THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

E. ROSEWATER, EDITOR.

PUBLISHED EVERY MORNING. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. Daily Bee (without Sunday), on year 14.
Daily Bee and Sunday, one year 6.
Illustrated Bee, one year 2.
Sunday Bee, one year 1.
Baturday Bee, one year 1.

DELLVERED BY CARRIER Daily Bee (including Sunday) per week. Itc Daily Bee (without Sunday), per week. Itc Evening Bee (without Sunday), per week. Itc Evening Bee (with Sunday), per week. Itc Evening Bee (without Sunday), per week. Itc Evening Bee OFFICES.

Omaha-The Bee Building. South Omaha—City Hall Buildin Council Bluffs—10 Pearl Street. Chloago-1640 Unity Building. New York-1508 Home Life Ins. Building Washington-501 Fourteenth Street. CORRESPONDENCE.

nications relating to news and ed-iter should be addressed: Omaha REMITTANCES.

m't by draft, express or postal order, ble to The Bee Publishing Company, 2-cent stamps received as payment of accounts. Personal checks, except on STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.; C. C. Rosewater, secretary of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of The Daily, Morning Evening and Sunday Hee printed during the month of December, 1995, was as fol-.31,820 .32,740 30,020 32,220 31,780 31,590 31.500

32,560 81.640 .21,780 31,860 81,730 30,150 32,710 Total 10,808 Less unsold copies 971.832 Net total sales Daily average.....

Subscribed in my presence and sworn before me this list day of December, 1905. (Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tem-

C. C. ROSEWATER.

porarily should have The Bee mailed to them. It is better than a daily letter from home. Address will be changed as often as requested.

President Morales evidently desires to have room in which to swing his "big stick" without hitting some of his cabinet officers.

So the big insurance companies are also going to stop rebates and preferential concessions to their patrons. But most of us are from Missouri and will have to be shown.

Rotation of the police in the proinaugurated in Omaha?

sonhaler from turning over the funds cal revision of the law for the benefit in his possession to his successor, but it of investors in life insurance and for might not be out of order to require a the regulation and restraint of the com- accessibility to the chief executive. They checking up and a recount.

The election of the Roosevelt candidate for speaker of the New York legis- mands it and the legislators are very plans. lative assembly would indicate that the sure to give heed to this demand. As to Strictly speaking, there is no longer any Roosevelt policy cannot be cried down the insurance companies they doubtless on the plea of political imperialism.

While engaged in the appetizing exercise of shoveling snow the Omaha householder can congratulate himself on the fact that this is but the second time in the winter the work has been required.

The secret ballot for the sovereign voter and the open ballot for every delegate and lawmaker who represents the sovereign voter should be the rule in every convention and legislative body.

If the new Chinese ministry is successful in studying American ways it may some day be necessary to send a delegation to China to learn how they have solved some of the American prob-

President Castro may extend to a French man-of-war that courtesy he withheld from the French minister, but not until Uncle Sam says the word which will permit the Frenchman to make the visit.

The ease with which Mr. Odell went political motives to President Roosevelt. New York politicians apparently took him at his word.

remember a visit from D. R. Mason, the lying possessions. British liberal candidate may be sorry that he spoke, for the electors will probably object to placing such an insignificant man in office

tourd is to blame for the peculations of fore should not be continued. As now for a separate treasurer. The office of former Superintendent Dougherty, the shown it is disapproved by a considera- school board attorney was a sinecure experts have read a lesson to every sim- ble number of the Dominican people created expressly for a lawyer who had ilar organization which places itself in and the man who as president of the been a member of the board and the Taylor of the coast artillery in asking

be considered dangerous.

least six weeks longer. In that respect, if the course is adhered to we may be worse, but reforms, like revolutions. Our soldiers, even the highest in rank, unless the county commissioners cease not hard to understand that future enquibbling and get down to business.

THE CALL FOR ECONOMY.

That congress realizes the necessity

barbor bill this session. Perhaps proannouncement the Pittsburg Dispatch weakness. That paper thinks it is a of this country. mistake to put millions into new warships when we already have more than that the internal development of the insurrection. If the convention should country is entitled to some share of consideration in the expenditure of the public funds.

