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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1905. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. (Seal)

March does not seem to be willing to wait until its exit to exhibit its leonine proclivities.

It may be the ezar has decided to continue the war as long as Kouropatkin is able to run faster than Oyama.

The reverend clergyman who jumped not afford to do otherwise, as she would from Omaha to Binghamton should have thereby incur the displeasure and hosstayed in Oniaha and posed as a reformer.

The market for barbed wire will likely be depressed, by that released by the It is because of confidence in her good cattlemen removing fences in western Nebraska.

Governor Mickey has so far been very chary about using his veto pen. Perhaps he is laying back waiting for the big game.

Now that all the political prisoners have been released in Colombia, news of the next presidential campaign may be expected.

WHAT WILL JAPAN DEMAND? In the event of the final triumph of not the first nor will it be the last. Japan what will she demand of the defeated nation? It seems that one of the objections on the part of the Russian government to consider any suggestion sion of congress a bill proposing an of making peace is the belief that Japau increase in the salaries of ambassadors successful labor organizations ever formed. would ask for a heavy indemnity, an and ministers and also that they be prointimation of this having come from vided with a place of residence, as is men more or less prominently identified done by most other countries. It was with the Japanese government. It is urged that our diplomatic representaeasy to understand that to have to pay tives at foreign courts have to draw on Japan a large money indemnity after their private fortunes to maintain a being driven out of Manchurla would be a bumiliation to Russia almost untry could well afford to give them better bearable, yet such a demand would be compensation and a house to live in. The measure did not command much entirely right and just. Forced into war

by Russian aggression, there is every interest or support. reason why Japan, if finally victorious, This matter has long been discussed should require that her enemy repay, at in and out of congress, but no great least in part, the money cost of the amount of sentiment has been created war. It is not to be doubted that such in favor of raising the salaries of ambassadors and ministers. In a lecture a claim would be approved by the civflized world. a few days ago former Ambassador An-

What other nations are concerned in drew D. White talked in favor of increasing the salaries of these diplomatic is the position which Japan may take in regard to the territory from which representatives. He said that to atshe shall drive Russia. All this territory tempt to do his duty on the salary now is Chinese and has been recognized-as given would deprive an American diplosuch by Japan. It has been said by matic representative of all opportunity some of those who are understood to to exercise that friendly, personal, social represent the views and attitude of the influence which is so important an element in his success. But whether sala-Tokio government that it is the purpose ries were raised or not, Mr. White urged to hand all this territory over to China. that the permanent possession of a house conditioned upon that empire giving it such protection as would insure it or apartment in every leading capital is absolutely the foremost and most eleagainst a renewal of Russian aggression mentary of necessities. He pointed out and safeguard the interests of Japan. It is more than probable, however, that the difficulties connected with the present method, according to which each Japan will require some better security representative of the United States, on than this for the protection of her inarriving at his post, is put to serious terests, so little confidence must she have in the ability of the Chinese govinconvenience in seeking out and furernment to take care of even its own nishing a house or apartment suitable interests. Japan is likely to insist upon | to his needs. We are inclined to think that our government should provide a exercising a protectorate over a considerable part of this territory and since residence for ambassadors and ministers. probably no outside nation would op- This would be a permanent asset and would certainly do no harm to Ameripose this it would doubtless be readily

can prestige in foreign capitals. Proand even gladly conceded by China. vided with a residence, our ambassadors In that case the question is suggested whether Japan would throw open the and ministers could get along very well ports of this territory to equal commer- with their present salaries.

