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The new motor car shops of the Union Pacific cannot be built too large and too soon to suit Omaha.

With the famine in the northern provinces Japan is learning the lesson repeatedly taught to other nations that even the victors may pay too high a price for war.

Lincoln Interurban trolley line are not ready to be made public just yet, but they furnish material for an immense amount of hot air.

The plans of the Omaha, Beatrice and

hurry with the Santo Domingo treaty it will find that the party of the second part has moved to New York to be close to the trust funds.

judge some reforms suggest themselves against the proposed legislation. that might profitably be inaugurated in the police court. The first of these is the refusal of straw bonds.

Now that Senator Spooner and Senathe body will extend as far as Utah.

It is proof of appreciation on the part of Virginia that at the time it is preparing to celebrate the two-hundreth anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown it should offer to care for a number of the poor of England.

In selecting a general superintendent of a railroad company to prepare statistics upon which the new revenue law of Minnesota is to be based officials of that state are proving their value to their masters if not to their constituents.

cases District of Columbia courts seem agreement entered into by the coal comdisinclined to let the wild west settle its panies at Cincinnati, by which they own problems, and one can but wonder how the wheels of justice will turn under the eye of the secretary of the interior.

sian insurrection statesmen in the employ of the czar may have an opportunity to show just what they have done in the way of helping him to carry out liberal promises made just before the guns began to roar.

roll.

very little show before the State Board English papers have been quoted in dividends. With such a showing the of Purchases and Supplies. That fact evidence of this. within itself would merely be suggestive ; of discrimination were it not also for hension is suspicion respecting the pur- rates would be in order in Nebraska, the other fact that the preferred dealer poses of the German emperor, whose especially in the large cities. had achieved a great deal of notoriety name seems to be regarded in England in connection with former coal scandals and France as a synonym for danger to in state institutions.

Fewer women are taking examinaselves without their support.

TO HELP THE PHILIPPINES.

cheapest labor, it will not be possible for the verdict. the beet sugar industry to grow and it would not very long survive. In regard to tobacco it is declared by the representatives of that interest that it would certainly suffer from the importation on a considerable scale of the product of the islands.

On the other hand it is argued that neither of the domestic interests has anything to fear from a reduction of the tariff on Philippine sugar and tobacco. This is the position taken by Secretary Taft and the president made an earnest presentation of it in his annual message He recommended such legislation as is proposed in the pending bill and said: 'So primitive are the methods of agricul-70 ture in the Philippine islands, so slow is capital in going to the islands, so many difficulties surround a large agricultural so enterprise in the islands, that it will be 50 many, many years before the products of those islands will have any effect whatever upon the markets of the United States." He expressed the opinion that the legislation recommended will aid the Filipinos without injuring interests in America. It is the understanding that most of the congressmen who accompanied Secretary Taft to the archipelago returned with the conviction that the tariff on sugar and tobacco should be lowered and other products of the islands admitted to the United States free of duty. This has had a good deal of influence

upon public opinion here, which undoubtedly is at present less adverse to legislation intended to aid the Filipinos industrially and commercially than it was a year or two ago. The very earnest work done by Secretary Taft for tariff reduction has also had a great in the matter by President Roosevelt, however, has been the most influential sugar and tobacco interests of the United | deal of plausibility. States have strong friends in the senate

RESTRICTING TRADE.

The indictment at Cincinnati of score of the representatives of leading coal companies, on the charge of "contor LaFollette have walked down the spiracy in restriction of trade," is an aisle together Senator Smoot may hope event of general interest. The indictthat the courtesy between members of ment charges that these companies or their representatives have associated themselves together to fix and establish prices of coal and that the price to the consumer was controlled absolutely by them. It is of general interest for the reason that such combinations exist throughout the country and if the Cincinnati companies can be convicted of conspiracy in restriction of trade it will put an end to similar conspiracies every-

That they can be convicted there is decision of the supreme court of the county treasurer. In overruling demurrers in land fraud United States in the pipe line case. The With the formal ending of the Rus. portant and their conviction would be taxes and the disbursement of the

AN IMP ORTANT CONFERENCE.

most salutary.

