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Subscribed in my before me this list (Seal)	presence and sworn to day of March, 1966. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

The Milwaukee bank-quake has not interfered with the Milwaukee bock beer season.

Dr. Nansen may discover more trouble than he found in the frozen north if he continues to prod the "terrible Swedes."

Now that Judge Munger has given the water board the privilege of amusing also become indifferent and perform itself by whittling at water rates, we their duties in the most perfunctory shall see what we shall see.

Is it not rather premature for candidates for the mayoralty to spar for wind in view of the fact that the election for mayor will not come off until May, 1906

THE DUTY OF DIRECTORS. The Milwankee bank defalcation has superior to those now possessed by naturally commanded a great deal of Minneapolis, and Omaha's trade radius attention, due to the extraordinary is constantly extending. amount of which the bank was robbed Incidental to the enlargement of by its president, a man who stood high Omaha's milling facilities will come enin the business community and was unilargement of its cooperage facilities and versally regarded as not only a financier terdependent with and growing out of of great ability, but of the highest integrity. Comment upon this latest inthe various demands made for articles stance of robbery on the part of a bank especially fabricated for flour mills. official has naturally included criticism A striking instance of the interof the directors of the institution robbed dependence of industries is furnished by the impending removal of the plant and one of these puts the matter in this

form: "What were the directors doof an extensive manufactory of rubber ing all the time that the million was goods, giving employment to 000 wage being stolen? Were they in every reworkers, from Chicago to Detroit, for spect carrying out their sworn duties? the reason that its owners find economic It is well enough to say that bank dl- advantage in placing their factory in rectors cannot exercise their functions close proximity to the colony of autowithout giving up their time to them. mobile factories located in Detroit, as Very well, let them give up the time the principal product of the rubber or get out. No mag can take on him goods company new is automobile tires. responsibilities and escape under the OUR GERMAN MARKET-

plea that he is too busy with other Although it will be nearly a year be fore the new tariff regulations of Ger-There is nothing unreasonable in this. many go into effect, under the opera-When a man accepts the position of a

tion of which American products will bank director he takes upon himself a be placed at a disadvantage in competiduty of the very first importance, legally tion with those of other countries unand morally. He knows that the law less in the meantime a reciprocity arimposes certain obligations upon him rangement shall be effected between and he also knows that he is morally bound to care for the interests of the Germany and the United States, the matter is receiving a good deal of atdepositors in his bank as well as for tention in exporting circles and is certhe interests of the stockholders. He

tain to grow in interest. cannot properly delegate the duty thus Our German market has become very imposed upon him to anyone else. It important and valuable. It is a maris his alone and should be constantly ket to be cultivated, so far as this can cared for by him. He may have imbe done without injury or detriment plicit confidence in the officers and emto our own industries. During the last ploves of the bank. That is to be as fiscal year, according to the official sumed, or they would not be retained in statistics, we sold Germany a little less the service of the institution. Still the than \$214,000,000 worth of merchandise, duty of a bank director is to see and or nearly 15 per cent of our total exsatisfy himself from time to time, at ports. We bought from that country short intervals, that everything congoods to the value of \$110,000,000, so nected with the affairs of the instituthat the balance of trade was very tion is on an absolutely safe and sound largely in our favor. It is to be noted basis. Had this been done by the dithat about one-half of our sales to Gerrectors of the Milwaukee bank it would many last year consisted of raw cotton mittee in charge will request the sculpto have been quite impossible for its presiand copper, both of which remain in dent to have embezzled funds to the the free list of the German tariff and extent of more than a million dollars. consequently our exports of these would The facts developed show that the not be affected. A few other articles directors were most derelict in their remain at present duties or are only duties and that their laxity led to careslightly advanced, the notable advances lessness on the part of others, notably being in meats and cereals-to meet the cashier of the institution, who failed the agrarian demands-in which our to discover a state of affairs which trade amounts approximately to would certainly have been detected by \$17,000,000 annually.

