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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

For best election returns always read The Bee.

But what more could Banker Sorrow have expected with that name?

A vacancy on the Water board at good pay and no specially onerous duties awaits some democrat who has the pull.

San Francisco refugees, who seem to have a decided distaste to living on regular army rations, forget that it is the food of heroes.

Now that an automobile has saved a bank from failing, some depositors in Ohio will have more leniency toward people arrested for fast driving.

It is doubtful which is doing Governor Cummins the greatest damage in Iowa at the present time, the enmity of Senator Elkins or the friendship of John Sharp Williams.

It remains to be seen how far the probable that the rebaters will know the most about it.

in these parts. Two former governors and one mayor within a month is somewhat out of the ordinary.

The expulsion of alleged anarchists from France shows that the government is more lenient with them than with royalists, who are contemplating in prison the enormity of their unbelief.

Chairman Phelan's reference to the governmental guarantee on Pacific railroad bonds is unfortunate unless the city by the Golden Gate contemplates going into the hands of a receiver.

Kentucky has surely recovered from the shock of the California disaster. Dispatches from Breathitt county indicate is awakening to the fact that severance that normal conditions prevail, one fam- of railroad proprietary interest in shipily being besieged in its bome by another.

Now, if Omaha and South Omaha had only been consolidated, no one would ever have undertaken to make the point against a candidate for office that he was engaged in business in South Omaka instead of Omaba.

The report that the upper Yukon river annual river and harbor appropriations.

has issued an order forbidding female employes from having pockets in the dresses. If this store detective can find the prohibited pockets he will prove all on equal terms, and under existing himself the superior of the average Sher-

It is announced that Russia will start an official newspaper distinct from the Official Gazette. Recent developments have no doubt converted the caar to a belief in the power of the press; but to be powerful it must be free and this is squething beyond Russian understand-

I'rom the fact that Baltimore & Ohio subsidiary coal companies the only inwading the law, at least temporarily. to injunction. Many of the most grind remain in San Francisco, and those the history of our own times.

CONGRESS TO DATE.

of congress gone and a point already verted transportation corporation power. public mind.

for the admission of the four remaining ernment. territories which has passed one or the other of the two branches of congress, has developed such wide antagonisms between them as at best to require most just concluded in Omaha has effectively them in a nutshell. thing remains to be done, even where by the separation of our municipal elecagreement between the house and the tions from the general elections has

senate is possible. Of all the great appropriation bills only to dispose of the appropriations alone.

It is certainly high time for congress to move. True, the fault does not lie 12,372 so much with the house, which in good 1,028,988 time sent not a few measures to the 34,299 senate, where they have been held up, but whoever deserves the blame the fact remains that months have passed and the business of the session has not been transacted. The republicans as the party in control will be held responsible by the country for any ultimate default, and it is worth while to remember that campaign preliminaries are already in progress in the congressional districts.

CLOSE OF RATE GENERAL DEBATE.

The public will receive with a sense of relief the announcement that the senate has agreed to begin Friday on amendments to the rate bill, although there was failure to agree on a date certain for voting on the bill itself. Objection to fixing a voting date on the latter amounts simply to refusal to put an absolute limit on debate on the amendments. The order of the senate, however, establishes an important limit on the debate, since it must proceed under the fifteen-minute rule. With that restriction on a speech, discussion of an amendment cannot be very greatly proreach final vote on the bill itself.

strike of sailors on the Great Lakes will lic business, and the responsibility is conditions, and especially of Omaha affect railroad rates; but it is highly absolutely fixed upon the represent- conditions, who thinks it good business The Grim Reaper is doing fast work been able during all the long delay to porting speakers from out in the state with shining marks in his harvesting make effective conspiracy for defeating and all the way from Wyoming to or seriously weakening the rate bill, no boost their candidate. further delay would avail for that purpose. Agreement to close the general debate may therefore be taken as conclusive evidence that the lines in the senate have been drawn and that in the the latter's gain, but simply places the existing frame of the public mind final action cannot now be staved off beyond a comparatively few days.

