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The May house cleaning at the county hospital has not yet been concluded.

Notary Public.

Mr. Metcalfe no longer contributes to the editorial page of the local popocratic organ. That's very evident.

Roosevelt to Chicago Iroquois braves: "I will not run (over you) again." Chicago Iroquois: "Three yells for Roosevelt."

Now that it has been officially declared that there is no polygamy in Hawaii one cause of a possible congressional junket has been eliminated.

General Greeley should recall the weather clerk at once. He has turned politician and has been blowing hot and cold on the same day.

macy to speak out plainly.

tronize home industry the next time his jaw needs a-mending. Omaha dentists bave a rod in pickle for him.

Austria.

telephonic newspaper interviews, he of his word.

If Admirals Togo and Rojestvensky want undivided attention for their battie in the China sea they will take care season has passed.

The arrest of Jesse James, jr., on charge of collecting usury on short time loans suggests that the father's plan of connecting with other men's money was braver and no more hazardous.

The sort of advertising Oklahoma is receiving these days is such as to call attention to its great resources through the list of property destroyed, but that is not the kind of advertising that pays.

The United States can sympathize with Germany, as it has been only a few years since it, too, was accused of trying to extend its sway over all the earth not firmly riveted to some first-rate

question would be solved. But there as well.

When the president of the Fontanelles judicial tribunal will change the popular at Ottawa, Kan., July 7. returns from his trip to Washington to impression is a question, but certainly protest against railway rate regulation, the opinion gives dealing in futures a he may be expected to call a special legal status, whatever may be thought meeting of the club to resolute in the of it from an economic and moral point same tenor.

men stepped from the district bench to such examples, no wonder the First district republicans are showing preference for judicial timber.

Democrats will meet in Lincoln June 15 to name a candidate for congress, but by that time the name of the successor of Congressman Burkett will have been already promulgated two weeks by the republican convention.

President Stickney complains that railroads enjoined from making cut rates on grain are paying elevator fees in lieu thereof. When the people are better than a dozen "Tom" Lawsons.

DEPRECATING CLASS BATRED.

and most dangerous rock in the course the downfall of the republic," declared the president, and he said that no true patriot will fail to do everything in his spirit in this country. This utterance before a democratic organization must have been regarded by some of them, who remembered the course of their ture of a rebuke.

In those campaigns one of the most was the appeal to class hatred. This to re-enter the national capital. was especially prominent in 1896, when the candidate never let pass an opport torical cataract fairly outdid himself. tunity to tell the producers and the wage and that is saying a great deal. Rivet earners of the country that they were ing his telescopic eye on the late la being oppressed and trodden under foot mented Nebraska legislature, his megaby the democratic leader this was a the temerity to introduce a commodity kind of appeal in the campaign of 1900, "Just think of it, fellow railroaders, a but toward the conclusion again made it dentist, who had not cut his railroad eye lar support. He denounced capitalists consuiting my Lincoln oil room underterizing them as "plutocrats" whose per- The man does not even know the differsistent purpose was to plunder and op-ential density of the population of press the people. He could see nothing Omaha and Council Bluffs, let alone the meritorious or commendable in the differentials between Iowa and Ne ing to deprive them of all their rights franchise to fabricate revenue laws, and liberties. There was not so much governors, congressmen and senators of this in the last presidential campaign, for the people of Nebraska. Gentlemen but the democratic candidate was finally of the railroad jury, what is your vera led to make, in modified form, an ap- dict? Shall we revoke his annuals, or peal to class hatred.