There is certainly force in this view and undoubtedly there will be a good deal of criticism of the decision not to pass a river and harbor bill at this this is one direction in which economy public service. The wisdom of maintaining the rivers and harbors in a con-River and harbor Improvement is essenment and the policy will be maintained. 31,349 It is not likely, however, that any harm | could not sway. will come from omitting an appropria-

THE INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

Perhaps the most important duty be passage of a law for the better regulation and supervision of life insurance companies. Governor Higgins makes the legislature that the eyes of the world arrows at Roosevelt through the press. are turned on New York and that if a proper and adequate law is not passed the legislature will fail to meet the expectation of those who have confidence The governor does not expect any scribed district has been inaugurated in eral government, but says that the pos. waged: St. Louis with good effect, according to sibility of such action should not retard latest reports. Why can it not be also for an instant the work of the state.

That this will be done there is every expect radical legislation and probably interesting sort. Although it hints at will offer no opposition. Already im- political dictatorship, he is not aspiring to portant reforms have been instituted by personal benefit from them. He wants to some of the companies, particularly in reducing salaries, and other reforms will would not accept the scepter for himself. be made in due time. The insurance He would select our rulers, but would business is in process of being placed disclaim all intention to direct their on a sound and secure basis,

A PERPLEXING SITUATION.

What will the administration decide to do in regard to the Santo Domingo sit- ambition further than an addition of the uation? It is very probable that this title of United States senator to his life's question is troubling the president and secretary of state. The latest advices est friends and supporters. . . show conditions in the republic to be Therefore, approaching so important serious and although it is stated that the customs service, which is under American control, is not being interfered with, it is very liable to be if the that event our government would have collecting the Dominican customs revwould hardly be approved by our people, chiefly for the reason that it would be down the toboggan should show him the regarded as a step toward annexation mistake he made in attributing personal and it can be very confidently asserted that a majority of the American people do not want this. Santo Domingo would inevitably be a source of more or less trouble to this country and there | the American people. Now that the president has failed to are already difficulties enough in out-

in assuming the burden of Santo Do- board still maintains a salaried attor- Europe, prepared to claim that the commingo's financial affairs was prompted ney under the pretext that the city law mittee adjourned because it did not dare to by the best of motives, the belief is department cannot attend to its busiwidely entertained that the course ness. The school board has no more In declaring that the Peoria school taken is not altogether wise and there need of a separate attorney than it has republic entered into the arrangement sinecure has been continued ever since. has abandoned his post, so that there If the school board has any money to own comment. After ten days' fighting the dead and is practically no government in Santo burn or give away we could suggest wounded at Moscow is officially re- Domingo, certainly not a government many ways to dispose of it to greater the court-martial of the officer on charges ported at 741 of the former and 1,131 of with any authority. What professes to advantage to the patrons of the schools by Butler. the latter. Russian soldiers will have be the government could not enter into and taxpayers. The only practical use would it be possible for a private soldier binding.

Pat Crowe's trial has again been post- cumstances our government should re- ment bills during the session of the legponed until the February term, which linquish the obligation it has assumed islature. means that the county is to pay his in regard to Santo Domingo's financial board bill at 45 cents per day for at troubles, since there is a possibility that however, the county will fare no dif- come involved in more serious difficul- never go backward. The movement for are public servants emergency servants. ferent with Crowe than it does with ties. As heretofore pointed out, if this the consolidation of the city and county whom shoulder straps do not transform the entire contingent in the county jail, is to be established as a precedent it is treasuries was a popular impulse for into autocrats. In the l'nited States democrats was a popular impulse for into autocrats. In the l'nited States democrats was a popular impulse for into autocrats.

and our government would feel bound to have two tails. vision will be made for carrying on to respond. This seems to be the view work that is regarded as absolutely of those senators who are opposed to remarks that the economy that is all ing the customs revenue of that country. quate, will be a singular confession of end in the island becoming a possession

It is a perplexing situation that is we can find crews for, and give noth- the policy of our government regarding be rejected the connection of our governfairs will promptly end. .

WARRING ON ROOSEVELT.

