population center ranking with packed tenements. Omaha, can make a better showing in point of solidity and deserved public

Not one of the seventeen license pro quired the water works. It is an open Moise saloons as faw breakers in his grip on a vast number of tenement and 83." said the senator, as he lifted his hat question, also, whether Omaha needs a charges against Chief of Police Donahue, flat dwellers.

water board of six members when three and every one of the seventeen protests There is promise of a sharp contest in members could perform all the duties were withdrawn as soon as the Moise congress between those who favor the devolving upon such a body. As a saloens were given their licenses. Is Attorney Thomas acting for Moise or is he acting for the Civic Federation?

Nearly a million and a half dollars in city tax collections during the year 1904, 1 current year aggregate \$85,000,000 and rates, andit bills and decide upon repairs to say nothing of revenue from other There is good reason for the demand on the part of the taxpayers of stamps; today, through a gradual growth Omaha for a measure of relief in the tax rate for the coming year.

A Short-Arm Thrust.

Minneapolis Journal. The surgeon general of Nebruska has reported that the state capitol is the abiding place for germs. These attacks on the legislature ought to cease.

Day of Reckoning Approaching. Brooklyn Eagle.

Little France keeps an army of 6,000 men to maintain its forests. We employ a bigger army to destroy ours. We shall begin to pay for our greed and recklessness in a few years, and we shall pay heavy. Humor of the Times. Baltimore American.

keen sense of humor, though this statement is not directly meant as a contribution to

The Beef trust claims to be getting a

small profit owing to the keen competition

Building and Burning. We build more largely than any other namon on earth, and most certainly we burn more largely than any other. Our an accomplishment to which we can point with any special pride, but it is one of the financial wonders, nevertheless

Praise for the President.

Springfield Republican Praise from Mr. Bryan may not delight the president, but he must try to grin and bear The great democratic radical declared in a speech at Memphis this week that Mr. Roosevelt had the sympathy of the democrats in his railroad projects, and that he would be regarded as the greatest president in American history if he could carry out his program. This comes the easier from Mr. Bryan because the president has seemed to accept, or advance as his own, some of Mr. Bryan's ideas.

Pathos of a Tragedy.

New York Sun. We hate to believe that Hon. Thomas MacDonald Patterson, a senator in congress and fists the attorney of the Honest Elections league in the court room of the for six long years has protested against imperialism can be no friend of physical war against Spain." warfare. Dispatches from Denver say that the court bailiff, by direction of the chief justice, made Mr. Patterson "take his seat," A cruel punishment to him who so much, with tongue and pen, has spouted to his rob those whose interests they are supposed fellow men. He must have insisted on making a speech.

CONVERSION OF J. J. HILL.

Railroad Magnate in Payor of Government Control.

Cleveland Leader. Mr. James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company (in liquidation) and of the Great Northern Railway company, owner of stocks in many important roads. a figure in the forefront of Wall street and a multi-millionaire of sorts, has been interviewed by a New York paper in regard Mr. Hill supported Judg as to rallways. Parker, but believes that Mr. Roosevelt last year the gold production of about has become conservative and will not dam-\$90,000,000 was an increase of over 10 age the business interests of the country. Mirabile dictu, but none the less true, Mr. Hill favors the Garfield plan to license corporations. This is what he says:

"There is a very simple method of dealing with the trust question. Let it be made necessary for any industrial corporation that wishes to do an interstate business to secure a federal license, but before the license is issued the corporation must paper ear" to most everything that oc stage of its development. Zine and lead prove that its capital is real money and based upon actual value.

"A majority of trusts nowadays are the products of promoters, who hastily gather n two or three concerns, whitewash them will add: "Of course, this is for your nonever and over again, issue sheaves of printed securities and carry them down to Wall street to feed the lambs."

"Concerning the president's specific remmendations as to rebates, Mr. Hill says: Every railroad would be happy to have rebates abolished and the law against them

Mr. Hill is always more or less spectacu lar and he couples with his endorsement smelters and reduction plants erected of the president and his policies a good during the past twelve months is un- deal of pessimism as to the condition of the those moods is worth the sacrifice and is a country. Nevertheless, his words will have part of the compensation of newspaper and their importance will not be weight lessened, although the public knows that he is oftenest in opposition to his fellow country, with a proportionate number of multi-millionaires, who make of Wall street and railway stocks their stage and play

BACK TO THE COUNTRY.

Beneficial Effect of Modern Transl on American Home Life.