It was a fine compliment, unquestion-

paid to Mr. Roosevelt, but it does not warrant the assumption that the president is in any respect in sympathy with the democracy. His deprecation of class hatred was a distinct rebuke to that party, whether so intended or not. the Ohio river by boat to study the cerned the position of the president is provement of that stream. Government in accord with what prominent republengineers have surveyed the Ohio for licans have urged for the past quarter of a nine-foot channel from Pittsburg to century or longer. He did not acquire | Cincinnati without encountering serious his views on that subject from the demo- engineering difficulties, and an outlay cratic party, which is entitled to very of nearly \$2,000,000 has already been little credit for the federal legislation we authorized by the last congress for the have relating to railroad regulation. The proposed improvements. Inasmuch as vert to the democratic view in regard to house is made up of lawyers, a personal railroad regulation is utterly absurd, in inspection of the Ohio and Mississippi view of what the republican party has rivers is not as likely to contribute to done on the subject and the attitude of the fund of information possessed by some of its most prominent men for congress regarding the feasibility of the years. The vital difference in regard to proposed deepening of the river chanthis question between the democratic nels, as it is to afford the committee party and Mr. Roosevelt is, that while an agreeable spring outing, with its atthe former would inaugurate a revolu- | tendant receptions and banquets at the His speech on the railroad question tionary policy which could not fall to be various cities that are located along the puts Secretary Taft among those diplo- destructive and disastrous in its conse- river banks. Probably one reason why mats who believe it to be the best diplo- quences the president seeks only such the river and harbor committee has not in its operation, protecting the people at its disposal for Missouri river im-John N. Baldwin will do well to pa- against abuses and doing no injury to the provements is due to the fact that a railroads.

DEALINGS IN "FUTURES."

A few days ago the supreme court of That Hungarian police officer who the United States rendered a decision tampered with the mails of an American | which is of special interest to those who | tional changes, the most important step inspector may make the Magyars glad speculate in grain and provisions. The for once that they are still united to case before the court involved the right of the Chicago Board of Trade to control the use of its quotations and prevent work; but the undeviating object is to If the Hon. P. Crowe does not soon by contracts with the telegraph comcome in and give himself up as per his panies their delivery to bucket shops. The opinion of the court was that the will lose his reputation for being a man quotations belonged to the Board of Trade and were entitled to the protection | ject to the influences around them .- St. of the law as its exclusive property. Under this decision the so-called bucket shops will not be able to obtain the quotations of the Chicago board except unto postpone it until the American tornado | der contract and it was held by the court that refusal to furnish them did not constitute a monopoly in restraint of trade. But the most interesting feature of the judicial opinion relates to dealing in "futures." The Board of Trade was characterized as a great market where through its 1,800 members is transacted a large part of the grain and provision business of the world and it was stated that a majority of the court was not prepared to say that the transactions of the board constitute gambling. "People will endeavor to forecast the future and to make agreements according to their prophecy," says the decision. "Speculation of this kind by competent men is self-adjustment of society to the prob-Booker Washington says that if each for periods of want." It is needless to class. white man should use his personal ef- say this is very different from the comforts to elevating one negro the race mon idea regarding this form of speculation, which views it as gambling pure

Referring to the decision the New Two of Nebraska's present congress- York Journal of Commerce remarks: "This defense of trading in futures on the halls of national legislation. With the exchanges and boards of trade of the country as legitimate and useful in establishing and giving stability to prices, coming from the highest judicial authority in the nation, ought to have the effect of silencing the ignorant and shallow criticism which has tended to give an ill-repute to one of the most important agencies in the complex devices of modern trade." Still there are a great many people who will continue to think that \$3,777,278. this form of speculation is in nowise beneficial and that it would be better for

of view.

In the light of the terribly fatal coltrying to secure evidence against secret liston of a passenger train with a dynarates and similar affairs one Stickney is mite car, The Bee respectfully renews its

trade if it did not exist.

regulation and inspection of all ex-In his speech at the Iroquois club din- plosives and inflammable oils kept for ner Mr. Rooseveit said that the great sale or stored within the city limits of Omaha. One preventable disaster Inof any republic is the rock of class ha- volving loss of life would outbalance all tred. "It meant disaster and ultimately the trouble and expense of untold years.

AND THE BAND PLAYED.

power to prevent the growth of any such terrapin on toast, soaked in Widow Cliquot's champagne, his eloquence takes magniloquence electrified the delegates dreds. standard bearer in the presidential cam- to the railroad congress at the banquet paigns of 1806 and 1900, as in the na- given to visiting foreign railway delegates by the American railway section bosses, in plain view of the White conspicuous features of the speeches of House, just as President Roosevelt rethe democratic candidate for president turning from his bear hunt, was about

On this festive occasion, Iowa's oraby the men of capital and the corpora- phone voice sneeringly and jeeringly tions. In the hundreds of speeches made pointed to the Omaha dentist who had dominant note, delivered with all the rate bill, designed to make a horizontal force and eloquence of which he was cut of 10 per cent in local freight rates. espable. He indulged less freely in this That brought down the house, of course. prominent in his efforts to win the popu- feeth, trying to make rates without even pires feeding upon the people and seek- carpenter does not concede my exclusive shall we have him disfranchised from now on and forever?"