The conference soon to be held to Board of Education pays for a special says that official and unofficial circles

The cause of the anxiety and apprethe peace of the world, notwithstanding the fact that he has repeatedly declared gas cases, will have some bearing upon himself the earnest friend of peace. A the decision of the court of appeals in tions for teachers for positions in the London correspondent says that Em. the Omaha Water Works case. In the grades and in the high school in peror William is distrusted profoundly gas cases the supreme court holds that Omaha this year than for many by the masses of Britain. France and a city has no right to reduce the rates years past, which indicates that Spain. Nothing is heard more frea matrimonial epidemic has invaded quently among the people of England tion below the rate embodied in the conthe ranks of the schoolma'ams, or that than a straightforward repudiation of tract between the city and that corporthey are able to earn more money in belief in his theatrical declarations that ation. It naturally follows that if the other lines, or that their fathers and big his first and chief desire is peace. This court of appeals shall recognize the brothers are able to take care of them- sentiment is even stronger in France, validity of the contract between the

probably be extended, as it will ep-inor commercial interests of Germany the proposed reduction on sugar and flict he would have the most of Europe tobacco will, if made, inevitably operate against him. No doubt he will adopt Philippine sugar, produced with the meet there is against him he will accept

THE RESPONSIBILITY FIXED The decision of the state supreme court in the Jorgenson case affirms the principle that the police board has the right in the exercise of its discretion to refuse a license even where no pro test has been filed. This decision puts the responsibility for licensing disorderly resorts and resorts that are notoriously dependent for patronage upon the vicious and criminal classes upon the police board, where it properly belongs.

Inasmuch as the board has it within its discretion to grant or refuse a license, whether there is a protest or not, its manifest duty is to exercise that discretion in the interest of good government and not in the interest of tolerated vice and crime. And inasmuch as the governor, alone, is vested with the authority to appoint, and remove the police commission, he is responsible for the policy they pursue. From that he cannot escape by any fiction or assumption that he is not expected to interfere in the administration of local government.

The very fact that he exercises police powers in metropolitan cities carries with it the responsibility for the proper exercise of police powers, and that means that he is responsible for the acts of his agents just as much as the police board is responsible for the conduct of the police force.

THE HIDDEN HAND.

assert that the move to enjoin City in the west. Treasurer Hennings from turning over the public funds in his custody to there was reason to think might en- charter. It is furthermore alleged that learned by Nebraska governors. danger an American interest. The prob- in order to screen themselves the conability is that the bill framed by the tractors have enlisted the attorney of stead of 25 per cent of the Dingley school board is obligated to intervene came secretary of agriculture. rates, but it is not likely to be success- and prevent the turning over of moneys If the United States senate doesn't ful. What the fate of the measure will until the supreme court shall decide whether the merger law is valid. This with any degree of certainty. Both the version has, to say the least, a great

It is a matter of notoriety that the atand it is very probable that they will torney of the school board caused a With the inauguration of a new police make a determined and persistent fight great deal of unfavorable comment by his lobby work at the legislature. It was an open secret that while pretending to be there solely to secure legislaintervening for the brewers, distillers and liquor dealers.

The merger of the city and county treasuries had been publicly discussed and was not openly opposed by any- land frauds. "Progressive citizens" in Education had given half the attention stopped from "helping the state." to the charter, insofar as it affected the Board of Education that he gave to provisions that concerned the Board of Public Works, or had given the subject charter that could be construed as barfor so believing is to be found in the school funds into the custody of the collect their mileage just the same.

Very naturally a well grounded suspicion exists in the minds of the members of the late legislature that the bidestablished a monopoly and fixed prices, den hand of the contractors is behind was unmistakably a restriction of trade the attorney of the school board, as well and renders them amenable to the anti- as behind Attorney Cathers in the attrust law. The result of the prosecu- tempt to block the treasury merger, detion of these companies will be im- signed to simplify the collection of municipal and county funds.

