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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

Senator Dolliver's rate bill is said to be satisfactory. To whom?

requested.

All is quiet in Moscow, according to last accounts. Most of the people are dead or hiding in their cellars.

. The tribute paid to James Whitcomb Riley proves that poets, if not prophets, may be honored in their own country.

Russell Sage has managed to turn an honest penny by loaning six millions at 90 per cent. Russell's loan hand has not lost its cunning.

Tom Lawson made the mistake of sitting on a skyrocket rather than a toy balloon when he undertook to hold down the price of Amalgamated copper.

Deputy United States Marshal Henry Homan refuses to be Baxterized. He should be no hesitation in granting it, has resigned his position and will hereafter go out gunning on his own hook.

If municipal ownership is to be the slogan in future municipal campaigns the battle cannot be fought and won by college professors and political economy

The great and wonderful Rush is caring a lance with the cattle barons, but ought to be permitted to call themselves nobody in these parts takes Rush very seriously.

be United States district attorney in a losing fight.

With the Mutual Life saving \$1,500, large majority of our people. 000 this year the work of the New York investigating committee has not been in vain if its report is never presented to the legislature.

"Tax ferrets" of Polk county, Iowa, have added \$36,000 to the county treasury from back taxes. Such a system in Nebraska might be a sultable adjunct to rangement of the free list so as to give the scavenger law.

the boys the way in which hazing was terial from Britain rather than from the conducted in the old days the "code" United States. Another expected change ably not improved.

The bears that swallowed Blondy Clark have thrown him up like the whale did Jonah. Evidently the literature in Blondy's hip pocket did not harmonize with their digestion.

Russell Sage is one man who was evidently not anxious for the government to come to the relief of the money market-at least not until he had placed that \$6,000,000 at high figures.

It is due "Jimmie" Hyde to remember that he announced his intention of visiting France before it was discovered that persons charged with grand larceny could not be brought back from that

It now being officially stated that through preferential treatment of im-Corea was not coerced into signing the ports from and via Great Britain. treaty with Japan it is probable that the to assist in swelling the crowd which

Japanese diplomacy. have been wider than imagined. AIDING THE COMMISSION.

sion is to have the aid of the western railroads in enforcing the interstate commerce law. The promise of this is contained in a resolution ington Thursday the commission was conform to the law in good faith and in lance. every respect to ald the commission in grounded suspicion.

yet the commission is of the opinion that shifting it upon other shoulders. "if the promised co-operation is actually seknowledge. Confidence in the promtrue that in the present case the assur- pursue in granting licenses to them. ances given differ somewhat from those and thus make co-operation between the much commission and the railroads for the en forcement of the law general.

Meanwhile the necessity for such legwhich have created the demand for further legislation.

CITIZENSHIP FOR PORTO RICANS-The desire of the people of Porto Rico to be made American citizens has the approval of President Roosevelt, who said in his annual message that there is conferring citizenship upon them. An earnest appeal to congress will be made by the Porto Ricans to give them this boon and it would seem that there for certainly they are as much entitled to American citizenship as the Hawalians. There is a good deal of discontent in this insular possession of ours and it is very largely due to the fact that the people have none of the rights and privileges that belong to citizens of this country. They are obedient to the laws and loyal to the government and they tooned by the political fence as break- most naturally and justly feel that they

citizens of the United States. " We think there will be very general agreement with the view of the presi-A "formerly of Iowa" man wants to dent that there is no excuse for longer excluding these people from citizenship South Dakota. Other applicants will and it is probable that congress will at system of private refrigerator cars, but probably know what it means to make the present session adopt the legislation they should remember that this system the assessments of members amounts to the French bishops should proclaim themcertainly would be approved by a very lation, not destruction, is necessary.

CANADA'S TARIFF PLANS.

The Canadian tariff commission has not yet completed its work, but it has reached a stage that permits of forecasts as to what its probable decision will be. It is thought that there will be a rearnew advantages to British exports, especially encouraging Canadians to im-If the admirals of the navy will tell port raw material or partly finished mamake it more difficult for the American tion made of lower prices for fuel as the manufacturers to dump their surplus in result of the proceedings in court. Canada.

