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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.

The war with Turkey is over for this vear.

If the lawyers want two divisions of the federal court in Nebraska they will that event it appears doubtful if the probably get it-that is, if the lawyers are alone to be consulted.

Shoplifters who have carried on an active campaign in Omaha during the Christmas rush will now take a vacation to avoid a well-earned arrest.

Probably the navy department is auxious to graduate the members of the difficulties with foreign governments class men place them out of condition.

Councilman Hoye's expressed opinion that "some" members of the city council should not be re-elected might be improved by striking out the qualifying

General Reyes has apparently learned something from his protracted visits to able concessions in order to avoid a conthe United States, as the last demonstration against his administration was not permitted to reach the dignity of a revolution.

Four judges of this district have Japan in the treaty with China, one agreed upon their respective assign- article of which provides for the openments for the coming year. The next ing by China to the world's commerce thing in order will be for them to agree of sixteen principal ports and cities in to call a grand jury just to clean up the Manchuria, including Harbin, which is

The council should by all means revise its gas works ordinance and allow United States for the open door. the gas company to erect additional gas tanks without delay. So much gas is being evolved in the gas injunction suit that there is danger of an explosion.

Before demanding that the czar obey the will of the Russian people it might be well for these people to discover what they really want. At the present time it looks like they desire a fight, and the ezar is doing his best to accommodate them.

This year's Chicago International Live Stock exposition closed with an attendance of 557,743, breaking all former records. What Chicago has accomplished this year on a large scale can be accomplished by Omaha on a smaller scale next year.

If Congressman Pollard carries out sible claim to the world's confidence. ucating" new members, and he should interested as any other western nation. devote some time to watching them.

The unexpected does not often happen. No rational person expected that anything by protesting the issuing of the last few years. The Manufacturers' tered its batteries on a dozen of the ern farm properties have increased not worst resorts that are operating in con-less than \$1,000,000,000 in value, probajunction with the social evil, it would bly at least \$1,500,000,000. This has investment of \$25,000. have effected a breach and accomplished several important meanings for that secsomething for better government.

Pullman Palace company lobbyist, is tural producers of the south rendered returned an indictment against a Chi- hygiene added to the regular curricula at said to have lost \$5,000 worth of cloth- still more prosperous. At the same time cago liquor dealer, charged with violating and bric-a-brac in the Los Angeles there is going forward a steady develop- ing the laws of his country by manuhotel fire. This would be a serious loss ment of manufacturing industries, facturing Tom and Jerry for the Christto an ordinary man who works for which in those states where fuel and mas trade without a license. Such a wages, but our Tom will have no trouble raw materials abound is proceeding rap thing could never have happened in in recouping himself when the next idly. But, as the Record remarks, it Omaha. legislature convenes. Possibly he may is nevertheless true that by virtue of now be induced to return sooner to fill the extent of the agricultural interests the vacancy about to be created by the of the south, agriculture is yet the founimpending retirement of Colonel Ager dation of the business of that section. to rural delivery life in Wisconsin

PRESIDENT AND SENATE. According to Washington correspond- contribute much more extensively than ents there is a threatened conflict be at present to the wealth and prosperity

are concerned, there can be no reasons-

judgment in respect to canal administra-

As to the Santo Domingo matter,

most senators have not been much im-

pressed with the statement of the presi-

tielf to intervene in the island in some

enter into a contest with the senate

OPENING NEW TREATY PORTS.

cisive as to merit the heartiest com-

mendation and to give her the best pos-

PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH.

tion, one of which is that hereafter the

unpleasant fashion.

demonstrate this to the country.