According to the fire insurance record, fire losses in Nebraska for 1905 have pass upon the issue between Germany not been as heavy as in 1904, the deand France regarding Morocco appears crease being particularly noticeable in to be looked forward to by some of the the larger cities. On an estimated total The city of Omaha has a law depart. European governments with anxiety, if of \$3,000,000 paid in premiums for proment, consisting of three lawyers; the not apprehension. A London dispatch | tection, the loss to both stock and mutual companies is estimated at \$850,000, lawyer, and the Water board pays for there do not consider the Franco-Ger- against \$1,068,000 for the preceding two special lawyers. The wonder is that man situation serious, but from the year. This would indicate a net profit the Park board and police board do not same quarter comes the intimation that of over \$2.150,000, exclusive of commisalso keep special attorneys on their pay a rupture is possible. For a week past slons to agents and other incidental exthe foreign reports have told of the penses. Assuming these to be equal to existence of a feeling of pessimism as 20 per cent of the premiums collected. suggestion may not be impertinent that a material reduction in fire insurance

> The decision of the United States supreme court, just rendered in the Peoria charged by any public utility corporawhere it is declared the government city of Omaha and the water company has been accomplished.

and people are not misled by the kaiser's the maximum rate, embodied in the The bill reducing the tariff on Philip- private pacific utterances. It is ex- original ordinance, which constitutes pine sugar and tobacco to 25 per cent pected, of course, that Germany will the contract, could not be reduced durof the Dingley rates and admitting free oppose France's position at the Moroc- ing the life of the contract, except by all other products of the islands, was can conference, but there is only the mutual consent. The only divergence taken up in the house of representatives remotest chance or possibility of a from this view by the United States suyesterday. Debate on the measure will rupture resulting. Neither the dynastic preme court was in the Precport Water Works case. In that case the court counter, as now indicated, a strong would be served by a war at this time held the statute of Illinois, which opposition. The ground of this is that and should the emperor provoke a con- authorized cities to regulate water works, was in effect at the time the contract was made, and the water comto the injury of the domestic sugar and an aggressive attitude in the Morocco pany was bound to take notice thereof tobacco industries. It will be urged conference, but if the decision of the and govern itself accordingly, but this that with the added competition of representatives of the powers that will position was not concurred in by four out of the nine, who held that the contract could not be abrogated by the city. even if the statutes of Illinois authorized water rate regulation. Inasmuch as no such statutory provision existed when Omaha made its contract with the water company the decision hardly applies to the local situation

City Electrician Michaelsen asks for his demand points to the fact that the reinspection of old buildings, directed by mand of outside construction work, including the underground conduit system. seem reasonable. suggests itself. In this connection is, however, whether inspection inspects. in the inspection line, but for reasons unexplained they have not materialized.

Now that the supreme court has proper basis of value for taxation of a franchised public utility corporation is tangible property being taken together and not separately, there should be no further contention on that score.

The house of representatives has adopted a resolution requesting information as to members who may have abused franking privileges. As this is done while weighing is in progress in A member of the Douglas delegation the fourth division it may mean less ent, one of the guests, a well known sento the last legislature makes bold to money for railroads on postal contracts

influence. The sincere interest taken County Treasurer Fink, in conformity secretary of state, who is alleged to be with the law enacted by the last legis- short in his accounts, the governor of lature, was instituted in the interests of Indiana exemplifies his belief that one factor in shaping popular sentiment, it the paving contractors, with a view to of the duties of the chief executive is to He had merely noted and stopped a rude being recognized on all hands that he reinstating the old board of public works protect the people from dishonest offiwould not recommend legislation which that had been abolished by the new class-something apparently never

Now that Secretary Wilson has been ways and means committee will pass the Board of Education, and through asked to take up the fight against fruit the house without any important change him have trumped up a pretext for the pests in Nebraska he is probably willing in lis terms. Doubtless an effort will injunction on the plea that the new to admit that his information regarding mits, and has a son 21 years of age. be made to have the tariff reduction charter being silent with regard to the the western bank of the Missouri river on sugar and tobacco placed at 50 in- turning over of the school moneys, the was sadly deficient when he first be-

In asking for deastle and sane insurwill satisfy popular ciamor and at the "Fads and Fancies."

Quick to Absorb Impressions.

Washington Post. Governor Pennypacker is urging mem tion desired by the board and prevent bers of the Pennsylvania legislature to re- the police force of New York City. He is legislation not desired by it, he was in form the election laws. The governor is reality plugging for the contractors and quick as any man in the country to see a thing after it happens.

Misery Loves Company. Portland Oregonian.