This Baldwinian sally was greeted ably, which the democratic Iroquols club with most vociferous applause. And the band played.

_ The rivers and harbors committee of congress has started on a junket down egislation as will be just and equitable been disposed to divert any of the funds junket up and down the Missouri would not be very entertaining.

When Chief Kiely's tnaugurated policy of transferring police officials from one district to another leads to a few addiwill have been taken toward improving the service. equal to the departments of other large cities, and is just as successful in its make it always better. Study of the officials, when retained for considerable time in charge of a district, lose interest in their duties or become more or less sub-Louis Republic.

The police reform just inaugurated in St. Louis has been advocated by The Bee for Omaha these many months, as the most effective and practical means for protecting the police from the contaminating influence of continuous contact with the vicious and criminal

Homeseekers' excursions from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to Nebraska are all right, but homeseekers' excursions from Nebraska to Winnipeg. Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and the Puget Sound country are all wrong. Nebraska should be good enough for every man, woman and child within its borders.

The czar need not have waited for Washington to say Baron de Rosen would be acceptable as ambassador to able. Its value is well known as a this country. The United States genermeans of avoiding or mitigating catas- ally looks to principles rather than men trophes, equalizing prices and providing and all Russian officials are in the same

William Jennings Bryan is to have a formidable rival on the Chautauqua stage are some white men who need elevating and simple and therefore necessarily and Tom Lawson is his name. Lawson harmful in its effect. Whether or not is a genuine trust buster and his debut the opinion respecting it of the highest on the lecture platform will be made

President Roosevelt will have an opportunity to reciprocate when Secretary Taft takes his projected trip to the Philippines, though it is a trip which can be but little curtailed no matter how much the lid may shake.

Forget It? Not This Year!

Chicago News. If the railways thought that the fascing tions of bear hunting would drive the rate question from the president's mind they must be sadly disappointed. Down to Hard Pan

Washington Post.

People are always ready to kick a man

when he is down. Banker Bigelow is accused of having stolen \$4,000,000, when the books show that his shortage is only

The Coming Motor. San Francisco Chronick The gasoline motor built for the Union Pacific is attracting an unusual degree of attention, and by many competent railroad men it is regarded as a solution of the troubles which the advent of the electric suggestion for an ordinance for the rigid prediction is now made that the suburban newspaper in the United States small sublime.

susiness which has proved such a source of revenue to the steam roads can be re-tained by reserving to motors, which can be more cheaply operated than electric cars.

Starting at the Bottom

Boston Transcript. By writing a life of James Watt, Mr. Carnegle made an adimirable opportunity for his sermonizing. Watt's father lost Whenever John N. Baldwin fills up on his fortune, so that the future inventor started with nothing-as Mr. Carnegie started. The boy had no classical education-neither did Mr. Carnegie. A host of the roof off the banquet hall. Such a other correspondences can be traced exspontaneous outburst of Baldwinian baustively, except as to millions by hun-

> BALLOTS AND BABIES. Woman's Club Leader Utters a New Battle Cry.

Washington Post. A fatally bright idea has become fixed in the feminine mind-an epoch-making St. Louis Globe-Democrat for \$250,000 dam thought that has run like wildfire through lovelty, reasonableness and force. It seems to be the key to freedom. This idea, full portent to us all, is crystallized by a job and doubtless needs the morrey. ader of women in this battle cry:

"No ballot, no babies!" The author of this slogan is Miss Anna Shaw, an orator of renown, and an unquestioned leader of her sex. Whether the idea originated with her or was suggested by a man, some traitor who hoped to curry favor with the enemy, we do not know. But it is too late now to bother with the origin of the movement. It is enough to know that it is afoot and growing with alarming spread. The women are rising as one man. Those who do not care a rap for the ballot are being dragooned into the fight. They are browbeaten by their milin unmeasured terms, sweepingly characteristics, study. Surely that capped the climax! Itant sisters until they dare not turn back. They have enlisted for the war. Some of them, we are informed, called attention to the fact that the Joan of Arc in this case is a Miss, and is thereby disqualified; but their objection was answered by the argumoneyed class. They were only vam- braska freight rates. The wretched tooth ment that the war relates to the future, and not to the past. Mothers are pardoned past delinquencies, but they must observe the rules of war hereafter.