According to a Montreal dispatch, any domestic interests for the benefit of advantage of the opportunity to file it the mother country. But other things while members of congress are still dibeing equal, she would rather go to Eng- gesting their Christmas dinners. land for what she must buy from outside than go to the United States. The determining factor will be a purely business question, the Canadians buying where they can buy to the best advantage. It is pointed our that the extent | der to preserve its stores. of the possible injury to the trade of the United States will depend upon the liberality of the preferential rates on British goods and it is believed a larger op-

A recent report by a special agent of Japanese troops were only sent to Seoul | the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that last year Canada got 62 per rejoiced over the crowning victory of cent of its imported goods, valued at \$166,000,006, from the United States. Eighty-one per cent of the iron and steel After all western policy-nolders may imported by Canada, amounting to \$42. never know bow much of their money 000,000 yearly, is made in this country, was returned to the west by life insur. A heavy demand exists there for Ameriance companies in the form of "argu- can shoes and ready-made clothing have formed a little club to do work for the Royal Areanum in prosperous existence. ments" against unfriendly legislation. Fractically every large factory is the ratiroads, such as summoning witnesses. The first step to that end must be a final is there an organizer equal to the task? The distribution of the surplus may equipped with machinery made in the etc., without fee and to receive in exchange judicial determination of the questions now The brutality at Moscow shocks the world

our now large trade with the Dominion The Interstate Commerce commis- will suffer to some extent when that country revises its tariff.

GOVERNOR MICKEY'S POSITION. In response to an appeal of the Civic recently adopted at a meeting of Federation for the more efficient enwestern railroad officials and which forcement of the Slocumb law, Governor has been presented to the commission Mickey makes the declaration that he by a committee representing the various does not propose to meddle in the local western lines. In a conference at Wash- government of Omaha and cannot abrogate the discretion vested by law in the assured by individual representatives of fire and police commission, but holds the railroads of their desire to co-operate himself ready to entertain any specific with the commission in stopping rebates | charges of official malfeasance that may and in investigating any grievances, be brought against the board. That is There was expressed a determination to what lawyers would call a plea in avoid-

The governor is the autocrat that apits enforcement. There was a further points and removes the police board and promise on the part of the railroad rep- the police board dominates the police resentatives to report every illegal trans- force. Incidentally the police board exaction which may come to their knowl- ercises the function of an excise board. edge or of which they may have well- By virtue of their authority to grant or refuse licenses to liquor dealers the gov-This very important action by the ernor-appointed board has supervision western railroads is regarded by the over the liquor traffic. Whether he likes commission as sincere and warranting it or not, the governor must share with the expectation of beneficial results, the mayor of Omaha the responsibility While it may not result in the complete for law enforcement. From this respondiscontinuance of wrongfel practices, sibility he cannot relieve himself by

and continuously afforded the payment exercise the discretion vested in the po-1 pany, who was present, preferred the of rebates and the granting of secret lice board, relating to complaints against advantage will be reduced to a mini- individual liquor dealers, but he is exmum." It appears from the report of pected to formulate and dictate the polthe conference that the railroad repre- icy which the police board should pursentatives recognized the influence of sue in the discharge of its functions as public opinion-an influence which the an excise board, and especially its attirailroads have been slow to realize and tude toward the vicious and criminal classes. In other words, while Omaha ises made to the commission would be liquor dealers who apply for licenses are stronger if it were not for the fact that not expected to pass muster before the other pledges and agreements by rall- governor, it is his plain duty to outline road officials were not fulfilled. It is the policy which the police board is to

It is for the governor to instruct the which have preceded them-that is, the board to refuse to license resorts lo-"gentlemen's agreements" to observe the cated in proximity to disorderly houses law-still there will be some doubt and and resorts which derive their sustemisgiving in the public mind until the nance from the vicious and criminal latest pledges have been shown to be in classes. It is his plain duty to require the year 1905 marks the gittering limit and good faith. At all events, the western the police board to refuse a license to apex of American luxury. railroads are setting a commendable ex- all tough joints wherever they may be ample, which it is presumed will have a located. To request the Civic Federagood effect in other sections. Eastern tion or any other class of citizens to for diamonds alone. In the affections of welland southern roads may find it expedient prefer specific charges against members to-do Americans the diamond is easily to follow the action of the western roads of the board is asking altogether too

lectures delivered before the State islation as President Roosevelt has rec- Teachers' association this week; for exommended is not lessened. It is the only ample, the text selected by Rev. Frank certain assurance for the protection of Emerson Jones was "When the Heart the public against the discriminations is Young." That must have appealed powerfully to the inner sentiments of

It is a race now between County Audiby cutting down the supply bills. Mani- importation of them has steadily risen, it methods and are appealing to the soldiers said in his annual message that there is no excuse for failure to adopt legislation festly they both have their ears to the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash. In 1804, for instance, we improve the spare cash.