tween the president and the senate over of the south. the Panama canal situation and the The only thing that is likely to retard course of the administration regarding progress there is a lack of labor. The Santo Domingo. It is stated that there supply now is inadequate, and, accordare a number of canal features in which ing to the statements of those who the senate desires enlightenment, and should know, it is not increasing as rapthat it must have its curiosity satisfied idly as the demand. The movements in several instances before favorable which have been started with a view action is taken on the nomination of the to inducing immigrants to go to the canal commissioners. Undoubtedly these south have not so far been very sucnominations will eventually be con- cessful, and there is reason to think firmed, but the senate will not be in a will not be. The people who come hurry, and in the meantime it is proba- here from abroad, even those from ble that the administration of canal southern Europe, seem to be averse to affairs will be pretty thoroughly dis- entering into competition with the colcussed. Of course no one will object to ored labor of the south, and this is a this, if the discussion is conducted in difficulty which probably can never be the proper spirit, and not simply as a overcome. Meanwhile the colored labor manifestation of fault-finding, or of hos- generally appears to be becoming more tility to the president. It is quite proba- unreliable, a condition for which it is last year. That is certainly a paralyzing ble that the canal commission has not impossible to find a remedy. This, then been altogether judicious in the matter is the chief drawback to the south, and of expenditures. It is perhaps desirable no doubt it will be more seriously felt that congress shall put some restriction in the future than at present. If the upon its authority in this particular, south can secure the immigration it but care must be taken not to make the seeks it undoubtedly will continue to restriction so unyielding that it might make rapid industrial and agricultural result in obstructing the work. So far progress.

as the president and secretary of war THE NEBRASKA BRIDGE GRAFT. ble doubt that they have used their best tion and will be able to convincingly admits that bridges in this county have monument, at Concord: been paid for that have no existence. It is possible that some of those who have there is unquestionably a strong feeling been apologizing for the bridge gaug will

now also admit the truth. in the senate that the pending treaty. Other counties have bridge gangs and which provides for continuing the policy hypnotized supervisors, where extra prices regarding the black republic adopted by are paid for lumber, where poor, httle the administration, should not be rati- twenty-foot spans are stretched on the fied. There is a fear that the precedent | bills until they creak in agony. Other countles pay for bridges that have no which it would establish might cause approaches and for others that are apthis government no little trouble in the proached only by some favorite land future. It is said that a great many owner. Generally they have some kind members of the majority have declared of a thing built of lumber and iron with pilling that reaches at least down to the that they will not vote for the treaty ground.

in its present shape, and, indeed, ex-But Gage county pays for bridges that press the belief that it ought to be killed | do not exist, and for lumber that never outright if pressed for ratification was bought and never was shipped. Is it not strange that a people should endure without the elimination of the clause this situation, and that same citizens of which gives authority to the United Beatrice should glorify the deed and point States to take practically any step that to the perpetrators as models of business and political sagacity? may be deemed necessary to preserve

The other day a Richardson county the territorial and financial integrity farmer, refering to graft in Nebraska, of Santo Domingo. It is urged against said: "The forefathers threw tea into Boston harbor for less cause than we this course that it would be equivalent to declaring a protectorate over the have here." The Roosevelt class of taxpayers in Gage county have no chance island. The probability is that the adto get at tea ships, but figuratively speakministration will not insist upon the ing they must now be about ready to retention of this clause, but even in fill the bays and harbors of the classic Blue with bridge grafters and unfaithful officials.-Beatrice Express. treaty will be ratified. Apparently

dent in his annual message that if the trust. If memory serves us right Dougexisting arrangement with Santo Dolas county has had some costly experimingo is terminated by the failure of the treaty chaos will follow, and that in that event our government may, sconer or later, be involved in serious bridge graft. The proper way to sup. to a very high degree. press bridge graft and all other graft is by a grand jury. In Ohio, for exam-There is nothing in the situation, so far as disclosed, to indicate any disposition on the part of the president to chances are that some of them will have lations providing for safeguards. There is reason to think that he does not desire it and will make any reasonthe Ohio penitentiary.

