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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. (Seul) If those spots on the sun are the result of a solar storm, the earth, as seen from the moon, must resemble a prairie

Daily average 28,47 GEO. B. TZSCHUCK. Bubscribed in my presence and sworn thefore me this 31st day of January, 1905.

dog town. Won't some one please dig out the hero who sought fame and fortune through the catch word, "It's cool in Colorado."

If fourteen wives gather at the station to welcome his return to Chicago, the jovial Mr. Hoch should be content to dispense with the brass band.

San Domingo's predicament should be an object lesson to Venezuela, but perhaps President Castro prefers to pose as a martyr rather than as a statesman.

Congressmen will probably have a greater familiarity with the railroad rate question by this time next week than they have at present, but it will not be the fault of the men who make the tariffs.

ter of self-defense the course may be necessary.

the county crib have reason to concommissioners over the reapportionment of county patronage.

The rumor current in St. Petersburg that General Kouropatkin will resign command of the army in the east must be good news to Admiral Alexieff, but it may be only Russia's way of indicating its readiness to talk of peace.

The special committee of the legislature which investigated alleged pass bribery within closed doors may learn something by reading President Stickney's address, just delivered before the Washington Economic society.

of handwriting experts in Colorado leads to the conclusion that the most expert man connected with the affair was the person who discovered the alleged "experts" and secured their services.

the full term of the new law before setthe home builder will be ready to break

The city tax rate is to be fixed by the council at its meeting next week. Where is the Real Estate exchange committee and the representatives of other organizations that have been working in the direction of relief from tax burdens? Nothing is gained by hollering only after the harm is done.

If the two-shift plan for fire fighters is good for Omaha and for South Omaha, why is it not equally good for Lincoln. Beatrice, Hastings and every other city these interior towns prefer simply to try the experiment first on us?

It is an open question whether the 1905, which is based on the assessment bill to extend the time, of intending for 1904. homesteaders who drew prizes in the constances did not revolt at downright \$100,000 in the face of a constantly growperjury in order to establish claims to fur state debt. homesteads on which they had not even The lesson taught should be heeded. slept one night in a year.

A DISAPPOINTING TREATY.

pointed over the way the Cuban reci- the state revenues. procity treaty is working out. The expectation that the preferential duties which Cuba gives to imports from this markets of the island has not been realized and instead the United States has had prior to the adoption of the reciprocity treaty, while every other country having any commercial relations at all with Cuba has made gains.

This is disclosed in the statistics of while showing some gain by no means come up to what was reasonably expected. It is therefore not surprising to learn that there has been much puzzling deations relating to news and edi-lier should be addressed: Omaha the failure of our merchants to extend their trade with Cuba under the favorable conditions provided by the treaty. In reference to this a leading commercial paper observes that there is no difficulty in inferring the reason for the larger relative gain in exports from Europe to Cuba than from the United States in spite of the reciprocity treaty. It points out that we can supply the island with cattle, provisions and breadstuffs, and some other of the coarser and more bulky commodities, to better advantage than Europe, but her need is largely for manufactured articles and in these, especially in most textile fabrics, imports can still be made from Great Britain, Germany and France at lower cost than from the United States, even with the difference in duty.

If this is the fact there would seem to be something fundamentally amiss on the part of our manufacturers. They have duties but also in freight rates, and if under these favorable conditions they are unable to successfully compete with the European manufacturers what is the good of the reciprocity treaty? It was urged in advocacy of that treaty that practically all the imports of Cuba would come from this country. As a matter of fact they are not as large now as before the last Cuban revolution. Meanwhile the treaty has proved a good thing for the Island republic, whose exports to the United States have very largely increased and are steadily growing.

A study of these statistics is certainly not calculated to strengthen sentiment in favor of trade reciprocity, at least so far as countries in this hemisphere are concerned. The Cuban treaty has still several years to run and it is possible that before its expiration conditions

STOP INDEFINITE APPROPRIATIONS. Our state constitution expressly proout a specific appropriation by the legislature, but the legislatures of Nebraska half-mill and mill taxes.