a vigilant official in charge of the books It is suggested that the German marand careful to verify every entry. When ket which we might have to buy the men in control of a financial insti through the medium of a reciprocity tution become careless as to the mantreaty is one for which we cannot afagement of its affairs, it is easy to ford to pay any very high price; that understand that the subordinates will

the loss of her trade would be to us. This is doubtless · correct, but it is task of raising \$17,000 to buy the property. There is manifestly a lesson in this Milwaukee defalcation for bank dipower to strike us commercially, while rectors generally, but how many of them we have no readily available means of will be instructed by it? There have striking in return. Of course the United been many such lessons, though few States can adopt measures of retallaquite so impressive, yet it is not imtion, but it is a very serious question

probable that there are numerous banks It is hardly probable that one of the in the country today whose directors whether such a course would be wise features of the meeting of the General are as careless and as lacking in vigi- or expedient, so long as a way remains marshal, tobacco smokers cost his state Federation of Woman's Clubs at At- lance as were those of the bank looted open for the negotiation of a fair and

are fully equal and in many respects Shucks! Many a good wife desires above her husband, and does all things to "run" It, 100.

A Banker Proves His Advice. Washington Post.

Banker Bigelow advised the American Bankers' association a year ago that more stringent methods should be adopted to the establishment of new industries in- protect banks of the country from thieving officers. He has shown that his advice was good.

Looking Before Giving. Chicago Record-Herald.

out before offering money whether it will conscience from rocking the boat.

Concerning the Bear Hunt Philadelphia Press.

Many men have many minds over the president's successful bear hunt. Some think that he is taking out on the bears his feeling towards certain statesmen. Others fear that he is in training for the hunt of bigger bear when he returns to Washington. Still others are simply green with envy because they, too, cannot go off for a holiday. But more are content to be heartily glad that the president is having the good time which he so well deserves and is so competent to enjoy.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Gompers says the bakers are so short of sleep from long hours of work loading of the payroll, but it was no that they lie down on their dough and rise with it.

A Chicago stenographer, who has inherited a million says that she will keep right on with her work. That's always the way-the people who don't need the money get it.

In honor of the great composer, Donizetti museum is to be erected at Bergamo, his native place. Relatives of the late composer have agreed to furnish the material. Baroness Basoni-Scotti will supply the furniture of the room in which Donizetti died. Colonel Frank Hume, a former confederate army officer, is making an effort to Thirty-five foreign governments, 240 forget the Grand Army of the Republic to indorse his plan to have a bell east, to be the largest in existence, to be hung in take part in the gathering. the Arlington cemetery, and to be tolled

during the funeral rites of soldiers. Although Senator Quay will be perpeturepresented. ated in bronze it is doubtful if the comto follow the suggestion of one of the Philadelphia papers and depict him in his the world. This message will be sent to guess upon what the supreme court may favorite attitude of shaking a plum tree. Something more classical will be attempted. The 125th anniversary of Audubon's birthsecretary of the navy. day in May is to be celebrated in New York near the spot on the banks of the Hud-

son, where he lived the last years of his life of devotion to nature, and where he died half a century ago. Representative ornithologists and naturalists are to participate.

Prominent residents of Massachusetts, including Governor Douglas and Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston, are taking steps to preserve the house of Paul Revere in North square, near the old North church. in Boston, from which he started on his the loss of our trade with her would night ride to arouse the country side way really be more serious to Germany than up to Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775. The place was about to be torn down, but

pointed out that Germany has it in her It will be put in good condition, restored to its colonial dignity and preserved as a revolutionary relic.

SMOKERS AS FIRE HAZARDS.

Nicotine Hits Insurance Companies Below the Belt. New York Independent. According to H. D. Davis, Ohio state fire

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched On the Spot.

Around the Interior department hangs a cloud menacing the peace of the Indian bureau. Political weather prophets are forecasting a cyclone which will lift several pie-biters from the chairs and land them on short grass. The trouble with the ple-biters, as revealed by investigation, is an irresistible desire to reach for more

money than the law allows, and securing It by means of padded payrolls in the Indian warehouses of Chicago and New Andrew Carnegie says he always finds York. Some months ago complaint was made to the secretary of the interior that be accepted or not. It's a wise plan. No gross financial irregularities existed in the rich man should run the risk of being hu- Indian warehouses at New York and that miliated for the mere sake of keeping his men had been appointed to office who performed no service and who did not appear at the warehouse except to draw their pay. One of these men was employed as a bartender

> The Investigation not only developed that there were twice as many employes in the New York branch of the service as were needed, but that Financial Clerk Wilon, an appointce from Missouri, was short in his accounts and that he had withheld for three months the pay of some of his political henchmen who had been appointed to office. Wilson and seven of his appointees have been dismissed by the sec retary of the interior.