Many wild rumors and idle reports have been circulated concerning the re-A very decided triumph for the pringent of the department of justice that an economic standpoint alone, the saving ciple of the open door was achieved by it is not always safe to bank on any Munger predicts the retention of Assistant District Attorney Rush, whoever From whatever aspect we may regard the an important railroad center. This is may be appointed as successor to Judge regarded at Washington as the final Baxter. Now why should Mr. Rush be find that the adoption of some of the success of the long struggle by the retained? Is not the assistant district attorney presumed to be competent to While our government is unquestiondo the work that he is drawing his salably entitled to a measure of credit in should be not be supplanted by a belongs to Japan. That country has man who is? It is not a profound secret again demonstrated its sincerity in the that Mr. Rush had his training in Sumassurances it had given the world that it would observe the open door princicrooked as a dog's hind leg. And the ple. Such an assurance was given in well defined rumor that Mr. Rush was the Portsmouth treaty, but even then retained at the instance of the parties there were some who doubted whether who wanted to protect the land grain-Japan was honest and sincere in the bers and grafters subject to judicial matter and professed to fear that at discipline is verified by the manner in the first opportunity she would find which the recent prosecutions have been conducted and others have been deseek special advantages for herself in layed. To retain him longer would the rich Chinese territory she had simply block the very object for which wrested from Russia. She has now the president has swung the big stick. shown her good faith in a way so de

cuted for being engaged in combinations in restraint of trade, new trusts are the work he has outlined it is probable The opening of sixteen Chinese ports being organized in every section of the that he will keep busy and not get into and cities to the world's commerce is country. The very latest is a recall mischief, but there are always men at a most important circumstance, and one drugnists' trust that will begin to oper- thrown into a burial trench while wounded the capital who make a business of "ed- in which the United States is as greatly are to Chicago today. A chain of fifteen drug stores, conducted on the lines of "the united eigar stores," has been purchased, and if the experiment is suc- funeral. The southern states have made rapid pessful the number will be increased to progress, both in industrial develop-100. The meat in the coconnut is the the Civic Federation could accomplish ment and agricultural growth, during fact that although the pald-up capital Heenses to 150 liquor dealers, promisen- Record, referring to the material ad- the Ideal Drug company, is but \$25,000, drew from both parties. He is one of the ously selected from every section of the vance which the south has made, says it is said to be backed by \$3,000,000 of town. Had the Civic Federation cen- that within the last year or two south- capital, which means that it will be ing of note in connection with base ball eapitalized for \$3,000,000 and made to earn C. idends on that amount on an is pushing vigorously his crusade to bring up for him to the last in Tammany half.

Federal grand juries in Illinois are land will be more thoroughly cultivated, getting very fastidious in these days.

> Magnanimity in Naval College. Washington Post.

though manufacturing will in the future the fourth-class men to testify in the government investigation.

West Point and Amapolis. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The two greatest public schools in the country are those at West Point and Annapolis, and the public has every right to claim that they be conducted in a manner that reflects credit both upon the immediate management and upon the nation at

New York Tribung Russia, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, has approved the plan of a Siberia-Alaska raffroad, and hence it is still within the bounds of possibility that at some time trains may run from New York to Paris. The number of things regarded as impossible is steadily diminishing. financial irregularities. The men in charge Abuse of Franking Privilege, Cincinnati Enquirer. The postmaster general is in favor of the

revocation of the franking privilege. It is

said to have cost the government \$19,822,000

statement. It almost drives a person to

doubting the arithemetic. It probably

means that had all the matter franked

been paid for at the regular postage rates

that much more money would have come

in. But of course the free privilege was the incentive to loading the mails.

Senator Hoar's Belief. Kansas City Star. "Remember that what you believe will depend very much on what you are," is a sentiment by Porter, which seems to find Graft in Gage county has now pretty strong confirmation in the following declarnearly broken the record. The county ation by Senator George Friabee Hoar. board after a long and painful cearch, which is to form the inscription on his

> I have no faith in fatalism, in des-tiny, in blind force, I believe in God, the living God. I believe in the American people, a brave and free people, who do not bow the neck or bend the knee to any other, and who desire no other to bow the neck or bend the knee to them. I believe that a republic is greater than an empire. I believe inally whatever npire. I believe finally whatever ouds may darken the horizon that is world is growing better, that day is better than yesterday, and lat tomorrow will be better than

WORKINGMEN'S INSURANCE.

Urges the Importance Attending to It.