> WESTERN CANADIAN IMMIGRATION. It is believed that there will be more Americans go into the Canadian northwest in this than in any previous year. In 1902 and 1903 the emigration of Americans into western Canada was approximately 49,000; the year before it had been only 26,000. In 1903-04 the number of Americans finding homes in western Canada was about 43,000. The indications are that the number this year will be 50,000 or 60,000. A letter to the New York Tribune from

the west says that the "American invasion" of western Canada will not stop so long as there are millions of acres of free government or cheap lands left in that country. The writer of this letter, who is very likely a promoter of the emigration, says that interest

throughout the western part of the will demand nothing that is not reason-United States in the great development able and just, nothing that the great of western Canada, which is going on sacrifices she is making do not entitle largely by the grace of American emiher to, nothing not essential to her fugrants and capital, is so keen that there ture security and peace. And Japan is now no more prospect of stopping

tising and the example of Louisville is are erected has been taken up under the various homestead acts.

NEEDS OF OUR LEGATIONS. There was introduced at the last ses-

Chicago Record-Herald. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engi-The neers has been and is one of the most It doesn't believe in violating contracts.

Basis of Good Will.

Immunity of Politicians.

Baltimore American It is said there is a remarkable religious wave sweeping over the country, but it doesn't appear to have struck any public or political departments with any surproper social status and that the coun- prising amount of tidal force.

> Discords in Financial Music. Washington Post.

Mr. Shaw predicts a deficit of about \$90 000,000, and Senator Hemenway proposes to turn it into a surplus of about \$28,000,000. The difference is that Senator Hemenway is talking now like Mr. Shaw did during the campaign.

Let the Curtain Fall. New York Sun.

The supreme court of the state of Co service." necticut has decided against William Jen nings Bryan in the Philo S. Bennett will Colonel Bryan opines that "the declaion ends the contest." His friends will pray fervently that it may. From begin ning to end this sorry business has exhibited Colonel Bryan in the most unfavorable light as a citizen, as a friend and as a lawyer. road influence may be exerted.

American Capital Saved England, London Graphic

Were there no United States would Engish society be solvent? That question has never yet been asked or examined. Several millions have been brought into our sodety during the last forty years by Amer ican heiresses, and an enormous sum has been received in exchange for land, paintings, engravings, old furniture, works o art, jeweis, plate and books. Moreover American capital has been invested in this country mostly through the intervention of titled Englishmen, who, of course, have generally benefited by the transaction Probably £100,000,000 has come to the west end through these various transactions. Would the west end have been bankrupt had that sum not been procurable?

Power in Clothes and Title.

Mark Twain in North American Review. There is no power without clothes. It its chiefs to the skin, and no state could be governed; naked officials could ex-

ercise no authority: they would look (and be) like everybody else-commonplace, in-A policeman onsequential. in plain clothes is one man, in his uniform he is ten. Clothes and titles are the most poarmy tent thing, the most formidable influence, n the earth. They move the human race to willing and spontaneous respect for the judge, the general, the admiral, the bishop, the ambassador, the frivolous earl, the diot duke, the sultan, the king, the emeror. No great title is efficient without clothes to support it. In naked tribes of savages the kings wear some kind of rag way, and in time-upon the retirement of or decoration which they make sacred to General H. C. Corbin, the titular adjutant hemselves and allow no one else to wear. The king of the great Fan tribe wears a

a bit of leopard skin on his shoulder-it is sacred to royalty; the rest of him is per- to fectly naked. Without this bit of leopard skin to awe and impress the people comparatively, of the abandonment of the would not be able to keep his job titles which added to the confusion of

LAWYERS AND MORALS

Energies Devoted to Making Legis-Intion Effective. Collier's Weekly.

