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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. It is better than a daily letter from home. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Omaha's trade excursionists are off. Good luck!

The Ohio platform shows that Presimemy's country."

Nevada has one advantage of Ohio. It may have bank failures, but so far has produced no Cassie Chadwick.

Admiral Rojestvensky is said to be hunting for a fight. He probably desires to find it where Togo may lose it.

General Thayer seems to have retained his early impres dians in spite of the efforts of the magagine writers.

It is to be noted that the west scores first, as usual.

"Corrupt and contented," as applied to to be observed.

in staying away.

prompt and adequate.

The mayor of Chicago has returned all railroad passes issued to him. He probably expects to be detained by business at home most of the time, anyway.

Secretary Morton declares President are uppermost in the public thought, Roosevelt to be as far-seeing as Jefferfreight rate problem to grapple with.

Kouropatkin recalled. The Russian com- large a majority as he received two years mander evidently believes the army does ample."

The sheriff is said to have the Japanese strike on a Hawaiian island well in hand. That officer could probably secure election of the ticket can be confidently a high military commission by reporting at St. Petersburg.

possible the rules of the "millionaire's dential possibility. Whether or not such club" will have to be amended or the was the intention, it is unquestionable majority of the members will have to that Judge Taft is very strong with the listen to some unpleasant truths.

Since Mr. Schwab failed to land a Russian contract it is possible that he may be compelled to sell those ships action of the highest judicial tribunal of "with 20 per cent more effective power Venezuela in regard to the asphalt conthan any now affoat" to Uncle Sam.

It is given out in New York that Hill ing of congress, when the president will and Harriman have come to an agreement to work together. What effect There is no intimation why the executive such an agreement will have on Jim department of the government has de-Hill's proposed oxbow around Omaha is cided to relinquish its proper and legitiyet to be developed.

for the Panama canal zone has reached that the president has come to the conhis destination and assumed control of clusion that nothing can be accomplished the territory under his jurisdiction. through diplomacy and that consequently The people of the canal zone will have it is for congress to determine whether to be on their good behavior now.

Cincinnati's Commercial club has arranged for a discussion of the railroad executive. In other words the president rate situation between Secretary Taft does not wish to take steps which might and the president of one of the eastern lead to war with the southern republic railroad companies. Urgent invitations and will leave it to congress to say what should be issued to members of the if anything shall be done. United States senate to be present.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION. There has been an unprecedented im nigration thus far in the current fiscal year, indicating that the total number of allens coming into the country for the foreign lands is naturally commanding Roosevelt is considering the idea of presenting the immigration problem to con-

dent very clearly stated his views reimmigrants of the right kind and that it | tion circles regarding the outcome. makes no difference from what country they come. "If they are sound in body and in mind, and, above all, if they are of good character, so that we can rest assured that their children and grandof our children and grandchildren, then we should welcome them with cordial hospitality." He urged, bowever, that the citizenship of the country should not be debased and that we should keep high the standard of well being among should not admit masses of men whose these views the president still entertains and will probably again endeavor to im-

gress. According to a report made by an emigration agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor the transatlantic steamwith European governments, are deriving a vast annual revenue from the transportation of emigrants to the United credible as seems the charge that any classes, yet it appears that the authorities at Washington are not disposed to probably institute further investigation.

press them upon the attention of con-

Public sentiment in this country was reflected in the declaration of Mr. Roosetoo many immigrants of the right kind. no matter from what country they come. There is still room here for people from sent Roosevelt still has to discover "the body and who are not subject to exclusion under existing laws. But the great majority of the American people, inbecome citizens as well as natives, are complaint. If it shall be shown that any ple whose eyes and ears we wish to get. foreign government is unloading upon us its criminals or its indigent there can be Omaha should constitute himself a speno doubt it will be dealt with as our cial advertising agent for Omaha and that the subject is receiving due attention at Washington and the country can depend upon its having such judicious reach. And when it comes to adver-A Des Moines girl has come in for the and careful consideration from the presifirst award from the Carnegie hero fund. dent as in his judgment its importance calls for.

