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Subscribed in my presence and sworn efore me this Sist day of October, 1905. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public (Seal)

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.

It is also apparent that young Mr. Hyde had good instruction before he took the witness stand.

The over-lap in the city treasury has struck the dog catcher and he has been ordered to lop off for the season.

All things come to him who waits. The possession of the water works will come to Omaha if it waits long enough.

The jobbing district is beginning to crowd the burnt district and presently "the Castles" will have to be put on wheels.

Having formed a government, Count Witte would no doubt be pleased to have a people to whom it could be responsible.

One of the expedients adopted by the railroad managers in their efforts to prevent federal legislation for the regulation of rates is to marshal the employes of the roads in opposition to the public demand for such legislation. In this they have been to an extent successful. The organizations of employes in the service of the railroads have been persuaded by the managers and attorneys of the corporations to take a stand against rate regulation by the government and their representatives have presented to President Roosevelt a protest, undoubtedly carefully prepared by railroad attorneys, against the legisla-

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RAILWAY BATES AND EMPLOYES.

influence of this most important department will be enhanced under the administration of the present secretary of state. tion which the president has recom-Public sentiment is a unit for the abolition of the county jail graft.

The views presented in the protest are It is conceded on all hands that not new. They have been urged re- there is no more reason why the county peatedly by representatives of the railshould pay 45 cents a day for feeding roads since the question of rate regula- prisoners in the county jail while the tion has been discussed. Put in concrete form they amount simply to this, that feeding prisoners in the city jail than happen, regulation of railway rates by the federal there would be for the county to pay government will necessarily result in the three or four times as much per ton for lowering of rates and this will mean a re- fuel to heat the county buildings than duction in the pay of railroad employes. the city is paying for heating the city So far as those employed by the rallbuildings.

the "foreign office" of the United States

shall be malutained at the very highest

standard. Our State department never

stood higher in the respect of foreign

governments than at this time and it

will not be allowed to decline. There is

DO IT NOW.

coads are concerned argument of this It is a matter of record that during kind is likely to exert an influence, but those who are in a position to take a fair and unprejudiced view of the matald received but 35 cents per day for ter will not be influenced. The employment and compensation of railroad good reason given why the price was facts. workers, like every other class of wage earners, are subject to the law of supincreased by 30 per cent, except that the ply and demand. When the railroads maximum rate, which means the highest are being operated to the extreme limit rate allowed by law, is 50 cents per day. of their capacity, as at present, they That rate may have been reasonable in will retain all their employes at good wages. On the other hand, when traffic law was enacted, but payment of the the 30th is a very good time for the holifalls off they will reduce the number maximum rate is by no means compulof employes and cut down wages. The sory. On the contrary, the county board question of government rate regula- is expected and in duty bound to give financially from any ill effects of the day's tion, which contemplates only the cor- the taxpayers the benefit of the most celebration. For while the president can park. When completed it will be known rection of rates which are shown to be reasonable rate that can be procured consistent with its obligation to supply unfair and unreasonable, and not a general and arbitrary regulation of schedules, would cut no figure whatever in for the inmates of the county jail.

the matter of the employment and compensation of railroad workers.

The reply of President Roosevelt to been called to the contrast between city the delegation of railroad employes and county jail expenses, is a matter of ought to have assured them that the policy which he urges could not operate notoriety as well as a scandal. Republican boards did not want to hurt the to their injury. There is no injustice feelings of the republican sheriff by cutintended to the railroads, but only such ting down his jail graft and the demosupervision and regulation as will require them to deal fairly and justly cratic boards did not want to hurt the feelings of the democratic sheriff by cutwith the public. It is a reasonable propting down his jail graft, and thus the osition that if discriminations, rebates and other abuses now practiced can be flagrant abuse has been continued from year to year by the manana policy-not done away with it will be to the advantage of the railroads and therefore this time, some other time. to the benefit of all who are connected The popular demand for retrenchment

with them in any capacity. Railroad employes have been misled in their opposition to the policy advocated by Mr. Roosevelt and their attitude, instead of contributing to their welfare, is really attempting to shift the responsibility adverse to it, as well as to that of the general public

THE COASTS ASIATIC TRADE. The extent of the Pacific coast's trade

tionably is very well informed as to the with occasional diversions at see. It would not always be terranin, music and dancing work of that department and those upon n this country. Even a prince might have whom it devolves. Moreover, Mr. Rooseto work. velt is undoubtedly most desirous that

Wenther Prophets Outclassed. Detroit Free Press.