Are lawyers more moral than busines Colonel Allen Smith, Sixth cavalry, or men; ordinary men of affairs than trust duty at Fort Mcade, S. D., will be made a who goes to Niagara," he said, "heara magnates; journalists than politicians; and brigadier general and retired under the some absurd, ridiculous and inapt remark so on through the grades and divisions of provisions of the act of April 3, 1904, there. You stand and gaze at the falls. society? Such questions arise constantly in Colonel Smith is one of the officers with profoundly moved, unspeaka liscussion. Formerly the pollticians wer would not be retired blamed exclusively for much bad legislation for age until April 12, 1913. He gained his that is now charged in part to the business civil war record as a midshipman in the men who influence legislation. The role grandeur is dissipated. The day I first navy from July 28, 1863, to March 22, 1866, taken by the ablest lawyers in making legsaw Niagara a man touched my arm as I The recent offer of five prizes by the neighboring states in the cast and south islation ineffective is being more vividly exa few months after which date he became looked up at those white waters. I turned a second lieutenant of the First infantry to the man. He had the silly and vacuous pounded than it ever has been before. Our laws-to take an example-forbid rebates. He has been colonel of the Sixth cavalry smile of the confirmed joker. 'It seems i and all kinds of discrimination between since June, 1992. By this retirement Lieushame,' he said, 'to see all this going to tenant Colonel William Stanton, Eleventh shippers. The rallway men in general ad waste. cavalry, on duty at Fort Riley, Kan., wil trical engineer?' 'No,' he answered. 'A become a colonel of cavalry. Major E. J and the shippers, and the attorneys for milkman.' McClernana of the cavalry arm, a membe both, devote themselves to discovering deof the general staff and a detailed officer vices for outwitting the law. There is no in the military secretary's department, will moral standard which restrains either law become a lieutenant colonel. The promo yers or business men from any se tion of a captain, first lieutenant and se cret practice intended to help them escape from laws the passage of which they favor. end lieutenant of cavalry as a result o The public faces the necessity of contriving Colonel Smith's retirement, is blocked by the fact that there is returned to the laws so drawn that the very ablest minds Women cavalry arm for service Major W. E in the country can invent no trickery to beat them, but probably public opinion on Wilder, also a detailed officer in the military socretary's department, where his such matters is being educated by all the period of service has expired. Major Wilder experiments now being made. The struggle must become a surplus officer of the cav for money is losing something relatively. airy arm and until there is another vaand moral standards slowly make a correcancy among the colonels or lieutenant sponding gain. colonels of cavalry there can be no ad-OWNERS OF SENATORS. vancement in the grades of captain, first

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

datters of Interest Gleaned from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The mighty Consacks are another of the world's ex-

> St. Louis Republic: There seems to be very little class for the Japanese to occupy now except Moscow and St. Petersburg. Minneapolis Journal: Kouropatkin has not even time to regret to report. He is sprinting away over the union schedule Philadelphia Press: It did not take Muk-

den quite as long to fall as it did Port Arthur, but the thud will be heard just as far away. Baltimore American: It is to be hoped that defeated pugilists are reading the St. Petersburg dispatches, for they are masterpieces of the art of explaining how it

happened. Pittsburg Dispatch: It seems to be pretty well settled now that Russia will finally keep that promise to evacuate Manchurla, owing to the vigorous and em

phatic aid of Japan in doing it. Chicago Tribune: Probably there never was a military movement that achieved a more astounding success than that of Gen There has not been in a long eral Kouropatkin when he started north ward for the purpose of luring on thos Japanese generals.

Portland Oregonian: General Kouropat kin appears to have some trouble in his successful "advance northward." But he keeps going somehow. The man to discover the north pole is undoubtedly Kouropatkin. He'll get there, if the Japs do

Cincinnati Enquirer: Only a few month -indeed, hardly more than a few weekshave gone by since Russian statesmen were declaring that the eastern war would ton Star. be fought to the bitter end. It seems fre quently from the dispatches of the last few days that the bitter end is just ahead.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Several Americans up in Alaska are red tot over the refusal of congress to give what do you do" the country territorial tights. Fortunately "Well, I generally tell him I'm broke."the boys will not have to go far from home to cool off.

In Oregon they are going to hang a man and make him pay the costs of the proceeding as well. One instinctively wonders just what the charge will be for wear and tear on the rope

There is soothing news on the way for the arge school of suckers baited by the St. Louis race track investment companies With good management the receivers may be able to squeeze out 2 cents on the dol

The cowboys returning from the inauguration are telling the people in the west that the wildest things they ever saw in

their lives were the costumes or the lack of costumes of the women at the inauguration ball. Robert Friesen, a German traveler,

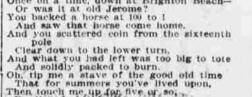
recently reached Berlin from Iceland, says the Icelanders are the most highly educated people in the world and the average attainments there are far superior to those in Germany.