OHIO REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republicans of Ohio are in the Philadelphia, must now be amended to habit of making their declaration of prin-"corrupt and demented," if the facts are ciples frank and explicit. They have done so in the platform adopted by their state convention yesterday. It declares With thirteen live "bob-cats" as part for the maintenance of protection to our of Colorado's exhibition at Portland, the industries and labor, for a merchant mapresident surely shows his self-control rine adequate to the requirements of our foreign commerce, and for a navy made and kept equal to every need. It speaks Ak-Sar-Ben XI is appealing to his sub- for the sacredness of the ballot and jects for support for his annual court against discrimination in the suffrage on festivities. The response should be account of race or color. It pronounces in favor of the enforcement of the laws intended to stop discriminations and rebates on the part of the railroads and such further legislation in this direction as shall be found necessary. The platform is brief but sufficiently comprehensive, since it touches those subjects that

There was no opposition to the renomison. But Jefferson had no railroad nation of Governor Herrick, who has given the state an excellent administration. That he will be re-elected is not General Linevitch wants General to be doubted, though probably not by so ago. There is not absolute harmony in not need the spur of a "horrible ex- the Ohio republican ranks, as quite plainly shown by the fact that Senator Foraker did not participate in the state convention, but while this will doubtless somewhat reduce the republican vote the predicted. The fact of Secretary Taft being selected as chairman of the convention has naturally been regarded as With La Follette in the senate it is designed to give him status as a presirepublicans of his native state.

THE VENEZUELAN CASE.

It is authoritatively announced that the troversy will receive no further attention from our government until the meetlay the whole matter before that body. mate right to deal with the controversy and turn it over to the legislative branch. The governor furnished by Nebraska but it is not an unreasonable inference or not the course of the government and courts of Venezuela warrants action which is not within the authority of the

The interests of American citizens are policy. That is good republican doctrine have heard so much of lately.

good reason to believe that an injustice has been done by the Venezuelan government in revoking the concession made to our citizens. The Washington governyear will reach and perhaps exceed a ment sought to have the matter submillion. This extraordinary influx from mitted to arbitration, but this was unqualifiedly rejected by President Castro. attention and it is stated that President who insisted that the issue should be decided by the courts of Venezuela. Although it is pretty well understood that gress and urging some action in regard he controls the courts our government cannot very well discredit their decision. In his last annual message the presi- What the president expects to accomplish by reporting the contention to conspecting immigration. He said that gress is not explained, but there is said

ADVERTISING OMAHA Every successful business man will bear witness that effective advertising is one of the chief factors that must be children will be worthy fellow-citizens employed in the building up process. In this respect the upbuilding of a city successful business institution. Applied more specifically, effective advertising is as necessary to the continued progress our wage workers. Therefore, "We part of the campaign for a greater city.

Omaha is today enjoying the benetits standards of living and whose personal of widespread advertising, but much customs and habits are such that they more can still be done in the way of States, though the city in population ranks tend to lower the level of the American giving publicity to its advantages and much farther down the list. Three succeswage worker," It is safe to say that attractions for home seekers and inin the advertising of a commercial busi- through the office. This is due in part to ness, newspaper publicity must be the the fact that the Modern Woodman, the ofmain stay. We have no hesitation in saying, without fear of contradiction, tributed through the postoffice there. that Omaha has had more, and more effective, advertising through its newsship lines, working in secret agreement papers than through all other sources makes for the postoffice can readily be combined

politan newspaper like The Bee for a publications of any kind." States. The statement of this agent is period of more than a third of a century, said to show that many thousands of carrying day by day to thousands of persons are brought here who are of bad readers, scattered far and wide, detailed are others of shady antecedents. In- and material achievements of the city, has served as a constant magnet, drawforeign government would contract to ing attention this way and emphasizing unload upon this country its criminal all the arguments in favor of Omaha as compared with its commercial rivals. Not an issue of The Bee, for example, is entirely discredit the statement, but will printed that would not serve in good of Omaha with people who are considering locating or investing among us. A ship." special number of The Bee, like that of last Sunday, containing an illustrated making in building construction, propabroad who are sound in mind and erly distributed in large numbers, could not be excelled as advertising literature for the city. Had every business man sent out extra copies to his business city of New York lamps are placed in front cluding those of foreign birth who have correspondents and subscribers gener of his residence and they remain there ally mailed them to relatives and friends, favorable to a strict enforcement of the the notable expansion now in progress immigration regulations, believing that in Omaha thus graphically portrayed if this is done there will be no cause of would be brought home to the very peo-

Every man and woman identified with interests demand. There is assurance acquire the habit of sending to out-ofsuitable advertising literature within tising literature, the newspaper ranks first, and the best newspaper makes the best impression.

