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

The "Sick Man of Europe" ha ceased to be a mere figure of speech.

The tennis tournament will now of amateur sports.

in a few weeks the public will learn the mortality statistics.

Another long promised building improvement still on paper is the new Union Pacific headquarters-which is several laps overdue.

Copying after Artemus Ward, those Russian landlords show themselves the democrats name a candidate for consideration in Pennsylvania to legisthemselves for the welfare of their roads are not in absolute control, even a part of one of its famous old high-

this be true he may for once hear something worth while,

A law requiring bank examiners to examine the nature of securities as well as their volume before banks fail might not be a bad amendment for the statute books of many states.

Gand Duke Nicholas seems much more anxious to preserve his life than to save the dynasty of his family. That "accidental" discharge of bullets was an argument too strong to be denied.

After all the best remedy for anarchy is a just enforcement of law and such changes in court procedure as will nake justice depend less upon ability to pay costly lawyers or perfect expensive bonds.

Having been introduced at a corner stone laying as "Rev. Mr. Dahlman," His Honor, the mayor, should feel himself fitted to preside over any function at which his attendance may be officially demanded.

That reminds us that the populists are to have a state convention this circumstances, without regard to legal week at the same time and place as the democratic state convention. Presumably one ticket will admit to all tents of the great show.

We hasten to assure the public that dollars are more serious. the bursting of that big water main need not be expected in any way to affect the lawyers who are milking the cow of water works litigation at the expense of the Omaha taxpayers.

The suicide of the secretary of the National Board of Trade at Kansas City shows the wisdom of the National Cotton Planters' association discharging officers who speculate in the product they are supposed to guard.

That Chicago man who returned ome after an unexplained absence of thirty-one years and requested that no questions be asked regarding his wanderings, would probably feel shocked if his wife should turn the same trick.

Colonel Bryan's assurance that no one but himself is responsible for the charges made against Roger Sullivan precludes the Illinois committeeman from beating Bryan over another's shoulders, but it also makes it imperative for Mr. Bryan to win the fight.

offices in Wisconsin have begun a perdemocrats cannot find an "issue" without digging for it the people may con- summarily eradicated by statutes, state platform and republicans genergratulate themselves.

THE RAILROAD PROGRAM old the republican state conventicominate a candidate for United States

That depends first on whether expediency or principle should control in the councils of the republican party. And if expediency is to be the rule it might depend on what the democratic convention does. If the democratic convention falls

nations will argue that with the field full of democratic aspirants and with only one republican aspirant in the field it will be difficult to elect a republican legislature. Is there really anything in this argument, granting the right of the convention to overrule one of the most important things it is elected by the people to do, If the democratic convention falls to nominate a senator, will it not prove the dishonesty of the democratic party in claiming that it wants to bring the election of United States senators closer to the people? And if the democrats fail to respond to the wishes of the masses of the people on this question, will not the masses of the democrats turn to the support of the republican candidate to punish the democratic party for its apparent insincerity? -- Columbus Journal.

that he was a republican in republican to order affairs. states and a democrat in democratic states. The declaration is in point only in showing that the railroads have no particular party affiliations, but work constantly to further their own ends by using one or all political parties for their purposes.

Here in Nebraska the railroad program is for them to name the next United States senator by preventing any popular expression of choice and sending the senatorship to the legislature, where the blandishments of their lobbyists may be depended on to manipulate the result as they wish. The fact that the coming democratic state convention for once meets a week in advance of the republican state convention forces the railroads in this respect no higher merit than to pull off the first part of their program on the democratic side of the fence.

It is essential to their plans that the democrats be prevailed on to make no nomination for United States senstor no matter how much by so doing they may belie their repeated professions of allegiance to the cause of dinomination from the democratic call they can complete their contract when the convention meets.

Should the railroads succeed in the have the right-of-way with the lovers first part of their program for preventing a democratic nomination for senator, they will take it along into the republican camp as an argument the effect of the new foot ball rules on for carrying out the second part of highway like the "Old Cumberland their program, which is to nullify the republican call so far as it relates to the nomination of a senator.