Two men were arrested in Omaha Satur day, charged with complicity in homestead Devery, "but a Washington cop, whose body. If the attorney for the Board of other commonwealths than Oregon are also

Despteable Graft.

Philadelphia Record. Passes to politicians have disgusted the people not only because they put legislators and officials under obligations to the men the same attention that he did the pro- who issue the passes, but because the men posed amendments to the Slocumb law, who get the passes also collect mileage. there need have been no defect in the Many congressmen are reported to have returned to Washington before the expiration of the recess in order to use passes very good reason to believe. Warrant ring the city treasurer from turning the that expired December 31, but they will

> American Equality. Chicago Chronicle.

It is safe to say that this was the only country on the globe in which 9,000 of the people without the slightest regard to race, class, wealth or previous condition of servitude shook hands with the chief executive of the nation on terms of perfect familiarity and equality. The scenes at the White House last Monday were enough to make the enlightened people of Europe reflect that somebody must be living on the wrong principle there or here.

> Island Kingdoms for Sale. Boston Transcript.

Imperialism in distress at last! Too many islands are in process of assimilation, with the result that a job lot is now thrown upon the market. For proof see the advertisement in a San Francisco paper offering for sale Fanning and Washington Islands in the southern Pacific, under instructions of the registrar of the British high com missioners' court for the Western Pacific ocean. Real islands advertised in the newspapers! Where will this thing end?

Dealing with the Indian. Portland Oregonian.

Indian Commissioner Leupp is opposed own life, assisted only by harmonious suggestions from the white man. This solu- haste. tion of the Indian problem will hardly be agreeable to those who have been endeavthere is merit in the suggestion. In most cases the Indian receives just sufficient this desire comes a realization of the impossibility in his short lifetime of attaining equality with the paleface. The result is an educated, dissatisfied Indian, who is of less value to society than a satisfied, uneducated member of the race. Generations hence the Indian problem will be the race by the whites, the "squaw man" of the reservations, detestable as he may be, having already begun the work. Meanwhile education has probably brought more can be counterbalanced by the good that

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the

Metropolis. The gloom in Tammany Hall is thick enough to cut with a cheese knife. Not a scrap appears on the ple counters. The braves of other days wear a lean and bungry look, which accurately reflects their condition. Woe succeeds the joyous deflance of a month ago, and haughty airs. have been transformed into funeral meiancholy. The tiger has been chained and the platter thrown into the bay. Charley Murphy sulks in his Long Island castle, a dethroned boss. What makes the agony hard to bear is that it is handed to the braves by a brother member, Mayor Mc-Clellan, formerly esteemed the brightest jewel on the pie counter. McClellan's appointments are the hardest blow ever deal by friendly hand to the organization. But the rest of the town rejoices and rudely mocks the wrath of Tammany.

Things do not wear a bright aspect for the mayor. Though installed for a fouryear term, there appears some trouble in store for him, which may shorten his career as mayor. The Hearst crowd, allied with republicans, have organized the city an assistant inspector and in support of council and have instituted a contest for the seat of borough president, which will enable them to pry up the lid of ballot boxes in Manhattan, and in doing so look the charter to be done once a year, has into the vote cast for mayor. With the been neglected because of the great de- Tammany members of the council indifferent to the mayor's fate, it is easy to foresee what course the investigation will take. McClellan is between two rebellious polit-The request of the city electrician would leal camps, one eager for his scalp, the The question that other secretly reaching for it.

The new chief of police, General Theodore A. Bingham, talked in a breezy fash-When Mr. Michaelsen came into office ion to his subordinate chiefs. "I'm here a great many reforms were promised to do a certain work," he told them, "and by Jove, I'm going to do it if it can be done. And you've got to treat me on the square, as I intend to treat you. I want to start out fairly, without any watching or spying. There'll be no spying. If you reiterated its former decision that the are manly men, why, treat me right and I'll treat you right."

These ofthand remarks he emphasized by genteel exclamations. "By the nine gods as a going concern, gross receipts and of war," he declared, "if you do not act on the level, off goes your star."