The narrow partisanship of the World-Herald is again illustrated by its unrestrained glee over the differences that have arisen among the members of the State Normal School board. In order that it may be furnished with political capital it welcomes the contention and fears only that the trouble may be al- and asked: "Has anybody a flask?" layed. The distressing effects upon the normal schools and the mischlevous interference with the education of the normal school pupils count for nothing. If the democrats can only play politics they are quite ready to sacrifice the interests of the normal schools.

Some good promises to come out of the binder twine bills that were defeated in the legislature, after all. To the discussion of these bills is to be credited the investigation into the price paid for convict labor in the state prison, and the demonstration that the state has not been getting a fair price for this labor As a result, the new contracts are sure

of being a self-supporting institution. Now Lincoln democrats are claiming the first place on the official ballot on the ground that the election of the democratic candidate for mayor a month ago constituted a democratic victory. When the municipal campaign was on these same democrats were loud in proclaiming their nominee to be a nonpartisan candidate, but, as is generally the the case after the victory is won, they

pure and simple. Congressman Kennedy is following good precedent by throwing open to general competition the West Point appointments subject to his disposal. We have had congressmen from this Second Nebraska district who treated the West Point cadetships as personal perquisites, to which their constituency had no rightful claim, but the present congressman is not acting on that theory.

of earth and refuse through the streets so as to protect the pavements from droppings. This is where an ounce of prevention is worth a whole pound of

An Adequate Penalty. Washington Post. If forced to adopt heroic measures, the railroad companies may get some satis-

pay by weight when he travels. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Secretary Shaw favors the policy of treating all nations alike in tariff rates, and names become known they will all prove says that it will be the administration to be of the "bigger men" type that we

involved in the controversy and there is and has been observed by the party throughout its history

Letting in the Light.

Chicago Tribune It is unpleasant to have to shoot a knowl edge of the elementary branches of go ography into the Moros, but they refuse to take it any other way

Order of Precedence.

Chicago Record-Herald. A circular issued by the Treasury de partment says the proper formulas to use addressing the nation's four highest officials are: "The President," "The Honorable Secretary of the Treasury," "The Speaker of the House," "The President of the Senate." The circular is signed by Secretary Shaw, and it is intended to give the there is no danger of having too many to be no uneasiness felt in administra- standing of the four officials as they seem at the Treasury department to line up for

Mail Distribution at Lincoln.

Milwaukee Sentinel Neb., has recently been made the distributing point for all the mail bags used in the western rallway mail service, said A. R. Talbot of that city at the Pfister Denver was formerly the distributing point differs little from the upbuilding of a and the change has been brought about by the great increase in population through the southwest. The government has to take into consideration railway facilities and location in making a selection of this kind and prosperity of Omaha as any other and for that reason the change has been a source of a good deal of gratification to Lincoln people

"The Lincoln postoffice ranks as twentysixth among the postoffices of the United sive times during the recent years the salary of the postmaster has been increased. vestors. In the advertising of a city, as owing to the growth of the business passing ficial publication of the Modern Woodmen of America, is printed at Lincoln and dis-

"As the circulation of this paper is no close to 1,000,000 the volume of business it of any fraternal publication in the world The publication in Omaha of a metro- and one exceeded by only one or two other

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Mme. Patti's voice has brought her more was \$350,000.

A Kansas City paper, in a thoughtful article on the enhanced cost of living, comes to the conclusion that the dearer prices of food products are due to the advance of almost all commodities.