Now that the system of fixing the dividends of the polleyholders has been dis-

overed the weather bureau is set back to cound place in the guessing contest.

> By a Rising Vote. Chicago Record-Herald.

reason to believe that the efficiency and Admiral Nebogatoff has returned to Russia and explains that he surrendered to distributed in each borough this year. Of the Japs in order to keep his sailors from these 1,000,000 were the regular ballots used getting hurt. It would be no more than on election day and 500,000 were sample balright for the sailors to adopt a vote of lots distributed before election day for the thanks.

### Something Happened. Baltimore American

The young man who deliberately planned booths. wreck on the Rock Island railroad for the fun of seeing what would happen, succeeded so well that sevral lives were lost.

As a result of his funmaking, he has been

### States' Rights Get Another Knock. Springfield Republican.

The conference of southern governors and congressmen at Chattanooga has dealt erms of a new national guarantine law, under which the national government shall after the polls close. The two poll clerks the first three years of his service as be supreme everywhere along the coast and the two ballot clerks each receive \$7. sheriff, from 1896 to 1899, John McDon- line. This result was foreseen from the movement of the breakdown of the Lousiana state guarantine during the recent yel- for the 1.948 election districts. In addition feeding county prisoners. There has low fever epidemic. Southern statesmen to this expense for election day the four never been any rational explanation or finally yield to the imperious logic of

### Gives the Cue to Governors. Bosten Transcript

Practically the president has settled for all the country the date of Thanksgiving day, since most state governors will in sparsely settled counties at the time the their proclamations agree with him that day. It does bring it a bit near to Christmas, perhaps, some will say, but there will be time to recover physically and do no less in his proclamation than to suggest that people pray for deliverance from passions, appetites and follies, everyone a sufficient amount of wholesome food knows that under those three heads are reckoned most of the occupations and pas- Tilden, which will give a total endowment times that make the day different from Why the various county boards have other days. Foot ball, big dinners and falled to do their duty in this respect, quiet little family games of bridge as they although their attention has repeatedly help to while away the day, will directly or indirectly stir in all ages emotions that is 350 feet in length and 250 feet in width. do not exactly bring peace of mind.

THE VOTING MACHINE.

### Pertinent Objections to the Mechanical Ballot.

Chicago Chronicle There is reason to believe that the adoption of the voting machine will tend to increase the percentage of voters who will tributed at 5 cents each from thirty-six vote what is called a "straight ticket." The average man, who has not trainng or practice in the use and manage-

in all the departments of county governanother way. There are still thousands ment can no longer be ignored or defied with impunity. The present Board of the use of the typewriting machine. Commissioners will not be excused in mire in the element of secrecy in the sandwiches, manner of voting. They think that there upon the next board. The mere fact can be no faith in any man who dare that a change will take place in the not vote his sentiments except in the dark. sheriff's office within six or seven weeks. They are willing to accept, out of deference to the opinions of others, the ballot affords no excuse for procrastination.

whose makeup and contents are secret from all the world except the voter himfurther delay, even if the amount saved self.

# ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

### Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

The cost of conducting an election in the netropolls reaches magnificent proportions The prize is munificent and the effort to reach it calls forth greater energy from party men than a national election. Th michinery of the last election called for the services of five brigades of men of 1.000 each, and the total cost to city and county was \$1,050.000. Party organizations spent \$1,500,000 more. According to the Herald more than 1,500,000 hallots were printed and guidance of voters who desire to familiar ize themselves with the positions of the candidates for whom they desired to vote on the official ballot before entering the

The cost of the printing of these ballots is at least \$50,000, and each year the cost is increasing. In addition to this there is the expense of providing polling places, equipsentenced to imprisonment for life, and ping them with booths into which each prisoners in the county jail while the he will have a chance to spend the rest voter must go to mark his ballot, and many other details, which in themselves seen voter must go to mark his ballot, and many unimportant, but which in the aggregate reach a large sum. The chief item of expense, of course, is

the salary of the members of the election boards. The four inspectors of election each receive \$12 for their work-\$7 each for state rights a blow by agreeing upon the their work during the time the poils are open and \$5 each for canvassing the vote PIG TOP

The salary list for each polling place for Fe, awaiting the coming of Montesuma, election day is \$76, making a total of \$148.048 their long-deceased chief. in accordance with the tradition that he will return. One of the youngest American mayors to inspectors of election each serve the city be elected last week is Guy Patrick of on the four registration days and on pri-Spencerville, O., who has just turned 23 mary day, each receiving \$7 for each of the years old. H. M. Wolfe of Germantown, five days. O., is a close second at 24.

to Cleveland people the practibility of wirea working system. E. C. Hovey of Boston, a member of the American Library association, is in Chicago in the interest of a fund which it is proposed to create for the establishment

plement this with \$1,000,000 for permanent endowment. According to Le Petit Parisien, the exarchduke Leopold of Austria, who married Fraulein Adamovitch and became naturalized as a Swiss citizen under the name of Leopold Wolfling, is now serving as a common soldier in a Swiss regiment at Geneva, in accordance with the law which requires military service from all citizens of the confederation.

A. H. McLeod, freight traffic manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, is to

long and efficient service he will be given the title of general freight agent of the

The late General Isaac J. Wistar of Philadelphia was condemning war at a meeting

of the Academy of Natural Sciences. At the end of a vivid description of war's horrors he smiled. "A woman, he said, "twice married, stood with her second husshe murmured, " a hero lies. You would not be my husband today, Jack, had John not been killed at Gettysburg." "O," the

man cried fiercely, "what a curse war is." GOOD SIGN OF PROSPERITY.

**Railroad Earnings** from Passengers

Show Up Big.

Within this jar there is more of the real substance of Beef-and a higher quality of Beef-than in any other Meat Extract jar of equal size. LIEBIG COMPANY'S **Extract** of Beef It MUST have folieby in blue, or THIS signature folieby it's not genuine

PERSONAL NOTES. Sweden has its trolley on. M. Trolle

Arguments of Railroad Men Difficult is the new minister of foreign affairs.

The dispatches state that the represents. tives of five of the leading railway labor organizations have presented to the president a protest against his plan for rallway rate regulation. They argue that gove ment regulation means lower rates and lower rates means lower wages.

SOMEWHAT CONFLICTING.

Just how this argument is to be record ciled with the claim of the railroad com panles that lower railroad rates are lowwithout government regulation than they are with it is not apparent, but this has been one of the strong points urged before the senate committee by their star witness Prof. Hugo Meyer. If it is true, as the railroads claim, that the public gets lower Dr. Lee De Forest, who has demonstrated | rates when the railroads are let alone than it gets when the government supervises then the argument of the railway organi a wireless telephone, and is experimenting zations is not sound. These things will brought to bear upon the president can be

expected to have much effect. Nobody has complained in the past more bitterly of the influence of employers upon employes in seeking to determine their poand maintenance of national headquarters litical action than the leaders of the emfor all public libraries. It is the intention ployes themselves. If such influence is potent perhaps it is not surprising that it should operate in this case.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Towne-I'll be careful never to get into an argument with him again. He's en-tirely too bitter.

Browne-You don't say? Towne-Oh, he's a regular wasp. Browne-I see. He always carries his point.-Philadelphia Press.