DIVORCING RAILROAD AND COAL.

The sudden disposal by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad of its majority holdings of the stock of a coal company owning and operating mines on its lines probably foreshadows like action on the part of many other roads. The public ping corporations is absolutely essential to legitimate common carrier service.

The investigation ordered by congress has hardly been begun by the Interstate Commerce commission before abuses of the grossest and most widely extended character were disclosed in the relations between the rallroads and the coal companies. Many of these practices are violations of the anti-trust and interhas been rendered as safe as a canal state commerce laws, involving directly at an outlay of \$175,000 would indicate or indirectly prohibited discriminations that Canada can give the United States and conspiracies in restraint of trade, valuable pointers on expenditure of the and it is undoubtedly the newly opened prospect that such offenses will be punished that has impelled the Baltimore & A Peoria department store manager Obio to purge itself of direct proprietary complications.

Public policy imperatively demands conditions it is incompatible with a proprietary interest as a shipper which inevitably tempts to discriminate against other shippers. It is not merely the rate-making power which enables 'the officers of a railroad company to crush one shipper and aggrandize another. but the same result can be reached by manipulating car supply and trackage connections and in innumerable other ways. And beyond all these means railrathroad officials have withdrawn from subsidiary coal companies to manipulate prices in the coal market so as to seference is that the legal department cure the effect of rebetes and other inthinks it has discovered a means of ac- tolerable abuses while ostensibly con- time resolved itself into taking care of of Roosevelt's administration will be comcountishing similar results by another forming to the law, a practice which the the refugees on their way to friends in plete which deals only with his power over method. It is a poor corporation lawyer supreme court has recently condemned the east. This is just as important

ing and dangerous monopolies that exist | who help out in it will be deserving of With five full months of the session today grow out of this tap root of per- highest praise.

reached within a few weeks of the or- It is an encouraging sign when one dinary time of adjournment, a fact not of the great roads of the eastern coal beretofore much noted-namely, that region divests itself of the complication practically no legislation has yet been involved in being a shipper of coal over finished-is rising conspicuous in the its own lines in competition with other shippers who are at its mercy, but it is Congress met with a number of ques- only a beginning of one of the greatest tions of great importance before it to and most needed reforms in the history be dealt with, in addition to the para- of railroads. There remains that vast mount public demand for more efficient field of questionable use of transportaand thorough control of transportation tion power by railroad officials for their Prof. Matteucci testify impressively to the corporations. Among these were the personal profit, wronging both the pub-Panama canal, a matter requiring im- lic and the railroad companies, the efmediate action; the statehood question, fects of which are similar to those of Philippine legislation. Chinese exclusion mixed proprietary interests of transpor. is the outward slope of the mountain that and the Santo Domingo treaty, besides tation and shipping companies. So a loss of 800 feet from the top represents not a few other subjects of great but widely ramified are these kindred abuses not so pressing concern. Not a single and so immense are the wrongful profits measure among all of them has been from them that the struggle for subaffirmatively and finally acted upon, and stantial reform will be long and arduous every large measure, like that for the even after the roads begin to yield to the newspapers of E. H. Harriman congovernment of the Philippines or that public opinion and the power of the gov. cerning the frightful dangers and neces-

SEPARATE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS One thing which the city campaign serious effort for reconciliation. Every- demonstrated is that the purpose sought been pretty thoroughly accomplished.

work of congress which relates to ap- elections is to divorce municipal politics propriations still remains unfinished. from partisan politics. City government, according to the advocates of and consideration of some of the rest ter of purely local concern and should is yet to be begun. If congress had the not be in any way dependent upon the rest of its business out of the way it fortunes of state and national politics. would take weeks of continuous labor The effect upon the local government and not upon the relative strength or ganizations in future contests should,

they insist, be the guiding force. that the division between the advocates of opposing candidates has been determined by other considerations than mere party name. While the strength of party fealty is no doubt great and will account in large measure for the general lineup on one side or the other, it has not proved the controlling factor with those who believe themselves directly involved in the issues on which the candidates have divided.