It was not to have been expected that the trust magnates and rulers over railsession, yet it will be admitted that way provinces would remain quiescent and bow their necks to the blows that can be practiced without injury to the arc being struck by Theodore Roosevelt in carrying out his ideals of the square deal. Neither was it expected that the 32,210 dition that will be of service to com- irrepressible conflict between the presimerce will not be questioned. The dent and the enemies he has made polley that has been observed in this would be fought out in the open. In respect has had good results, although such a pitched battle Roosevelt would there has been a vast deal of waste. have the advantage of an irresistible popular sentiment that all the potential tial to our internal commercial develop- force that could be brought to bear by the confederated trusts and their allies

The plan of campaign agreed upon by tion for this purpose at this session the board of strategy, that is directing of congress. At all events, the evident the movement designed to unborse intention to keep expenditures within Roosevelt, contemplates a warfare from receipts is to be commended and en- behind masked batteries and party line entrenchments. Realizing that Roosevelt would be powerless to carry out his cherished reforms without the co-operation of congress, and the dominant mafore the New York legislature is the jority in congress would not dare to array itself against him without substantial party backing, the first attack is being made by a trained corps of paid this prominent in his message, telling sharpshooters, who are shooting poisoned

The first volley from the masked batteries discharged at Roosevelt was embodied in a series of letters contributed without extra charge to the leading in the ability of popular government to newspapers of the country immediately solve its own problems as they arise, after congress had taken its holiday recess, and here is a sample brick of the effective action by congress or the fed- kind of warfare which is about to be

What does President Roosevelt and his political advisers intend to do with the republican party? This is the question that Sovernor Higgins makes some practical the thoughtful man in the dominant orsuggestions and recommendations and ganization is asking himself. Senators and Nobody has yet enjoined Judge Vin- earnestly urges the necessity for a radi- representatives who have remained at the cannot ascertain the next move at the White House and they have to look afar into New York and Illinois in order to de reason to believe. Public sentiment de- tect the working out of the president's

mystery regarding the president's intentions. His is an ambition of a new and be a Warwick, not a Caesar. He would make presidents in the future, but he policies. He would name the candidates and only ask the American people to endorse his choice. That is all he proposes

He asks the rank and file of his own party to believe that he is without personal history. Seriously such a proposition must give anxious cause to many of his warmtheme, we feel bound to repeat. What does

to do with the republican party? Then follows a diatribe of subtle speculations calculated to arouse disrevolutionists should be successful. In trust among republicans in the presienue or adopt vigorous measures against the disquisition on Roosevelt's relations department. congress. Reading between the lines. to the republican party is manifestly an attempt to pave the way for members of congress that are affiliated with corporations to find an excuse for sidestepping on the question of railway regulation and other vital issues in the advocacy of which President Roosevelt simply voices the known sentiment of

The controversy over the county and While the action of the administration city treasury reminds us that the school It would seem that under such cir- lobbyist and pay his hotel and refresh-

The city treasurer muddle is growing tanglements might grow out of it which greater convenience to men and women line and staff.

would be very embarrassing and trou- who are required to pay taxes. All imblesome. The South and Central Ameri- pediments that stand in the way will for a judicious degree of economy in can republics which owe foreign cred- eventually be brushed aside. There is no appropriations has been already indi- iters would call upon the United States more reason why the city and county ented, conspicuously so in the announce. to help them out of any trouble they should have two separate sets of tax ment that there will be no river and might get into resulting from their debts gatherers and depositories than for a cat

necessary, but this would not involve a the pending treaty with Santo Domingo, in convincing the supreme court that very large outlay. Referring to this which proposes to continue what is be- the new charter for Omsha is unconstiing done by our government in collect- tutional and void, and suppose that we were compelled to fall back on the old ways dictated by integrity should ex- They feel that there is possible danger charter, what kind of a muddle would clude river and harbor improvements to us in the course taken and that we we be in concerning the city election? that are useless and wasteful, but to should look first to our own security The old charter provides for the election neglect important internal waterways and welfare. They regard the treaty of a tax commissioner and a city treason the plea that revenues are inade. as meaning a practical protectorate, to urer, and it also creates a Board of Publie Works, consisting of the engineer, comptroller and building inspector, while the new charter wipes them all out. thus presented, but a determination of Then comes another little joker. Under the old charter, the pay of city counciling to purposes that will increase the it will not be long delayed. This rests men is \$900 a year; under the new charnational wealth and resources. It urges with the senate. If it ratifies the treaty ter it is \$1,500 a year. Would the old that it is time to have it understood steps may be taken to put down the councilmen have to pay it back and would the candidates who now want to be councilmen remain in the field if they ment with Santo Domingo's financial af- knew in advance that their salaries would be only \$75 a month? These and sundry other puzzles and problems would spring up like mushrooms if Cathers succeeds, but the chances are 50 to 1 that he will only make a splurge.