> The novel feature of an advancing security market in the face of a rate of 125 per cent for call money gives the secretary of the treasury ample ground for awaiting developments before rushing to the defense of the men who need more than \$10,000,000 worth a year. the cash.

With dealers in southern lumber advancing prices for all grades the demand for trees on Nebraska prairies becomes stronger-but by the time those trees are grown some method may be discovered to prevent combinations to fix prices of staples.

Western fruit jobbers in convention at Des Moines have declared against the necessary to make them citizens. It made their occupation possible. Regu-

> Governor Mickey wants to know ers have side-stepped, politically speakfinding the trail.

> Colorado is talking of holding a festival next fall and acts as though it crooked bankers behind prison bars.

If Commissioner Garfield desires

With half a wagonload of government property discovered in a Leavenworth saloon the War department may be compelled to re-establish the canteen in or- the welfare of the organization is scarcely

A Restraining Influence.

Baltimore News. The fact that the terms of forty-eight senators expire within the next three years portunity for British trade will be given is more effective in keeping them in line with the president than any feeling of respect they have for him.

Sunny Joe's Style.

Uncle Joe Cannon says, "I do not hesitate

ever was in its history." Uncle

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Joe was not built for a pessimist on the

subject of the United States of America.

Minneapolis Journal A side light on the pass system come United States. The indications are that patient to a state institution he rides on his actly where it stands.

pass and charges up mileage. At least he lid until the attorney general held up one

Effect of Knowledge

Boston Transcript The two-tailed comet would once on lay we know that it brings nothing worse its train than a lot of pseudo-scientific erature on comets.

The Fight and the Fall. San Francisco Chronicle

The gentleman who organized a \$500,000,000 his creditors were searching for him presents a striking illustration of the possibillity of flights and descents which always dodge the footsteps of people over-anxious get rich quick.

Senator Dolliver's Opportunity. Philadelphia Record.

Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, is an able an, and is at the same time ambitious of winning the good opinions of his fellowcitizens by deserving well of them. If he can succeed with his freight rate bill for reconciling the railroads and the public he will earn the gratitude of coming gener-

Offensive Snobbishness.

Chicago Tribune A lieutenant in the army is to be tried particular charge is that he made a disturbance in a theater on discovering that an enlisted man had been allowed to purchase Nobody expects Governor Mickey to a seat near him. The captain of the comenlisted man, a sergeant of good record. This is as it should be. The attempt to

GAUGE OF PROSPERITY.

Shining Lights Turned on Our Bills for Luxuries.

Drink bill, tobacco bill, sugar bill-all of these pile up to prove that this nation that in the world. In addition to these, we have now on record the most amazing diamond bill than any country ever had. The value of the diamonds and other precious stones imported into this country during

Thirty-six million dollars' worth of prec lous stones bought by our people in one year! Of that sum \$30,000,000 was expended first, and all other precious stones are practically nowhere. In this prosperous year of our Lord the American people spent There have been some very interesting as the entire receipts and expenditures of the regiments detailed to guard his perof their government in the year 1800.

In this year, the people spent \$2,66 per diamonds is not, like that of beef or sugar, notice are supposed to express. Another or, unfortunately, that of beer and spirits, man, whether soldier or statesman, would of \$4,550,000, and the remarkable thing a thing in which the mass of the people the schoolma'ms who have passed two participate. Only the few possess the better advantage, unless, indeed, the other brilliants. They represent surplusage; the national life.

tor Smith and City Clerk Elbourn as to the national prosperity than the expendi-sented. The revolutionary leaders, whowhich will save his salary the quickest ture for these gew-gaws. Though the ever they may be, are employing different lucrative job than they now hold down, stones than we did in 1903, because times ers. The latter need a leader-somebody months than in the whole of 1903.

diamonds. The cutting interest has become are dying in more thousands, apparently, now importing, and of course cutting, Little seems to remain to be done now

except to discover diamond fields in the bespierre or a Marat to systematize the United States. There is no known geol- killing and make it effective. ogic reason why that should not come too.

