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Notary Public.

It is now "up to" General Linevitch to prove that May 1 is not moving day in Manchuria.

Having waited so long for the promised suburban trolley lines, we ought to have the best when they really come.

to believe the report of a fight on April 10 a canard.

Several charitable and educational institutions in these parts would be willing to accept \$100,000 windfalls and no questions asked.

The political map makers will now busy themselves rearranging the ward lines so as to cut Omaha into twelve slices in place of nine.

the State Board of Equalization should republic is most potent in the affairs of emember that an ounce of example is the world. worth a ton of instruction.

Belgium has called a conference of barred.

commodating to proclaim another day uecessary.

As the investigation of the Beef trust one is cause and the other effect, the meat packers might not be averse to periodic investigations.

From the number of Boer generals United States at the present time privates must have been scarce in the army opposing the British a few years

If the expense of the Equitable litilonging to the policy holders, the ques-

Champions of "undefiled democracy" should take notice that it was on "Jefimposed by its founder and installed a twentieth century president.

Ohio republicans have already issued a call for their state convention. Nebraska republicans will have to wait to and out first whether the abolition by statute of the elections for this year will run the gauntlet of the supreme

A United States court in Kansas de-

clares a state of war existed with China when the forces of this country marched to Peking, but so far the learned judge has failed to specify any act of congress either recognizing a state of war or declaring one.

Does any one believe those European rulers who are sailing over the Mediterranean sea exchanging titles to office has come before the comptroller of the are having half as much fun out of it treasury and that official has taken the as is President Roosevelt dodging his position that the agreement is in violaenthusiastic countrymen between wolf tion of the interstate commerce law. His hunts and bear chases

by the district court to find out whether bates. He is unable to see by what authe unfortunate juror who attempted to thority the government can contract borrow \$1 from one of the attorneys in | with a railroad that a contractor's plant the case in which he was sitting made shall receive a rebate in freights not apa mistake in the amount, or merely a plicable to other shippers. The compmistake in the attorney.

If the questions asked by the committion of either the letter or spirit of the tee investigating the affairs of the Equitable Life are ever answered in public managers of life insurance companies of those in vogue at present.

AS A WORLD POWER

The position of the United States as among them the late democratic candirepublic has been a world power almost from its beginning; that we became such immediately or very soon after the been ever since growing in character enforce. and importance as a world power. One of our most distinguished citizens a few days ago asserted this and undoubtedly a great many of our people entertain this opinion.

That there is a certain amount of instification for it is not to be denied. yet the intelligent reader of American character in which that term applies tomatic record, going back to the very beginning of the government, which will show that even in our weakness as a nation we exerted a certain influence. or at all events commanded a degree of of the world were concerned we were to be seriously considered or one to be nate experiences in the past. consulted in regard to the great interests affecting the leading nations. On the contrary, in European issues and Omaha. Every person who accepts our was absolutely ignored and the issues between such powers were disposed of half of Omaha. without regard to American interests or rights. For a very long time tion and courtesy from European powers which should have been accorded ity, commercial and political, of the nations of Europe.

It is therefore not true that we have always been a world power in anything like the sense that we are today. We have grown into this position gradually by the exercise of an energy and enterprise, in competition with the rest of the world, for which no parallel is to be found in human history. There is no question that today the United States is From the fact that Rojestvensky's a world power, and more than that it is squadron was seen April 11 it is easy perhaps the greatest of world powers. destined in the future to wield a greater influence in the political and commercial not as a people make any mistake as to the commanding position which our country occupies among the nations. Let us not undervalue our great place and influence in the affairs of the world. And let us not forget that peace and good will are essential to the promotion of the welfare and progress of all people. While giving advice to local assessors It is as the advocate of peace that this

POSITIONS IN PANAMA.

Notwithstanding all that has been said the powers to discuss scientific ques. about the unhealthful climate of the tions, but it is to be distinctly under. Isthmus of Panama it appears that there stood that the science of war is to be is a great rush to secure positions under the Canal commission. It appears that the Civil Service commission has had no If one day is not enough we feel sure less than 50,000 applications for jobs on Mayor Zimman will be sufficiently ac- the isthmus and has already examined more than 5,000 candidates. A Washof cleaning, or as many as may be ington dispatch says that a great magoes on, the price of beef goes up. If free trip to a strange country and think work by the enforcement of a few prethat during their idle hours they may cautionary rules on building contractors domicile and chloroforms you in order to run across a hidden gold mine or make and public service corporations, who are get away with your valuables. find that the government requires an mutilation. winning unenviable notoriety in the agreement to be signed, by which the employe binds himself to work for the United States at least one year, many of poor physical condition."