There is a decisive and a soldierly directness about General Bingham which has often been mistaken for abruptness or brusqueness, but that mistake was usually made by some one who had given cause for the exhibition of the military side of his training. It is related of him that on one occasion, when there was a social function of importance at the White House and a large number of guests were presator, began the narration of a story in a tone which attracted attention throughout the room. Colonel Bingham saw that the president was annoyed. Without waiting In deciding to take action against the for anything further he stepped up to the senator and said:

"The president desires to have quiet." The senator was extremely wroth, but it made no difference to Colonel Bingham. interruption of what was going on. Tall and strongly built, a limp which a

serious accident caused some time ago does not detract from the general's soldierly carriage. He has gray eyes, wears a mustache, which is blonde, like his hair, has full regular features and would be described as a fine-looking man. He appears ten years younger than the 47 years he ad-

The cynical and picturesque Big Bill Devery, former chief of police, could not suggested by the insurance inquiry, and resist "taking a hand in the game" as it affects the cops. "They tell me," he said in an interview, "that this man General for to cure the abuses more specifically ance laws Governor Higgins seems to Bingham, from Conecticut, who is going be anxious to secure something which to run the New York police department. had his leg cut off a couple of years ago by a derrick fallin' on it. I'll bet he re same time run the gauntlet of a court, garded that there accident as a great misderrick ain't a peanut shell to what falls on the police commissioner of New York

every day. Mr. Devery naturally doubts the ability outspoken in his opinion that the head of the department should be a policeman who has risen from the grade of patrolman. Bingham and organized the park and White House grounds police force at Washington

"That may help him some," agreed Mr. duties are confined mostly to pickin' up newspapers and banana peels off the grass, is a whole lot different from a New York cop. The New York cop is in a class by himself. No other policeman is like him. His work is different from the work of any other class of men in the world, because this city is different from any other

city in the world. "I don't want to be givin' General Bingham any advice unless he asks for it. If he chirps to me I'll go down there and put him wise to some of the corners and curves of his job. He may make good, and I wish him al the luck in the world. But if I was makin' a book I'd give you odds that they'll be bouncin' roasts off of him before he's in office six months. If he does all the newspapers and citizens ex- to talk with newspaper men on subjects pect him to do with the police force he's more than human. If he tries to do too much at the start he will queer himself, and when a man queers himself at the head of the police force once his middle name is another subject. On one occasion a re-Q-u-e-e-r-e-d unless they put an egg in his porter was sent to find out what colors, shoe and tell him to beat it."

A MODEL INVESTIGATION.

Inquisition Into Life Insurance Methods Worthy of Emulation. New York Tribune. It will be impossible for some time t

come to measure the full value of the insurance investigation in practical results. There is a mass of testimony to be sifted and analyzed before the committee car even make its report to the legislature. and it will be no easy task, notwithstanding the vivd light which has been poured or manifold abuses, to devise and apply effe tive remedies. The public unquestionably and justly demands enactments which will not merely prescribe but compel better protection for policyholders, and we have o doubt that both parties in the legislature will be disposed to act promptly and vigo to the system of educating the Indian and ourly. Agreement upon a general scheme Omaha coal dealers appear to have to the political outlook and leading there still would remain \$2,500,000 for in favor of permitting him to live out his of insurance regulation, however, is not likely to be, and should not be, reached in

But it is not too soon to express pro found respect for the manner in which the oring for generations to make a white man investigation has been conducted. The comout of the red brother. At the same time mittee has pursued its laborious and complicated task with unswerving fidelity from the first day to the last. It has resisted education to awaken in him a desire for the unmense pressure of interests solicitious something better than he has known. With to beguile it from the straight path of duty, whether for protection of for persecution It has unfalteringly sustained its counsel in a resolute and at the same time a per fectly dispassionate purpose to expose all the serious abuses of a perverted system, in order to lay a safe foundation for remedial neasures. There has been no attempt or worked out by assimilation of remnants of desire to create a sensation, to excite public prejudice or to further any personal end No unfair advantage has been taken of a single witness. The truth has been sought candidly and courtequaly, without fear or trouble and sorrow for the Indian than favor. The investigation has been a notable example of skill and rectitude applied on a large scale to the service of the state.