Robert B. Roosevelt, an uncle of the president, attended the inauguration. He has held many positions of honor in New York City and for the greater part of his life has been one of the most influential democrats of the metropolis.

Thirty-five years ago W. H. Newman was a brakeman on a southern railroad at designation of officers of the military sec-\$3 a day; today he is president of the great retary's department. A general order has Vanderbilt system, with a salary of \$120,000 been issued from the War department a year, a palatial residence in New York formally announcing to the army the

and a private car so sumptuously appointed that a king might envy it. John Jacob Astor, at a dinner in Phila delphia, talked about Niagara. "Every one

'What are you?' said I. 'An elec-



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PLEASANTLY POINTED.

"In my mind," said Puffham, blowing a dense cloud of smeke, "there's nothing like a good digar." "In your mouth too," growled Rostham, "there's nothing like one."-Cleveland Leader.

"If everybody was as lucky as he thinks he ought to be," said Uncle Eben. "dar wouldn't be nobody lef' to do de regular work dat has to be tended to."-Washing-

Clara-How did you break your husband Clara-How did you break your humband of stuttering? Grace-Every time he started it I began to protest against ble smoking. It never failed to start his flow of language.-De-troft Free Press.

"When a fellow whose name you have forgotten comes up and slaps you on the back and asks eagerly after your health.

papa, the duke has propsoed to mel'

"Tes, papa. And he says I can wear a coronet." Here's the pawn ticket for it""-Cleveland Flain Dealer.

A buzz-a whir-A cloud of dust-A wild, blood-curding yell-A wild, blood-curding by-A ghastly object flashing by-Harvard Lampoon

LAY OF THE HAS-BEEN.

Philadelphia Inquirer. The song or the might have been, The song of the day when your sick was

The song of the now-and-then. Oh, tell me the tale of the time you had

Oh, tell me the tale of the time you had when money was cheap as dirt.
And you opened wine in basket has at six and a hulf per squirt.
Oh, spin me the yarn of the used-to-be.
Oh, serve the good old con.
Oh, case me a spread of the wily slave, i m listening, pal. Ge on.

Remember the time when you broke the bank

Down at the Branch one night-You stacked so high that the ceiling bulged

And the dealer was out of sight? And the dealer was out of sight? Let's hear again of the men you staked And the horses you gave away— My eyes stick out and my cars expand At every word you say. Just slip me a slice of the dear old dream, Of the dear dead page and gone.

Then set me down for a single ace; I'm listening, pal. Go on.

Once on a time, down at Brighton Beach-Or was it at old Jerome? You backed a horse at 100 to 1 And saw that horse come home.

Then touch me, up for five or soin.

ECHOES OF THE ROUT.

Army and Navy Register. The judge advocate general of the army ploded myths.

ontinues to receive complaints against army officers for failure to pay alleged inancial obligations. There is some talk of ssuing a circular which shall be an official notice on people most interested that the War department can not undertake

services of this sort, especially in those instances where the indebtedness is disputed. To such appeals the War department is uniformly advising recourse to the civil courts.

The War department has refused to con sider favorably the resignation of Captain George W. Kirkman, Twenty-fifth infantry, on duty at Fort Niobrara. Neb. who is

awaiting trial on numerous charges prepared some weeks ago. Since that time additional charges, all of a scrious character, have been made, and under the circumstances the War department does not

believe that Kirkman should be allowed to leave the army by means of a resignation, even were it accepted "for the good of the time a court-martial case where so many charges of a varied sort existed as in this case of Captain Kirkman. It is understood the defense contemplates the intro-

duction of a plea of insanity, which, successfully raised, would undoubtedly result in the retirement of the officer. To that end it is understood potent western railtheir part.