F. A. Vanderlip in North American Review During the last generation, radical changes have been going on in industrial life in the direction of speculation and the industrial army tend more and more toward becoming an automatic wheel in the great industrial organization.

No such thing as industrial independence is now possible for a workingman. The moment, therefore, that sickness overtakes the workingman, or accident injures him or old age impairs his powers, his condition is likely to become much more unfortunate than would have been the case under similar circumstances in earlier her narrow escape from an awful fate. times. It is, therefore, in an analysis of economic conditions, rather than in senti-Gage county is not the only county in mental consideration or charitable ebulli-Nebraska whose supervisors have been tion, that we must seek for a secure founhypnotized or subsidized by the bridge dation upon which to rest judgment in re- cide upon a better name, is being shown gard to the question of workingmen's in-

surance. Comparatively little attention has been ence in the same direction. Here also given to the subject in the United States, bridges have been constructed from and Mr. Vanderlip urges the importance. nowhere to nowhere and from some- for economic reasons, of studying it with where to an indefinite termination. But Mr. Vanderlip analyzes and describes the senior class at Annapolis before under- over the island, or else may be forced there is an end to all things, even to German system, which has been developed

> Accident insurance, as developed in Germany, has been something more than merely the providing of an indemnity. It ple, eighteen indictments have been has been in fact, an insurance against found within the past ten days in one accidents. This definite placing of the county against bridge grafters, and the responsibility for accidents has led to much study by employers and employes of reguto cross the bridge that connects with study has accomplished remarkable results in the reduction of the number of accidents, and has become a great economic factor in removing the danger from the industrial calling. Under the influence of this study, the frequency of accidents cent changes in the Nebraska contin- has been reduced one-half. Viewed from which has resulted in the national economy has been a vast sum. We are strikingly version alleged to emanate from the careless of life in America. The statistics judicial head of this district. It is cur- of railway injuries and fatalities are a rently reported, for example, that Judge disgrace. In the rush of our industrial expansion we have neglected to provide many of the obviously necessary safeguards. subject, we will, on any broad view of it,

European regulations and safeguards will be of great national advantage. The second division of the German to this sick insurance system, there are oth- high sale was \$80,000. ers which are of the highest economic mer's school, and Summers was as importance and well worth emphasizing. The system is having a profound effect on the whole physical welfare of the German nation. The general level of vitality, and hence of working capacity, is being distinctly raised as a result of it.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, though depressed by defeat, enters the home stretch with \$2,285 gate money.

Senator Clark of Montana, an excellent judge of values, estimates each grandchild as worth \$1,000,000 to him.

in medicine, makes money as a lecturer and was clear to the last and it was always a is deeply grieved because a woman has no reat to his friends to listen to his remichance in this country.

who fought in the Crimea in 1854-56, was Ford's theater. after the battle of Tchernaya, but made a slight movement that was noticed and was office in the criminal court building is a sapulled out again, died in England the other loon kept by a Tamman, hall district ender, day. He lived just fifty years after his first

ner represented the younger voters and best known newspaper men in the state, be- You don't suppose I don't understand.

about a reform of the medical department of the army. He studied sanitary conditions in the Boer war, in Peking during him." the Boxer trouble, and recently in Man-Tom Benton, the smooth and slippery production increased and the agricul. The federal United States grand jury graded courses of study in sanitation and West Point and Annapolis.

Hereafter the plumbers' union in Louisihumor) will be more humble. The supreme ever court has commanded !!. Some time ago the logislature appointed an inspector of plumbers, who was given two members of the plumbers' union as assistants. The mion promptly responded to the honor by Doubtless this will always be the case, napolis have given formal permission to obviously its own business.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK

Metropolis.