Indian Commissioner Leupp is discour aging the Indians from going to Washington to see the Great Father and himself. He says the Indians can do more good by writing and at less expense. Of this there is no doubt. It takes very little time and precious little ink for an Indian to make his cross mark on a petition or remonstrance, and, judging by results, there is a well grounded suspicion that most petitions and remon strances mailed to the Indian bureau find their way into the waste basket or

If Governor Mickey could make it convenient to come to Omaha on a tour of observation it would not take him very many moons to discover that the police commission, or at least two or three of its members, is up to its ears in politics and leaving no stone unturned to line up the liquor dealers for the support of W. J. Broatch for the mayoralty In making this statement The Bee feels sure that it is not divulging any secret, although, we presume, Governor Mickey has not yet heard of it.

Governor Higgins tells what should be done, but very modestly refrains from telling the New York legislature how to accomplish results. His failure in this regard makes it easier for "disinterested advisers" to show legislators how to frame laws which will be satisfactory to all until they are brought before the

The Montana grand jury that indicted its own foreman for unlawfully fencing in the public domain has set a most capital during the holiday recess are more salutary example. If the late federal mystified than the people of other sections grand jury of this district had done the of the land, because of their nearness and same thing there might have been a sensation in the federal building.

Obstacles to Reform. Chicago News.

Lots of men find it hard to keep their good resolutions in regard to using only parlor language when the bills begin to

Hardest Knock of All. Springfield Republican. Among the storms that threaten to burst upon congress is one over free passes. The railroads have been trying an experiment in cutting off rebates and discriminations that hits the congressman between wind

Goodness in the Abstract.

and water.

Indianapolis News. Mr. Belmont shows no lessening of enthusiasm in his movement for publicity concerning campaign contributions, and with the nearest important election ten months off, he ought to get a fair amount of noncommittal moral support

Sweeps that Do Sweep. Springfield Republican

Secretary Root's sweep of the old force President Roosevelt and his advisers intend in the State department is likely to be thorough-going, apparently. Solicitor Penfield is the next one to go. Judge Penfield, who entered the department in Secretary Sherman's time, was the late Secretary Hay's mainstay in legal matters. dent's course and designed to create a for Mr. Hay was not a lawyer. On the to either entirely abandon the plan of breach between him and the republican other hand. Mr. Root is a great lawyer himself, a fact that must affect somewhat his relations with the solicitor of the

Coming Out of Their Holes. Springfield Republican.

Now that the New York insurance investigation is ended, the sick ones all appear to be on the road to speedy recovery. Ex-Senator David B. Hill is expected to be out in a few days and is said to be indignant that the committee adjourned without giving him a chance to be heard in vindication of himself and that Equitable retainer. Very likely Fields of the "House of Mirth" will also appear and in a like state of indignation. Even "Judge" Hamilton may now be starting home from

ARMY DEMOCRACY.

Significance of a Recent Court-Martial in the East.

New York World. The snobbish act of Lieutenant Ray I in a New London theater commands its an apartment hotel when they do come

But the point of the incident comes with

In probably no other army in the world to practice at targets before they can an agreement or treaty that would be the board has been able to make of its who claimed to have been humiliated, thus attorney is to detail him as a legislative to demand military justice against an officer. It is not pleasant to think what would happen in Germany, for Instance, to a sergeant presumptuous enough to act on the belief that even the freshest of young lieutenants had done him an injury.

The case emphasizes to our national ranks of enlisted men no less than to the

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the There was more champagne consumed it

New York New Year's eve than during any other ten nights in the year. wasn't absorbed with any intention of tak ing a load on the water wagon next day. Nor is it a peculiarity of the climate, for New York's thirst is a continuous performance. But the last day of any old year, when material things go well, produces an irresistible desire to give the old year a staggering send off, and then some The last performance was a hummer from dusk till dawn and the quantity of liquor consumed was a fright. So was the quality A correspondent declares not 10 per cent of the stuff was genuine. The waiter wh shows the wine cork to his customer is offering perhaps only a simulated proof. A reputable witness who was connected with ne of the best known Broadway cafes tells how his house used to fool its customers, not occasionally, but all the time Some of the patrons were particular and did not care what they paid so long as they were assured of the quality. The pottles for this class of patrons were kept separate in a cabinet, but whenever empty were filled from the same source from which the bar bottles got their supply When the man who paid 25 cents a drink came in down came the special bottle. Another customer put down his 15 cents or a quarter for two drinks and forth came another bottle filled from the same common source.