This insidious system of indefinite appropriations originated with the late W. H. H. Stout, better known as "Boss" Stout, who log-rolled through the early ments have been introduced into the leglegislatures bills providing for the erec- islature, but they all deal with the ortion of the penitentiary and state capi- ganization and procedure of the judicitol. An appropriation of a quarter of a ary, and while they may be proper so million dollars for the penitentiary or far as they go, they leave a number of capitol building in addition to the pro- important defects in our state constituceeds from the large block of lands do- tion untouched. It is most important, nated by the government for their erec- for example, that the field of investment tion would have shocked the state and for the school trust funds be enlarged to politically killed any member outside of embrace municipal and school district Evidence controverting the testimony half-mill tax, like a sugar-coated pill, distant when the money accumulating does not leave a bitter taste in the in these funds will have no way of legal mouth.

The precedent established with the half-mill and mill taxes for the benefit time against loss of interest by idleness of the contractor of the penitentiary and goes, to the root of our whole educa-If Rosebud homesteaders expect to of the state university. The founders of point of constitutional revision that it raise crops this year they will not wait the university confidently expected that will be almost criminal to neglect or a sufficient income would be derived pass by with inaction. tling upon their land. The first of May from the lasing of the university lands is not too late for the speculator, but to defray the expenses of maintenance of that institution, but these expectasod as soon as the frost is out of the tions have not been realized. Consequently a university half-mill tax was first voted to make the university appropriation palatable. After the collapse of the real estate boom and consequent shrinkage in the grand assessment roll of the state, the half-mill tax was in-

creased to a mill fax without opposition The pernicious effect of the indefinite and unknowable appropriation is now manifest. In 1903 the grand assessment roll aggregated \$188,000,000 and the mill university tax yielded \$188,000; in 1904 the grand assessment roll was increased to \$294,000,000 and the amount placed in the state which maintains a paid fire at the disposal of the university aggredepartment? Or do the lawmakers from gated \$294,000, or an increase of \$106,000 over the preceding year. Unless the law is changed that will also be the income of the university from the mill tax for

With its income increased by more Rosebud Reservation land lottery is in than \$100,000 a year the ambitious unithe interest of genuine settlers or of versity regents expanded their expendispeculators in lands who have no in tures correspondingly. It goes without tention to make their permanent homes saying that at least \$100,000 of the quaron the lands allotted to them. In the ter of a million increase in the state early days of Nebraska and in these debt during the year 1904 is due directly latter days, millions of acres of public to the mill tax for the university. Had lands taken up as homesteads under the legislature made a specific appropriathe original homestend act were entered tion it certainly would not have inby had grabbing speculators, whose creased the levy for the university by

by the la\_islature should be for specific The statement is made that the na- amounts and the aggregate appropria- suggest the speedy coming of the "horse tional administration is sorely disaption should be kept within the limit of in these days of automobiles.

EFFECT ON MEAT PRICES.

It was not to be expected that the de country would result in transferring to cision of the United States supreme our merchants complete control of the court continuing the injunction against the Beef combine would have an imme- miration society. diate effect upon meat prices. The inonly a little more than held the trade it Junction had been in operation some time without exerting any influence upon did not obey the decree of the circuit court which was affirmed and made Cuban trade with this country, which permanent by the tribunal of last resort. But it is assumed that the members of the combine will now respect the order of the courts and cease conspiring against the public, with the ultimate result of lowering the prices of dressed meats. It will certainly be a great disappointment if such is not the case.