These discoveries caused Secretary Hitch cock to turn his attention to Chicago. It was found that similar conditions existed at Chicago, so far as concerned the over-

charged that any one has been guilty of financial irregularities, except with regard to the waste of public funds in paying useless employes. There will be further inquiry at Chicago before the secretary orders any dismissals, and it has not yet been decided how many employes are-slated for decapitation.

The International Railway congress, which convenes in Washington May 3, will be marked by a complete exhibition of modern railway appliances. That it is to is likely to prove correct. be a great affair is shown by the number of invitations accepted up to date. eign railways and sixty-seven American

Four hundred thousand miles of railroad in forty different countries are to be

At midnight May 3 the delegates will take part in sending the message around the grounds from Georgetown observatory, and it will make a complete circle of the of Mr. Rosewater appears to have the globe. The key will be operated by the support of the best lawyers in the state.

Marshal Halstead, United States consul at Birmingham, England, sends an interesting account to the Department of Commerce and Labor of an ingenious invention whereby the gas can be lighted from the like population. No good is accomplished room by touching a button just as elec-

tric lights are now lighted in all modern houses. Mr. Halstead states that the invention was first used a few days ago at a meeting of the dirtcors of the local gas company, when the president of the company, touching a button on his desk lighted two incandescent gas burners high up on the wall of the room. By again touching the button the lights were extinguished. The device is very simple With an incandescent burner there is a "pilot light," that is, a tiny light through a by-path, so that when the gas is turned full it will be lighted. Where the key or a gas burner would ordinarily be a little piston is placed, this piston having an

opening corresponding to the opening in cessor to Congressman Burkett, the fixture and the burner. When the piston is forward the gas has communication with the burner, and is lighted by the stead of running for two offices at once, pilot light, and when the piston is in the

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ent dissatisfaction with the record of

Kearney Hub: A state of things has

legislature continues, the rank and

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

the Loup Valley Queen: President Roose file of the party may have something to say in the matter at the psychological velt gives it out that he will not make moment that would erase part of the slate. any stops in Nebraska on his return from It need not surprise anyone if, when the his Colorado bear hunt. What's the use? He got all the big game in Nebraska last time comes, there be a new deal altogether. And it is worth the while to keep the fall. probability in mind.

Alliance Times: Edward Rosewater of The Omaha Bee gives his opinion edi-torially that the biennial election law is illegal, along with reasons for such conclusions. His opinion is worth at least as much as any man's in Nebraska, and

Schuyler Free Lance: Governor Mickey vetoed more bills than any other governor of Nebraska, but he failed to veto enough. He should have vetoed the biennial elecrailroads have announced an intention to tion bill as it was on the face of it unconstitutional and a scheme of the court

house gangs all over the state. Beatrice Sun: The Omaha Bee comes out very emphatically against the biennial election law, and supports its opposition ssemble in the exhibition grounds and to the bill by quoting from the constitution. While it is never safe to make a do in a decision of this kind, the theory

Lincoln Star: Omaha people object to having their city depicted as a veritable Sodom, and it is natural and proper that they should object. Such representation is swered Senator Sorghum. "I get rest false and slanderous. Omaha is as or-derly and free from vice as any city of

by sensational statements of the kind that are made now regarding vice in one city and now in another. Lincoln Journal: The complaint uttered by The Bee against the selection of indifferent men for office in Nebraska is neither

new nor startling. It is notorious that strong men have been discouraged from seeking office in this state for many years for the simple and sufficient reason that they are likely to develop traits of independence that are not relished by the

railroad managers who assume to guide our politics. Beaver City Times-Tribune: The political turmoil in the First congressional district, incident to the selection of a suc

on active work. Numerous stories are

affoat and the following names are men-

Robinson of Norfolk; J. A. Douglas of

Rock county; J. P. A. Black of Hastings,

Hastings Observer: It would take a Tom

and goodness knows how many more.

loned:

reminds "The professor is an Italian, isn't he?" "Yes, but he has been in this country quite a number of years." "But he speaks broken English, of one that if Mr. Burkett had declined to be a candidate for congress last fall in-

course. "No. "No. not broken exactly; only slightly sprained."-Philadelphia Press.