First Man-How do you do? Second Man-Hog parcen, but you have the advantage of me. First Man-Yes, I guess I have, We were engaged to the same girl, but you married her.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

"I hear that English nobleman has dis-continued his attentions to Miss Nuritch." "Yes, he queered himself with old Nu-ritch; the chump asked the old fellow if he carry with it a comfortable salary. This ever followed the hounds.

"Well, Nuritch was a dog-catcher before he made his pile."-Philadelphia Catholis Standard.

"You're der busiest guy vot I effer seen." sputtered the Stein. "Busy ain't no name fur it," said the Can. "Oi'm rushed near t' death!"-Cleveland Leader.

"I wonder how graft originated?" said

"A wonder how gratt originated?" said the studious man. "Away back in the Garden of Eden." an-swered Senator Sorghum. "Man was a grafter at the outset. Adam couldn't even let Eve enjoy an apple without getting a rake off."-Washington Star.

"What are those things down there" asked the person who was unfamiliar with "Those are the pedals, for the feet, you know," replied the planist. "Oh! I see: that's what you play the foot notes with, ch?"-Philadelphia Press. "Yes, all the boys called her plain." "And yet I understand two-thirds of them proposed to her before the season "Yes, that was after the rumor was started that she had inherited money".". Cleveland Plain Dealer.

of ham sandwiches and hot coffee, dis-

ment of machinery turns naturally away ions of coffee at the polling places during from a machine for doing that which he the day. One of the New York papers says: has long been accustomed to see done in "They did a fine business, even if they lost money." Why they should have lost money of people who feel a rooted aversion to does not appear. The 5-cent rate should have given them a profit, even with real There are many who see little to ad- cream in the coffee and real ham in the band beside the grave of her first. "Here,"

> The election frauds in New York were certainly ingenious. That the leaders might know that they got the vote for which they paid, they provided the voter with a piece of carbon paper, enclosed between two

he had marked a particulari

The main reading room will have capacity for 800 readers and, in addition, there will be a general reading room open to the public, a children's reading room, a periodical

library building in the world. It will have less telegraphy, looks for the coming of proximate cost will be \$3,000,000. It occupies now in the hopes of ultimately perfecting have to be reconciled before the pressure

New York will soon have the greatest capacity for 4,500,000 volumes and its ap-

a frontage of two blocks facing on Fifth avenue, between Fortieth and Forty-second streets. Its site is that of the large city water reservoir on the east side of Bryant as "The New York Public Library-Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations." It will be a combination of the Astor and Lenox lito raise \$100,000 to start with and to supbraries, strengthened by the bequest of Mr.

of about \$3,500,000. The work of construct tion has been going on since 1520, when the reservoir was removed and the foundation begun. The building, which is of marble,

room and a newspaper room.

retire from that position, which he has York was the sale to watchers at the polls held for thirty years. In appreciation of his

wagons controlled by the Women's Mu- freight department on the Erie, which will nicipal league. The women sold more than 12,000 sandwiches and more than 3,375 gal- place he will hold for life.

sheets of tissue paper, and a rubber. After

One of the election novelties in New

to Reconcile. J. E. Kirbye, president of Drury college, Minneapolls Journal Springfield, Mo., is the youngest American college president, being but 30 years old. The delegates of the New Jersey Mothers' congress, in sesion at Atlantic City, have decided not to mention Mr. Cleveland's The Taos Indians have assembled at Santa

With orders out to rush work on warships, the United States navy yards have an opportunity to show what they really surprising. The San Francisco could do in case the ships were really Call points out that ten years ago the needed.

inevitable.

Secretary Taft in describing the situation in Ohio speaks like a man who had little hope of capturing the "regular organization" for any presidential boom he might be cultivating.

Since Tom Lawson is arrested on a charge of libel it is possible that leaders of "high finance" may breathe easier: but as the case has not been tried, they should not venture too far from the cyclone cellar.