There's an aching void in the ranks of the humorists for the man who, in arstead as an advocate to plead the cause ranging the toasts at the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce banquet, had Secretary Shaw respond to "Nonpartisan Statesman

Colonel W. C. Greene, the copper king, has planned a hunting trip into the wilds account of the wonderful strides we are of old Mexico which, it is said, will eclipse anything of the kind that has ever been attempted. Many prominent men have ilege of reversion to municipal ownership been invited to accompany him, including in twenty-three years, and with its com Vice President Fairbanks. When a man is elected mayor of the

> after he is out of office. Thus there is a more or less permanent directory to the residences of ex-mayors. This is a unique preservation of an old-time sentiment. One of the antics of the Shiloh band o religious fanatics, who are disturbing Maine town just now, is to subject ?

month-old bables to a fast of forty-eight hours. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Maine would not permit this sort of treatment of horses. A burglar in New York who robbed a woman in her home with such personal brutality as to shatter her health from the

shock and beating was recommended to the attendant prospects of contracts, pickmercy by the jury that convicted him ings and mercenary advantages for the un-Perhaps this remarkable body thought him not kill his victim outright. The shortest speech Mr. Roosevelt ever

York state. He was reviewing the sound of the real value of the concession. money parade on a day wet and chilly. A delegation of crockery men swung by and cup were presented to the governor. Mr. Roosevelt accepted the cup with a low bow

## SENATOR MILLARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Bloomington Advocate: Senator Millard has announced that he wishes to be a Thursday Mr. Dolan and his associates had candidate for re-election. It is generally trifle old. Seems to us it would be better if a younger man were selected for this place.

Lincoln Journal: The Springfield Repubhis candidacy for re-election There has been enough uncertainty regarding his purpose so that several aspirants for his place have been quietly working in that state." This will provoke a few grins here at home, where it has been believed all the time that Mr. Millard would be up for a second term without to be made at higher prices and the question. His candidacy is serious enough penitentiary brought closer to the point on account of his strong railroad support and yet that is just the thing that is expected to beat him out of his boots. The people of Nebraska don't seem inclined to send railroad senators back to Washington in their present state of thinking. They may change their minds, but it doesn't seem likely that they will.

not only commanding the attention of the senator himself, but a good many other people of this state who would take great now worn by Senator Millard. The fact and filtration plant and for other operathat the Northwestern and Union Pacific, insist that it is a partisan achievement who triumphed over the Burlington last tractor and close ally of the municipal the coming senatorial contest. It is sufficient to state that as between these railroad factions within our state that the batin the meantime the people from all over this state will have come to their senses man to the legislature who is in the least ontaminated by corporation influences. sunched forth his candidacy for re-election to a seat in the upper house of the United States congress without much brass that he desires to have it known through-The city authorities are on the right out the state of Nebraska that he is a track in trying to regulate the hauling candidate to succeed himself. It has been quite generally understood that Mr. Millard has high political aspirations and would undoubtedly be up for re-election when the Nebraska legislature convenes two years hence, and there are only a few in politics who did not expect an early announcement from the senator. Had it not een known that there were other candidutes in the field working quietly but diltgently to get a hand on the senatorial togathere would have been no need of such an early declaration, but in these strengous days a public servant no sooner gets his faction by compelling Secretary Taft to name upon the payrell than he must start the ball rolling for his next campaign, if he desires to have and to hold. Since there are so many unannounced candidates in the field, we trust that when their

PHILADELPHIA'S RUCTION. Tremendons Uphenval Caused by the

Gas House Grab. The day dawns in Philadelphia! "Out of the blackness of the long gloom f the very effrontery and audacity of the

he relief. With these words the Philadelphia Press of Monday sends a throb of cheer into the ranks of the men battling to prevent the onsummation of the gas house grab, which the select and common councils passed last Thursday and sent to Mayor

Weaver for approval.

crowning infamy come the revolution and

The immediate cause of the outburst of heer and hopefulness is the determined opposition of the mayor and his purpose to exhaust all honorable means to defeat the measure. The mayor has ten days in which to consider the measure and he intends taking every minute of the time allowed by law in cementing the opposing forces for the purpose of sustaining his veto when it is handed in. The meas ure passed both bodies almost unaninously, and effective work is needed to divide the compact strength of the men behind the grab. The first stroke of the mayor was the suspension of three chiefs of departments, the most important in the city, each with a salary of \$10,000 and each controling a large amount of political patronage. Besides the upheavals produced by the mayor's action, public meetings are being held in every ward. the offending councilmen are being harassed by indignant constituents, and all organized commercial bodies are aggres-

The gas plant belongs to the city. A few years ago it was leased for twenty-five years to the United Gas Improvement Under this lease the city decompany. rives a handsome annual revenue, based on a percentage of gross receipts, a revenue which for the last year amounted to is that your Uncle Sam throws all availof the lease, with the natural increase of population and of gas consumption, would net a largely increasing sum yearly from now on until the expiration of the lease by limitation in something more than a score of years.

feat the consummation of the gas deal,

During that period the terms of the present lease are so drawn, moreover, that the and even criminal character, while there information of the substantial progress than \$5,000,000. Her best year's income private gas consumers of the city would have had the benefit of a gradual and regular reduction of the price of gas, and at the expiration of the leasehold the United Gas Improvement company was bound to return the plant to the municipality free of charge, together with all improvements and extensions made upon it during the interim.