been revealed in Douglas county. For some time there have been hints and rumors of grafts and jobs and had leaks in the handling of the county business. Investigation has been going on, and as a sample of the jobbery it is stated that the county has seen paying for a ton of coal and getting 75 pounds. This instance, however, is but small part of the system of graft and robbery that has been practiced, if reports are true. The item is not specially important as a matter of information to, newspaper readers outside of Omaha, but

it may have some value everywhere in impressing on the public mind the necessity of keeping watchful eye on the conduct of public business, for this is an age of graft and boodling and of using public office as a private snap.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"I wouldn't call him an epicure. He's nothing but a glutton." "My, that's rather a harsh term." "Well, he's one of those fellows who will eat a hearty breakfast and then discuss with his wife what to order for dinner."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Woman of the House (handing him a plate of cold scraps)-You look like a man who has seen better days. Fondry Gretts-Yes'm, thankee. I have. Ther' was a time, ma'am, w'en I would have blushed to hand such a layout as this to a dog.-Chicago Tribune.

"Bliggins is still saying that he has the smartest baby in the world." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "there is a universal tendency among fathers and mothers to give their children credit for wonderful discrimination in the selection of parents."—Washington Star.

Princeton. No A P

It is said "Tom" Tibbles is to start a new paper in Nebraska. Strange that of these financial institutions are bound neither so good a democrat as Mr. Bryan nor so good a populist as Mr. Berge can fill the place.

Lee Herdman is already nominating Colonel Bryan to make the race for governor of Nebraska next year. A call for a meeting to reorganize the Success league will be in order.

"Omaha will have to fight for what it gets," says President Stickney of the Great Western. That is nothing new, however. Omaha has always had to fight for what it has getten.

It does not matter very much to the Omaha jobbers and grain dealers what inspired J. J. Hill to build the Ashland cut-off. Suffice it to say it was not designed for their benefit.

Reports from Baker indicate that the Russian government is playing the Mohammedans against the Christians, which is not the first time that an absolute monarch has found refuge in the policy of divide and rule.

The Clifton Hill Improvement club buildings and the general decline of adopted scorching resolutions property values in Omaha. No capitalhas against automobile scorching on Millitary avenue, but, if automobile chauffeurs cannot scorch along Military ave- built every twenty or twenty-five years nue, where else are they to scorch?

Prospects point to an increased assessment of private property through Nebraska for the 1905 tax list. It will therefore take nerve for the railroads to appear to seek reductions. But the railroad tax bureaucrats were never lacking in nerve.

Councilman Nicholson has generously ton Hill school house. Why cannot Mr. few are lights for the illumination of the high school grounds?

Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service is to try to stop counterfeiting in the Philippines. There will be some more people on the island who will now have further cause to regret American oc- present year is as much the natural cupation, which interferes with customs long established under Spanish rule.

One of the railroad magnates before tion of several mammoth grain elevathe senate investigating committee ex- tors already in progress. While Omaha presses particular solicitude lest the enlargement of powers to the Interstate Minneapolis as a wheat milling center, Commerce Commission might operate to it enjoys great advantages over Minne the disadvantage of the west. The apells in grain milling.

west has an idea that it is at a de-Omaha is in the very heart of the cided disadvantage under the present great corn belt, while Minneapolis is system of limited powers of regulation outside of the corn belt, and the deand arbitrary powers of railway manmand for cornmeal, corn starch and by agement. The west would be perfectly products of maize is rapidly growing willing to take a chance at a change and will continue to grow for an inand rely on its ability to exact "a definite period. Omaha's facilities as a square deal." distributing center for milling products

equitable trade arrangement lantic City will be an excursion to by Bigelow. Unquestionably the great These is no question as to the im

majority of bank officials are men of integrity, fully entitled to the confidence portance of our German market and the wisdom of endeavoring to hold it will that is reposed in them, yet the directors be generally admitted. There seems to be but one sure way of doing this and by every consideration of duty to the stockholders and the public to faithfully that is through a commercial treaty reciprocal in character. As to the pracneet the responsibilities they take upon ticability of reaching such a treaty there themselves when accepting position. No

private or personal consideration should is doubt. be permitted to interfere with this, A novel scheme is on foot to relieve

AS TO REASONABLE RENTS.