Now that there has been one more victory won by the lawyers of the Water board, they should not be backward in coming forward with another thousanddollar bill of extras before the pumping station runs dry.

the alleys as far west as Twelfth and Thirteenth streets the street railway relations. trackage on lower Farnam and lower Dodge may have to be relocated to avoid blockades and collisions.

evidently have more confidence in the policy of the president than in those "talk" the railroads into being fair and reasonable in their rates.

Former Governor Odell of New York wants to deny under oath certain statements made by James H. Hyde; but no one has learned of any desire on his part to be cross-questioned regarding the late election in New York.

In declining to invest in submarine lots adjacent to Riverview park the council for once fully concurs with the views expressed by The Bee, that the Missouri river has the first mortgage upon that undesirable strip and its periodic foreclosure of the first mortgage would make a second mortgage worthleas.

Although the proposition authorizing the issue of \$60,000 more fire engine house bonds has carried, there is no be issued at once. One-half that made. As Mr. Root has been secretary amount should be sufficient for the erection of a very respectable engine house and an addition of one engine house a fications of his subordinates, so that the year would seem sufficient for the ordi- changes already made or in contemplanary demands caused by actual expan- tion were doubtless suggested or dision.

with Asia, which has very materially increased within recent years, is not generally known and the statistics are total trade of the coast with Asia amounted to \$76,000,000, while last year

Cashler Clark might have been able it was \$165,000,000, an increase of more to afford those fast horses, but when he than 100 per cent. That paper remarks added "western mining stock" to his that an equal increase in the next decassets the result which followed was ade will make it an important part of the foreign trade of the whole country will be realized.

> Of course the products of the coast he has at no time stated or intimated has he confidence that the records shown states supply only a part of this trade, that he would be a candidate at the mu- aggregate. but it is easy to understand that if it nicipal election next spring, because it continues to grow there will be develop- is premature to consider the matter at machine is liable to "get out of order," ment of production in the states of the this time, and further because there is to work erratically or refuse to work at coast and they will necessarily become plenty of time before the next election highest privilege into the keeping of an more prosperous. Capital will flow into to reconsider. Whether this assurance inanimate machine the action of which them, population will grow and new in- will pacify Councilman Back and all might be juggled by a crooked expert dustries will be established. What has others to whom it may concern it would into something other than his will and already been gained gives promise of be premature at this time to prognosti- fail altogether through disorder in the mawhat may be accomplished, but a good cate. There is plenty of time between chine or a dishonest manipulator. deal depends upon our future policy in now and the spring election to reach a

regard to Asiatic countries. If we culti- conclusion. vate their friendship by fair and just treatment-such treatment as we accord to other nations and peoples-we shall

STATE DEPARTMENT REFORMS.

It has been commonly supposed that of all the executive departments that | the brass band protest had its inspira-Nebraska and Iowa hardware men which has charge of the foreign rela- tion solely from political piebiters and tions was freest from any need of re- grafters who did not want to be pried forms. It appears, however, that Secre- loose from the crib. who place their trust in their ability to tary Root has found that some changes can advantageously be made and that he

first step, it is stated, is to get rid of some of the less valuable of his subprovided for elsewhere and it is under. | buildings. stood that others are slated to be either

retired from the public service or given diplomatic positions which they are qualified for.

It is said that Mr. Root, with his great capacity for work, has undertaken the task of personally acquainting himself with every phase of the department's report. work. When he has learned all there is to know about the workings of the State department it is predicted that there

will be a great shaking of dry bones, though it will be done so discreetly that only those who are familiar with the personnel of the department will realize reason why the entire amount should the importance of whatever changes are public of state only a few weeks he cannot as yet have learned much about the quali-

between now and the change in the sheriff's office aggregates only a few so secret that the voter himself is not hundred dollars. The proper time for the abolition of the jall graft is before wants, by and for himself, to know preand not after the change is made in the sheriff's office.