> The pending scheme revokes the present lease and substitutes a lease for seventyfive years on terms far less favorable to the city. This present lease, with all it advantages, with an aggregate value at the expiration of twenty-five years which has been conservatively estimated at something like \$150,000,000, with its privpulsory reduction of the cost of gas to the people, the partisan bosses resolved to forfelt and to sell out the whole concern, right and title, for a period of seventy-five years, to the United Gas Improvement company, for the lump sum of \$25,000,000, to be paid to the city in stipulated installments covering a period of two and a half years after the ratification of the bargain.

More than a month ago, in the secrecy of private offices, the terms of barter were arranged between Israel W. Durham, the the head of the United Gas Improvement company. Stripped of all pretense, the proposition meant that to raise ready money to the amount of \$25,000,000, with all scrupulous spoilsmen of the present generaentitled to consideration because he did tion, these gentry were content to mortgage the city's future by robbing it of one of its most certain and most lucrative sources of made was when he was governor of New revenue for a paltry sum one-fifth or less

No time was lost. The preliminary steps were hastened because of this premature a badge of the division and a small gold publicity and the ordinance ratifying the deal, which had been carefully drawn up in advance by high-priced lawyers representing the United Gas Improvement company, was railroaded through the preliminary stages of committee and first and second readings.

When the day for voting came last discovered that they could afford, after all, conceded that where a man has made a to make some slight concessions in the good officer he is entitled to the second original terms for the public welfare and but is not the senator getting a yet see their way clear to a very profitable bargain at the city's expense. The concession voluntarily made at the

last minute in the hope of allying popular Indignation was one which curtails the lican says of Senator Millard's announce- United Gas Improvement company's prospective profits by about \$45,000,000 or \$50,000,-666 by amending the original ordinance so as to provide for a gradual cheapening of the price of gas. This amendment did not cancel, but, after all, it was something.

The reason for the grab is thus explained by a correspondent:

"Philadelphia needs money. It needs it for municipal improvements, some of them legitimate, some of them jobs through which favored contractors and 'grafters' hope to further enrich themselves. The city ome the successor to Senator Millard is reached the limit of its borrowing capacity the counterfeiters, who, if they had folunder its charter.

"Its schools, its highways, sewer and water departments are all in need of funds. tions which Mr. McNichol, a favored conwinter, may atempt to repeat itself in powers, has either under way or in contemplation.

"One of these is an ambitious scheme for boulevard to the northeastern, or Torrestie will be a royal one. Let us hope that dale, section of the city, which is expected not only to be a beauteous driveway, but also to open up large tracts which Mr. Mcand will not be willing to send a single Nichol and other far-sighted persons with political affiliations have been shrewd enough to purchase by the acre at farm Hastings Tribune: Senator Millard has land prices and which they hope to sell by the foot as city building lots. "Another plan, even more ambitious,

to cut directly through the heart of the band accompaniment. He simply states city from the city hall at Broad and Market streets a parkway to run in a bee line northwest to Fairmount park, a project in volving the condemnation and demolition of much property, and also involving lucrative contracts and pickings, to say nothing of the varied assortment of more delusive 'snakes' which are popularly believed to lurk in the enterprise.

"In its need, Philadelphia, unwilling to submit to the logical expedient of an increased tax rate, has resorted to the spendthrift's last resource—the pawnshop."

An Obvious Truth

Washington Post. tive or judicial, ought to ask for er accept favors from transportation companies. This glass. When this was done the experts capt such favors attempts a defense of the doubtful note was ended. practice.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched. on the Spot.

For the first time in its history a conscience fund has been founded in the penomes the morning gleam of light. Out sion bureau with \$666.40 as a starter. Equally unique is the fact that the money came in a lump sum from Ohio. According to an unsigned letter which accompanied the draft, the pensioner, who is now a woman of more than four score years, has just discovered that her husband secured a divorce more than twenty years ago. Only the number of the pension certificate enabled the officials at the pension office to ascertain the name of the aged woman, and this they refused to divulge.