At all events, the outcome can hardly be ascribed to the intrusion of partisan politics, nor pointed by any one as a purely party victory, although the campaign has been carried on by the regular party machinery and under the regular party names. Had the city election, on the other hand, been part and parcel with the regular election for state, county and congressional offices in the fall, the force of party fealty would unquestionably have found much greater play.

The Washington correspondent of tracted. Many of the pending amend- our amiable democratic contemporary ments are not likely to be discussed at should get in touch with the Omaha all under the fifteen-minute rule, and end of his wire. With reference to an tion of the people about Vesuvius that be seen in New York City. The device with the disposal of a few of the prin- alleged invitation to Senator LaFollette lava. like adversity, has its uses. It was introduced in Paris over a year ago, cipal amendments it should not take to speak for the republican city ticket makes, for instance, a very beautiful glass and has since been adopted in the other long in the natural course of things to in our municipal campaign, he wastes There has been already too much de- is nobody could be found here in Wash- can only be discovered by experience. The lay in disposing of this paramount publington with knowledge of Nebraska atives of corporation interest in the sen- to go outside for talent to handle the are beyond their power to obscure or es- Omaha election." He should have been cape from the fact. If they have not told that the democrats have been im-

The transfer of Commissioner Mc-Vann from the Commercial club to the Grain exchange is the former's loss and can exercise his ability in a more effective manner for the good of our negotiations with the railroads on behalf of the Commercial club, and it cial club will have to look hard to find a successor to fill his place satisfac-

The death of John H. McColl at Lexington removes another prominent figure in Nebraska polities. "Jack" Mc-Coll, as he was familiarly known, was the republican candidate for governor in 1896, but went down under the tidal legislature and several other public capacities and made a host of friends who will sincerely mourn his death.

As a prophet who is a prophet, George W. Berge, who ran for governor as the populist candidate two years ago, is predicting in an interview "that the next president will be a democrat and the next congress will be democratic." It will be remembered that action on the part of the states, seeing, as Mr. Berge during his campaign prethat common carrier service be open to dicted his own election with equal if not greater positiveness.

It appears from the statement of Secretary Taft that the government will pay for the transportation of government supplies to San Francisco, 21though material donated directly by the people was carried free. While there was no reason why railroads should be compelled to give full transportation facilities, it is difficult to see why such distinction is made.

Omaha's participation in the work of relief for the San Francisco earthquake and fire sufferers has for the

Rest for "Poor Richard."

The varied details of the Franklin celebration seem now to have been gracefully concluded, and the good old doctor considered as securely enrolled among the immortals—as securely as he has been for the last hundred years and the bridegroom supposed to be of good Blew the Lid Off.

New York Tribune.

The changes in Vesuvius reported by forces recently at work there. His confirmation of the statement that the volcano is much lower than it was before the eruption is especially significant. So gentle the removal of an enormous amount of

No Time for Word Spinning.

How superior is the brief statement in sities of the situation at San Francisco to most of the word spinning about it. A man doesn't accomplish what Harriman has achieved through any multiplication of words. It is done by his capacity for seeing things in the large, and then putting

International Postal Changes.

Boston Globe The universal postal congress, now in ession at Rome, is not likely to reduce That important and vital part of the | The object of the separate municipal | the international letter rate, but it is probable that the proposition that the maximum of weight be increased to 30 grams (five-sevenths of an ounce) will be accepted. It's a pity that the rate is not one has as yet been finally acted on. separate municipal elections, is a mat- to be reduced, especially since the next meeting of the congress will not be held until 1911, in Australia.

Minneapolis Tribune

Senator Spooner's idea is that while congress may create courts, it cannot weakness of the respective political or- destroy them. A court once created goes on forever. This is exactly the kind of In the recent city campaign there is having the rate bill referred to a tribunal no question that party lines have been which will not be precipitate about its more largely obliterated than usual and decisions. About the second Fourth of them to a t.