The well defined rumor that ex-Councilman Isaac S. Hascall has decided to shy his castor in the ring as against nomination next spring seems to be preand it expresses the opinion that this mature. Judge Hascall has served no-

Its plain duty is to take action without

ment against annexation is slowly reget their trade, but otherwise it will go ceding in South Omaha, and it is apto our competitors. There is a good deal parent that a different feeling exists If the railroads succeed in grid-ironing of sentiment on the coast that is not from last winter, when 500 South favorable to the cultivation of friendly Omaha people and a brass band went to a vast amount of instruction, not a little kinds of evil spirits. Even in a Broadway the state capitol and protested against of which is itself wrong.

the bill having the consolidation of object. It must also be apparent that

The discussion before the council of is arranging to bring these about as the causes of the fatal accident in the soon as it can practically be done. The Hayden building emphasizes more than ever the imperative necessity of a revision of the ordinances to protect the ordinates. Several have already been public as well as the owners of the

> The Iowa and Nebraska Implement Dealers' association has discovered that it has been made the victim of "grafters" in the guise of organizers. The discovery would be still more important if the grafters had been exposed in the

Filibustering against Cuba will probably prove less romautic than filibuster ing for that island. Residents of the Isle of Pines will secure little comfort from the man who declared that the island of right belonged to the new re

> A Drendful Suggestion. Cincinnati Enquirer.

The suggestion has been made that the people of the United States would gladly adopt Prince Louis of Battenberg if he should get tired of his royal environment Still, it would probably be better for the rected by the president, who unques admiral to cling to the royal establishment,

But when it comes to a ballot that is sure how he voted nor even that he voted at all not a few voters hold back. Each cisely what he is doing. When a man prepares his own ballot and see it in the presence of sworn offi-

cers of both parties in action dropped into a sealed ballot box he knows that he has voted and how he has voted. When he presses a button or a key in Councilman Back for the First ward a voting machine, the operation of which he does not understand, even though the machine shows him what is said to be a record of his action, he does not actually tice on all to whom it may concern that know whether he has voted or not, nor to him will be the same counted into the

> Moreover, he knows that any and every all, and he hesitates to put his freeman's influenza of the type that was prevalent in without his suspecting the fact, or it may

Worse than this, an Impression has grown that wherever a voting machine is used the percentage of "straight tickets" increases. Voters have found it more than

Now we are told that the tide of senti- difficult under the blanket ballot system to cast independent votes. It is easy to make one mark and be sure your vote is counted.

To "split" a ticket without risk of losing your yote requires considerable skill and salt becomes possessed of many different If it be true that the machine makes splitting a ticket any more difficult than Omaha and South Omaha as its ultimate it is now with our blanket ballot thousands vating persistency. In vain did the irate of voters will hold that that fact alone is sufficient to condemn it. It is openly charged in some places that i Among all the resturant patrons there was the form of the blanket ballot was made up with the purpose of making a split ticket more difficult than under the old system and that it attained its purpose. thereby swelling the number of straight tickets and increasing accordingly the

power of the boss and his machine. If the voting machine adds still further to this condition it is a thing to be avoided.

is coughing. It is the time of year when people are most susceptible to colds. Scott's Emulsion will not only cure the cold, which otherwise might hang on all winter, but will give strength and flesh to the body to resist more colds, pneumonia, etc. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York

under the emblem on the ballot he laid the tissue paper with the carbon over the cross and the emblem, and rubbed it until he obtained a copy of both. On each set of carbons and tissue papers there was a number, and when this was returned to the district captain the voter received his money. Again, in many of the booths two blue pencils had been placed, tied with strings as the ordinary black pencils are found. In such cases the faithful voters were provided with black pencils, which they took with them into the booths. Innocent volers who used the blue pencils lost their votes. as these were thrown out as defective. And they say that New York learned all this wickedness from Philadelphia!

The "subway cold" is the newest complaint in town. Physicians say almost everybody who uses the subway seems to

have it. The symptoms resemble those of New York fifteen years ago, which gave the name "la grippe" to all the colds that followed it. Every day thousands of victims of the "subway cold" may be seen issuing from the underground road waving their handkerchiefs and manifesting other symptoms of distress. They sneeze and they cough and they have an achy feeling in their heads and chests. The new complaint usually runs its course in from three to five days, vanishing as mysteriously as it comus. There are no bad after-effects unless the sufferer has taken too much rock candy into his system.