That portion of the letter, which they would consent to make public, follows: "In June, 1906, a pensioner in Ohio drew pension granted her a short time before amounting to \$579.40.

"Soon after the pensioner had drawn the pension due March 4, 1904, a rumor was put in circulation that the soldier had secured a divorce from the said pensioner and that, therefore, she was unlawfully drawing a pension.

"Steps taken to discover the facts resulted in a long, tedious hunt. The history of the search would be too uninteresting to relate; suffice to say, that the soldier was divorced from the pensioner some twenty years ago. They were both old then. The pensioner is now over 80 years old, and has lost her mind to the extent that she can remember but little of the past.

"You will find inclosed with the pension ertificate a New York draft calling for \$686.40, the amount unlawfully drawn sively rallying to the support of the Please look over the record, and if the mayor, determined at all hazards to deamount named is not sufficient to square the account, the balance will be for warded.'

American paper money is generally es-

eemed the prettiest thing in print. The

more one gets of it the more artistic it appears. This is not because it is hard to get and equally hard to keep. The reason nearly \$700,000, and which, under the terms able skill into the design, the printing and the paper. It takes an average of thirty days to complete the various processes a bill of any denomination undergoes from the time the paper is received until the treasury's red seal is placed upon it. Vistors to the bureau of engraving and printing frequently express surprise that, with so many millions of dollars passing through various hands, there is no loss by theft. To them, it seems impossible that not one of the thousands of sheets of bank notes, ranging from a \$1 bill to a \$50,000 note should ever disappear. But when one is shown the constant series of checks and counter checks on every bundle of notes one understands that the course of the money from the minute it leaves the Treasury department as a blank sheet of paper until it finally returns to the department for the imprint of the red seal is traced so accurately that never for one moment can there be a doubt as to its whereabouts Moreover, every afternoon at 3 o'clock, or about one hour before the department closes for the day's work and before the night workers come on duty, the chief of all sections of the bureau meet and ac count to each other for all the paper that has passed through their hands, including printed money, stamps of all kinds, reve tue stamps, bonds and all other securities that are being printed on that day. Should there be a failure to account for a single sheet or a single postage stamp, the chief of the section who cannot give an account ing is held responsible, and all the employes in the entire building are locked up until the missing sheet is found. If it cannot be found, then the face value of the miss ing sheet is charged up against the section where it was last received, and the employes in that section are compelled, out of their wages, to pay to the government city's all potent rajah, and Thomas Dolan, the entire face value of the missing sheet Happily for the employes of the bureau, there has never yet been a day when every

> "You can't tell a counterfeit bill by the 'feel,' " said Mrs, Willa A. Leonard, expert money counter and the authority on counterfeits in the redemption division of the United States Treasury department, quoted by the Washington Post.

sheet has not been accounted for.

"Every counterfeit has some imperfection. however slight is may be. This is an ac knowledged fact. No matter how skillfu the engraver of the counterfelt, no matte what process has been used in order to de fraud the government, there is always in the counterfelt some departure from the genuine note, which, as soon as it comes to our hands, strikes us as a blunder, but which passes without question the eyes of some of the most experienced business men of the country.

"We have heard much of the detection by-touch theory, but there is little truth in it. Of course, bad money has come into the office which was detected as counterfeit as soon as we touched it, but the 'feel' of the note is by no means decisive, for many of the counterfeits we have received have been made of genuine paper, made at the bureau of engraving and printing, which has been obtained by bleaching notes of small de-

"The only thing to be relied upon is the insure so rapid a decrease in the price to eye. The coloring of the note, its size, the consumer as is guaranteed under the and the work of the engraver are the present lease, which it is now proposed to points which usually give away the counterfeit. The ink may be a fairly good imitation of that used on the genuine note, but the note may be found to be a thirtysecond of an inch shorter or longer, wider or narrower, than it should be. Or it may be perfect almost in both of these two re spects and the fault lie in the engraving. No one has ever seen a perfectly engraved counterfeit note. There have, however, Friend Telegraph: As to who is to be. is on the verge of bankruptcy. It has about been some very skillful engravers, among lowed their trade legitimately, would have made fortunes

"Is it true that genuine plates have ever pleasure in donning the senatorial toga More money must be had for its gigantic been stolen from the bureau of engraving and printing and counterfeits made therefrom?