The facts seem to show that there are gation is to be paid out of money be a great many people in this country who made his visit. are especially anxious to get into the tion may arise whether mutualization service of the government, where perwill be of benefit to any but the law- manence of tenure for competent persons is assured, and it suggests the increasing difficulty of securing employment in corporate or private enterprises. except by persons of first-class ability. ferson day" that the University of Vir- There is reason to believe that this diffigials threw off the form of government culty is steadily growing and it presents a somewhat serious question as to the between the United States and Japan future. Meanwhile it is evident that the at the beginning of the eastern war Canal commission will have no trouble shows beyond doubt that the Japanese in securing all the workers it needs of a naval forces before Port Arthur were certain class—that is, such as come un- unleashed before the vue-halloo was der the civil service rules.

GOVERNMENT AND REBATES. It will strike most people as rather remarkable that while the government is making war on the rebate system a department should enter into an arrangement with one of the transcontinental experts are contributing paragraphs. railroads which provides for allowing a relate to contractors engaged on government irrigation work. It appears that such an arrangement was made last fall between the secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Southern Pacific railway. Recently the matter the old channels. contention is that it is poor business for the government to be in, especially when A jury should be impanueled at once there is such a public outcry against retroller urged that the government, above all others, should not be party to a viola-

question of rebates. Notwithstanding the fact that under may be compelled to adopt new methods this arrangement the government can after publicity has destroyed the value save a considerable sum of money, we

treasury is correct. The practice of a world power is universally admitted. granting rebates to corporations or in-There are some of our public men. dividuals being confessedly wrong, it is no less so in the case of the government date for president, who assert that this and it is certainly true that acceptance of rebates by the government must inevitably have a pernicious effect. Manifestly the government cannot afford to establishment of independence and have violate a 'aw which it is endeavoring to

SPREAD THE GOOD WORD.

Local pride is a vital factor in the growth and prosperity of every thriving city. Omaha is at the point where the development of a strong local pride can contribute materially to its advancement. People outside of Omaha will that we have been throughout that his | who live here and do business here tory a world power in anything like the themselves display confidence in the city. This expression of confidence, day. It is unquestionably true that moreover, must be of the vigorous, uncitations can be made from our diplo- compromising sort rather than of the timid, shrinking kind.

Every man, woman and child interested in Omaha should be willing to prove his faith on all occasions. Every respect, from other countries, yet the a trail as he goes in praise of Omaha fact remains that so far as the affairs and exert himself constantly to counteract the III effects of any bad advertising not in those times regarded as a power the city may have had through unfortu-

The same is true with reference to the entertainment of outside visitors in controversies the United States, even hospitality, no matter how short the though it might have interests involved, time, should be converted before he departs into a messenger for good in be-

Reputation may not be the same thing as character, but people judge largely after this country became independent it of cities as they do of men-by what received very little of that considera- they hear of them, and confirm their judgments later by what they see of them. If Omaha can make a good first to it, but rather was compelled to ex- impression by its reputation we will be perience the almost unanimous hostil- glad to take chances on confirming that Impression when we have the opportunity to give a practical demonstration.

There never was a time in the history of Omaha when so many good things could be said about the city and there never was a time in its fifty years' hisand our attainment of it has been won tory when there was so little excuse for saving bad things about it.

Mohler to the position of vice president, Omaha is again favored with a resident executive officer of the Union Pacific. If this will give Mr. Mohler greater influence and authority to bring about improvements in which the peoaffairs of mankind than any other na. ple of Omaha are especially interested tion does now or has ever done. Let us they will have cause to congratulate themselves, as well as him.

> The action of one of the South Omaha city since the crash of 1893 have been growing and prosperous business demands it.

> Lincoln druggists protest that if the new rules promulgated by the excise worth while taking out permits to sell liquor. But perhaps it may turn out that the order is simply evidence of a new broom that may not sweep so clean when it gets worn at the edges.