Wall street has not witnessed for years such a succession of funerals of financial bosses as have rolled through that narrow lane since the insurance investigation. "A few short months ago," says a correspondent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, President Alexander, Vice Presidents tion. James Hazen Hyde and George W. Perkins and other officials of the Equitable society were absolute monarchs of all they surveyed; not only of their own coney, but of the millions of the Equitable Not a word of authority was heard to prevent their doing as they wished. Not whisper in the public ear of anything wrong. Not a bar to all the syndicating double dealing vellow dog funds and other

were absolute masters, responsible to nobody but to each other and to themselves "President James W. Alexander is out of office, a physical wreck, in the hidder recesses of an unnamed sanitarium. James Hazen Hyde made haste to sell his stock got out of office with expedition, and I now disposing of his various chattels. W H. McIntire, an Equitable director, is not within reach of the investigating committee and holds no office in the concern. Controller Thomas D. Jordan telephoned a message from Englewood, N. J., to his son disappeared into an obscurity so dense light has been unable to uncover him. the Equitable millions, because he is neither vice president nor chairman of the finance committee, as he was when the cyclone struck him. The Hon. Chauncey M. Denew has laid down his double duties as a director and special counsel, and, no doubt, spends one-half his time in lamenting that he did not lay them down long age. Changes almost as great and fully as sudden have taken place in the Mutual Life, from which the McCurdy family have departed and whose funds will no longer

be administered as personal assets. The lesson is an impressive one to the mismanagers of semi-public trusts, but it is doubtful if all of them will profit by it.

After being dead apparently for three days, placed in her coffin, and with her friends and relatives ready to take a farewell view of the body before it was buried, Viola Anderson, 17 years old, of Elizabeth, Thursday and was revived. The girl es- for more. caped being buried alive by a very small margin.

A neighbor who is a close friend of the Finally the family physician was sent for, and after a thorough examination and severe tests he said the girl was only in a young woman and she began to speak. She is very satisfactory, expressed surprise at not finding herself in heaven and was horrified when told of

A new illuminant, which the inventor calls "artificial daylight" until he can de at the electrical show in Madison Square garden. The public is perfectly familiar with the greenish-blue rays of the Peter Cooper Hewitt light. "Artificial daylight" is manufactured on the same general principle, but judging from the tests in the garden, it is a great improvement over the Hewitt light. Suspended from the ceiling of the lobby of the garden and standing the week when he was instrumental in out a little way from the sidewalls is an getting Hon. W. P. endless tube of glass, filled with a luminous

clear, warm and white, quite lacking in glare or disagreeable intensity. Every nook and crevice of the garden's entrance is Illuminated, and there is not the slightest discomfort to the eyes of those subjected

to the rays. Briefly, the principle involved in this light is that of filling a vacuum tube wth chemical vapors which will conduct electricity. taking on in the process a marvelous luminosity. The field of usefulness for the new light is, as a matter of course, practically unlimited. It is adaptable for stores. shops, trains, street cars and even for street lighting. It is asserted that the light can be produced at one-half the cost of incandescent light and that its strength

It is figured that the tax on stock transactions in New York city will amount to dispatches continue to repeat the statement about \$5,200,000 for the year 1905-6. The receipts for November were \$607,152, and they is slightly more than had been expected, fort for reinstatement to the office from surance system, and the one that seems to but a big boom has been going on in Wall which he was removed by President Roose ary for? If he is not competent, why have most fully demonstrated its value, is street. A Stock exchange seat last week veit." That is interesting if true. Does the sick insurance fund. Apart from the sold for \$31,000, the highest price in the more obviously advantageous features of history of the exchange. The last previous gation think it about the proper punish-

> Dr. George Bell Wallis, the oldest newspaper writer in the country, died on the 18th inst. at his home in New York. He was 94 years old, and was almost entirely unknown to the present generation of newspaper workers. Dr. Bell worked with the elder Bennett in getting out the New York Herald in 1835, and he remained with the paper while Bennett lived. It was Dr. Bell who, as chief editorial writer of the Herald wrote the editorial on the morning after the assassination of President Lincoln.