> An unnamed member of the Interstate Commerce commission is quoted as saying that he does not believe the public will get a dollar's worth of benefit out of the decision and that the cost of meats potent in inspiration for good. of all kinds will continue as unreasonably high as in the past two or three years. He could see no reason for a change in the methods of the trust, remarking that the supreme court decision added nothing to the effectiveness of among the cattlemen and to keep prices to the consumers at top notch. It viohas for maintaining its grip on the throat | independence. of the provision market, yet nothing was done to stop it." This is doubtless true, but if assurances that come from Washington are well founded the Beef combine is no longer to be allowed to conhas been authoritatively stated, is determined that the law shall be enforced the criminal statute, if that can be done. There seems to be no doubt that every der the anti-trust law.

There may not be an early reduction in meat prices. Supply and demand perhaps forbid this. But we are not prepared to accept the view of the member of the Interstate Commerce commission things is self-evident. that the public will get no benefit out of the supreme court's decision.

While charter committees are wrestmay be materially changed, but it is safe ling with the problem of merging the to say that unless this takes place the city treasurer's office and city tax comagreement will not be renewed. Senti- missioner's office with the county treasmental reasons were to a large extent urer's and county assessor's office with influential in bringing it about, but in a view to the material reduction of veit in his policy of bringing the highways future business considerations will con- municipal taxes, the Howell-Dodge of commerce under government regulation, water bill is opening the way for the creation of sinecures and a consequent ample, the city law department, which hibits the issue of state warrants with- is maintained at an expense of \$1,000 triotism. per month, is presumed to be amply have material if the United States will furnish have in violation of the spirit, if not the every department of municipal governthe workmen and the capital for a sys- letter, of the constitution voted indefi- ment, but the Howell-Dodge bill protematic study of leprosy—and as a mat- nite instead of specific appropriations vides for the creation of a water works that have stimulated extravagance and atttorney at such salary as the water contributed largely toward the abnormal board may fix. And although the engiincrease of the state debt. Instead of neering department of the city is capa-Democratic table d'hote boarders at making appropriations for fixed sums to ble of making all the surveys and dealdefray the cost of public buildings or the ing with all engineering problems, that gratulate themselves over the persistent maintenance of public institutions our may be encountered in connection with disagreement between republican county legislatures have voted appropriations the water works, another set of engifor unknowable sums in the shape of neers may be employed by the board on whatever terms it may see fit to engage

Lancaster county who voted for it, but a bonds, otherwise the time will not be far investment. The safe-guarding of the school funds, with assurance at the same capitol was adopted later for the benefit tional system. And this is only one

> The railroads are playing for a policy of delay in the suit they have brought in the federal court enjoining the collection of taxes levied on railroad property under the new revenue law. If between the states or to violate the Sherthere are any defects in the law, they want to have the court decision held off until- it is too late for the present legislature to apply the remedy.

If it is necessary for Judge Swayne to justify himself before the impeachown experience as chief law officer of private cars at the disposal of federal

Up to date no bill has been introfuced in the legislature to create a po-But, on the contrary, a bill has been passed by the lower house to amend the Lincoln charter so as to give the mayor power of appointment and removal of members of the police depart-

Thumping for Business.

Kansas City Journal accept another term makes it plain that he is not thumping the corporations merely

The Horse in High Favor.

New York Sun. The prices obtained in New York this From now on every appropriation made week at the sales of several hundred

horses, averaging about \$700 a head, do not less age," of which we hear so much talk

Reformers Drifting Apart.

Chicago Record-Herald. Among other things promised by the czar is freedom of the Russian press. After this it will be utterly impossible for the czar and Pennypacker to form a mutual ad-

Greater Love No Man Hath,

New York World. It should be understood that Senator the market, presumably due to the fact Eikins cares nothing for the railroads as that those identified with the combine railroads. He is merely trying to protect of the nation exploited in a becoming the widows and orphans who are always loaded down with railroad stock.

An Effective Preacher.

Pittsburg Gazette. Among his varied accomplishments President Roosevelt includes that of being a good preacher. His address at the rededication of the Lutheran Place Memorial church in Washington was an admirable discourse, full of that edifying quality which marks all the president's utterances upon moral and religious questions. And his words possess a force and influence which make them effective to an extent not ordinarily within the reach of the pulpit. It is a grand thing for the nation that the voice of its chief magistrate should be thus

Aim of Intelligent Charity.