Philadelphia Ledger. The draining of the rural population into he cities has been regarded for many years as one of the most deplorable of American tendencies, as an evil the con sequences of which must be felt through nany generations. Now it is discovered seeks the suburbs or the farm. These out bound people are represented to be disappointed with the deceptive attractions This the metal mining interests is difficult, where living is more precarious

In a recent forecast of the century the most people in the cities prefer the country to the town, and that virtually all would desire. The mining industry yields an- go, at least to the suburbs, but for the nually \$1,000,000,000, equally divided lack of rapid, comfortable and cheap transit. This seems reasonable, but it is not true. Of the young men and young women who leave comfortable homes in the country to slave at desks and counters for a poor living in overcrowded tenements and flats which are not homelike nost seem to be satisfied with the change the crowds, the paved and lighted streets the endless means of enjoyment and excitement, to the vast stretch of sky, the pure air and songs of birds, and the lonetry. Even those who do not care for the opportunities which the town offers to the ambitious still find the perpetual movement and turmoil of the city grateful. The same is true of whole families in the

> There are yet a great many who would welcome a change to the suburbs but for the discomfort and uncertainty and expense of travel to and from the workshops. Although the trolley system has been extended and the rural mail carrier makes his rounds frequently, there is a scarcity of cheap rural accommodations within a hope for a great movement outward, and at the best the city will keep its relentless

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot, T. J. Grier of Lead, S. D., for twentyseven years superintendent of the famous

Homestake mine, was in Washington recently and warbled merrily about the Black Hills into the receptive ear of the Washington Post. "When I first went to the Homestake,

said Mr. Grier, 'It employed only thirty it operates 1,000, and every twenty-four hours throughout the year mines, hoists and mills not less than 4,000 tons of orebearing rock. This ore is of low grade and but for the vast amount of it handled the owners would not be able to work the property at a profit.

The mine gives employment to some 3.000 people, and the town of Lead, with its 15,000 population, is almost entirely made up of employes and their families. have pierced the ground to a depth of 1,350 feet, but are not taking out any ore below the 900-foot level. There is enough ore in sight to keep the works going for the ext twenty-five years. We use the cyanide process in treatment of the tailings. and our cyanide plant is the largest in the world. The mills are kept going day and night. Sundays and holidays, but the mining force can be laid off for a day because of the surplus ore always in storage.

"South Dakota has for a long while in the business. There is nothing so ranked third in the list of gold producing striking about American character as its states, and may eventually lead them all The whole Black Hills region is heavily mineralized, a territory 100 miles wide by 200 in length, which as yet has not been scratched. The money added to the nation's wealth is about the most satisfactory and cleanest of all that mankind tolls to injured, no injustice perpetrated, and this \$215,000,000 national ash heap for 1904 is not it is that makes mining one of the most beneficent of human occupations."

> Pennsylvania was making his impassioned plea in the house a day or two ago, demanding the whipping post for wife beaters in the District of Columbia and thereby seeking to acquire merit with the president, beause the president recommended some such form of punishment in his message, a group of members discussed the orator.

'You wouldn't think," said one of them nd alone, declared war on Spain?"

"Who says so?" asked a new member. "He says so himself," the other replied, and he got the Congressional Directory and read from the biography prepared by Adams himself these lines:

"In the Fifty-fifth congress, as acting chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, Mr. Adams reported, conducted from Colorado, tried to assail with force through the house and had charge of, in conference with the senate, the Cuban resolutions, and drafted, introduced, reported Colorado supreme court, Saturday. He who and passed through the house of representatives in one hour the declaration of

Senator Long of Kansas was asked what he thought of the oft-repeated assertion that Indian agents generally manage to give, but at all events to forget at once." ago a chief of the Yankton Sloux was dishe soon gets rich. After he gets rich he as Mr. Thomas' successor. goes away, and another poor man comes, and he gots rich and goes away. This is kept up year in and year out. Now, my white friend, there are a g-r-e-a-t m-a-n-y poor white men and there are some thieves. to President Roosevelt's recommendations I have always heard that this old chief

> Did you ever have Uncle Joe Cannon talk into your nonnewspaper ear? If not you have missed some of the best things at the capitol, reports the Washington Post. The speaker has no private room; that is no room which cannot be entered by any body who wants speech with him. The newspaper men about congress are always welcome and the only trouble they find is that they have to "turn the nonnews-The speaker will say something, tell a story, comment on the senate or or some public question, and just as you think you have a mighty good thing, he newspaper ear." It is the pride of Uncle Joe that he has never said anything for the "nonnewspaper ear" that has been put in print and attributed to him.