It is by no means certain that the ex-

periment of detailing retired officers of the army to active duty in connection with rerulting service is a success. There are ndications, indeed, that the practice possesses anything but those gratifying results. In the first place, a few of the retired officers who have expressed a willingness to be detailed for duty are willing to go wherever they may be sent. A few so expressed themselves, but usually added

a preference, and it is expected that in many cases officers who have been assigned to duty which is not entirely to their likingat least as to location-will find it possible to ask to be relieved. There is no way out of this state of affairs for the War

department, because the law requires that the officer himself shall make application for duty; and assignment to any task must have the consent of the retired offi-

cer. It would not be surprising if, inside a the power that governs the human race. of a few months, there are no retired officers on any sort of active duty.

The ancient and hor.orable title of assistant adjutant general, which has been in existence for many years, passed into history with the enactment of the latest appropriation bill. The bill was signed on March 2, since which date there have been no assistant adjutant general in the army. All such, along with the assistant chief of the record and pension office, become military secretaries. The as sistant adjutants general and the assistant ohief of the record and pension office were

in the military secretary department, anygeneral, and the active commanding general in the Philippines division-the officera under the military secretary were destined become military secretaries. It is merely an anticipation by a few months

change.

The juvenile court bill has become law, but its first result will be to precipitate a scramble for the three pay jobs it creates.

One may be excused for beginning to would be needed to incline the czar to think of peace.

Premier Balfour may be devoted to Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal program, but recent changes in the British cabinet would indicate that it is in a personal rather than an official capacity.

Dispatches from New York would indicate that a strike is not over until it is ended, announcements by the leaders of both sides notwithstanding. Perhaps, after all, Mr. Belmont will have to come back from Florida.

Insurance companies threaten to boycott Arkansas if the legislature does not repeal the anti-compact law. Here is an excellent opportunity for Arkansas to break ground for state insurance and go Kansas and its oil project one better.

South Omaha wants a new Commercial club. We were under the impression that South Omaha already had one Commercial club that started out, at least, with all sorts of fine prospects. One Commercial club at a time is usually enough for most dities.

It was hoped that with its polygamy the disgrace of petty scandals, but it found time between their ventures in matrimonial annexation to annex a considerable tract of government land without authority.

To judge by the latest reports from size. In fact, the newspapers of Omaha their own account. Washington, those holding bonds of both are a standing advertisement for the Russia and Japan would rather see the city. No city of Omaha's size and rewar end than take chances on either of sources can point to a newspaper of as the combatants passing an interest payreal metropolitan character as The Bee, ment. Keeping the bond market firm and everywhere The Bee circulates it must be the real test of a country's ability to make war.

to exploit.

The attorney for Mrs. Chadwick complains that the jury which convicted her rant and is a never tiring daily meswas made up of men having few transsenger bearing good tidings of Omaha actions with banks. To judge by the throughout the land. fate that overcame the banks with which The work done by The Bee, and in she had dealings, she had a right to relative proportion by other newspapers. imagine such a jury would be more to her advantage than a jury of bankers.

Where the railroads have a hard time in keeping square with themselves is in protesting against a reduction of transportation rates on the ground that they are entitled to full returns on the market value of their property as represented by the stock exchange quotations, and matter of course, and any intimation at the same time refusing to pay taxes upon assessments far below those valuations. If the railroad property is worth top notch values for rate regulatien, why should they be worth less for TAX ASSESSMENT.

riumphant will undoubtedly meet with the invasion of western Canada than little or no opposition to her demands. there was of stopping the invasion of

ADVERTISING OMAHA. Minnesota and the Dakotas from the

cial privileges for the world, or seek to

monopolize their trade for herself.