In his time he was the foremost newspaper man of the country. He was personally known to every president from Polk to It appears from biographies of Anna Shaw Cleveland and wrote until a few years ago, that she is an ordained preacher, a graduate when his sight failed him. His memory niscences of the stirring days that preceded Augustin Poole, a veteran horse trainer, the declaration of peace and the tragedy of

"Big Tom" Foley. For four years and more "Big Tom" has been one of Mr. Thomas L. Reilly, a reporter, has been Jerome's stanchest friends, and when Tamelected mayor of Meriden, Conn., by a ma- many refused to nominate Jerome, and "Hig jority of 252 votes, defeating George M. Tom" went to him and expressed regret Curtis, the republican candidate. The win- that he had to work against him, the district attorney said: "Oh, I know that, Tom. Don't you worry,

And Foley said, in talking about it afterward: "He's a square fellow, as square a Surgeon Major Louis Livingston Seaman one as ever stood in two shoes, and I stood But, now, as he's not on our ticket, I'll do everything I can to keep a vote away from

Foley kept his word, kept it with the utchuria. He is making an effort to have most difficulty, for among his 5,000 odd voting constituents the democratic district attorney was a sort of idol, and Jerome's vote in Foley's district was kept down to 1 500. Now that it is all over, "Rig Tom" and the ana (despite all the traditions of American district attorney are as warm friends as

Private Profit Out of Ningara. Minneapolis Journal.

The point seems to be well taken that the "harnessing of Niagara," about which we expelling the two assistants because they hear so much, is of no particular benefit to wouldn't act according to its dictates, and the people. The power companies are mo-Just to show that there is no hard feelings the court has now ordered it to reinstate nopolizing the advantages and are selling against the law, the first-class men at An- them and hereafter attend to what is more their power to the public at a rate no lower get on the band wagon if he wants to keep than that of coal-made electricity

STATE PRESS POTPOURRI.

McCook Tritune: It is early to be sure, Ripples on the Current of Life in the but it is hinted that J. H. Ager at least would not oppose the nomination of John Wall for governor.

Bestrice Sun: The question of selecting a United States senator will soon be up to the railroads. The legislature will be at their service in the matter of ratifica-

Beatrice Sun: Senator Millard should be able to provide snaps for a great many Nebraska politicians. Their removal from here to the fever-stricken districts of the south would be a good thing for the state. Kearney Democrat: With the abolition of the pass privileges to sheriffs and the

radical reduction in the price to be paid for feeding prisoners, which has already future of many a promise will be shorn of its chief graft. Weeping Water Herald: Bartley's bonds-

nen are happy, the illegal fencers of government lands are happy, candidates for United States marshal are happy, but the poor devil who rolls a cigarette, spits on Christmas had better get off the earth. eral Brown is thinking of trying to secase in the supreme court. We don't New York, hung up the receiver and know for certain whether he can accomplish anything by it, but we do know that Mr. Hughes' most powerful search- that he won't make any technical error if he tries it. It's too bad that as much George W. Perkins can no longer play with could not have been said of his prede-

CUSSOT. North Platte Tribune: An order has been sent to the district attorney to make an investigation of rallroad rebates in Nebraska. Coupled with this instruction should have been one directing the attorney to ascertain why Wyoming coal can be hauled to Omaha and sold at a less price than here in North Platte, which is located 291 miles nearer the mines. Certainly the people of North Platte have cause for demanding "a square deal."

Grand Island Independent: An order has been received from Washington instructing the federal attorney from this district to make an investigation as to rebates in this state. If the order only included discriminations we would like to call the investigating gentleman's attention to the mathematical proposition which results in railroads hauling coal 150 miles by Grand Island at a less rate than they can afford to N. J., was found to be in a trance last stop the trains here and send them back

Norfolk News: The appointment of W. P. Warner to the United States marshalship gives general satisfaction throughout concentration, so that the rank and file of family noticed that the body appeared to the state. Mr. Warner has served his party be slightly warm, although the girl was well and loyally, is big, clean and able, supposed to have been dead three days, and there is no doubt but that he has well carned substantial recognition at the hands of republicans. Besides, he was in no way interested in the dismissal of trance. After working over her for several Mathews, but if Mathews must be offered hours the doctor managed to revive the as a sacrifice, then Warner's appointment Weeping Water Herald: The Plattsmouth

Journal is boosting Senator George L. Sheldon for governor of Nebraska. We agree with the Journal that he is a mighty good man for the best office in the state, and shall remind the Journal when the proper time arrives to stay by him to the last. If he is a good man now he will be better when he needs the support of the press and votes of both parties. Let "Sheldon for governor" be the hailing cry. friendship and voting sign of all Nebraska citizens.