ROYAL ARCANUM DECISION.

New York Court Rules on the Question of Increased Rates.

New York Tribune. Justice Gaynor's decision in the Royal decree of the supreme council increasing cial interests are at stake.

means to show that justice has returned tion of a life insurance policy of \$3,000 to the state by exhibiting a number of agreed to pay what purported to be a fixed what are called associations cultuelles. assessment rate of, say, \$2.52 a month. Now the officers of the organization tell him that to keep his policy in force he must pay, say, \$4.29 a month. Certainly may be changed at Annapolis-but prob- from existing conditions is the amend- trusts" and the officers of one have paid that seems, on the face of it, an impairment of the anti-dumping law, so as to times, but so far there has been no men- ment of contract. The fact that a similar but smaller increase a few years ago was acquiesced in without protest is not to be regarded as a justifying precedent, nor will there be convincing weight in the plea be ripe in years, but not old. He should that members of a fraternal organization Canada has no intention of sacrificing prominence for his oil report he will take ought not to stick upon points of law, but should acquiesce in anything that is held decisive question seems to be whether there is anything in the charter of the organization or in its contracts with members which gives its officers a legal right thus to alter contracts without the members'

The importance of the final decision to loved by his people. to be overestimated. If Justice Gaynor's decision stands, then in this state at least the old rates will have to be restored and from those who have joined the order since | many, many thousands. China has coal t October 1 last-a very small fraction of the burn; 400,000 square miles of coal fields for increasing rates, that the organization ever they stop burning powder and one Gaynor's decision, if sustained, would seem and Germany will not be coalless soon o assert that this country is better today to menace the very existence of the order. Let us worry about something else. It goes without saying that the downfall of so large and important an organization would be a deplorable misfortune, the dan ger of which is not to be contemplated with equanimity, and it is earnestly to be of Russian freedom is that there appears hoped that, whether or not this decision to be no large plan, no concert of from Nebraska. The sheriffs in that state holds, some way will be found of keeping up coherence among the revolutionists. annual passes. When a sheriff takes a at issue, so that the order may know ex- the lack of a definite purpose offends its

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

There is in the new British ministry no dearth of practical "organization" politicians. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman himself is president of the Scottist Liberal association and also of the London Liberal me have been interpreted as a harbinger | federation. Sir Edward Grey is president f disasters in Russ a and Wall street. To- of the Eighty club. Sir Robert Reid is president of the Young British Liberals' federation. Earl Carrington is president of the National Liberal federation and the National Liberal club. The carl of Crewe is chairman of the political committee o the National Liberal club. Lord Tweedmouth is chairman of council of the Scotempany and then hid under a bed when tish Liberal association. Mr. Hirreli is chairman of the Liberal Publication department. Mr. Gladstone is chairman of committee of the Liberal Central association and chairman of the managing committee of the National Liberal club. Mr. Vernon-Harcourt is president of the League of Young Liberals. Mr. Lloyd-George is president of the Welsh National Liberal council. Also, the wives of some of them are active in politics, the countess of Aberdeen being president of the Women's Liberal Federation and the Scottish Women's Liberal federation; the countess of Crewe being president and Mrs Birrell and Mrs. Buxton honorary secretaries of the Laberal Social council, and Mrs. Bryce chairman of executive of the Women's National Liberal association. All these are regarded as 'official' organizations, and are actively for conduct unbecoming an officer. The engaged in extending the liberal and radical propaganda.