the monotony of Russian prisoners of Capitalists who have money to invest war, detained in Japan, by furnishing in business blocks suitable for wholethem reading matter with the two-fold sale dealers would undoubtedly be satpurpose of affording entertainment and isfied with 6 per cent net on their in- instruction, and of planting within them vestment, but that 6 per cent should the lessons of peace by a benevolent

represent returns outside of interest selection of the books and pamphlets upon the money expended for the placed at their disposal. After becom ground and building, the taxes, insuring surfeited with peace literature, the ance, repairs, and a reasonable amount Russian prisoners will be expected to for depreciation. Otherwise such inbecome missionaries to end the war vestments would not be very attractive, should they have an opportunity to reeven where continuous occupation is turn to their native land before the guaranteed. hostilities cease. Russian war prison-

The mere fact that Omaha jobbers ers might naturally, as a consequence who rent buildings have for years been of their unpleasant experience, be exable to enjoy rentals that do not yield pected to favor peace anyway, but if the owner 2 per cent on his money furtheir peaceful dispositions can be stimunishes no criterion of what would be lated by literary pabulum, it will be a good work deserving of encouragement fair to the owner. It was simply an indication of the superabundance of and assistance.

If bank clearings are any index of ousiness activity, Omaha is in a very ist would be so foolish as to invest healthy condition. Its clearings for last money in buildings that have to be reweek show an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of last year and by reason of wear and tear at a rental exceed those of Buffalo, Indianapolis, that would yield him less than he can St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph and Seattle get for his money by loaning it on farm by from 20 to 50 per cent.

mortgages, or investing it in city and county warrants. After all that can be said on the subdown on Wall street, but there is a

ject, rentals on improved-property are governed chiefly by the laws of supply and demand, which in this case means

scarcity and abundance. When there is an oversupply of vacant buildings offered to donate an arc light at his rents are low; when there are few disposal to the illumination of the Clif- | buildings vacant and a heavy demand for buildings rentals are more firm and Nicholson be persuaded to donate a higher. This applies to dwelling houses as well as business blocks, and applies as well to rents in Chicago and New

York as it does to rents in Omaha.

OMAHA'S MILLING INDUSTRY. The prospective erection of several flouring mills in Omaha during the sequence of the organization of the

That the rumor of a proposed investigation of a New York trust company grain exchange and the establishment should cause a panic on the stock marof a grain market as is the construcket is almost prima facle evidence of knowledge on the part of someone that

some trust company has been playing cannot hope to outclass, or even match | the game' regardless of rules. Free Criticism.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There are plenty of anxious men, som-

Stocks may go up and stocks may go

continues his business uninterrupted.

County Surveyor Edquist has

puts on its corkscrew curls?

of them holding positions of trust and profit, who are free to criticise President Roosevelt for exposing himself to the dangers of bohcat fighting.

His Trolley Slightly Off. Milwaukes Sectinel.

Says Grover Cleveland: "A good wife is woman who loves her busband and her country, with no desire to run either."

\$122,321 during 1904 for buildings and their contents destroyed through the agency of hot cigar stubs and pipe ashes. "Carelessness with matches" on the part of smokers caused additional losses. In his published report Mr. Davis states that 103 fires took place in Ohio that were attributable to smoking, and 298 originated through the careless use of matches. Fires were started by cigar and cigaret

stubs thoughtlessly dropped through sidetion. walk gratings under which rubbish and litter had been permitted to accumulate,

Butts thrown into sawdust filled cuspidors and into waste paper baskets were also potent factors in the losses.

Barn fires began only too frequently just subsequent to the departure therefrom of smokers who had enjoyed within their precincts the "solace of mankind." Burning tobacco from a pipe is ever

more dangerous than is the thrown-away cigar end. The cigaret stump is also an exceedingly powerful agent for mischief as a fire starter. Smoking in bed is likewise fire hazard that ought not to exist, but It does.

The vapor of gasoline explodes if it has contact with a lighted cigar, which developes a heat between 900 and 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

WHEN SHALL THE PASTOR CALL! **Bishop's** Advice to Preachers Unsets

Old-Established Customs. Detroit Tribune.