> Turn on the Light. Baltimore American.

No honest public officer need fear the attack of newspapers, magazines or book scoring, and, instead of kicking at the press, he should be glad to court, and even defy, investigation and publicity. No man or party in this nation can muzzle the press for one day, and those who attempt uppression of investigation will mashed. Turn on the X-rays and let us see the inside workings of the political skeletons. Who's who?

. New York Sun. It will probably turn out that the ne sum paid by the insurance companies will not fall much short of \$150,000,000; it may considerably exceed that amount. In any event, the net loss to the property owners of San Francisco can scarcely fall below \$200,000,000. Under the circumstances it is fortunate that the prospective relief funds are also of unprecedented proportions. A long time passed before the Chicago relief funds exceeded \$4,000,000. Within four days a larger sum had been promised to San Francisco.

Some Good from Evil.

It is being pointed out for the consolaevery volcano sends out a special brand being in use in the French capital. The telegraph tolls to say that "certain it of lava with qualities of its own, which machine not only protects the patrons of final preparations for the arts degree, he rich plains of Sicily owe much of their fertility to decomposed lava, and in South America volcanic soil is found to be the best in the world for coffee growing, the soll without the volcano.

Progressive Inheritance Taxes.

Chicago Record-Herald. If President Roosevelt some day in the future decides that the time has come to heritance taxes he will find plenty of main the experiences of many other countries with their progressive taxation. The services of a capable official where he amended or the supreme court reverses business community. Mr. McVann each other's work without great difficulty. has made good in most cases in his If the president's plan should, however ever be adopted in so radical a form that it would strike very deeply into the greater estates so as to permanently decrease their Grain exchange people. The Commer- European nations will have to get their lessons from us.

INFLUENCE AMONG THE STATES.

President Roosevelt's Recommenda tions Command Ardent Support.

Boston Transcript (rep.). Whatever may be said of President Roose velt's influence with congress, or lack of influence, it seems clear that his recor mendations have great weight with the awmakers in the state capitals, to whom these are not addressed, but who often wave of Bryanism which swept the find a way, as they believe, of carrying out state in that year. He served in the Mr. Roosevelt's ideas in spirit. His recent ili advised utterances regarding a federal inheritance tax, it may safely be said, will have no effect upon congress, but these are strengthening the arm of the lawmakers in various states who have for years beer pushing for the adoption of this form of His attitude makes it harder for republican members of these legislatures to stand out against this class of measures. It is the same with the railroad rate

regulation campaign, in which the president has not the slightest desire for further he must that this in most cases degenerates into a form of local protection of the most He asks for naregrettable character. tional regulation, and while the senate hesitates, last winter and this, the state legislatures move briskly in giving their equivalent to what he wants, as they understand it. An important historical moograph might be written upon the relation of a president of the United States to the though he addresses to them no message. his influence with them, because they are so much nearer the people and farther from the Washington political atmosphere.

great. And there is a certain kinship between which congress, by the president's recommendation, legislates for the District of Columbia and the territories. No account congress; there are forty-five little conwho cannot devise a plausible plan of as equally a violation of law and liable work as that of relieving those who an extremely important part in making

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Rippies on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The curtain was rung down on the closing scene of a blighted wedding when a Brooklyn court granted a decree of divorce to a Brooklyn woman last Saturday. The marriage took place on New Year's day, 1901, and was quite a social event, the bride belonging to a fine family, and character and family. During the wedding reception at the home of the bride's parents, an uncle of the bridegroom, accidentally learning of the marriage, appeared at the joyous festivities and denounced his nephew as an impostor and

criminal, unfit to associate with decent

people. The bridegroom admitted all the charges made by his uncle and, hurriedly putting on his hat and coat, fled from the house, Jumping into the carriage that had been awaiting him and his bride, he disappeared. On the same night he took flight from the city, and ever since his whereabouts have been unknown. It was some time before the proceedings for the annulment of the marriage were instituted, and it was only a few months ago that the plaintiff received permission to have the complaint served by publication, so that the secret of the bride's unhappy marriage has been confined for such a long period to a very small number of her friends.

