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UPHELDING OF THE GREATER WEST. The acrimonious controversy between Edward H. Harriman and the deposed and imposed Equitable Insurance magnates is of comparatively small moment to the people of the transmississippi region, excepting so far as it sheds light

cause it is against the republic itself. He declared that at present the interests of the government, that is, the interests of honest administration, which comprehends the interests of the people, are not recognized as they should be.

unfriendly sentiment and avert threatened action, and it may be that such an agreement as they are said to have formed may be difficult to enforce among themselves. Still it thinks the new attitude of railroad officials is a good sign and should help toward the solution of the perplexing problem of regulation, though not to be relied upon as of itself a solution.

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Harriman's career as an empire builder, and especially his contribution toward the marvelous improvement of the great overland railroad is, however, of more than passing interest and challenges admiration. Less than ten years ago the Union Pacific railroad was a financial and physical wreck managed by receivers during the process of foreclosure. The road had defaulted upon \$27,000,000 of its second mortgage bonds and \$27,000,000 more of interest for the payment of which the United States of America was guarantor.

When Harriman and his associates bought in the road and paid the claims of all its creditors, including the government, dollar for dollar, the country was almost stupefied over the extra hazardous risk assumed by the New York syndicate.

Under the magic wand wielded by Harriman the Union Pacific has within seven years been transformed into the greatest railway property in the world. Physically as well as financially the Union Pacific railroad is peerless among the great railroads of America.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK. President Paul Morton's letter to policy holders declares that "the new management of the society, so far as it is consistent with safety and good business judgment, will hereafter undertake to invest its reserves in real estate mortgages, or the securities of railroads or other well-established corporations serving those sections of the country which produce the premiums, and gives as the reason for this departure that it will negative the claim that money paid for premiums is sent away from home and is not available for local development."

Consistent pursuance of this policy, together with abstinence from participation in Wall street speculations, would without question counteract in large measure the point often urged here in the west against the big life insurance companies of the east, that they drain the country of money which ought to remain at home and be used in the development of western resources.

Such a state of affairs is a reproach to the country and should be remedied as soon as it is possible to do so. The bench and the bar throughout the United States should take an interest in the subject and use their great influence with congress in behalf of the needed reforms.

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.

The Christmas bargain has had its day. Make way next for the annual January clearing sale.

Insurance commissioners of New York may hereafter consider it lawful and necessary to go behind the returns provided by the companies.

The department of Agriculture is again battling manfully against the Hessian fly, and the Hessian fly squadrons has not yet crossed the Potomac.

Reports of heavy orders for the spring trade indicate that Uncle Sam has decided to postpone business depression again without the aid or consent of Wall street.

Those newspaper excursionists who were given a taste of a storm off the Pacific coast cannot complain of nature not providing its rarest features for their entertainment in California.

A new mineral discovered in the Black Hills has been named "purpurite." The name is sufficiently purpuric to make the average Black Hills miner swear like a regular trooper.

The coal barons have at last become reconciled to the big stick. At the banquet given to the diamond king nobility Baron George F. Baer proposed the toast, "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

Ambassador Thompson has emerged from the ordeal of the State department inquiry unscathed and the Omaha Fakey which predicted his summary divorce from the diplomatic service by special gravestone from Washington will have to tender its apology.

INCIDENTALLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF GREAT FEEDERS TO PUGET SOUND AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRANCH LINES IN KANSAS, NEBRASKA, WYOMING AND COLORADO HAVE VASTLY IMPROVED THE FACILITIES OF THE UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM AND ENORMOUSLY INCREASED THE VOLUME OF ITS TRAFFIC.

AN INTERESTING EXHIBIT. The special anniversary edition of Frank Leslie's Weekly reprints in facsimile the first number of that paper issued fifty years ago, containing among other things a map of the then three proposed Pacific railway routes.

THE SHIP-SHAKING IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING is viewed with keen satisfaction at long range by Secretary Hitchcock's agent larlar, Colonel John S. Mosby.

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THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS ABOUT TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST FORMER STATE TREASURERS WHO HAVE FAILED TO ACCOUNT FOR FEES AND INTEREST ON PUBLIC FUNDS AGGREGATING \$321,000 IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS, MADE AND PROVIDED.

THE SCHEME TO DIVIDE NEBRASKA INTO TWO FEDERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, ONE LOCATED NORTH AND THE OTHER SOUTH OF THE PLATE RIVER, HAS BEEN AGAIN REVIVED.

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WHOSE CAN TELL? The precious stones imported into this country during the last year exceeded in value by more than \$10,000,000 the total imports for any other year.

A PROBLEM IN KINSHIP. A western man has married his son's divorced wife. He is now father to his grandchildren, his wife is grandmother to her own children.

HEROISM IN COMMONPLACE LIFE. An engineer in New Jersey, tortured by escaping steam, stuck, in spite of his agony, to his post and saved a trainload of passengers.

HAZARDS OF THE RICH. Serious disadvantage in the bringing up of children. Expressing what seemed to be the result of wide observation and mature deliberation, President Eliot of Harvard said in a public address the other day: "The most serious disadvantage under which the very rich labor in the bringing up of children."

AGREE TO OBEY THE LAW. The agreement said to have been entered into by the executive officials of the western railroads with a view to compelling a strict adherence to the provisions of the interstate commerce law is all right providing the agreement is carried out. It is remembered, however, that such so-called agreements have been made before and were broken almost as soon as entered into, recollection of which very naturally tends to cause distrust of the sincerity of the present reported agreement.

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GENTLE YULETIDE CYCLISMS. Remember the poor. The rich we have with us always. The merry yuletide prompts me to hope that you'll live it over.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. A few days ago Mr. Rockefeller drew a dividend of \$3,000,000 and is not bothered about Santa Claus connecting with his old socks.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. Johnny—Come in. Sister's expectin' you. Mother—How do you know she is? Johnny—She's been asleep all the afternoon.—Cleveland Ledger

PROLOGUE OF CHRISTMAS TOYS. Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly. 'Twas the night before Christmas, the house was so still.

CUT IT OUT. Evil Consequences of Holiday Drinking Pointed Out.

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Browning, King & Co. ORIGINATORS AND SOLE MAKERS OF HALF SIZES IN CLOTHING. "Merry Christmas" We extend our heartfelt wish that every moment may be golden with Christmas cheer and that each remembrance be bright with pleasure.

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