Bishop Berry of the Methodist church has startled the clergy and the laity by warning pastors against afternoon calls upon their women parishioners when the husband and the head of the house is not at home. This warning appears to have been taken by certain pastors in its worst possible sense, and, having done so, some of them have taken offense. In making pastoral calls the purpose is supposed to spiritual welfare of the entire be the household. In order to be most effective they should be made when the husband, who is usually most in need of spiritual

support, is home from his daily business and when the children, if there are children, are home from school. One such call which reaches the whole household feeling all over the United States that directly is worth a dozen pastoral counsels the real prosperity of the country no with the lady of the house. Many pastors have taken offense

longer depends upon the tale told by cause there is in the bishop's admonition the ticker and the buils and bears can a suggestion of possible temptation which many result in something destructive to fight it out while the real business man the happiness of the family and disgraceful to the community and religion.

moderate criticism of the bishop's warnbeen ng is to be expected by those who feel compelled to cut ditches through the that he has reflected upon the morality cork-screw windings of the Elkhorn in of the clerical body, but they should re member the opinion of Hamlet's mother order to send the water straight under concerning the action of the player queen the Elkhorn bridge. Why not build a She was a wise woman in the worldly drainage canal and send the waters of way, and her familiarity with wickedness the Elkhorn into the Platte before it led her to remark: "The lady protests too much." In this case too violent pro-

test might provoke rejoinder with citation of unfortunate cases which, make ample apology for the bishop's suggestion

Rev. Reed Stuart took a rational view of the case when he said: "I suppose the hishop thought his warning necessary or he would not have made it." The fact is that the sanctity of the home cannot

be too carefully safeguarded. Temptation and sin do not always take flight from the ministers of faith, and we are occasionally reminded that human nature is frail and prone to error. Our Occidental civilization leaves the door of the home wide open, while the Oriental keeps his harem tightly closed. It is probable that both are extreme in their respective meth-

ods. The suggestion of wrong seems to have banished the suggestion of good in this case. All the clergy must agree that a family assembly offers a better opportunity for a pastoral call than a visit that is devoted entirely to the lady of the house. out'."

tion the gas is shut off with th exception of a small quantity for the pilot light. The piston is operated pneumatically, a small copper tube about the size of a telegraph wire running from the these things. gas fixtures, say, to a point near the Wood River Sunbeam: Already the door of a room, so a person entering the gubernational bee has begun to buzz_in room can press on the button or plunger the bonnets of a few of the chosen over which is at the end of the tube, thus comthe state. At the present rate the candipressing the air and driving the piston date for the republican party will be setand the fixture into the gas-opening positled upon long before the campaign takes

Dozens of fraud orders have been issued by the Postoffice department during the last few weeks against persons conducting various kinds of get-rich-quick concerns. and in explanation of the unusual activity in this line it was learned that Postmaste General Cortelyou has inaugurated a radical change in the department's policy Under his direction the inspectors are now taking the initiative in ferreting out con cerns that are using the mails for fraudu lent purposes. Heretofore the department has taken no action until complaints have been registered against certain persons or ompanies.

have milked the fraternity following in "I can see no reason why the department this state. Both were poor men until they should wait for complaints against persons got their clutches on several of the frausing the mails to defraud the credulous ternities of Nebraska, and now both are public," said Mr. Cortelyou when asked growing immensely rich, while the men concerning the new policy, "when by takwho meet the assessments pay the bill. Old ing the initiative we may be able to stop line insurance has no better friends than their operations before they have made such men as these, who are doing all that material progress. There are hundreds of the laws will allow them to make fraternal these get-rich-quick concerns throughout insurance unpopular. the country and they are fleecing the pub-Grand Island Independent: While some lic out of millions of dollars. We hope to

of the old-time politicians of the state be able to put most of them out of busiwith the alleged co-operation of the manness." agers of the political departments of the In carrying into effect the new policy

big transportation companies are ap-Mr. Cortelyou has directed that inspectors be detailed in all the principal cities of parently arranging slates for the guber natorial campaign of a year from next the country to do nothing save investigate fall, it is to be remembered first that the the operations of persons or companies that said managers have hitherto not been in are using the mails in the furtherance of the habit of putting out the candidates that have any appearance of schemes they really desire to make quite so early fraud. The purpose of this is to build up in the game, and secondly that if the pres a corps of inspectors who will be special-

that all this trouble would have been avoided and the people would have been saved a useless expense of perhaps \$10,000

"There's just two things that break up nost happy homes," observed the Pohick or more. But then it is now Senator most happy homes," observed the Pehick philosopher. "What's them?" inquired the Squedunk Burkett and it is a sacrilege to mention

gnoramus "Woman's love for dry goods an' man's love for wet goods, b'gosh!"--Washington

Jacob had just kissed Rachel. Then he lifted up his voice and wept. "Why do you do that?" asked Rachel. "Because." he sobbed, "It didn't seem to surprise you! I am not the first young man you have kissed." But he forgave her to such an extent that he served her father fourteen years for her.—Chicago Tribune.