It was one of the damp, misty days when restaurant, where the managers are supposed to obviate all annoyances of that kind, the particles solidified with aggradiners shake and pound and rattle the glass and silver cellars; the salt held back. only one person who solved the problem. That was a woman, young and good looking. After her first ineffectual attempt she removed the lid of the cellar, took a hairpin from her hair and proceeded coolly to stir the aggregated crystals to a manageable powder. The old bachelor opposite stopped eating

o watch her.

"Well, I'll swear," he said. "That is one advantage of being a woman."

The gentlemanly burglar who finds himself temporarily in the toils has amused himself in his leisure hours by pointing out to his jailers how "easy" he has found the big New York hotels as a field for his specialty. He asks nothing better, says this expert, than his liberty and the entree to a large and fashionable hostelry in New York. It was this burglar who lately walked out of one of the most faious New York hotels carrying two costly clocks, one of which he had no trouble in pawning for \$400. The manager of the hotel resents the burglar's imputation that he and his hotel are "easy," and comes forward with an elaborate explanation of the precautions taken in his and similar houses against burglary. I, is his boast that of the 1,500 persons, more or less, who sleep under his roof every night, and of the 15,000 persons who daily and nightly resort to his corridors, by far the greater number escape without the costly visitation of the "dip" or any of his professional brothers. The precautions against the ac tivity of these gentry in the big hotel are indeed extraordinary. There are guards and watchmen and "elbows" everywhere. All the corridors are patrolled by day and by night. An elaborate system of electric alarms is installed.

New York Evening Post Raliway officials look to freight earnings for bread and butter. Of the \$1.900,-\$46,997 gross reported by the railroads in the last Interstate Commerce commission annual statement, 70 per cent was derived from the transportation of freight and only 22 from passengers. Yet the income from the passenger service is closely watched, as such returns reflect to a large extent the financial condition of the territory served. This was especially true dur

ing the year just ended, for gross earnings varied to an unusual degree, the Northern Pacific for illustration, reporting an increase of \$4.197.314, the Rock Island a decrease of \$917,981, the Illinois Central a gain of \$2,677,514, and the Atchison an increase of only \$204,637. The passenger earnings of a number of roads throughout the country for the past three years are given .

L & S. W. Pacific... Island... Burlington .... 14,136,281 All of the roads mentioned, including the ones reporting a decrease or small gain in gross earnings, showed remarkably large increases in passenger receipts during 1905. Thus the claim of general prosperity is

VAIN PLEADINGS.

Baltimore American. wooed her with the softest words, like music gentle of sweet birds, talked her fine, I talked her fair,

I taked her nne, I taked her fair, I sang her praises everywhere. I urged her in the gentlest way; My court to her did eager pay. I showered gold with open hand, I begged her only to command. She merely said she'd think it o'er, And only that and nothing more.

I begged her bless my humble home, i offered all, from base to dome; I promised her of rooms the choice, That her's should be deciding voice In every mooted family plan; That neither woman, child nor man Should dare to cross her lightest wish That she should dine on finest dish, And go abroad in silken dress. She said she'd others, too, to pross. 981,288 9,542,201 8,191,639 1,337,732

I longed for her with wild desire; My bosom burned with raging fire; I saw the vision in dismay Of her I longed for torn away. I desperate grew with frantic fear-I monned. I groaned. I dropped a tear. And begged she would at least confess Some pity for my great distress. And begged she would at least Some pity for my great distress. She said she did some pity feel. But scantiest pity did reveal.

Thus the claim of general prosperity is maintained. It is worth recalling that the end of a boom period is generally marked by an advance in real estate prices and by larger rallway passenger earnings. Dur-ing the first seven months of the calendar year 1904, gross earnings of the railroads decreased \$19,328,585.

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