"It seems strange to me," remarked former member of the house, after an our in the speaker's room with the writer, that you are compelled to suppress most of the good things you hear."

"That may be true," was the reply, "but half an hour with Uncle Joe in one of One likes to hear those stories, work. those comments and the unguarded opinions of a big man of affairs who is devoid of humbug, even if they cannot be heralded as news of the world. Besides, it is worth something to be trusted by a man like Uncle Joe and to feel that he does not have to put a bridle on his tongue every time you are within earshot."

There is an expectation of a great debate between Senators Beveridge and The statehood bill is under con-Bailey. sideration and is in charge of Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, while it is expected that Senator Bailey will be the principal opponent of the bill. In days gone by these two senators have differed and there is not the best feeling existing between them. If they should debate the question of statehood in a running fire of question and answer there should be sparks flying, for both are well equipped in the matter of language and both are recognized as men of ability. When these gentlemen begin to ask questions of each other and answer them there is sure to be some interesting conversation

Judge J. W. Whitten, chief of the law division of the general land office in Washington, has completed a trip of 5,000 miles through Alaska, covering four months. In an address the other night on his tour the judge declared that while Dawson, which is under Canadian rule, is, in his opinion, one of the best governed towns in the world. all places of business there closing from Saturday evening until sunrise Monday morning, on the other hand, at Nome, the first American city across the boundary the saloons and gambling houses are running full blast on Sunday, and, though he was told that the place possessed a church, he saw no evidence of it.

Senator Pettus of Alabama, though he will be 84 years old next July, is still wonderfully rugged and active. Some time ago he was ambfing along Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, when he saw an old woman trying to cross the street in face of a gale of wind. The senator gallantly escorted her to the sidewalk, whereupon she thanked him and said: "I hope, sir that when you are as old as I am you will find those who are willing to assist yo when in trouble." "Thank you, madam, how old are you, may I ask?" "Bixty-four, sir." was the tremulous reply. "Ah, I an and ambled away.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

President Diaz, it is reported, is going to himself, or else deserta. make a desperate attempt to prohibit bull fighting throughout his country.

eight more are under way.

When Representative "Birdle" Adams of its board of directors as an honorary life likes his work, his officers, or his compa-

President Roosevelt's motto for the New Year, "A square deal for every man," needs changing in only one letter to be identical with the tramp's slogan: "A square meal

that Adams is the man who, single-handed Rock Island, Ill., knight of the Order of the well, in spite of his democratic independ-North Star, in recognition of his efforts in the cause of higher education among Swedish-Americans.

To secure the facts about the unique Icarians who figure in her novel "Diane," Katharine Holland Brown traveled thousands of miles to interview these aged surviving Cabet's dream of an ideal commonwealth shattered on the banks of the Mis-

sissippl in the '50s. In talking to some of his political friends the other day William Hepburn Russell, who is known as the Sunny Jim of politics, emitted a statement that should put him in the Solomon class of wisdom. "Good to totter.—New York Sun.

Frederick A. Stock, who, through the to guard. By way of indirect, but none death of Theodore Thomas, becomes acting Shoored for Dispatch. the less pithy reply, he said: "Many years director of the Chicago orchestra, has been its assistant conductor several years. He cussing this subject. He was a natural was born in Julich, Germany, in 1872, and orator, as are many of his race. 'You received a thorough musical education at man who has kissed the wine cup who has pick out the poorest men you have,' said Cologne university. He has composed conhe, 'to send up here and give us our goods. siderable. Gabriel Pierre Duvernoy and When the agent comes here he is poor, but Arthur Nikisch are prominently mentioned

Admirers of Mark Twain will recall his Admirers of Mark Twain will recall his famous letter to Queen Victoria. According to his own account he once wrote: "I don't know you personally, but I have met your meat.—Philadelphia Press. son. He was at the head of a procession in the Strand and I was on a bus." During a late visit to London Mark Twain was presented to King Edward, who showed his appreciation of the American humorist by remarking: "I have met you before. You must remember. It was on the Strand and you were riding on a bus."

WHY OUR SOLDIERS DESERT.

Hbbits of Civil Life Rebel Under Military Discipline. New York Sun.

About 10 per cent of the enlisted men ! the United States army deserted last year. Why? Our soldiers have nothing to complain of in the matter of pay or fare and in this time of peace they are not subjected to as great hardships as the workers in civil life must endure. They have higher wages than the enlisted men of any other army, and their duties are generally easier. Where, then, does the trouble lie?