The people of Nebraska should understand the exact situation. They can read the measure of success of the railroad program in the returns from the democratic state convention. If any portion of it. It is indeed in serious Oregon. But when are other states. willing to sacrifice everything but senator it will indicate that the rail- late for the reconstruction of at least though they may name a man beholden to them for the place. Failure The czar is said to have asked the to nominate a candidate for senator advice of the king of Great Britain re- will be proof conclusive that the railgarding the situation in his empire. If roads have the democratic convention local interest of the sort. But the time Charles E. Magoon, at present governor tightly in their grip.

DAMAGES AGAINST AUTOMOBILISTS.

automobiles on the public highways to rules of common sease, one of the most plug up some of the big holes already damages is not to be avoided by keeping strictly within the speed limit laid down by law, as many have supposed. A legally fixed limit merely marks the point to exceed which is an offense in itself. But the courts are holding that circumstances control liability for damages, even though the speed be below

the legal limit. Where children or the blind or the Jeaf may be in the way, or in any situations in which peril arises naturally even below the law-fixed limit of speed. the automobilist is being properly held responsible for any harm done and judgments for heavy damages are enforced by the courts. He has no different or better rights on the highways law as well as in morals to observe the equal rights of others under all regulations as to maximum speed and like points.

Police court fines are of course a

BONAPARTE ON ANARCHISM. The specific remedies recommended

by Secretary Bonaparte for anarchism in this country are not so important as the general educational stimulus of his Cumberland address. The law has already been amended somewhat, following the crime of Czolgosz, both as regards admission of anarchists to our ports and as regards treatment of such as are citizens or domiciled here. The law might well go further, as the secretary suggests, and extend the ancient doctrine of conspiracy to various as pects of anarchist crime, and this will very likely be done if this species of social menace continues to manifest itself.

But, after all, the main reliance for protection must be upon the sanity and content of the great mass of the people. The dangerous defectives, the dugenerate and the extremely vicious cannot be altogether nor in any event listed men in the navy will tend to he should be sent to the Philippines at speedily eliminated, but their potency for the peculiar mischlet which is as-Democratic candidates for state sociated with the names of Czolgosz and never be allowed to become a badge Guiteau will be greatly diminished by asonal investigation of the books of an overawing attitude of the communpresent state officers. If the affairs of ity to the excesses of yellow journalthat state are in such condition that ism, muck raking and partisan agitation, which, though they cannot be

other reason, they inevitably stimulate; gestions. If the committee will gather NEBRASKA SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN to action the evil impulses to anarchist up all the platforms promulgated in crime.

In a broad view there has been no more wholesome manifestation in decades than the recent awakening of public conscience to many deep seated regulation, free pass abolition and diand far-reaching social wrongs and ominate, those against convention nomi- abuses, and the correction of some of the most serious ones which is now in rapid progress. Overgrown wealth through legal discrimination and forced inequality are wrongs which it behooves all right-minded citizens to resist valiantly and undo, and not letgrow to foster anarchism. These reforms, both in the national field and in the state administrations and the great moral awakening back of them are establishing a firm basis for the hopeful reduction, if not the elimination, of anarchism. The new and better conditions differentiate and emphasize in all normal minds the crime of anarchism which, in final analysis. Jay Gould is said to have declared is denial of their right and capacity

THE OLD CUMBERLAND ROAD. The scheme of restoring by national subsidy the "Old Cumberland Road" which ran from Cumberland, Md., across Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana to Vandalia, Ill., is impractical as well as objectionable on other grounds. It would no doubt be a highly sentimental satisfaction if that historic highway which during the first half of the last century tens of thousands of pioneers traveled to reach new homes in what was then the west, could be renewed, but its renewal embraces no object of

national scope or need. The "Old Curaberland Road," while an object of historic interest, has even the "Old Wilderness Road" debouching from the mountains farther south "Santa Fe Trail" and the "Oregon Trail," which ran across the western plains. As means of transportation all these old wagon highways have long since been paralleled and superseded by railroads, some of which were subrect popular choice of senators. The sidized by the national government berailroad democrats were successful to cause under the conditions in which the extent of excluding the senatorial they were constructed they were regarded as enterprises of national imand it remains only to be seen whether portance. But it has been more than a full generation since it was seriously proposed to give national treasury aid even to the superior steel and steam highways. There is hardly a point at which the national government could consistently stop if it should begin now

financing to the same extent as a practical enterprise. There is nothing to prevent townthemselves, if they choose, to restore the ancient and decayed highway or ways, not for sentimental but for practical uses. Those who most use these or other country road improvements should pay for them as for any other has not come, nor is there yet any sign that it will ever come, for the national treasury to bleed for a costly The accumulating decisions of the interstate rock road for the conven- number of those who doubt the wisdom courts are steadily narrowing users of lence and sport of touring automobilists. It would be infinitely better to important of which is that liability for bored by the auger of local interest than to open new ones.