It appears that the trouble at Shanghai began more than two weeks ago. There was a free fight in the Mixed Court on the charge, and the sympathy of the other offi- 19th Instant. It arose from what an Engcers of the regiment appears to be with the lish correspondent on the spot described as "the systematic attempts of the Chinese authorities to recover more power in the introduce into the American army the foreign settlement." It appears that the snobbishness of the British and German | consular body lately instructed the foreign armies will not be supported by any large assessors to send all female prisoners to number of people in the army or out of it. | the municipal jail, and not to the Chinese prison. Two female prisoners, charged with kidnaping fifteen young girls, were remanded pending the hearing of further evidence. The British assessor ordered the police to remove them to the municipal jail, while the Chinese magistrate ordered that they should be sent to the Chinese prison, whereupon the magistrate's runners | tion boodle. was nourished to strength by "griping attacked the police and a free fight ensued, want" is now the most luxurious nation the assistant magistrate telling the Chinese Warren of Missouri has landed a federal municipal constables to remember that job for Editor McJinsey of St. Joe, which they were Chinamen, and not foreigners, takes him out of the country. The police finally succeeded in executing the British assessor's orders. The Chinese residents exhibited much excitement, and 1884, took a farewell ride in his mascot a straightway began to hold meetings. They few days ago. He delighted in parades and fourths of which are in the north central threatened to boycott all foreigners unless was in one at the finish. the British assessor was removed and the police inspectors dismissed.

think of nothing better or more important to do at the present desperate crisis in his own affairs and those of the empire to the dispatches, and it is gravely recapita on diamonds alone. That, to be ported that the poor fellow finds consolasure, would not represent a heavy expen- tion in the enthusiastic loyalty which the diture for jewelry, but the purchase of cheers of the men receiving his imperial certainly be able to utilize his time to about it is that this is within the original man happened to be a second Nicholas they are purely a decorative feature of and still trusted to the power of a few bayonets to guard him from a nation in Yet nothing, after all, could better gauge frantic revolt against all that he repreported \$723,352 worth fewer of precious little except the slaughter of their followhad become a little leaner. With the return with a name that can be remembered from of abundant prosperity in 1906, we had one day to another, and a plan with a beimported over \$3 000,000 more jewels in ten ginning and an end and something in between. Everything Russian at the moment Moreover, we have begun to cut our own is chaotic when it is not futile, but people well established. Against only \$78,815 un- than the French revolution demanded cut diamonds imported in 1896, we are scores for the doing of its necessary and magnificent work. If Russia cannot develop a Washington, or even a Napoleon, kind fate might at least give her a Ro-

A recognized authority on French ecclesiastical matters confirms the report that good deal of housedcaning has already the pope has asked all the French bishops individually if they are inclined to looked at all suspicious have been made accept the new conditions defined by the good, and there has been a cleaning out of church and state separation bill, and that personal political paper. negative replies have been received from Arcanum suit commands and deserves a small majority. Only two cardinals much attention as radically involving the those of Lyons and Autun, have formally interests of that large and important or- declared their unreserved opposition to ganization. It is to the effect that the any toleration whatsoever of the new situation; but the fact that a majority of an impairment or change of contract and selves partisans of resistance, says M. de is therefore void. Of course, an appeal Narfon, is quite unexpected and a matter will be taken, largely, it is assumed, on of exceptional gravity. The minority, on in the arts it ought at least to pass Mr. the ground that the Royal Arcanum exists the other hand, do not regard themselves Grosvenor's bill putting a tax of 90 cents the under a Massachusetts charter and there- as defeated, and have decided to make on wood alcohol. The latter is a poison, whether any of his police commission- fore a New York court has no jurisdiction pressing representations to the pope as to and its great cheapness is a temptation over it. It is desirable that the matter the danger of adopting an uncompromising to its misuse that weak souls do not seem shall be settled as promptly as possible attitude. By the Briand law, the forma- able to resist. It is used as a substitute ing. If Governor Mickey really wants by the court of highest authority, for both tion of religious associations will be the for grain alcohol in the manufacture of to know he will have no difficulty in an important principle and very large finan- only legal recourse open to Roman Cath- all sorts of preparations, especially of the olics for preserving not merely their various liquids used by barbers. It is It can scarcely be denied that the in- churches, but all their religious property, used freely in the manufacture of cheap crease in assessments does amount to a This law authorizes public confiscation of whisky, which produces a drunken stupor change of contract. A member joined the the properties in question after a certain very quickly and when used in excess reorganization years ago, and in considera- date, provided they have not previously suits in the blindness and death of the been safeguarded by the formation of victim.