That municipal asphalt repair plant jority of the applicants for places on the will have plenty of work to do when it modern type of lobbyist, who is now crowdcanal are actuated by a spirit of adven- is once installed. In the interval, how- ing him out of the game, he was as much ture. They see an opportunity to get a ever, it might be saved considerable a fortune raising bananas. "When they responsible for most of the pavement

The statement of a Japanese official that that country owes all that it has the candidates tear up their application in the way of progress to the United papers. Others are dropped because of States is giving big credit to a country which was only after a chance to swap merchandise when Commodore Perry

Now that it has been decided that the laws of the United States relating to convict labor do not apply to the canal zone, the Monte Carlo promoters may find a temporary foothold on the western continent until the laws are

The publication of the correspondence sounded.

Think What He is Missing. Chicago Inter Ocean. Rojestvensky suffers, of course, from the

newspapers to which the journalistic naval The Fly in the Cocktail. Washington Post. Director of the Mint Roberts says there will be a greater production of gold this

ever before in the history of

Alaska's Advantage Philadelphia Record. The supreme court holds Alaska to be part of the United States and not a coionial possession. Alaska is a part of the continent. Were it separated from the United States by a great stretch of water things would be different, and a jury made up of six men would do as well as a jury of

Extravagance in Printing.

Representative C. B. Landis of this state ons announced his intention of making thorough investigation of the public print ing office with a view of effecting practical reforms. The movement does not come any too soon and Mr. Landis' long connection with the house committee on public printing should qualify him to lead it. It might have been begun before without being re garded as premature. Last year the publiprinting office paid for paper \$700,388, for material and supplies \$764.964. for lithothink there can be no reasonable doubt graphing and engraving \$25,291 and for

that the view of the comptroller of the labor \$4,214,788. This looks like a large and inviting field for economy, retrenchmen and reform. We advise Mr. Landis enter it with his pruning knife whetted.

Knocking the Open Door

San Francisco Chronicle. The open door in the Orient is mo hought of now by western manufacturing peoples than it will be a dozen years hence From present indications long before 1920 the principal reason for keeping the trade doors of China and Japan wide open will be to let in raw materials and permit egress to manufactured goods, which will be shipped to countries whose peoples now fondly fancy that the Chinese and Japa nese were created to be exploited by them.

Investment Fakes.

Portland Oregonian. The people who attempt to get rich quickly by putting their money in wildcar schemes have been getting some hard leshistory will hardly be able to admit have confidence in Omaha only if those sons lately. Strange that people do not gain wisdom by experience. who concoct these schemes and foist them upon the public had one-tenth part of the paying investments they advertise so liberally they would under no conditions part with the stock, fewer lambs would be shorn. A really good and profitable busithe stock to any great extent, as it will sell itself, and there are always plenty of shrewd investors willing and ready to purperson who travels abroad should leave chase. It is a case of investors seeking the investors.

FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

Possible (se of the Proposed Union Pacific Stock Issue.

Cleveland Leader. Announcement by the Union Pacific of the story that the Harriman, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and, possibly, the Rockefeller interests, intend to gain control, as soon as may be, of the New York Central. Possibly this issue does not mean anything of the kind. In the west and northwest it is believed that Mr. Harrimon and those associated with him desire, as speedily as possible, to clinch their hold upon all the transcontinental systems in the United States, save the Great Northern, and that this desire is heightened in intensity by the knowledge that the Panama canal is a certainty.

Of course, in all these matters surmise nust take the place of certainty, for no one knows just what the purposes and ambitions of the railway magnates and great capitalists are-save themselves and those in immediate executive touch with them. The desire for the acquisition of more railways would seem to point to a sentiment on the part of the multi-millionaires that congress will not pass any laws in its coming extra session that will seriously detract from the values of great By the election of General Manager transportation properties. From one point of view this confidence is gratifying; from another it is not so pleasant

LOBBYING WITH A MASK.

Corporation Lawyers in the Role o "Friends of the People." New York Times.