Madison Star-Mail (dem.): Congressman McCarthy turned a neat trick the first of Warner appointed smoke, which takes on different colors at dangerous candidate for congress in this will. Ordinarily the light it gives out is district, and the clever Irishman saw a chance to put him in the clear, which was done, but the all-absorbing question now gnawing at the congressman's fertile brain is "What can I do with Judge Boyd and Hon. W. M. Robertson, both of whon are a power in this district?"

Norfolk Press: The railroads, by their action in fighting their taxes, lead the next legislature to turn them over to the tender mercies of the local assessors for valuation and assessment. In that event Omaha and Lincoln would run their city governments at the expense of the rail roads, while there is little danger that any county outside of Lancaster and Douglas would be satisfied with any less railroad taxes than they are drawing at present exceeds that of the ordinary electric light No matter how they fix it, it would be cheaper for the railroads to take their medicine and smile over it.

Nebraska City Tribune: The Washington that the "entire Nebraska delegation in congress continues to stand behind former have averaged \$640,000 for six months. This United States Marshal Mathews in his ef it indicate that the entire Nebraska dele ment for convicted violators of the laws of the United States to be "banished" for six hours to the parlors of the Omaha club? This question will call for an answer in the future at the hands of a good many Nebraskans who do not see it in exactly that light. Alliance Times: Supplements were sent

to this office, but not in time for last issue, giving the railroads' side of the controversy, arising in this state from the failure of the railroad companies to pay their taxes as viewed by Hon. C. F. Manderson. We use them this issue, not be cause we stand for the statements therein. but because we desire to afford any interest desiring it a fair hearing before the people. It will be difficult to convince the majority of the people of the state however that the railroads should not pay their taxes the same as other people, or that they are assessed any higher proportionately. Other people pay what they consider excessive taxes "under protest and then seek a refund, but the railroads prefer to take this matter, as they have some others, in their own hands and say to the people, "What are you going to do about It? Beatrice Express: It can be no harn

to repeat that the State university re gapts are on dangerous ground, and that the only way to disayow the treachers of the professor of the state farm is t ger rid of the professor. The complaint among the farmers is growing as the facts are better known that for three years one of the head men of the state form has been drawing \$90 a month from the railroads for the work against the farmers of the state. The demand should be unl versal for the discharge of the traitor If it is not heeded the farmers will have an adequate remedy when the next legislature convenes. It is not disloyalty t the university to say these things. Bu that institution, by reason of its 1 mill benefit and the tremendous increase in the state valuation is already being ostracised for its large slice of the public funds. and a mistake at this time might call for a dangerous trimming down by the next legislature.

Band Wagon Inspiration. Baltimore American:

Dr. Osler's declaration that man must walk with the boys if he wants to keep up with his profession is merely another way of putting the truth that a fellow has to up with the procession.

PHANTOM FORTUNES.

An Old Same Pulled Off on Easy Victims.

Philadelphia Ledger A man has just been arrested in New York for swindling women in a familiar way. He made each believe that a legacy of imposing amount had been left to her. To set in motion the legal process by which she was to receive this a fee was necessary. The man would take the fee. Then all he would set in motion would be his agile person, and not in the direction of a legacy, but of a new victim. When he was finally caught twenty-six women appeared against him.

While all fortune hoped for, but still to be attained, is in some sense suggestive of a phantom, one may pursue with chance of overtaking a reality. But these taken its start in Douglas county, the mystic fortunes that knock about the country urging people to accept them are figments. They are not even the ghosts of wealth. They lack the tangibility of the figures crossing the mind in dreams. It is wonderful how they continue to deceive. There are few families in the United States for more than a single generation

the sidewalk or indulges in too much that have not received notice that somewhere awaiting their order was a golden Central City Nonpareil: Attorney Gen- pile, or bonds heavy with the accumulated dust and coupons of centuries. This cure a rehearing of the Bartley bond might be in France, Germany, Belgium, or stowed in the vaults of the Bank of England. Occasionally a Tory ancestor had lent money to King George, and the chancellor of the exchequer was in anxious quest of heirs.