> Only a second's consideration is neces sary to show plain, mere man that he is of modern times. The demand for suf- passes. frage by women cannot be waved off with a patronizing smile. We have always said that when the women reached the determination that they actually wanted the ballot they would get it, but we did not dream that they would couch their demand n such terrible form. The alternative they offer is no alternative at all. It is downright savagery, conceived with typical female cunning and subtlety.

We have suppressed this news until the last moment, in the hope that a way would So far as railway regulation is con- present and proposed government im- be found to circumvent the difficulty that confronts mankind. But there is no relief in sight, and the truth is out. The reponsibility rests upon the president. It was he who went out of his way to counsel the mothers as to their duty. They have returned a stupefying ultimatum. What will President Roosevelt do? Will he stupidly attempt to make a fight, or will he grasp the hopelessness of the case, and immediately call a special session of coneffort to claim Mr. Roosevelt as a con- seven eighths of the membership of the gress for the purpose of conferring the suffrage upon women?

An extraordinary occasion has arisen Everything else must give way pending the adjustment of this new and calamitous situation. The president has done well to curtail his bear bunt in order to hurry home. Now the question is. What will

UNION PACIFIC STOCK ISSUE.

Speculation on the Uses to Which the Money Will Be Put. San Francisco Chronicle.

By a unanimous vote of the holders of substantial moderity of both the common and preferred stock of the corpora tion it was agreed at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad company, held on last Friday at Salt Lake City, to issue an additional \$100,000,000 of preferred stock. Nothing was said at the meeting concerning the purpose of the issue. Even a query made by one of the Salt Lake stockholders as to the manner in which the proceeds of the new issue were to be expended was allowed to go The police department is into the minutes of the meeting unanswered and without protest.

It is understood, however, that the money is to be devoted to the improvement of Union Pacific properties, and, possibly, situation leaves the impression that some to the construction of extensions which will carry the system from seaboard to seaboard and thus place it on an equal footing with the Gould system when the Western Pacific and the Wahash-Pittsburg ines are built. It is now admitted that Union Pacific interests have amicably decided to allow Gould to carry out his seaboard to seaboard program without further obstruction, which means that there will be no more opposition to the building of the Western Pacific, the most important of all his through line extensions.

One of the Union Pacific projects, toward which a part of the new stock issue will be devoted, is the boring of the great tuanel through the Sierra to get rid of the enormous grades over which every train crossing the range at the summit must now be hauled and the costly system of snowsheds which, in its present condition, the Central Pacific must maintain to protect the winter traffic. Previous estimates of the cost of this enterprise have ranged from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. A New York dispatch, which comments on the good impression made on Wall street by the action at the Salt Lake meeting, now estimates the cost of the tunnel at \$20,000,000. This is probably excessive. However, should the Sierra tunnel absorb 000,000 of the new stock issue, there would still remain \$80,000,000 for new road construction. Some of it will doubtless be spent for feeders to the system in this state; but the bulk of it is likely to be spent in the construction or in obtaining control of a line from Omaha to the eastern seaboard, for the indications are strong that Harriman and his associates have reached the reasonable conclusion that the line will have to be extended some day from ocean to ocean to enable it to meet future transcontinental competition on the most favorable terms and that there is no better time than the present to do it. In all probability, the policy of an independent line from seaboard to sea board will be ultimately adopted by all the transcentinental systems in self-dedefense. The abandonment of the obstructive policy toward Gould's plans of railroad extension and the prospective uses to which the big Union Pacific stock issue is to be devoted are, therefore, among the most significant and important railroad developments of the times for the Pacific coast, and particularly for California.