SECRET RETAINERS FOR LAWYERS. Discreditable Practice Revealed by

the Insurance Investigation. New York Tribune Lobbying is a legitimate business if legitimately conducted. There is no reason who a lawyer should not appear before a legislative committee or present arguments to individual law-makers in behalf of a client interested in a pending measure, provided he does it openly and confines himself to the proper use of his persuasive powers. Evidence taken before the Armstrong committee has shown, however, that many members of the bar by no means thus limit the scope of their activities. Instance after instance has been brought to attention of the employment of lawyers under secret retainers to serve interests to which they apparently owed no allegiance. Gentlemen. under the guise of disinterested citizens wrote articles and appeared before committees in the endeavor to manifest an apparent weight of public opinion with reference to certain subjects, when they were really paid agents trying to advance the

nterests of an employer. Such methods are a fraud upon the leglelature and upon the public, and they are a discredit to the legal profession. The old, the legislature. A commission should be and noble conception of the lawyer was that appointed to draw up a project of law he openly represented a client and pleaded his case before the courts. The man who belonged to the profession, true to that first of all should secure from the profeshigh mission, would have scorned to make sor a list of the tunes which he considers himself the agent of a secret intrigue. He was neither a detective nor a hired servant, but a self-respecting minister of justice. When a lawyer lends his professional talents and reputation to underhand schemes list prepared of tunes which have a power he puts aside all these old standards and is false to his trust. In Massachusetts and Wisconsin, we be-

ieve, no person is permitted to go before a legislative committee or undertake work | ered important evidence in a criminal trial as a lobbyist without entering his appearance, truly stating the interest which he closures, there is apparently need of simi- accomplices shall be compelled to listen far restrictions in this state. And they to his practicing. might go further. New standards might well be prescribed for the bar in general, ousy which is characteristic of musical We have done away with the old laws of champerty and maintenance, with the idea | needed is so to diffuse musical culture that of making justice easier to the poor, and the golden age will return spontaneously. there are those who defend this letting The composer who sighed for the privilege down of the bars which formerly hedged about the practice of the law. It would be well to consider if we have not gone too far and made law too much of a speculative business. It would be well. also, to consider forbidding secret retainers of any kind. Many corporations in this way attach to their interests prominent men in all parts of the country who really render them no purely logal service. They are simply depended upon to use their influence as politicians or citizens as the interests of their employers may direct. If they were the open agents of the employer the public could appraise at its proper value their persuasion, but when they disguise their paid work under the cloak of disinterested citizenship they not merely misuse their profession, but they wrong their country; for our Institutions are founded on the theory that each man's opinion as it goes to determine public policy will be honestly his own and not purchased. The man who sells his voice as a citizen in the public councils is just as false to the state as the man who

sells his vote. Members of the bar should be forbidder to do any sort of professional work under false pretenses, and, whether or not they should be forced in all cases to reveal the identity of their clients, they should be compelled in all their transactions to let it be known that they are acting under retainers. This reform is one inevitably measures to accomplish it might naturally come along with those which will be looked cted with insurance administration

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Missourian has been selling a course one of whose judges is an investor in fortune at the time, but he will find before in agriculture by correspondence to Kansas he is in his new job very long that a farmers for \$43 a course. Agricultural prosperity makes everybody happy.

England has seven new peers. Not knowing how many of them are married, however, it is difficult to say whether America of a man without police experience to run is sooner or later likely to have the same number of new pecresses.

Extensive preparations are being made by Swedish residents of Boston and vicinity for the entertainment of Dr. Otto Nor-In this connection he was told that General denskjold, the Antarctic explorer, who will visit and lecture in the city on January 12

Thomas Price, the new premier of South Africa, was born in North Wales in 1852 and was brought up to his father's calling as a stonecutter. Curiously enough he worked on the Parliament house in which he now sits as premier.

Senator McLaurin of Mississippi had very limited opportunities for an early education, having been raised on a farm and attended the neighboring schools occasion ally, until 16 years old, when he joined the confederate army as a private.

J. Pierpont Morgan's private library wil be assembled and the thousands of valuable volumes gathered by him and his agents will be in their places on the shelves by the first of the year. Mr. Morgan's representa tives are still scouring Europe for rare volumes.

Sarah Bernhardt nearly always is ready which interest her, but with equal regular ity refuses to discuss topics which she dislikes. In the latter case she makes puzzling replies, forcing the interviewer to choose food and wine she preferred, what hours she slept and so on. The tragedlenne talked freely until she was asked as to food. This was a subject too gross for madame, who said: "I sometimes eat more

than I do at other times, but never less."