Lobbying is an evolution. Methods of twenty years ago are now obsolete. In the olden days the professional promoter approached members of the legislature, frankly avowed what his corporation wanted and how much it was willing to national banks increasing its capital pay. The new, up-10-date lobbyist is a lawstock is a decidedly good sign. All the yer, who with some corporation's fee in his changes in bank capitalization in this pocket, masquerades as a friend of the legislation in which his corporation client of the public interest should turn out to seconds' firing. have for their object the promotion of legboard against ordering sods water with islation designed to benefit some corporation at the expense of the public. The worst of it is that most of the lawyers who should be furnished to American soldiers. are engaged in this audacious and outrageous practice are men who are supposed to have standing in their profession and in the community from which they come.

The old style lobbyist was a despicable creature, but at least he had the merit of being free from hypocrisy. He wore no mask. As compared with the more more entitled to consideration than is the the housebreaker, who steals into your take it up with me.

It might be made a rule in Albany that any person appearing before a committee with. I do not see any point in having of the legislature should be compelled to state what interests he represents.

OLD HARRY BUTTS IN.

Satirical Remarks from a Quaint Source and Warm Personage. Harper's Weekly. following letter apropos of Mr.

Rockefeller's contribution to the American any new bayonets are issued the president Board of Poreign Missions, signed by will pass uopn them. Satan and purporting to be written by the Devil, was received by Harper's Weekly yesterday. The editor of the publication of Mark Twain is mentioned in connection with the crime

"To the Editor of Harper's Weekly: Dear Sir and Kinsman-Let us have done with this frivolous talk. The American board accepts contributions from me every year; then, why shouldn't it from My Rockefeller? In all the ages, three-fourths of the support of the great charities has self away. been conscience money, as my books will show; then, what becomes of the sting when that term is applied to Mr. Rockefeller's gift? The American board's trade is financed mainly from the graveyards. Bequests, you understand. Conscience money. Confession of an old crime and deliberate perpetration of a new one; for deceased's contribution is a robbery of his disadvantage of not being able to secure a heirs. Shall the board decline bequests prompt daily delivery of the American because they stand for one of offenses every time, and generally for

"Allow me to continue. The charge most persisently and resentfully and remorselessly dwelt upon is taht Mr. Rockefeller's contribution is incurably tainted by perjury-perjury proved against him in the courts. It makes us smile-down in my the country. It would be fine if the output Because there isn't a rich man could be mutualized instead of going into in your vast city who doesn't perjure himself every year before the tax board. They are all caked with perjury, many layers thick, ironclad, to speak. If there is one that isn't, I desire to acquire him for my museum, and will pay, dinosaur rates. Will you say it isn't infraction of law, but only annual evasion of it? Comfort yourselves with that nice distinction if like-for the present. But by and by, when you arrive, I will show you something interesting-a whole heliful of evaders! Sometimes a frank lawbreaker turns up elsewhere, but I get those others every

"To return to my muttons. I wish you to remember that my rich perjurers are contributing to the American board with frequency; it is money fliched from the sworn-off personal tax; therefore it is the wages of sin; therefore it is my money; therefore it is I that contribute it; and finally, it is therefore as I have said since the board daily accepts contributions from me, why should it decline them from Mr. Rockefeller, who is as good as I am, let the courts may what they may?

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The collapse of swindling concerns various parts of the country, notably in Philadelphia and Kansas City, prompts the postmaster general to order an investigation of this branch of the postal service, with a view to more effective supervision of concerns which derive existence from the use of the mails. The rule heretofor: followed was to order an inquiry when complaint is made by an aggrieved citizen. The complainant is required to submit evidence of the use of the mails for the purpose of frund. It is not enough to show that the scheme operated is impractical and therefore fraudulent, and that mail is delivered to the concern complained of A ream of red tape must be unwound be fore the machinery of investigation is set In motion. When results are obtained trust, will be a large, central hall, to be from the department the damage is done, thousands of people are swindled. swindlers are at liberty to skip, and the would stop to consider that if the deceivers | door adorned with sign as expressive as that which greeted the victims in Kansas City a few days ago:

"Good by, you Suckers, Good by. Postmaster General Cortelyou has made up his mind to ascertain whether or not any one in the Postoffice department was ness does not need to advertise the sale of shielding the Philadelphia swindlers, and if so whether they are still in the service One of the interesting side lights on this case is that Harrison J. Barrett, nephew of the late Assistant Attorney General Tyner investment, not of investment seeking the was the counsel for the Storey Cotton company. It is supposed that this fact may have had some influence on the department's failure to act on Holden's reports The records of the investment company show that Barrett was paid a considerable sum of money for passing on the literature and advertising metter used by the promoters, his duty being to keep them withthe issue of \$100,000,000 of bonds revives in the pale of the law as administered by

> Seekers after government positions should find some way by which they can win the good favor of William E. Loeb, jr., sec retary to the president. The surest was by which that can be done seems to b through the recovery of some valuable article Mr. Loeb has lost. The finding of a gold watch recently secured for Mrs Michael G. Lauxman a \$750 clerkship in the coast and Geodetic Survey service, after all other means of landing a position had failed. Several days before he left Washington with the president Loeb missed the watch, a handsome one, and was much disconcerted. The loss was advertised in the papers and in response Mrs. Lauxman went to the White House and handed the secretary his valuable timepiece. Mr. Loeb, in the exuberance of his joy, was profuse in thanks and asked her what would be considered a suitable reward. "Speak out." he said; "don't be backward, Mrs. Lauxman took him at his word and suggested that an appointment of some character would be entirely agreeable. The secretary promised to do what he could, and a few hours after the watch was re turned she received notice of her appoint-Geodetic survey

Officials in the Navy department are receiving with open pleasure the report of the unprecedented target scores made from the deck of the battleship Wisconsin in practice on the Asiatic station. Training its guns across the waters at Cavite, Philippine islands, upon a rectangular canvas sail target seventeen feet high and twenty-one feet long, moored 1,600 yards distant, the gunners of the Wisconsin made eleven hits public in order better to promote some forty seconds. Thirteen-inch guns were in the direction of contracting the cap- is interested. There has been so much Wisconsin could place two shells against ers. A large part of the issue was taken ital stock. Banks do not, as a rule, in- lobbying of that sort in Albany during the the armored side of a ship 1,600 yards away up on the state's terms. But certain own- should be put into execution. crease their stock liabilities unless a present session that newspaper corresponder every minute. This is the best record of ents and the more self-respecting members the American navy up to date, surpassing value. of the legislature, we understand, have even the marvelous record made from the had to be constantly on their guard lest same ship last year, when nine hits out of statements given them by supposed friends ten shots came in five minutes and forty

> President Roosevelt has decided views or the style of bayonets and swords that In a letter to the secretary of war, which just has been made public, he wrote as

"I must say that I think the ramrod bayonet about as poor an invention as I ever raw. As you observed, it broke off short as soon as hit with even moderate force. It would have no moral effect and mighty little physical effect. I think the suggestion of a short, triangular bayonet a great improvement. After you have gone over highwayman who attacks you openly to the subject of the bayonet and the sword,

"I wish our officers could carry rifles. If they carry any sword they ought to carry a sword that they can cut or thrust the cavalry armed with a bayonet, even though the modern cavalryman is nine times out of ten on foot. He might have a sword in his belt, only it ought to be a sword that can do damage."

The president recommends that the opinion of military attaches in the far east on the subject of the bayonet and sword be submitted to the general staff. Before

No Shirt, a big chief of the Umatilla tribe in Oregon, has been haunting the office of asserts that he has reason to believe that the Indian commissioner in Washington the name of Satan is forged, and the name for a week. No Shirt heard of the new white father who presides over his comrades' destinies behind a desk at Washington. He found that he could not rest content until he had seen and conversed with the new chief. So No Shirt traveled all the way to Washington to meet Mr. Leupp. He was so pleased with his reception that he finds it impossible to tear him-

In the course of a speech disclaiming against the admission of New Mexico to statehood Senator Spooner dramatically held aloft a paper containing a list of municipal office holders of a city of that territory. He declared: "It reads like the muster roll of a Spanish military company." Senator Cullom suggested that Senator Spooner read some of the names, but the latter tossed the paper aside disdainfully, saying: "I cannot read Spanish. Senator Foraker, who favored admission, picked up the paper, and after glancing at the names, said: "With the senator's permission I will read some of them. Here are a few of the names: Thomas Smith, William Johnson, James G. Robinson, Charles K. Clark and William McGinnis. No so very Spanish, after all."