Rosewater and Senator Burkett Praveling

as guests on the president's train. The As-

sociated Press report, veraciously record-

the presence of these gentlemen on the

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Thrifty legislators in New York state are said to have saved from \$25,000 to \$40,000 each out of a session salary of \$1,500. William R. Hearst, the modern demo cratic prophet, has secured judgment for \$6,439 against Charles A. Towne, Tammany congressman and tribune No. 2 of demo

C. B. Andrews, a member of the Arkansas legislature, has been arrested and jailed on the charge of accepting a bundle of tainted money for his vote and influence He admits the money looked good to him. Jennings Plummer of Charleston, Ind., a

pachelor, aged 60, committed suicide a few days ago. After pendering over the subject for six months he concluded that life was not worth living under republican rule and deliberately hanged himself. Sam B. Cook, former secretary of state of Missouri, has entered suit against the

ages. The Globe-Democrat charged that the country, inflaming the fair sex with its | Cook made a false affidavit, thus mortally wounding the tender sensibilities of a Missouri politician. Mr. Cook is now out of a The governor of Indiana has made it a rule that no man who drinks shall be appointed to office, and his appointees have

extended the rule to those whom they, in turn, choose. In all the cities where boards of metropolitan police commissioners are appointed there is now a strict enforcement of the saloon laws and the laws against gambling. P. Tecumseh Sherman, son of the late

General William T. Sherman, has been nominated to be state labor commissioner of New York. Mr. Sherman is 37 years old and a lawyer by profession. A republican of decidedly independent attitude, he has been identified with several reform move ments, and on occasion has not hesitated vigorously to criticise his own party.

Mayor Berry of Chester, Pa., is stirring up the question of free passes for public officials on the trolley lines. He says he does not see any difference between free transportation and a free barrel of flour or a free suit of clothes, and there really isn't any such difference as would prompt the average official to reject the flour or up against the most terrifying movement | the clothes any more than he rejects free

One of the most remarkable episodes in the municipal life of America has just occurred in the city of Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, dubbed by one of its own citizens the "City of Fraternal Filching," and christened by a magazine writer the "City of the Corrupt and Contented." For the first time since the ma chine reached its assumed autocracy the their scheme of making a new lease of the gas plant to a private corporation for seventy-five years for a present \$25,000,000 of the city for twenty-one years remaining of the existing thirty years' lease would produce about \$35,000,000. Advertisements the local papers.

SPEED OF BATTLESHIPS.

America's Heavy Sen Fighters Travel Rapidly. Brooklyn Eagle.

The recent speed trials of the ships in the North Atlantic squadron disclosed remarkable capacity on the part of the Missouri, whose record, while not officially stated is believed to have been considerably over eighteen knots an hour. Fast steaming was also done by the other ships in the squadron, with the single exception of the Alabama, which seems to have fallen away below its previous achievements, owing to a foul bottom. It is gratifying to know that our heavier sea fighters can travel rapidly and that while they are on paper inferior in speed to ships of smilar rating in European navies, they can still go fast for all practical purposes. We do not build our battleships for the purpose of making the maximum in speed. If we had that purpose in view we would armor them less heavily and reduce their gun confirment two salient features of American construction methods which are just now beginning to appeal to the European admiralities. In the qualities of offense and defense our battleships have always exceeded those of Europe, save only in the one particular of speed. That quality is most essential to a battleship when it is necessary to reach a designated point within a given time, or when the pursuit of a beaten enemy is requisite to complete victory. But as a general rule the treme of high speed is less to be preferred than the armament and armoring which render the attainment of that extreme im-

BLOTTING OUT A NAME.

of the Penalties of Dishonesty Visited Upon a Banker. Louisville Courier-Journal

When a committee of the American Bankers' association removed the portrait of Frank G. Bigelow from the group of its former presidents and scratched his name from the stationery of the organization it did an act that must sting the Milwaukee embezzler to the quick.

"His remembrance shall perish from the earth and he shall have no name in the street," wrote the holy man Job of a despised enemy.

And we behold the association of American bankers trying to wipe the remembrance of Bigelow from the earth and to

render him nameless in the street. Such acts as this make men smart most, and despite the vision of penitentiary doors looming dark before him, the physical discomforts of penury and the depressing thought of his disgrace, this prompt and conspicuous act of his former associates to blot him from their memory hurt Bigelow as nothing else could hurt him He sees in the action the obliteration of every trace of the days when he ranked among the country's most honored men and held the office of which he was proudest. He is not to have the consolation of knowing that his name lasts among those who once respected him. He is repudiated utterly as a thing loathsome and unclean.

Same Old Melancholy Song.