There are two carpenter mechanics or the east side of Manhattan who make s specialty of constructing heavy doors and secret exits for pool rooms and gambling houses. "Old Jack" Woods of the Bowery has been in that line of work for twenty years and his only recognized rival, Sing Gow, does most of his building for the Chinatown gambling dens.

The police find themselves up against tough proposition when they start to smash down doors built by "Old Jack" for a pool room. These doors are usually from ten to fifteen inches thick of sheet tron and solid wood. This year the cunning Jack has added a four-inch thickness of solid rubber and when the police axes and sledge hammers strike the door they will rebound. "I was knocked clean off my feet the first time I struck one of the rubber doors," said Detective McGee of the "tena court the railroads are looking for and derloin." "The force of my blow striking they hope Senator Spooner will succeed in the sheet iron, wood and rubber drove me

back five feet at least." Woods charges from \$25 to \$100 for his doors and the poolroom owners say that July in the twenty-first century would suit they save money even if they hold back the police raiders for five minutes. It gives them time to destroy racing sheets and other dangerous evidence. The sheetiron and wood doors are stout enough to keep the police sledge hammers at work for five or eight minutes and the rubber doors are counted upon to make a delay of twelve to fifteen minutes.

In Chinatown the most puzzling secret exits from gaming places are found. The underground passages, the ple gow resorts, dark tunnels and the "get-a-ways" of the fantan resorts are a source of constant annoyance to the police, and when they raid they usually find the places deserted save for a lone watchman or an innocent-eyed celestial.

Captain John W. O'Connor, exar of the Chinatown district, has discovered a piece of remarkable carpenter work done by Sing Gow at 21 Pell street. There are two long tunnels with sliding doors, rope ladders through shafts leading to the roof and basement, secret rooms and false walls and floor.

Sing Gow came to New York City from San Francisco two years ago with the reputation of being the most expert Chinese carpenter in Chinatown of that city. The celestial gamblers have kept him busy

An instrument intended to record the exact distance traveled by a carriage or passenger is required to pay, will shortly of extraordinary lightness. But curiously leading European cities, more than 6,000 on the driver for the owner. While driving the instrument is worked by one of the wheels, and while the vehicle is standing the time is recorded by clockwork, though nervous planters would rather take thereby reckoning the fare for the journey according to the distance, and the fare for the waiting according to the time, Aiready an electric cab company here has

arranged for 400 machines An Irishman who fears that the fame "formulate a system" for progressive in- of his fellow countrymen had suffered by the account of the Scotchman's experience terial to aid him on the technical side at Ellis Island, brought this story fresh from Panama: "There's an Irish boss named Clancy in charge of a lot of native income tax is forbidden to our federal laborers employed on the big ditch. He's government until the constitution is struggling with Spanish and is very proud of knowing a for'n language. One itself, but the inheritance tax is within ing not a laborer showed up. Clancy the power of congress to impose. These fretted and fumed all day. Next morning two forms of taxation can be made to do they appeared as usual, explaining sheep ishly that it had been Flesta of Neustra Senora de la Chandelabra and they couldn't possibly work on a holy 'Well, It's all right,' said Clancy, 'but when ye savvy in the noches that ye can is this which commends him to the size, then the tables will be turned, and trabajar on the manana, why the hell don't ye habla?' "