Chicago Post

Great Foe of Health. The New York physician who told the Society of Medical Jurisprudence that long skirts were far more deadly foes to health than spitting in the streets has taken the right end of the fight. If a man may be arrested for spitting on a sidewalk because of the supposed danger to the health f others, why may not a woman be entitled to the same attention for a like eason? A large number of women who might fear to defy the rules of fashion will be entirely amenable to the law. The spitting habit is dirty and disgusting, and it is well that it should be penalized, but why not the long skirt also?

Frenk Features of Citizenship. New York Tribune

Concerning the Japanese naturalization ontroversy in Texas, it really does seem a little odd that we should grant citigenship to men of one nation and at the same time deny it to those of another nation which is showing itself superior to the first.

PERSONAL NOTES.

President Castro of Veneguela is very touchy on the subject of short stature and will never be seen in company with a tall man or woman, if he can help R. One of the least of the Russian sailors has excaped. The lucky fellow fell over

board, swam for several hours and was picked up by a passing steamship. Dodd, the attorney for the Standard Oil, In his defense of Rockefeller, missed the main point of the charges against the company; it has been very successful.

Prof. Percival Lowell of the Harvard astronimical party at Flagstaff, Ariz., has just made the discovery that the Erythracum sea on Mars has turned from blue green to chocolate brown.

One of the features of the new residence of Mr. Duke, the head of the Tobacco used as a picture gallery. This will afford fine opportunity for preserving the priceless originals of some of the well known tobacco pictures. Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the new

hairman of the Panama Canal commission. is quite a social favorite in Washington and is a close friend of Mrs. Leslie M Shaw, a friendship formed in Iowa when Mrs. Shonts was Miss Drake, the daughter of a former governor of that state.

Nichol Zavolsky, 21 years old, the adopted son and trusted lieutenant of Maxim Gorky, the Russian povelist and socialist, who recently came to this country, has left New York with three companions to make a tour of the United States for the purpose of spreading the doctrines of socalism among the poorer

inimpressed by Dr. Osler's theory as to the uselessness of men after the age of 40. the successor of such incumbent." All He advertises in the Globe as follows: that is necessary under this "recall" sys-Editor-reporter wanted for old established weekly, experienced in public affairs, and must be between to and 50; young and 'brainy' applicants need not apply."

SUING A SOVEREIGN STATE.

Effect of South Dakota's Suit Against North Carolina.

New York Tribune A new way has apparently been found to compel a state to pay its debts. Under was soon objected to by the champions of state rights. They insited that the power to sue a state should be abridged, and by the eleventh amendment, ratified in 1798, It was declared that no state should be compelled to defend a suit briught against ment as a stenographer in the Coast and it by citizens of another state, or by alien citizens or subjects. Protected by this amendment states have from time to time scaled or repudiated their debts, and holders of bonds, if citizens of other states or allens, have been debarred from redress through federal action. Not long ago an ingenious attempt was

made to get around the eleventh amendment and to accomplish what it plumply forbids by indirection. The state of North Carolina issued in 1869 some bonds to aid in the construction of the Western North Carolina railroad. Some years later the state legislature "readjusted" this debt, ers held out for a redemption at face They could not personally bring North Carolina into court, but they con ceived the idea of presenting ten of the outstanding bonds to the University of to South Dakota, a state institution. South Dakota thereupon brought suit in the United States supreme court to recover the face value of the bonds, with interest. The case was hotly argued, but the supreme court finally gave a verdict against North Carolina, issuing a judgment in South Dakota's favor for \$27,400. This judgment was to be satisfied by January 1. But a stay was afterward granted until the first Monday in April. On Saturday. April 1, the attorney general of North Carolina deposited a check for \$27,400 with the clerk of the supreme court, and the litigation was ended. On its face the suit left the individual

bondholders no better off than they were before, except for the thanks of the commonwealth which had profited by their experiment. But, as a matter of fact, the supreme court's verdict has led the North Carolina legislature to offer a new adjustment. Fearing, perhaps, that more bonds given to states would have to be redeemed with interest, the legislature has agreed to pay \$215,660 to extinguish the outstanding debt, allowing nothing for interest that has accrued. This offer is likely to be accepted, inasmuch as it reimburses bondholders who have no power to enforce payment for their own benefit. At the same time North Carolina relieves itself of obligations which, if held and recovered on by other states, would make necessary an outlay of \$690,000. The litigation thus closed appears, therefore, to have had a practical value in compelling a state to notice claims against which it thought itself legally protected. Happily, the days of debt scaling in this country are over. The states nowadays are both able and willing to satisfy all their just obligations. But North Carolina's recent experience suggests that, even if a commonwealth's sense of honor does not prompt it to pay its creditors, a way can still be found to prod it into recognizing that honesty is the best and cheapest policy.