Brooklyn Eagle The child who is carried never learns to walk. The child who does not have to work never learns how to earn a living, and when girls of that delicate rearing the injunction. "During the past two to support themselves are often pitiable, are thrown upon the world their struggles years," he said, "the trust continued its Every charity worker will tell you that rebellion, and the injured feelings of the and if it continues and ends as well the unlawful conspiracy to stifle competition there is nothing so easy to develop as the habit of dependence. The trouble with become dependent on a machine and lack lated the law in numberless cases by the initiative. The whole effort of intelligent | the corridors by the men who were hurrygiving of rebates and other practices it charity is to stimulate self-reliance and

Misinformation Run Down.

Philadelphia Press. There continues to be a great deal of misinformation printed about the amendment adopted by the house to the army appropriation bill, reducing the extra pay allowed tinue its course of disobedience and de a retired officer who may be assigned to does not affect General Miles' present detall to the Massachusetts militia force, or the pay of any other officer already asand that anyone found violating the signed. But it would affect future assigncourt's decree will be prosecuted under ments. Within a year ten retired general officers have been, by request, assigned to militia service, and there are now pending for similar details applications from two person identified with the Beef trust is major generals and twenty-seven brigadier already subject to such prosecution un- generals. If the house amendment were not carried into effect and all of these officers were assigned as requested they would all receive full pay on the active list of the army and at the same time would get pay from the states which they serve and would then have comparatively little work to perform. The injustice of such a condition of

> JUMPING ON THE BANDWAGON. Democratic Lenders Boosting Repub-

lican Measures. St. Paul Pioneer Press. The spectacle of two leaders, representing different shades of democracy, like William termined attitude, the most inspiring one of recent days. Whatever of partisan increase in municipal taxes. For ex- policy may have influenced their action is obscured by its manifest quality of pa-

What following Bryan and Williams will house, and the sincerity a judge of the claims com democratic members on the two bills reported from the committee on interstate which is understood to embody the presiwill report as a substitute. This latter action bears the marks of an attempt, however, hopeless, to divide the friends defeat or non-action.

Every step taken by the democracy toswallowed the whole program of progresit deserves another chance to show its capacity for running the government.

"GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION."

Federal Supreme Court Gives the Practice a Rap.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. What has come to be known, rightly or wrongly, as government by injunction, and against which protests have been made by some of the most staunch uphold a of law and order, seems to have received a blow at the hands of the United States supreme court incidentally to its decision in the Beef trust case. No one will accuse the supreme court of radicalism, and its ruling in this case may operate as a check upon those lower courts which so frequently issue writs, not only without searching inquiry and prolonged deliberation, but often under circumstances which seem to imply in a judge the gift of both mind and heart

Judge Grosscup, in the injunction which the supreme court has just sustained, restrained the accused packers from taking part in or performing any contract, combination or conspiracy the purpose or effect of which would be to restrain trade man anti-trust law of 1890. The supreme court commented as follows upon this phase of the case:

"We equally are bound by the first principles of justice not to sanction a decree so vague as to put the whole conduct of the defendant's business at the peril of a summons for contempt. We cannot issue a general injunction against all possible ment tribunal for using a private car, breaches of the law. We must steer behis attorney need only to draw on his tween these difficulties as best we can, The general words of the injunction, "or by any other method or device the purpose one of the big railroad corporations that and effect of which is to restrain comin olden days made it a practice to place merce as aforesaid," should be stricken out of the injunction. The defendants ought to be informed as accurately as the case permits what they are forbidden to Specific devices are mentioned in the bill and they stand prohibited. The words quoted are a sweeping injunction to obey lice commission for the city of Lincoln, the law and are open to the objection which we stated at the beginning it was our

duty to avoid." This ruling must be compared with the ame court's decision in the Debs case before it can be known whether the cour has taken a more advanced position on this question, which is a problem requiring legal talent for its solution, yet the court's conclusion is evidently based on the principle that the law provides punishment for those who violate it, and that no injunction The fact that President Roosevelt has can be issued through which a person or announced positively that he would not corporation is restrained from violating the law, bringing him up for punishment merely for contempt of court; that punishment must come for violation of law after it has been violated. The probable effect will be to render less frequent injunctions to obey the law, without exact