The American agent for one of the best known and most expensive brands of imported champagne recently complained to the Treasury department that a bogus brand of imported wine, represented as the genuine article, was being feisted on the public at an absurdly low price. American agent was particularly worried because his rival was doing a land office business with the cheap champagne.

Secretary Shaw was appealed to to p stop to the fraud, it being further alleged that the low-priced brand was being paimed off as an imitation of the costly Treasury department uncovered a most ingenious plan of operation by the men who were handling the cheap stuff. They were in the habit of approaching a dealer and darkly hinting that they had some good champagne to sell at bottom prices, due the country. The stuff is put up in bottles with tinfoil and labels similar to the than the amount of duty.

The contents of a specimen bottle were analyzed by the department and found to to all the Westinghouse patents. be sparkling cider. It had been imported, all right, but it paid duty at the rate of 5 cents a gallon as cider, and not as champagne. The American agent was informed that no fraud against the law was being committed by his rival and that it was not the province of the government to expose the decention.

An observer of the street car manners of New Yorkers has compiled the following tures they encounter. statistics of the comparative chivalry of the men of the metropolis: "Men between the ages of 20 and 35 will relinquish their seats to a young woman of attractive appearance in seven out of ten cases," re-

ten, or about one-half of the total number, will give up their seats to the young and pretty women, while less than one in ten -say about one in twelve-will rise to give the unattractive woman a seat.

"Old men seem to be more chivalrous being six in ten, as against five in ten. "Elderly matrons fare better with old men than with younger ones, although my statistics on this point are not sufficient to state conclusions."

Automatic sign novelties are the precater to popular taste, and the nimble is unquestionably a need of more eco who profits by it. One of the simplest, yet most effective, of these signs has recently been given a warm, cheerful greeting to the crowds which scramble through the however, it still remains to be determined windy canyon of Nassau street. A drug why gasolene should be preferred to elecstore has utilized the ordinary gilded sign tricity as a motive agent. It has been ason ice cream soda glass-by running a serted that the Lake Shore company exsmall steam pipe up the back of the sign. This pipe spouts a cloud of steam over the rim of the glass so realistically that the the latter are compelled to reduce their passerby immediately becomes a temperance advocate at the thought of hot soda.

The ancient question of having grace before or after meat came up in a new form the other day at the insurance investigation in city hall. A man in the audience sent a note to one of the commissioners suggesting that it would be well, considering the solemnity of the occasion, to open the sessions with prayer. But the commissioner, in his note of reply, took a different point of view. There were some days, he said, when it would be better to offer prayer at the close of the sessions, for the souls of the witnesses who had is, of course, legitimate. If gasolene is just been examined.

The pathetic end of an operatic dynasty was recalled the other day by an exhibit in a New York auction room. Offered for sale by a warehouse which had kept them in storage for nearly a decade were several opera cloaks, now shabby and faded, and some furs made up in the old-fashioned modes of an earlier day. The tickets on them imparted the knowledge that they had been the property of Mrs. Henry E. Abbey. She is now in London, but has been lost to the sight of her American friends since Henry E. Abbey, the greatest amusement plunger of his day, died practically penniless.

Wealthy New Yorkers manifest an in creasing tendency to live out of the city. Social observers go so far as to say there are indications that ere long the families who have longest been identified with New York will choose to make their homes in a suburb and will be satisfied with an occasional visit to town. What is more, most of these persons ,even the richest, will Sergeant Patrick Butler to change his seat prefer to put up at a hotel or to live in town instead of maintaining an establish ment of their own.

When Dr. Graves' **Tooth Powder**

is used twice-a-day you will have white teeth, hard gums, clean mouth, pure breath, good digestion, good health. Listen to your dentist's advice. He knows best. In handy metal cans or bottles, 25c-

Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder Co.