Chicago Chroni-After all the care and solicitude that have been lavished upon that squalling infant, the beet sugar industry, it is disouraging to learn that the American Beet Sugar company is in despair because of the meagerness of the net returns of the Evidently the only way to nourish the beet sugar youngster is to replenish the nursing bottle at the United States treasury.

SMALL POTATO JOURNALISM

One of the biggest exhibitions of news- enough to make a blue pencil stab under paper smallness was the work of the such circumstances, it is too small to have Omaha World-Herald in cutting out of the | been hitherto visible to the naked eye. Associated Press report all mention of Mr.

The pettiness of the thing is the more otable because of the contrast with Mr. Rosewater's presence and attitude at the recent Metcalfe testimonial banquet. His ing the events of the day, of course noted | remarks on that occasion, the retirement of the long-time editor of the World-Herald. train; the one a senator of Nebraka and a rival sheet, were generous and in the

the other the foremost editor and a con- spirit of good fellowship. The response is prompt and characterisspicuous citizen of the state, townsman of lines have threatened the steam roads. The the World-Herald. If there is another tic. Such smallness really approaches the OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The approaching marriage of the German crown prince again directs general attention toward that young man's character and ability. As usual in the case of royal personages, it is difficult to form a just estimate, owing on the one side to derogatory reports, spread obviously in part for their sensational value, and on the other side to sycophantic laudations, probably equally untrustworthy, Judging rom the snapshot photographic reproducions of him which have appeared in the German periodicals, and which in cases are certainly not the least valuable iuman documents, the crown prince is a calf-like youth, without the burden of many ideas. But in contradiction of this impression comes a pen picture of him en titled, "The heir apparent," from his violin master in Bonn, with whom the crown prince lived while attending Bonn univers ity from 1901 to 1903. This estimate makes ilm out nothing of a reisterer, but as preferring the society of serious minded older men to that of his fellows. Nothing appears to be said of his ability as a student, which leaves the inference that he has none. He is described once more as passionately fond of outdoor sports, and ar of a reserved nature and as a shrewd judge of men. As for religion, the obliging vio lin master calls him "a good, God-fearing Christian, who knows nothing and wisher to know nothing of the teaching that seeks to gnaw away the groundwork of faith." The composite picture at least indicates that the kaiser will have a successor less interesting than himself.

Prussia's policy, Inaugurated under Bisnarck, of devoting a large fund-a year r two ago increased to 200,000,000 marksto the purchase of Polish estates in Posen has likewise borne fruit. The Germans now own in that province 70 per cent of the large estates and about one-half of the small holdings, although the Polish population is increasing faster than the German. But the Polish proprietors have just low been roused into forming a union for the purpose of neutralizing the progressive Germanization of the country, and have combined patriotic endeavor with sound business instinct by purchasing several large estates from the landed German aristocracy. Altogether, the Poles, in both Russia and Germany, display at the present moment an amount of political and economic sagacity of which the history of Poland has shown too few examples,

King Leopold of Belgium may not have

a reputation among the courts of Europe that exalts him to a high social plane and dazzles the elegant courtlers and butterflies of fashion that flit about thrones, but bosses have been brought to bay. They he certainly has some hard-headed business have been compelled at least to halt in ability that ranks him well up among the world-famous "captains of industry," has made money in the Congo Free State. In fostering the enterprises of his little, but when at the lowest calculation the profits fertile kingdom he has exercised a vigorous initiative and displayed a genius that are worthy of both study and emulation He has waxed rich from personal ventures for bids for the lease are now appearing in that evidence their merit and the wisdom of their conduct by results. King Leopold has now instituted a new plan of commer cial "invasion" that is to have no limit and is designed to bring the products and the manufactures of Belgium to the inspection of the whole world. It is no less than a floating industrial exhibit that will visit an the principal ports of the world, carrying its insinuating message of commerce and, clothed with the official authority of the kingdom, Insisting that the nations come and see what Belgium has to sell. It will be a perpetual "state fair," but instead of asking the peoples of the world to come and see Belgium will take it to their doors for their convenience.