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched . on the Spot. George William Hill, managing editor of

the literary bureau of the Department of Agriculture, reports that the bureau edited 972 publications last year. Of this number \$79 were new publications. The aggregate circulation of all publications was 12,421,686, a large increase over the preceding year. The work of the bureau has been growing steadily for five years and now requires a substantial increase in the working staff and greater liberality in the pay roll. Every patriot anxious to see the greatness manner will heartily second the salary motion. A specimen of the work of the present staff, laboring under the burden of a meager stipend, is shown in the following that is published, no matter how small dainty exposition of the trails of legumes: "The primary object in undertaking an investigation of the fixation of nitrogen by the root nodules of legumes was to devise, if possible, some method of bringing about the artificial introduction of the necessary organisms into the soil which present Nebraska liquor law is as good was naturally devoid of them, and at the same time to attempt as far as possible to corelate and reconcile the vast amount | Lincoln who is fairly itching for a chance of conflicting evidence that has been accumulated by various investigators in regard to the exact nature of the organism, where the nitrogen is fixed, the effect upon the host, and similar problems." What the editors might do if their salary comported with their literary talents is that during the last thirty years the raila question that palls the imagination.

When General Alnsworth, chief of the record and pension office at Washington. ordered that all his clerks must remain at their desks until 4 o'clock, there was much women clerks found vent in a protest. The spokeswoman who went to the general ing to get away. She suggested that it would be a graceful act on his part to lege of going home half an hour before the as to later deceyopments. closing time, "Madam, I had not considered it," said Ainsworth, "but what you corridors by anything more tangible than

Senator Barry of Arkansas has some ludicrous and amusing are many of the requests that come to him asking his ald for one proposition or another. The copies of two songs she had composed, and that any new one could not be much other, "Peace, Oh, Peace." The first was a printed copy and the second came in has stood the test. It is considered by all manuscript.

"Senator," wrote the woman, "I want you to take these songs which I have composed, after months of hard and persistent labor, to President Roosevelt, submit them to him and get a letter of indorsement of them from him, and I will agree to allow you 10 per cent on the proceeds from the sales of the songs, You know, senator, the president's indorsement will be a great advertisement J. Bryan and John Sharp Williams, urging for the songs, and I feel sure they will be a go. You might also sing them to the senators if you have the time."

It has been nearly four years since the Spanish claims commission was established, but up to date it has made awards in only three cases. Expenses are running on, however, and in the meantime claimants are dying off at a rapid rate.

A Washington attorney appeared before thereof, will be shown in the action of the day to discuss an order which was issued more than three years ago, demanding specific information on a certain point. The mmerce, one the Esch-Townsend bill, attorney said: "Since this order was is sued more than 1,000 days have elapsed. dent's views; the other the Davey bill, My client was unfortunate enough to die which a portion of the democratic minority in the meantime, and I am now at a loss to know what step to take next." This occurrence is related in order to

give a fair idea of the rate of progress regulative legislation and thus secure the commission is making in disposing of claims. The three claims in which awards have been made, involved the payment of ward an indorsement of republican pro- \$13,000. The expense of the commission posals has the hearty applause of the during the three and a half years of its Pioneer Press. As this paper has more existence have run up in the neighborhood than once pointed out, the true route to of \$650,000. It is declared that although but the triumph which the democracy is one three claims have been approved a dozen day to achieve lies in the multiplication or more cases have been rejected, thus of such indorsements. When it shall have proving that some actual headway has been made. The time of the commission sive republicanism the people may think has been consumed in laying down principles of law on which later deliberations are to be based.