Concerning the next president of France. who is to be elected next month by the Parliament, the Temps of Paris has laid down rules which are probably as excellent as could be devised. They are the outcome of thirty-five years of republican experience, at any rate. President Loubet's successor, says the Temps, should be robust and active, "self-made" and appear in shop window photographs with wife and children-the more children the to be "for the good of the order." The better. He need not be a savant, and even his speeches may be written for him, but, at all costs, he must have a cheerful face and always be ready to smile. Finally he must wear a high hat and be a fair shot. With such an outfit, a president of France can serve out his term and be be-

Everybody's Magazine

Every now and then some statisticiar maintained as long as the members live. with to much liver utters figures showing Increased rates can be collected only from that the world's coal supply will last only those who are wifling to pay them and a few hundreds of years longer. Make it But it has been positively stated some say. Japan has plenty more. Rouby the officers, as the justifying necessity mania has enough for the Balkan states, if could not continue in solvent existence another's houses. America's bin will be full without such increase. Therefore Justice for centuries on centuries. Great Britain

> Fatal Lack of Leadership. Philadelphia Press.

The thing that irritates the well-wisher With some millions of disorganizers, where

For Lung Troubles

Aver's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures hard coughs, hard colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. Ask your own doctor. If he says it's good, take it. If he has anything better, take that.

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Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass-Also Manufacturers of AYER'S HAIR VIGOR-For the hair. AYER'S PILLS-For constipation.

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA-For the blood. AYER'S AGUE CURE-For malaria and ague.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Cincinnati can't scare up enough demorats to fill available municipal jobs, ondition believed to be without precedent. Ben Odell of New York reached the milllonaire class through politics. He threatens to spend some of it in order to hold on, One of the political stakeholders in New York City vamoosed with \$20,000 and the sporty victims sob in vain for their elec-

The country is reasonable safe. Senator

The Syracuse (N. Y.) undertaker who bet his hearse on the election of Cleveland in

A successful business man, a million-How pathetic it is that the czar can pull down some of the carbuncles that lend the higher prices of products. But it is antique tones to the scenery thereabouts. Senator Gearin of Oregon is the poorest, for diamonds more than twice as much he still calls his than to hold daily reviews he has no property, no bank account, hav- and are changing from the less ing lived up to his income as a lawyer, son. This is what he is doing, according Mr. Gearin was appointed senator. That accounts for a poor man getting there,

The new Pennsylvania state capitol building at Harrisburg is nearly completed after four and a half years from the burning of the old capitol, and at a total cosestimates.

The most pathetic feature of the republican squabble in New York is the desertion and abandonment of the prayerful "Amen Corner" wherein schemes, stratagems and spoils were hatched, executed and disbursed in the halcyon days of Thomas Collier Platt. The "Easy Boss" looks as woebegone as a Christmas tree and too

The recently elected Kentucky assem blyman who is making the journey from his home to the state capitol on foot, in payment of an election bet, has covered nearly half of the 200 miles over which he will have to travel, and is so much pleased with his performance that he says his aim now is to be elected to the United States house of representatives, so that he can trudge to Washington.

Officials who are responsible for Pennsylvania state treasury and its operations are said to be very busy getting ready for the time when they will have to turn things over for seaching examination at the hands of the new treasurer, Mr. Berry. A been attended to. Any bonds in hand that do.

DEADLY WOOD ALCOHOL.

Necessity for a Heavy Tax to Restrict

Production. Philadelphia Press.

If congress cannot see its way to abolish or greatly reduce the tax on alcohol used

The manufacture of wood alcohol has become a large industry and a legitimate industry so far as the manufacturers are concerned. Its misuse through substitution for grain alcohol because of its cheapness is where the harm comes in. Mr. Grosvenor's bill proposes a corrective. The tax he proposes on wood alcohol would Not make its cost nearly the same as that of grain alcohol and remove the temptation to the fraudulent use of wood alco-When a gallon of one costs about the same as the other there will be no profit in substitution, and the blindness, Who prostrating stupors and deaths caused by prostrating stupors and deaths caused by Move up there, you Immortals! Make room for a gladiator—not for a

country are engaged in a crusade against the use of wood alcohol in the manufacture of varnish. Its fumes are hurtful to the optic nerve. One painter was rendered totally blind by the fumes from wood alcohol in varnish, and it is disagreeable and hurtful to all who use it. The cases of death or blindness resulting directly or indirectly from wood alcohol were grouped together in a recent publication and make an exceedingly strong argument. for legislation that shall check the now common use of wood alcohol where grain alcohol is in every way preferable, save on the score of its relative cost alone. That cost is the result of the present diserimination in the federal tax on alcoho!