There is every reason to believe that she

would observe the open door policy and

accord to all nations an equal chance for

obtaining trade in that region. Undoubt-

edly all existing treatles with China.

with the exception of those Russia may

have, would be respected. Japan could

tillity of all the great commercial na-

tions, whose friendship and good will

It is obviously her policy to cultivate.

intentions in this direction and the feel-

ing that Russia would be unfaithful to

her promises that Japan has so large a

share of the world's sympathy in her

Japan victorious, it is safe to predict.

great struggle for self-preservation.

Louisville Courier-Journal for the five in the days when they were still part best suggestions for advertising Louis- of the wild west. There appears to be wonder just what sort of an argument ville developed the fact that every re- good reason for this statement, but it sponse had reference to some form of is to be doubted if this emigration of mit the desirability of such law. Yet they, newspaper advertising, and the first Americans to the Canadian northwest prize winner came out victorious with a will be long maintained at the present

plan to raise a good sized cash fund to rate. The cheap lands of that country advertise the city's advantages in the are undoubtedly attractive to some, but leading newspapers circulated in the ter- there are some disadvantages, the chief ritory from which the city expects to of which is that of getting the products of the lands to market. The cost of draw its trade and population.

The recent address by the head of the getting these products to market as comadvertising bureau of one of the big pared with the cost of marketing the railroad systems of the central west, products of Dakota, for example, does report of which was printed in The Bee, not leave much if anything in favor of emphasizes the value of newspaper ad- the cheap Canadian lands. Of course vertising for developing railroad traffic. this will be overcome in time, but it He declared that after experimenting in will be years before it is and then the every direction the railroads had for the lands will not be so cheap as at present. most part concluded to concentrate their Meanwhile the American emigrants to

advertising in newspapers and to with that rather inhospitable region will have draw it from other publicity channels. well earned all they make. The advertising of cities is no different Efforts are under way to resort to from the advertising of railroads, and there is no good reason why a city like direct primaries in particular counties, if Omaha should not prosecute a vigorous not in the entire First district, for the advertising campaign through the news- selection of the republican candidate for papers, just as would be done by any congress to fill the vacancy created big, enterprising business corporation if by the promotion of Mr. Burkett

it had the same undeveloped resources to the senate. There are no signs yet, however, of any disposition on It will probably be suggested that the the part of the democrats of the newspapers, especially the local news- First district to select their canpapers, are part and parcel of the city didate by direct primaries. As the First scandal Utah would have been spared and should not expect special reward district is so overwheimingly republican for carrying on such a campaign. The that the democratic candidate will have seams as though some people out there public is too apt to forget that every city nothing coming to him anyway, except rebates into oblivion; while men representis constantly enjoying the benefit of as a complimentary vote, this might be newspaper advertising without price or a good place for the democrats to make consideration. Omaha, for, example, is, a pretense of good faith in their advowe believe, freely advertised more by its cacy of direct primary legislation by newspapers than any other city of its undertaking a practical experiment on

> The annual report of City Treasurer Hennings shows that the revenue collected in for the school board for the fiscal year aggregated \$853,484.51, none carries with it an impression of Omaha's In other words, the school board took in more than half of the amount which all a newspaper. The Bee has always kept the other departments of city governahead of what the city would really warment had at their command. If there ever was any excuse for an overlap in

> the school fund, it surely has been removed. The lawyers are asking Douglas seems to be scarcely realized-much less county to chip in on their law library fully appreciated by the business in- for the benefit of the district judges. terests that benefit most by it. , The The judges represent a district which newspapers that are day in and day out includes four counties, each one of which heralding abroad the advantages of ought to have the same proportionate Omaha for the investment of capital and interest in the judicial equipment as the location of labor, and keeping the Douglas county. While passing the hat city before the eyes of the country at around the outside countles should not large are expected to do this work as a be overlooked.

The assurance is renewed that all the that they ought to be paid for space devoted to advertising Omaha would, fences illegally placed on the public do- the president, the vice president, the govdoubtless, elicit simply expressions of main by the big cattlemen will have to surprise and amazement. Other pro- come down. The only question open is great cities.