W. H. Harrison and Speaker George L. Rouse of Hall county; A. B. Allen, present private secretary to the governor; John Wall of Arcadia; Judge

A HOUSE-CLEANING CAROL.

The Madame. When the soap When the scap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line, Then I do not mope and long for any Home, Sweet Home in mine;

Lawson to tell all of the truth about the For I know the books are corded in the cellar by the coal, fraternity graft in this state. Another

big brick block is being put up in Lincoln And the pictures are reposing by the punch and salad bowl, by W. E. Sharp and Dr. Faulkner, the head of the fraternity grafting coterie that

And the mops and rags and dusters in con-fusion intertwine When the scap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line.

The plano's in the kitchen and the feather

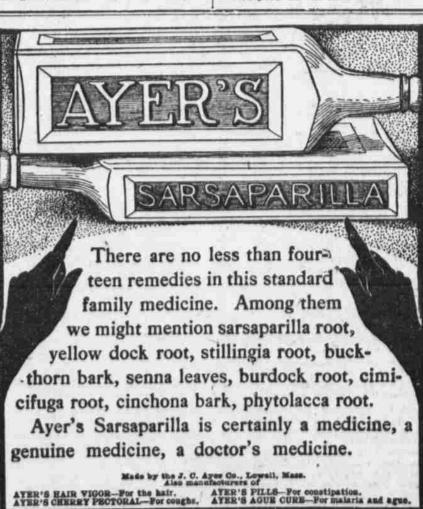
The plano's in the kitchen and the feather beds are hung On the fence above the flowers where the bric-a-brac was flung: There's a heap on the veranda-crockery and jardinleres-And a sound of mighty whacking in the back yard strikes my ears; So I slope away discreetly, for some other spot I pine. When the soap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line.

carpet's on the lin

They would feed me on cold victuals, I would sleep upon a cot; They might even say, "Get busy!"--make me help them, like as not; So I hover at a distance till I see them gather in All the furniture and bedding, and com-placently grin

placently grin That a fellow's mighty lucky if he knows

mystic sign When the soap is on the stairway and the carpet's on the line.



man was stranded penniless in Cincinnati. The first of the year saw him deposit \$4,000 in one Minneapolis bank and appear as a full-fledged grain commission broker. He advertised himself as the northwestern representative of the clique backing the buil movement in May wheat, and, claiming the usual "inside information," he guaranteed customers from 100 to 500 per cent on all investments over \$100. His literature carried pictures of his magnificen stone mansion and his huge grain elevator Investigation by postoffice inspectors proved both to be castles in the air and indicated that he found all too many in

vestors for his schemes, and the schemes

themselves to be, of course, valueless. Mr. Vaughan discreetly withdrew to parts un-

known at the first sign of trouble Senator Proctor and ex-Representative J. Hamilton Lewis were engaged in conversation at Washington recently, when Colonel

Lewis said: "Senator, is it true that some enterprising fellow citizens of yours have sold pieces of marble from your quarries for Vermont maple sugar?" Senator Proctor laughed at this remark and came back at the effervescent Lewis with the following: "You remind me of an incident that happened on a railroad train some time ago. The Pullman con-

ductor rushed into the smoker, yelling out: 'Any of you passengers from Maine or Vermont?" when up jumped a tall Yankee. inspired by the thought that some eccasion for his patriotism had arisen. 'Yes,' he said, 'I be from Vermont.' 'Well, then, come back here in the Pullman car,' said the conductor. "There's a lady who's got her spruce gum and maple sugar mixed up and wants someone to help her pick it

postoffice clerk. Last summer this young

ists in fraud cases. A fraud order was issued last week against Edward A. Vaughan, a former