## CREAM

Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

"RECALLING" PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

allfornia Reform System Tested in the Courts. Chicago News.

In 1902 the people of Los Angeles embarked on a new experiment in municipal government. They secured a charter amendment providing that "the holder of At least one London editor seems to be any elective office may be removed at any time by the electors qualified to vote for tem is that 25 per cent of the voiers file ; request asking for the obnoxious official's removal. A special election is then ordered at which the voters may decide either to continue him in office or to supplant him with a new man.

Last fall some citizens of the Sixth ward of Los Angeles became dissatisfied for number of reasons with their alderman. J P. Davenport. They instituted "recall" proceedings and put him out of office-the first time a thing of the kind had been done the federal constitution, as originally in the United Stats. Davenport carried adopted, the supreme court was authorized his case to the California supreme court to try, in addition to suits to which the which has decided that he was illegally de-Inited States was itself a party, suits prived of his seat, but as its decision "between two or more states, between a based on technicalities and does not enter state and citizens of another state, be- into the question of the law's constitution tween citizens of different states, between ality there is no reason for believing that citizens of the same state claiming lands the "recall" device will not be declared under grants of different states and be- valid. The chief justice of the court, intween a state, or the citizens thereof, and deed, in a separate opinion fully approves foreign states, citizens or subjects." But the plan, affirming that the people "can for the latitude of this grant of jurisdiction good cause dismiss any officer who has not been true to their interests."

Altogether the effect of the California court's decision and of the publicity thus thrown upon the "recall" is likely to stim ulate rather than diminish the interest already shown in the device, especially in Wisconsin and some other states. On its face, the ability to wield such power over an elective official affords an easy and effective way of compelling obedience to the popular bidding. Whether the possession of this power would not lead to carelessness in the original selection of candidates and keep officials in a state of timorous subjection to passing whims and the appeals of demagogues is a question worthy of serious consideration. No doubt a large part of the voting public would prefer the policy of exercising scrupulous care to get the right men in the first place and then permitting them some independence of judgment in saying how the popular will

It is easy enough to get plenty of good advice, but it is mighty hard, oftentimes, to follow it.—Somerville Journal.

Milkman-I've called to see why you haven't paid the bill you owe for milk. Customer-Turn about's fair play. Chalk that up for a while.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Goedman Gonrong gazed at the bilious locking pumpkin ple that had been placed before him by the sweet-faced young wife. Then he turned and fled. "Yeller peril" he gasped.—Chicago Tri-

"I suppose, senator, that you are glad to get home, after the long, tiresome session of congress?"

"Yes, the railroad people have come to feel so sure of us that it is necessary for me to look after my law practice pretty closely these days."—Record-Herald.

"I see that Russia is putting another "Yes-that's her sinking rund."—Brooklyn

"How do you like that speaker?"
"He is neither one thing nor the other,"
answered the man who is never pleased.
"His remarks are just stupid enough to
make you sleepy and just loud enough to
keep you awake."—Washington Star.

Wiggles—Let's see, you went to that faith-nealing doctor, didn't you? Waggles—Yes. Wiggles—Did he cure you? Waggles—Well, he cured me of my faith n faith-healers.—Somerville Journal.

AN IDLE WISH. Puck.

O, give me back the good old days; I want the simple life, The care free times before we knew Bacteria were rife.

We never boiled the crystal stream The oaken bucket drew, And if our mud ples recked with germs, At least we never knew.

But now we boil, and bake, and steam, And disinfect and burn; We wash and spray and shake and stir And fume and scrape and churn. We think it will prolong our days. No nook or eranny shirk. And just as every microhe flees. We die of overwork.

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