> "No: all stories to that effect are myths Those plates have always been guarded the same as an emperor's jewels. It is not possible to make away with a genuine plate.

'Have wrong decisions ever been made ipon a doubtful note?"

Well, only one case has come to my mmediate notice. In 1894 a \$10 note was brought to me to be stamped 'good.' I pronounced it to be counterfeit, but the sender not agreeing with my opinion, the note was taken through the redemption division, the cash room and the secret service division, where, with few exceptions it was declared genuine by the experts. It was then sent to the bureau of engraving and printing and returned from there with a typewritten certificate of its genuincress. These decisions did not influence me, however, and I maintained my post tion so firmly that my chief clerk took it ance more on a round of inspection and finally found in the cash room its exact duplicate among the counterfeits there.

When the note in question was again brought to the notice of the man in charge of the bureau, he offered to buy it, and thus back the opinion given. The chief of The simple truth is that no official of the redemption, of course, refused to sell the government, either legislative, execu- it and requested that an engraver examine the counterfeit with aid of a magnifying truth is so obvious and so important that discovered at last that they had been none of the hosts of officials who do ac- mistaken at first and the history of the

"In some cases mistakes have been dis

## CREAM

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

covered in the printing of the genuine note, For instance, some years ago a number of \$50 bills were discovered belonging to the series of 1880, but which had the legend of 1874 printed upon them."

PERT PLEASANTRIES.

Umpire—Play ball! Voice From the Bleachers—What's de use of givin' dem felers orders dey can't fill?— leveland Leader.

"I want a business suit now," said Slopay,
"I was thinking of something in the way
of a small plaid."
"And I," replied the tailor, "can't help
thinking of something in the way of a
small check."—Philadelphia Press.

Do you favor government ownership of railways "No," answered the man who travels. "Some of the porters are haughty enough now. I don't know what they would be if they were to loom up as government of-ficials,"—Washington Star.

"Why," answered the inquisitive person do you think the world is growing wiser. "Because of a statement I read in a newspaper to the effect that lobsters are getting scarce," answered the student cause and effect."—Columbus Dispatch.

"Oh, she's in everybody's business."
"Ah! Wholesale, ch?"
"Yes, except when it comes to a scandal.
She retails that."—Philadelphia Press.

"I see that New York talks of giving the mayoralty to President Roosevelt when he finishes his present job."
"That's just like the New Yorkers. They think they're offering him a promotion."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Barber-Razor all right, sir? Patient-I wouldn't know I was being haved. Harber-Thank you, sir. Patient-It's more like being flayed, you now.-Cleveland Leader.

efused to accept any railway passes."
"I suppose it's too early for him to take vacation."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "What reason does he give for not paying his wife alimony?"
"He says that marriage is a lottery, and hence alimony is a gambling debt."—Collier's Weekly.

"I see that Mayor Dunne of Chicago has

Mrs. Bickering—There you go again! You are always finding fault.
Bickering—That's right, my dear. And I'll never forget the day I found you—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"We don't hear so much nowadays about "No. I guess most of what we used to hear was merely hot air."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"That after-dinner speaker took everyody off their teet, didn't he?
"It was the only thing left for him to
be they were off in their heads before he do; they were off in their heads before began to talk!"—Detroit Free Press.

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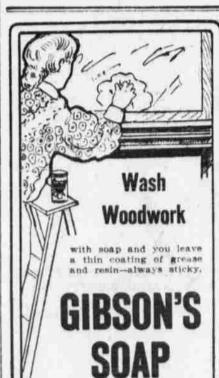
Washington Star. Although they often cause me grief, My wants unsatisfied; I sometimes view them with relief And even point with pride.

When buils and bears are wildly tossed And rumors strange confuse, mourn about no fortune lost— I have no wealth to lose

Though wagons moved by gasoline May sadly main and scar. I view them with a mind serene. I have no moto car.

We read of drownings swift and sad. With sympathetic shock. I'm semetimes genuinely glad I have no boat to rock.

And so this life is never glum.
I banish al distress. Deriving satisfaction from The things I don't possess.



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