The senate committee on military affairs was talking over the canteen bill when someone said to Blackburn of Kentucky: "I suppose you are against it, being 'on the water wagon' now." "I haven't taken a drink for six years," answered the Kentucky man, and Proctor dryly suggested "Exhausted your quota, I suppose." no," was the easy reply, "they are making the stuff in Kentucky yet, only I'm living up to my resolution. But, gentlemen, often think what may happen when I get over into the great beyond and meet my old pals, Thurman, Edmunds, Cummings and a lot of others. If I should find them absorbing a fine brand of mint julep I am fully determined to forget my resolution."

Senator McCreary of Kentucky was the victim recently of Irish wit from a Vermont republican. Dennis Flynn, who brought the electoral vote of the Green Mountain state to Washington, was walking up the hill in company with the Kentucky senator. Flynn is himself very hefty. Although not exceedingly tail he is exceedingly broad, and the weight on the soles of his shoes is great. As the two approached the senate entrance a gust of wind blew around the corner of the capitol with the force of a hurricane and nearly swept Senator McCreary over

Flynn was quick to the rescue, seizing the senator by either arm and pushing him into an upright position. "Thank you. Thank you," said Mc-Creary.

"Not a bit of it," retorted Flynn. "This is the first time in my life I ever supported a democrat."

Senator Cullom and Speaker Cannon look enough alike to be mistaken for one another at times. A stranger met Mr. Cullom a few days ago and said: "How do you do, Mr. Speaker?" The senator set the stranger right, adding: "You are not the first man by a good many to make that mistake. You know," with a sly twinkle, 'Senator Mallory of Florida once said to Cannon: 'I hear you are sometimes mis taken for Joe Cannon, but I want to tell you, senator, that you are a much better looking man than he can ever hope to be. I don't know just how Mr. Cannon would regard that mistake. Personally, I really don't think it was much of a complimen to either of us."

General Manager's Vacation. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Senator Aidrich of Rhode Island will sail for Europe tomorrow, and, as he is said to "the general manager of the United States," the question arises, what will hap pen in congress during the rest of the session? The obvious answer is that nothspecifications or satisfactory evidence of ing will really happen. The manager has undoubtedly left everything fixed.

STATE PRESS OPINIONS.

not care who introduces the bills, so their field, Mr. Bryan and others? attorneys write them.

Norfolk Press: Some of the newspapers that are howling so lustily for railroad rate regulation will in due time be explaining to headquarters that they don't

Madison Chronicle: Omaha suffered a \$500,000 fire during the last week in the wholesale district, but such a little thing does not appear to have any despairing effect upon the business interests of that pushing city. Stockville Republican-Faber: We believe

that the present legislature should pass a bill that will define a legal newspaper. At present there is no such law and any paper the circulation nor how poor the paper, has the same standing legally as a real newspaper.

Pender Republic: The biggest fool on earth is the follow who doesn't know enough to let well enough alone. The as any that has yet been devised, but there is a microcephalous mutt down at to change it.

Friend Telegraph: The Omaha Bee is authority for the statement that the railroads own 20 per cent of the taxable property of this state, that they pay but 13 per cent of the taxes, and we might add roads have passed about 98 per cent of the laws which have been enacted by the ignored the balance of them. Schuyler Free Lance: The present ses-

sion of the legislature is starting out well, children from institutions is that they have pointed out that if all the clerks went out in the future. Speaker Rouse has followed who were born in 1818. together the women would be jostled in his promised intention of keeping down expenses and holding down the number of employes, also having the work go right restore to the women clerks the old privi- we give him due credit. We shall watch