PERSONAL NOTES.

nillions, but less spectacular than the im-

Philip of Saxe-Coburg will pay Princess outse \$11,000 a year and \$1,000,000 besides. Alimony on this scale would soon place diorce out of ordinary reach.

Dr. William Osler dentes the rumpy that will give up the regius professorship of medicine at Oxford to return to the Johns Hopkins university, Baltimere.

Major General Trotski, who was recently nade commandant of St. Petersburg, was born on July 36, 1847. He served in the war with Turkey and has been for many years connected with the imperial guards. It might be well for Mr. Wellman first to find an airship that can be sailed safely from Chicago to New York. A journey o the pole does not afford the best opportunities for testing so uncertain a thing

as an airship. Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Merrick, the auther and philanthropist of New Orleans, celebrated her eightleth birthday recently and enjoyed a reception at the Era club of that city at which representatives of every woman's club of the city were pres-

A woman's league to build ships is the latest in Berlin. Women are reminded that the ant, by resistless energy, can collect heavy loads and build room palaces for themselves and that, therefore, it is possible for German women, by toll and selfdental, to contribute a mighty ship to the navy of the fatherland. Collecting boxes in the shape of a warship will be distributed to all members of the league.

ELECTROLYSIS DANGER

Prediction Regarding Effect of Current on Steel Structures.

Chicago Chronicle. The current issue of the Railroad Gazette prints a letter from George Westinghouse predicting that the steel structure of the great New York subway will be destroyed by electrolysis resulting from the use of the direct current on the electric roads of variety. Inquiry by special agents of the that city, and that the destruction will be hastened after the New York Central road completes the electrification of its lines en-

telrng the city. Mr. Westinghouse is the inventor of a method of adapting the single phase alternating current to high-power motors. For to the fact that it had been smuggled into this reason it is natural to suspect that he may exaggerate the danger not only to the subway structure, but to underground wa-\$4-a-quart brands. It sells for \$12 a dozen. | ter and other pipes and to iron and steel The duty on imported champagne is \$8 a laid underground in the construction of dozen quart bottles, and the wholesalers buildings from interested motives. It is were getting the imitation variety at less said, indeed, that he is relieved from this suspicion by the fact that the Genera Electric company has by contract the righ

Be that as it may, there is no question in the minds of electricians about the danger in all iron and steel constructions underground where exposed to powerful currents of electricity.

Experts argue that where the direct cur rent is used enough of the return current will pass through the ground, where the best practicable metallic returns are used, to do great damage to the metallic struc-

Mr. Westinghouse does not say that electrolytic destruction will take place very rapidly to metallic work under ordinary conditions, but he insists that it will appear to some extent and become dangerous ports this observer. "If the woman is not in process of time. He asserts positively pretty only three of the ten will get up that when the alternating current is used there will be no electrolytic effect whatever,

GASCLENE RAILWAY CARS.

Plan Finds Rendy Acceptance in the East. New York Tribune.

A dispatch from Cleveland says that an than those of middle age, the proportion experiment is to be made near that city on the Lake Shore road with gasolene cars for interurban service. Eight or ten will be put into operation on a line running eastward from Cleveland-presumably a track already in use-and if the result is satisfactory a similar venture will ultimately be made to the westward. In many parts of the country the traffic is too light vailing craze among those merchants who to make steam trains profitable, and there witted person who can suggest that kind of | ical means of transportation in such disa business getter will not have to haggle tricts. Where single cars are employed over his compensation from the storekeeper the requisite expenditure of power is less wasteful than where a locomotive is used to haul two or three half filled cars.

The wisdom of a change being conceded, pects to make better time with it than the interurban trolley cars make, because speed after getting inside city limits. The hope is well founded, no doubt, but the improvement will be due to the ownership of a private right-of-way, not to the inherent merits of the gasolene engine. If it wanted to, the Lake Shore company could easily beat with electricity any speed yet developed with gasolene.