END OF GRAFT.

Evil Tendencies Banished by the Thrills of Soulful Music.

Chicago Tribune At last the problem of graft has been colved. All that is needed is music. Shakes peare knew that the unmusical man was not to be trusted, but a more recent teacher has discovered that a love for music may be cultivated in the most unpromising soil and that the result will e the elimination of graft and all material evils. If such results have not already been attained it is because music has not been properly taught. If steel manufacturers are not rendered more spiritual by the melodies that burst from the lips of shapely chorus girls, it is because the nusic is bad, or else because their souls have not been trained to feel the regenerating power of music. The high morality and severe screnity of gypsies and other nusical races is a proof of the inner evolution of the higher life which always accompanies a love for music. The enthusiastic music teacher does not

give the details of the application of his

theory. The importance of the matter demands immediate action from congress or The commission should have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and most conducive to the higher life. Then from the confessions of eminent men and inmates of the falls additions can be made to the list and at the same time a new for evil. No man shall be eligible to public office unless he gives unmistakable signs of being affected by the strains of the approved airs, and it shall be considwhether the defendant is fond of music of not. A convicted grafter shall be sen-In view of the recent dis- tenced to take music lessons and all his

The unselfishness and freedom from Jealartists is now accounted for. All that is of making his country's songs erred is leaving to others the power of making its laws. He should have said: "Let me teach the children music and there will be no need of laws."

LAUGHING GAS.

"I can't understand why they called lenry VIII "Bluff King Hal." Henry VIII Blu Well, why not? "A man with six queens doesn't need to bluft,"-Cleveland Leader.

"Have you made any especial study of 'answered Senator Sorghum corporations hold out in their "Not yet," answered t resolutions not to contribute to campaign funds I suppose I'll have to "-Washington

McJigger-I wonder if there's any truth in the statement that eigarette smoking drive people insane?
Thingumbob—It looks that way. The handsome viliain in the play, for instance, smokes cigarettes, and see how crazy about him the matinee girls are,—Philadelphia

"I don't suppose I'll get a chance to make member of congress,
"Maybe it's all for the best," answered
his eminently practical wife. "Many a
man's chances for re-election have been
improved by silence."—Washington Star.

'I thought she and her husband were going to separate?"
"They are. But she thought she'd better put it off until she could give a ball, two receptions and four bridges."—Philadelphia

"I was maried to that man once," said the first society woman.
"To Mr. De Voss? The idea! why so was
L." said the second ditto.
"Well, well! You don't say? Were you."
"Philadelphia Press." before or after me?"-Philadelphia Pres

Squire (helping the odd job man to a whisky)—Ah. Pat. I fear this is putting a nail in your coffin.

Pat—Well, sorr, ye might as well put another wan in wholle ye have the hamn in yer hand.—The Tatler.

GOOD INTENTIONS.

S. W. Gillian in Baltimore American Old Nick sat below and he chortled with As he listened to sounds from above. They're having hot times on the earth,

too, just now, A-seeking themselves to improve Now listen, my imps; you can rest for

awhile,
Your time and your labor be saving;
Good-intention foundries are working For our annual, manual paving. They're making big bricks of the best

Iney're making big bricks of the best looking straw,

And loading them up by the ton;

Be sure to have furnaces down here red-hot,

To heat them up well when they're done.

And really so hard are these mortals a That, despite the rule now in high favor, I'll give some a pass o'er the road they have made With such wearisome, drearisome labor.

The great, brilliant deeds they are going The big sins shut down upon hard, Will make

make splendid blocks in their beauty and size or our much-needed new boulevard, moderate resolves will do for our trade streets.
If their style with last year's fairly tal-

And the mean little skimping, the halting and crimping.

Do for dirty and perky back alleys." 'Yes," said Old Nick again, and he laughed

out so loud The cinders flew out on the gale. Till it looked like a Fourth-of-July fireworks show, And made the big furnace turn pale. Tis the first of the year—good-intention

crop time; the smooth downward path I am sav-On ing;
From earth to my portais these well-meaning mortals
Are doing and rue-ing my paving." From

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