Some of these families have the intelligence to know that if their forbears left anything the estate escheated to the crown or the government decades ago, and that investigation could not by any possibility have more than a historical interest. Others eagerly begin the study of genealogy, hunt up or create an imposing creat and anticipate the receipt of wealth that never comes.

The little legacies are exactly the same game on a similar scale. If one be so fortunate as to be named in an unbreaka ble will, or be in direct line from a decedent who left a goodly store he or she will hear of the matter through accredited channels. The proper course toward the swindler coaxing for a fee is to impound him until the police can be called.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Nell-O! he's a gay Lothario. He tries to flirt with all the pretty girls in our Belle-I've seen him trying to flirt with you, too.-Philadelphia Catholic Standard. Emmeline-I pity the man that marries ou. Eleanor—I'd do the same for the man that marries you, only I know there'll i be any such man.—Cleveland Leader.

"The pyramids of Egypt," said the young woman who has traveled, "are supposed to have been built by some ancient government. "My! My!" exclaimed Senator Sorghum.
"What a chance for graft."—Washington chance for graft."-Washington

'What has become of the 'new woman we heard so much about a few years ago:
"Busy making clothes for her grand children, I guess."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Instructor--What is the meaning of the word 'confab'?
Shaggy Haired Pupil—It comes from 'confidence' and 'fable.' It's the beautiful little story the bunko man hands you

when he's ropin' you in.-Chicago Tribune "Time is money, young man."
"That so? Well, I've a bunch of time on hand I'd like you to break into small bills."
—Philadelphia Ledger.

"I suppose your husband hasn't done much walking since he bought his new auto?"
"No, indeed. He broke his leg the first time he went out in it."-Cleveland Leader

Miss Koy-How much is your mistletoe? Dealer-Here's a partic'lar fine big spray, Miss, that you kin have-Miss Koy-On, gracious! I couldn't wear that big thing in my hair.-Philadelphia

IN THE MORNING.

Houston Post. Just a happy, childish troble, lifting, litting down the way; down the way;
Just a burst of happy laughter where the
little children play;
Just a squeal, and then a man's voice in
a laughing, "Upseday!"
Just some little babies playing in the

Just a father with his children swinging in an old rope swing.
Swinging high to feel the pleasure of their little hands a-cling;
How their voices lilt and giggle, how their happy accents ring; t some little babies playing in the Just so morning.

Just an earth-floored cosy neath a gnarly live-oak tree;
Just some little folks pretending they have
got some friends to tea;
Just some brown-eyed, blue-eyed babies
dignified as they can be;
Just some little babies playing in the

morning. Just a something good to live for; just a halm for every smart;
Just wee baby hands, all dimpled, shaping up a fellow's heart;
Just a dad a-stoop for kisses when the line has come to part; Just some little babies playing in the

Just one more strong push together, one more cry of "Upseday!" Then the place is all deserted where the little children play; They are at the gate a-throwing daddy kisses down the way little bables playing in the Junt morning.



The Mystery of Mark Fagan

Look in McClure's for January and see what a plain man like Mark Fagan can do. Feel how strange it is-even as the people of Jersey City have. And then feel the joy of clearing your mind of a mystery-the pure joy of seeing through a thing-of understanding.

Fagan, for a plain man. did his job marvelously well -so well that men wondered at him. There lay the mystery. The solution lay in finding Fagan's reason. And the reasonthough beautiful to look upon-is, after all, a plain man's reason-the simplest and best reason in the world

Perhaps when you have felt the mystery, and got the to ution, you will think that piain men with plain reasons can do a great deal for their country. This is one of the best things Lincoln Steffens ever wrote.

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