> Greater New York presents many interesting extremes in the way of urban progress, none of them so striking, however as its transportation facilities, which beginning with the archaic horse car, runs the gamut of more advanced methods of passenger transportation-cables, underground trolley, overhead trolley, thirdrail, storage battery, and the like. It remains for the "annexed district" north of the Harlem to contribute a transit service, which was old, you might say, when old Wouter Van Twiller passed judgment on the erring burgers of New Amsterdam. It is a horse car line running from Bartow to City Island, a distance of about three miles, winding its dreamy way along hedge lines, lanes, dusty highways, and meadow green. The cars, of which there are two in every-day service-although twelve can be utilized in emergency-are not more than twelve feet long and not six feet wide. They are so old that they bulge like a basket when the seats are filled, and when it rains hard the passengers usually leave the car and walk-the drops of water being decidedly preferred to the miniature deluges-not so miniature, after all-which each quirk and turn of the car precipitates inward. Two mild horses are attached to each car, and if they do not sleep throughout their plodding journey to and from the depot, appearances are deceitful. The fare is 10

cents. Fifty years ago the late August Belmont sold for \$25,000 a certain plot of land at the corner of Fifth avenue and Thirty-fifth legislatures-a new subject. Al- street. There is every reason to suppose that Mr. Belmont secured what he considered a fair price for the property and none for supposing that he did not exercise in the sale his well known shrewdness and usually hostile to him, is conspicuously good judgment. Yet the same land was purchased a year ago for \$1.850,000, and now a building is to be erected upon it for which state and national questions, and an even a tenant has already been found at an closer relation between these issues on annual rental of \$175,660 for a term of Iwenty-one years.

Good and Gay Suffer Alike.

More than eighty churches and buildnge devoted to religious activity were destroyed in San Francisco. The idea that the city was pagan as well as gay

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PERSONAL NOTES.

A marked boom in summer engagements s projected in Chicago. One thousand more benches are to be placed in the parks.

The reputation of Texas, the land of dead shots, is ruined. A sheriff at Oakwoods fired several times at a mob, but could not hit a man. Mayor Johnson of Cleveland thinks he has

invented a machine that will travel six niles a minute. That's about his regular gait when headed toward an office. The divorce decision of the federal supreme court has not checked the activity

of Dakota courts. The stock on hand will keep the mills busy for some time to come. The Princess Ena and future queen of Spain is said to have received three baptisms into as many different faiths. It remains to be seen whether the last our

When Herr Conried met his singers upon their arrival at New York from San Francisco, he was kissed by the whole bunch men and all, thus experiencing an additional horror.

John Temple Graves, in his new daily paper, The Georgian, has announced his withdrawal from the race against Senator A. O. Bacon for the United States senate from Georgia.

The sympathy of Portland, Ore., for San

Francisco is intense. Its housewives have been asked to bake their own bread that the public bakeries may devote all their energies to providing for the stricken city. The way that senators look at each other's efforts at argument showed itself in a remark Tillman made when he entered the senate and saw Spooner speaking in reply to Bailey. "Anybody can talk up a hill," said Tillman, "but Spooner has got to talk up a precipice.

The new French president is deeply attached to his umbrella, which accompanies him on every occasion and is likely from now on to become a favorite subject for French political caricaturists, much like the collar of Mr. Gladstone or the monocle of Mr. Chamberlain.

William C. Brown, who has just been chosen first vice president of the New York Central lines, with a salary of \$75,000, the best paid vice president of a railroad in the United States, was in the early 70's a William C. Brown, who has just been telegraph operator and messenger boy in Sioux City, Ia., receiving messages and

The late Prof. Pierre Curie, discoverer of radium, as a boy seemed so stupid at school that his parents withdrew him and put him under a private tutor. All through his years of study, including the cabs from extortion, but is also a check was hampered by the necessity of studying uncongenial subjects. It was only when he was free to follow his natural bent that his powers were manifested.

A naval officer had been tried for drunk enness and the report of the court martial was before Secretary Bonaparte, Some friends of the officer, who is really a good fellow and a fine officer, but too popular for his own well being, went before the secretary to save him. "You see, Mr. Secre tary," said one of them, "In my opinion this sentence is unjust. Do you know what his trouble is?" "Yes," said the secretary,

PANEGYRIST OF THE HEN.

Luminous Tribute to the Bird that Broke the Egg Combine. Boston Transcript.