Central City Republican: The Omaha grain market, so far from being a myth, J., thanking that personage for his history say is very true. I suggest, however, that is steadily growing in importance. The of Atlantic county. The letter was dated you and the other ladies who do not want corn shipments to the gulf have proved at Peking, December 15. to be jostled remain in your offices until so satisfactory and important that eastone minute past 4. I guarantee that at ern transportation lines are bidding for fiance of the law. The government, it serve on the militia force of any state. It that hour you will not be jostled in the the work, and in so doing are finding that they will have to make radical changes in their terms, and that cars loaded in Omaha must be consigned clear through to the ex porter. Those are important and gratify very queer constituents to deal with, and ing signs of success which all the country tributary to Omaha will appreciate.

Wausa Gazette: The agitation of the temperance question and the talk for new other day he received a letter from a laws reminds us of the fact that Nebraska woman living at Balloon, Ark., inclosing has one of the best fiquor laws in existence one entitled "Why, Oh, Why," and the of an improvement. The Slocumb law which we now have is an old one, and it who have taken any interest in the matter to be the best law existent in any state in the union. There is then little use in urging further legislation. There may be many violations and there may be many provisions that are not enforced, but that does not call for more laws, but rather with the enforcement of those we have. Loup City Northwestern: The present

legislature seems to be having strenuous times to keep employes from robbing the state by getting on the pay roll for a few days more than actually put in, and they must report each morning at a designated place in order to get the said day credited to them. Economy seems to be the watchword with these wise men, and if its a good thing with employes it must be a good this matter of saving to the state by sug-gesting where a little leakage of the state by sug-lessing him."—Philadelphia Press. gesting where a little leakage of \$300 can be saved to the treasury. The constitution provides that members of the legislature shall receive naught but per diem and mileage, and yet at each session a member of each house is elected to preside over that august body for which they draw from the treasury \$3 per day, or \$180 each. Father Rouse, as newly elected speaker of the house, has made economy his watchword. Will he show his faith by his works and practice the economy he preaches by refusing the \$180? We have faith to believe

QUESTIONS FOR STATESMEN. significant Point in the Beef Trust Decision.

New York Sun What is meant by this passage in the opinion of the supreme court in the Beef trust case as delivered by Mr. Justice "We do not mean to imply that the rule

which marks the point at which state taxation or regulation becomes permissible necessarily is beyond the scope of interference by congress in cases where such interference is deemed necessary for the protection of commerce among the states." Formerly, we believe, the question was lifferently stated. It was not so much question of the point at which state taxation or regulation "becomes permissible," as of the point at which federal interfer ence with state control of state chartered corporations became constitutionally pos-

This reversal of the old fashioned phraseology is somewhat significant of changing conditions. That, however, is not the main significance of the passage in the court's opinion which we quote above.

If the line at which interference by con gress becomes permissible is a movable barrier, to be pushed just as far into the region of the reserved rights of the states as may be "deemed necessary" by con-

gress, what need of a federal license system for corporations engaged in inter-Pawnee City Press: The railroads do state commerce as proposed by Mr. Gar-

What need of the constitutional amendment proposed last Monday night by Prestdent Roosevelt as a "last resort" to give to congress the unlimited power in this respect which the supreme court, through Mr. Justice Holmes, expressly declines to

What need of a constitution at all?

PERSONAL NOTES.

imply that congress does not already pos-

Dr. William Dunn, one of Boston's noted physicians, has been appointed to the staff of papal doctors in the Vatican at Rome. The feat of Burbank of California, in discovering a fadeless flower will make it

difficult for the milliners to explain why

they charge \$30 for a 10-cent hat in the

future. A Baltimore police captain was awarded by a jury in a trial for slander the sum of \$4,000 against a wealthy woman, who called him a puppy. His fellow officers now call him a lucky dog.