Major Robert L. Bullard of the Twenty Military Service Institution, and in his paper may be found a clue to the answer to the question. The American soldier, in the view of Major Bullard, has an "abnormal development of personal independence' which shows itself "in a spirit rebellious and insubordinate to authority;" in "a deficient sense of the seriousness and the obligation of the enlistment cath;" in "a loose tongue, producing intemperate criticlam of superior authority, contempt of humble things and duties, determination to avoid or throw them off.

That is, the men who enlist in the Amer fean army simply carry with them into the military service the spirit of American citizens, who in civil life stand on the same plane with every other citizen. Their oath of enlistment does not produce in them the change of spirit requisite to military subordination. The enlisted man is likely to feel that in the army he is robbed of his

birthright, and consequently either rendsullen obedience because he can't have

Descrition is not regarded as a serioffence either by the soldier or by the There have been erected in Germany 194 American public. It is looked on rather as memorials to Bismarck in the form of simply the exercise of the inalienable right produce, for in its production no being is statues, busis, obelisks, etc., and forty- of every American citizen to quit a job which he does not like. The carpenter in The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has civil life may stop working if he dislikes given William H. Taft, secretary of war, his boss; the same man having entered the the rare honor of a unanimous election by army runs away from his post if he dis ions. He loses neither esteem nor respeamong his civilian friends because he has described and broken his oath.

Major Bullard does not suggest any practicable remedy for the evils he points out and no wonder, for it would involve a radical reconstruction of the American charac-King Oscar II has appointed Dr. Gustaf ter. In time of war, however, the American Andreen, president of Augustana college, ican soldier has always acquitted himself

SMILING REMARKS.

The Soubrette-Gee, but it's cold! D'ier notice the audience? Every one of em wearin' wraps.

The Comedian-Sure; but what can ver except in this jay town? When we showe! here last July, there was a frost, even then.—Puck.

George IH was wondering how the apple got into the dumpling. "Because the policeman on our heat pre-fers it that way," explained Queen Char-

which a good man ought, if possible, to forgive, but at all events to forget at once.

Frederick A. Stock, who therethere is a state of the hotel has taken again. Porter-Yes, mum: he has the place in-choosed for twice wot it's worth.-Pittsburg

Miss Stalmate-No man who kisses the Awfully awkward

Mrs. Powers-I'm afraid you'll have to use your influence to have a new police man assigned to this beat. Bridget doesn'

"What happened to Rolligan?"

He dirowned. "An' couldn't be swim?"
"He did, for nine hours, but he was a
nion man."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Do you think Banks ever fooled his wife recessfully?"
"I know it. He married her."-Detroit

Free Press. BILL'S IN TROUBLE.

"An Orphan" in the Irrigator. I've got a letter, parson, from my son away out west, An' my ol' heart is heavy as an anvil in

my breast To think the boy whose futur' I had once so proudly planned Should wander from the path o' right an' come to such an end! I tol' him when he left us only three short years ago He'd find himself a-ploughin' in a mighty crooked row; He'd miss his father's counsels and his

mother's prayers, too; But he said the farm was hateful, an' he guessed he'd have to go. Major Robert L. Bullard of the Twenty-eighth infantry of the regular army dis-cusses the subject in the Journal of the But I believed our Billy had the courage to resist.

An' when he left I warned him of the everwaitin' snares That lie like hidden sarpints in life's pathway everywheres; But Bill he promised faithful to be keerful. an' allowed He'd build up a reputation that'd make us mighty proud.

But it seems as how my counsel sort of faded from his mind.

An' now he's got into trouble of the very wustest kind;

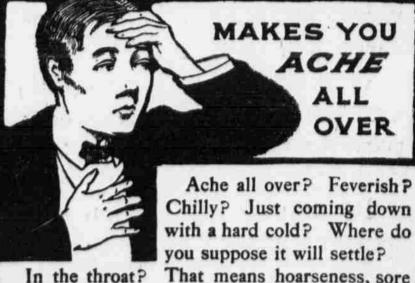
His letters come so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed sort o' knowed
That Billy was a-trampin' on a mighty
rocky road. But never once imagined he would bow my head in shame An' in the dust 'd waller his oi' daddy's

An in the dust a waher his of dady's honored name.

He writes from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short:

I jess can't tell his mother—It'll crush her poor of heart!

An' as I reckoned, parson, you might break the news to her—
Bill's it the herislatur, but he dossn't say. Bill's in the legislatur', but he doesn't say



chitis, pneumonia, consumption. Do not let your cold settle. Break it up! Drive it out! Ask your doctor the best medicine for this. If he says Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, take it at once. If he has anything better, take that.

throat, tonsillitis. In the chest? Then bron-

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