PROSPERITY IN AGRICULTURE.

How it Looks When Pictured in Round Figures, Philadelphia Record

Six crops in five years is Secretary Wilon's summary of the rapid increase in farm wealth; in other words, the increase in the values of the farms in the past five years has been equal to the farm production of a year, and the annual production

of the past six or eight years has been The aggregate value of farm property has increased \$6,133,000,000 in five years. The value of the medium farms of the country has increased one-third as compared with an increase for all farms in the country of one-fourth in the ten years ending with states, have gained in value \$2,000,000,000 and the cotton farms have increased nearly aire, has taken hold of the street sweeping \$500,000,000. The general cause of the indepartment of Cincinnati and proposes to crease of farm values has, of course, been gratifying to learn that more intelligent cultivation is apparent in every section financially, in the upper chamber. He says Farmers are improving their methods to the more profitable crops. There is a tendency toward intensive culture and an increase of the profits per acre. The American farmer has shown a passion for large areas and superficial cultivation. This

tendency toward intensive cultivation is revolutionary, and there is hardly a limit to be set to the results that may be attained in time. The medium farms of the North Central region gained an average of \$11.25 per acre in the five years, and the average gain for the country was \$7.31. Fruit farms gained \$15.71, sugar farms \$12.34, vegetable farms \$11.10, hay and grain farms \$9.43, tobacco farms nearly as much, dairy farms \$8.53, and general farms \$6.7s. As a result of this widespread prosperity there has been an immense increase in the

number of banks and the amount of their deposits in the agricultural states. In ten years the bank deposits have increased 190 per cent in Iowa and 239 per cent in Kansas, in both of which states population has been practically stationary

FLASHES OF PUX.

"Why are you here, my poor man?" asked the prison visitor.
"Through no fault of mine, sir," replied the convict.

"No, I sin't had a single chance to break out."—Philadelphia Press.

Better keep away from that old hayseed," cautioned the first bunce man.
"What for?" demanded the other,
Because I did that old fellow myself
only a few months ago,"
"Well, 'what man has done man can
do,"—Indianapolis News.

"She has no sense of humor. She never laughs at any of my jokes," But don't you think you are partly to

"How so?"
"In not labeling them,"—Cleveland Plain

Customer-Why don't you tack up this "Do it now" metto? It's been lying around on the counter for a month.

Gracer-Wa-al, I'm a-goin' ter tack it up some time-if I ever git to it.-Judge.

Missionary-My friend, do you ever think about your future state?
Oklahoma Ike—Say, pard, don't you read
the papers? We ain't been thinkin' of
anything eise fer th' last few years.—
Cleveland Leader.

"We enjoyed your plane recital last ening immensely, professor."
I am glad you did, madam. I was unable to be present myself, on account of an accident, but a brother artist kindly filled the engagement for me."—Chicago

"ALL IN." New York Sun. "I'm all in!"-Bob Fitzsimmons.

Not on your life, Bob; not on your life! The Muse salutes you! there still be virtue left in catgut. In brass or wood, she'll sound a stave that's worthy
The squarest, hardest hitting slugger that ever pawed the sawdust!
The man with the wallop!

n yeur life!

place is with the veteran heroes, with the elder statesmen. Another may wear your laurels, but can-not blur your record! Hero of thirty score hard fought battles. An in-fighter who gave and took with a joyous ferocity! fought manfully and as manfully

grafter House painters in various parts of the Here is a tall fellow of his hands-whose hands are clean!

A rough-jointed, red-headed, slantrough-jointed, red-headed, siant-browed troglodyte! Such

Before applauding Rome! we who have ronred and catcalled by the ringside. Whooped, yelled, howled and trampled on

whooped, yelled, howled and trampled on our hats

As he grinned back at us in his hour of triumph—
triumph—
Take off our hats to add state to his exit. Not on your life, Bob! You have fought your

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