A senator went into the senate stationery room and asked to be shown some pocketbooks. "Here are some," said one of the attendants, "that have spaces for railroad passes," "Goodness!" exclaimed the senator, "Who could use a book like that with all those spaces for railroad annuals?" don't know," said the attendant, "unless it was a United States judge,"

Former Governor Boutwell of Massachulegislatures, and have wholly or in part setts took note of his eighty-seventh birthday last week with a family dinner party, over which he presided. Flowers were sent him and letters of congratulation, as has been the habit of friends of recent republicans will have a record that will years. The veteran is the last survivor mean a big majority for them in the state of the seven governors of Massachusetts The story that the former Chinese min-

ister at Washington, Wu Ting-fang, who was so great a favorite with all Ameralong. He is doing well so far and so far cans, had been banished from China, has been widely believed, and it is now killed by so simple a matter as a letter from Wu to the controller of Atlantic City, N.

Thomas A. McNeal, recently raised to the dignity of Kansas state printer, believes that state to be "the center of the universe," and he justifies his belief in this convincing way: "Scientists have noted that if a man starts from Kansas and travels eastward and keeps going until Kansas is again reached and then takes the same journey, but starting to the westward, the distance traveled is precisely the

POINTED REMARKS.

Eliza hed just crossed the river on the ice.
"You see," she explained, "I wanted to get a bill before the river and harbor committee to pave it."
Jumping from cake to cake, she showed the necessity of federal improvement.—New

"Henry," announced Mrs. Neverquit, "the doctor says my illness is due to overwork." "Yes," assented Henry, "I heard him ask you to let him see your tongue,"—Cleveland McFlub-He's worth al least \$1,000,000,000. Sleeth-A billion? Man, your statement is

Sleeth—A billion? Man, your statement is wild. That's foolish. McFlub—Foolish nothin'. Why, he pays taxes on \$2,500,000.—Louisville Courier-Jour-nal. "I'm sure, Ethel," said the girl's mother, sternly, "that I saw him kissing you last

Nonsense, mother! He's entirely too the Northwestern is impelled to assist in performance with my own—"

"Mamma, can angels fly?"
"Yes, dear."
"Well, mamma, this morning I heard
papa call the new maid an angel. Can she
fly?"
"Yes, she can—and she will, just as quick
as she can get her trunk packed, too!"—
Cleveland Leader

Atropos was wielding her shears on the thread of life. "They're awfully inconvenient," admitted the Fate, "it's ever so much easier to bite it."—New York Sun.

The alderman from the 'Steenth ward was walking up and down the gloomy, corridor, apparently absorbed in his reflections.

"I wonder if we'd better approach him," said the first promoter. "He seems to be preoccupied."

preoccupied."
"This is just the time to do it." whispered
the second promoter. "Don't you see he has
his hands behind him?"—Chicago Tribune.

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New York Times.

Sleep li'l blossom, de gray mists am fallin'.
Swiftly de sun man rides down de wes';
Deep in de pines de night bird am callin'
Back to de li'l ones she lef' in her nes',
Sleep! Sleep! Sleep!
Des one teensy heap,
Snuggled so close to yo brack memmy's
breas'.

Sleep, li'l poppy, de red moon am creepin' Ovah de tops ob de dahk cypress trees; Down in de bog de bullfrogs am leapin', Now am de time foh sech capehs es dese. Dream! Dream! Dream! While de moon bahs stream, Sweet am de breaf ob magnolia breeze! Sleep, li'l honey, de rivah belis tinkle. De pine torches flame on de dakh leves

ah to de souf de packet's lights twinkle, Her paddles am churnin' de watahs so wide.
Choo-o-o! Choo-o-o! Choo-o-o!
She's comin' foh yu',
if' am her red wheels en smoofly she
glide.

Swif' Sleep, mah baby, de wee stahs am shootin',
Each stah am an angel, too, dey say;
Down in de swamps de old owl am hootin',
Soun'in' a glad fahwell to de day,
"To whoo! To whoo!"
He's callin' to yu.
Keep still, mah honey, he's cummin dis
way.

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