Mr. Dawson of Iowa may be as patriotic a man as sits in congress. It is fair to assume that he was carried by the glow of economic enthusiasm rather farther than he intended when he intimated that the American hen is worthier of pictorial honor than the American eagle. Said Mr. Dawson:

'We hear 'a great deal on this floor about the glory of the American eagle, and artists in the past have painted the beauties of the birds of plumage, but, Mr. Chairman, the American hen is entitled to a modest tribute for her industry, her use fulness and productivity."(Applause.) But Mr. Dawson before charging artists with "undue discrimination" should reflect on the different pictorial possibilities of these two noble hirds. The eagle

"Salling with supreme dominion Through the axure depth of air" leaves the hen out of sight, and appeals t the artistics temperament to rise to the oc casion. The American hen is a hird which as Mr. Dawson told an enraptured house "can produce wealth equal to the capital stock of all the banks in the New York clearing house in three months and have a week to spare." But here possibilities in art have obvious limits.

APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE.

Historic Surrender House a Plaything of Speculators. Washington Post,

The American people have not been neglectful in commemorating famous places and distiguished men. Since the shaft on Bunker Hill rose at Boston innumerable other monuments of varied form and purpose have sprung up all over the land, and congress in recent years has purchased and set apart several of the great battlefields of the civil war, where for generations to come our descendants will gather to recall American courage and manhood and to be reminded what it cost to save the republic

It is not a little remarkable that the place which by common consent would be agreed upon as the most interesting and memorable of the entire conflict. Appomattox Courthouse, has been left to the mercy of speculators, or the chances and mutations of ordinary country property, of no special

value or significance. There is no occasion for the purchase of any large amount of land there. Let the government acquire for the country the McLean house, and a few acres about it. and restore it as nearly as possible to its condition when Grant and Lee met there; not as a lasting memorial of the surrender of the south, but to commemorate the culmination of the great struggle on that very spot and to recall the presence there of the two great actors in the mighty drama, who, when the hour struck, took the center of the stage together and proclaimed peace as

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

the curtain fell upon the closing scene.

Attendant-In this padded cell we have a ewspaper humorist. Visitor-Poor chap! And what is the de-Attendant—He thinks he has money

"A curious thing about a man that has a lot of stock in a fire insurance company." remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "is that a big fire generally gives him cold feet."—Chicago Tribune.

"Have you had any trouble with your "Not lately. I'm living with my third wife."-Cleveland Plaindealer.

Still, it is only natural that Mark Twam should favor functic spelling.—Washington She-I agree with Cowper-I hate a man who needlessly sets foot upon a worm. He-So do I. It spoils 'em for balt.-Cleveland Leader.

"The average woman, of course, has no head for figures."
"Oh, I don't know. She has a head for "Oh, I don't know. at any rate, whenother women's figures; at any rate, when-ever they pass they make her turn it."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"The midgets insisted upon being mar-ried on the beach. They walked way out to the fringe of water and there were united."

"Curious affair, wasn't it."
"Yes, case of low tied,"—Cleveland Plain-

LITTLE JEAN.

American Family Magazine. She was wedded last night-Little Jean-In a satin gown, white,
All a-sheen,
And a heaven joy burned
In her eyes as she turned
From the chancel—a bride
And the man at her side
Led her out like a queen—
Little Jean!

And a tale grave-and-gay

Do I glean,
As I stand at the door
Of the roam where no more
She will come for the white.
Happy thoughts, golden-bright,
a maiden's heart, sweet and sereneLittle Jean.

Like a casket bereft Little Jean, Is the wee room you left Yester-e'en! Ah, the low, empty chair,
And the long mirror there,
And the dainty white bed,
Where you knelt as you said
Your last maiden prayer, all unseen—
Little Jean:

But my heart is content, Little Jean,

For the way that you went.

Dear, I ween.

Is a path blossom-strown.

And you walk not alone—

Human love and divine

'Round you fondly entwine.

And an angel's white wings are your acreeu-

Little Jean!

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