Why the Upper House Fails to Re-

spond to Public Demanda. Minneapolis Journal.

The American people will find that legislation for their benefit, if it is antagonistic to great monopolies, railroads and trusts. will be killed in the upper house of con-

gress, just so long as the senators are scal to Washington as the representatives of their political sponsors, the trust, the railroad and the financial pool, rather than as the guardian of the interests of the public. "No man can serve two masters." The

Standard Oil senators in Washington, and there are a number of them, could not be nduced to incur the displeasure of the mighty power back of the greatest of trusts; there are enough guardians of the interests of the railroads to switch legislation against the regulation of rates and

ing express companies, banking and large groupings for financial manipulation sit in their seats, in the guise of senators, owned and controlled through much money There is yet another class of senators

elected to the upper house because of their own great wealth. They might be expeoted to act independently, but it is too often the case that some part of their large investments are in the companies requiring egislation, and thus they become partizan against the best interests of the people. This is not an especially pretty ploture t is revolting to all believers in good gov ernment and clean politics. The English House of Lords and the American senate have much to answer for. Both have been frequently referred to as useless hindrances to legislation and needless institutions. We are not prepared to go this far, however, and believe that the senate and the house. if properly elected, will act as a safet)

valve the one for the other, and work for the good of the country as the framers of the constitution intended they should. lions of men. The remedy is plain. Let no man bu his way into the senate of the United States; let no corporation, financial or rail road clique dictate who shall represent the people of a state in the upper house. The application of the remedy is in permitting the people to elect the senators just as they do the congressmen. If a senator thus elected acquires too high an opinion of senatorial dignity and refuses to do the will of the people, his term of office will not be extended. The most important queswise and beneficent policy. tion of this day is the election of senators

by the people. They are no better than ernors, congressmen and mayors of our Let them take the chances of the ballot box and be answerable to the recognize the value of newspaper adver- since most of the land on which they and think before going over to the enemy. of big earnings.

lieutenant or second lieutenant A MEANINGLESS PLATITUDE.

Gem of Bryaniam Let Fall in the Badger State. Milwaukee Sentinel.

In his address before the Wisconsin legis lature at Madison on Friday W. J. Bryan made the bald statement that "whatever the people want is right." He then elaborated this statement by saying that "the people have a right to have what they want," and, as the people alone can de cide, their decision must be accepted as right and righteous.

Such a system of political philosophy must have been manufactured for public consumption, but, like many kinds of prepared food now on the market, it will no bear close analysis.

The people decided against Mr. Bryan in 1996 and again in 1900, and he has been protesting ever since that he was right both times and the people wrong. There was a popular majority against him, yet 6,000,000 voters supported his ticket, and

Mr. Bryan has persisted in calling attention to that fact and has contended by in ference that his minority was right, because there were so many of them.

As a matter of fact, every question that comes before the people is settled by the majority opinion. That majority may be to small as to be far from conclusive as to the merits of the question. In every case the minority will accept the decision as a temporary settlement of the controversy and determine to change the verdict when ever opportunity offers. This is what Mr. Bryan tried to do in 1900 and what he hopes to do in 1908. Meanwhile he is going about the country with a plous face telling "the people" in unctuous tones that whatever they want is right.

"Right" is an abstraction and cannot be determined by the will of any man or mil-"The people" are the individuals of whom the nation, state or municipality is composed. There is no such thing as a composite popular mind. Ten, a dozen, 1,000,000 or 80,000,000 peopleindividuals-may feel an impulse to com mit a great wrong or may stumble into great blunder. As a matter of fact, large numbers of people have been known to d that very thing, but the desire that in spired their action did not make wrong right nor transform their blunders into

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And you'll think of the fellow who helped you spend And then gave you the marble heart. You il soon get back to your former gait, For the turning point is near. And the time at hand when your luck must break After many a weary year. And tell me, then, of all you have known; I shall be the "only one." Let me blow you off to another stein. I'm listening, pal. Go on.

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