The Italian railway system, with the exception of the Sardinian lines, comprises only about 6,000 miles of road, employing in the neighborhood of 100,000 men. The "Talking about inventions," said the business man. "I have a little machine in my place that would make me a millionaire if I could only keep it going all the time." "What is it?" "A cash register."—Philadelphia Press. roads are owned by the government, though they have been leased out to private companies for the last ten years, the notion being to get rid of the burdens incident to government control. This has worked well and the government is now resuming the management of them. They will be under the immediate direction of a railway committee so organized and authorized as not to bother the government much. Operatives will have their own committees likewise, so that it is hoped strikes may be in a great measure prevented. Better management all around is promised, faster trains and more of them, but no reduction in fares or freights. Gov ernment ownership of the roads there has not done all that was expected of it by its advocates nor made the flat failure predicted by its adversaries. The new plan of administration proposed looks like a judiclous one from a business point of view.

The final results of the first and only Russian census, taken eight years ago, have just been published, and furnish some interesting and instructive statistics. It appears that the Great, Little, and White Russians form 66 per cent of the total population of the empire. Of these, only 30 per cent of the males are able to read or write, and 9 per cent of the females. It should be noted that any one who can make a signature is counted as "literate." Of Russians proper who have received a middle-class or higher education, there are less than 11/2 per cent among males and less than 1 per cent among females. That is to say, about twelve persons in every is to say, about twelve persons in every 1,000 are what is known in Russia as "fully literate," a term full of suggestions as to the meaning of "literate" in the mate can hear The song of his heart, the voice of his cheer. census returns. The figures of this point Omaha.

fifty Years the Standard BAKING

are given only for Russians proper, but probably hold good for the population at large, as the more highly cultivated races of the outer Russian empire are about balanced by the dozen or more tribes which

are practically savages.

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A Manchurian correspondent of a London journal, writing on the subject of the battle of Mukden, says that there will doubtless be curiosity to know to whom the skilful strategy of the Japanese ought to be attributed. He says that by many occidental writers Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata is spoken of as Japan's Moltke. By others Field Marshal Marquis Oyama is conored as the Wellington of the nation. But Oyama and Yamagata, he declares represent a sentiment; the sentiment of Satsuma and Choshu respectively. There remains to Japan this relic of old times, that the two most renowned Samural clans of the military age must furnish figureheads for every great enterprise of war. The two marshals are remarkable men, but to any one crediting them with strategical genius their own answer would be a large laugh. If, on the other hand, a Japanese publicist were invited, he says, to assign the praise for recent victories, he would, probably after considerable hesitation, name Lieutenant General Baron Kodama.

LAUGHING LINES.

"I always like to hear a man say what he means," observed Mr. Sliptung, "without any verbology or circumlocation."—Chi-cago Tribune.

"Why does every actor want to play 'Hamlet?" "Because in 'Hamlet' the ghost walks every night."—Cleveland Leader.

Cordelia-I had six offers of marriage last month. What do you think of that?
Eivira-I think a man with such buildog tenacity is worthy of a better fate.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mrs. Knicker-How long will you be awar this summer?
Mrs. Becker-I don't know. I shall stay
\$1,000 at the seaside and \$500 at the moun-tains.—New York Sun.

"Do you not love," said the cadaverous boarder, "to explore the unknowable? To wring from chaos the secret of its indwelling entity?"
"You just bet I do!" answered the stenographer, smiling sweetly. "Will you please pass the hash?"—Cleveland Leader.

'Hollander used to be the most spiteful "What changed him?"

"Why, he built a spite fence to annoy his neighbor and one day the spiteful thing fell, over and crushed all the spite out of him!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"So the engagement's broken off?"
"Yes. It seems she told him one evening hat she wasn't beautiful enough to be his vife, and he didn't deny her statement suick enough to suit her."—Philadelphia

D'Auber-It Sketchleigh much of an Smearitt—The illustrator? No., he copies everything. Couldn't draw his salary with-out using tracing paper.—Cleveland Leader.

THE SONG OF THE THRUSH.

He clears his throat with a sip of the dew That lies on the leaves when the day is new, Now mounts to the swaying pinnacle high, Where naught intervenes 'twixt him and

Now, lightly swung on the top of the tree, His musical notes come fast and free. How he pours them out in the air of May Gurgle and whistle and roundelay!

Is this the shy bird we saw in the brush, The bird so far-famed by the name of thrush, That revealed no sign of his wide renown sharp, quick chirp and the flash of

When down on the ground he scratches and hops With his modest mate, as they fill their crops, loud-sounding notes expose them to harm. No hint does he give of his musical charm.

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