Electric traction involves some outlay for plant as well as for car equipment, but the erection of a power station by the company that runs the cars is not, after all, essential. It is possible nowadays to buy power from lighting companies. A comparison of the costs of operation by the two methods really cheaper, and if its use is attended with no drawbacks which more than offset any possible advantage of this kind, a good argument can be made for the system which is to be tested in Ohio. From the very outset, however, it is sufe

to count on one difference between the gasolene engine and the electric mo or, Mr. Yerkes made a gallant fight for his The former is a more complicated piece of mechanism than the latter. There are minent fight over these same millions is many more things about an automobile to get out of order than about a trolley car. Electricity unquestionably greater continuity of service. As yet, moreover, speed regulation is a much easier matter with an electric motor than with a gasolene engine. The motorman of an electric car can set his lever at eight or ten different places, and secure a corresponding variety of effects. On the two experimental gasolene cars built for the Union Pacific (and on the third which has recently been ordered) the gearing permits only two rates. How serious this fault will prove is still an unanswered question. Light is needed on these and several other points, and the trials to be made on the Lake Shore road ought to dispel some of the uncertainty now existing relative to the merits and demerits of the gasolene car. For this reason, if for no other, the venture must be favorably regarded.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Was be calm and collected when the iller explosion occurred?"
"Well, he was calm, all right, but they ever did get him all collected."—Cleveland

My wife has a tender nature.

She got some eggs at the grocer's the her day and hadn't the heart to best em—they were so old."—Cleveland Plain

"Beg pardon, sir," said the waiter, with utstretched palm, "but haven't you forgotten something"
"No," replied the departing guest, "but I'm tryin to forget it. Good day!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

The first canary had discovered that it ad a voice, and was proceeding to use it.
"Do you think you can sing?" sheered the parrot.
"Well, I should twitter!" said the canary.
Which, in order to make good, it immediately began to do.—Chicago Tribune.

"I understand you played a solo at the nusical last night?"

"No; merely an accompaniment."
"Way, nobody sang."
"True. But everybody talked."—Louisville Courier Journal.

"I fear I shall not be able to attract attention, said the new congressman, on't worry, answered Senator Sor-, in this era of accusations and in-Don't worry. vestigations it is sometimes a luxury not to be noticed."—Washington Star.

ONE AMBITION.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. I would not be President, A kalser or a king; would not be a statesman, Or yet a millionaire, do not wish for glory, Or riches—anything That brings responsibility. Or worry, work or care.

There is only one position The only one position
To which my soul aspires.
The only man 1 envy
Is the bed-kept autocrat,
The invalid incurable
(But who strangely ne'er expires).
O. I would give most anything
If I could be like that!

I'd then be humored, waited on Or shave—I'd wear a beard; And wouldn't have to work at all— And I could smoke in bed.

When folks come in to see me, They'd tip-toe as they walked (And they wouldn't dare resent it Whatever I might say). I'd make 'em speak in whispers, When with my folks they talked: Or if I didn't want 'em

I wouldn't have to worry
Over bills and things like that,
For the freest man from trouble
Is a sick bed autocrat.
If I could be an invalid,
How happy and care free
Would be my life, for I would be
As mean as I could be:



What Would Happen?

What would happen if two men, hating each other violently and in love with the same girl, with whom both had quarreled, were unexpectedly quarantined in the girl's house by a smallpox scare, along with her and a member of the German nobility (temporarily engaged as a carpet layer) and a drunken plum-

Well, what would happen? Here's a glorious comedy complication. George Randolph Chester tells in January McClure's what did happen. it's riotously funny; lively every minute and has a sunburst of happy clearing-up at the end that warms the heart.

This story alone is worth more than the magazine costs, and there's a lot more. All news stands, 100, \$1.00 a year

McClure's Magazine 64-60 East 23d Street New York

"They Were One Price Till I Got to the Door"

A customer told us the other day that he went into a plane store advertised as "strictly one price" and began talking about buying a piano. He was given a price upon a certain piano.

"All right," he said. "I'll shop around a little first," and he went out. 'Were they one price?" he was asked. "They were until I got to the door, then they broke and the price

went all to pieces." The question before the house was quickly seen by the customer. . He saw that they had tried to fleece him out of a large sum of money, had he paid the first price asked. He knew that if they would deceive him in the

price they would deceive him as to the quality of the plano. In the Hospe store the price cannot be lowered, because it's right and at the lowest notch to begin with.

In no other store will you find such a large stock of such splendid

makes of planos. A. Hospe Co.,

1513 Douglas St.

We Sell the Angelus Piano Player.

The Best Place to Buy a Piano.