The political schemers who are trying to subvert a popular choice of senator by overturning the call for a senatorial nomination by the republican state convention are resorting to Magoon, on the other hand, took charge all sorts of fictions to bolster up their argument. They have misled the "Utica Sun," for example, into asserting that it was only by a majority of they were as one in hating "the American 8 that the republican state committee favored a nomination of United States senator by state convention. brooding conspiracy. The records of the committee will show that the vote on inserting the nomination of senator in the call was 27 "yes" to 7 "no," the majority being than other persons, and he is bound in 20 instead of 8, every member of the signs on their private comings and goings; committee voting on the proposition. While some of those who voted for convention nomination in the committee may have been personally opposed to it, they cast their votes for it because the republicans of their districts moderating influence, but damage judg- whom they represented were practiments running up into thousands of cally unanimous for it. The vote of 27 to 7 in the state committee was any question which would arouse a difference of opinion.

Governor Mickey declares that the people of South Omaha are responsicity. In this the governor is slightly inaccurate. In the charter of South Omaha the governor is vested with au-Police commissioners for that city and to that extent is made responsible for his appointées. There is no question, however, but that the people of South Omaha, as of every other city, would be glad to manage their own affairs without outside interference, but the only way this can be effectively brought about is by according them the full measure of municipal home rule.

The action of Rear Admiral Goodrich defending the civil rights of enuniform of the United States should of disgrace.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the provisional resolutions committee appointed to frame the republican should be obnexious because, if for no ally are invited to submit their sug- Magoon's wisdom and discre-en

the different republican county conventions it will have a vast variety to the planks relating to railway rate

rect primary legislation. Omaha's democratic mayor and his paper, The Omaha Bee. council were elected upon pledges of retrenchment and relief from municipal tax burdens. They are now up against the making of a city tax no evasion in his attitude on the prohilevy, where they must either make bition question. good or flunk on their promises.

Painful Shortage of Dukes. Pittsburg Dispatch. If the canr could find grand dukes enough o man his fleet and fill the ranks of his

success. That view, of course, is based on the somewhat violent presumption that the grand dukes will fight.

Self-Poise with Whitewash. Buffalo Express.

There are no scandals under the British government. There never would be in the United States if the public here would tolerate such whitewashing as that done by the commission which investigated the loss of \$5,000,000 in war stores during the Boer war.

Sample of Jersey Justice.

"He is the best friend I ever had, except my father," said the lawyer who made a plea for clemency in behalf of ex-Mayor Belcher of Paterson, and the defendant wept. Judge Scott, although formerly a friend of the absconder and forger, sentenced him to twelve years at Trenton Another vindication of Jersey justice.

Make a Note of It.

Philadelphia Press. That Vienna fire insurance company San Francisco insurance by taking advantage of the earthquake clause ought to receive some attention from American business men who hold its policies. It is lisble to collect premiums and then nullify into Kentucky and Tennessee, or the its responsibility in other cities than San Francisco.

Simple and Effective.

Boston Transcript. The campaign issue in the west is simple: Note the long list of reform measures passed by the republican congress, under the lead of President Roosevelt. Do you want to clip his wings for the rest of the administration? This will be the question addressed to the voters, according to all signs of the campaign as it is

Penalizing Land Grabbing.

Portland Oregonian. weight of a feather to the burden of shame and trouble under which various system. convicted defendants in the land fraud cases are struggling. One has just been to finance an alleged national wagon penitentiary and to pay a \$2,000 fine, and unless the judgment of the court shall be Road," which no one would dream of still another has just been found guilty remembered in Oregon. There will be no more wholesale fraud in land entries in equally involved with Oregon, to have their turn?

SUCCESS OF GOVERNOR MAGOON. Significance of the Proposed Transfer

to the Philippines. New York Sun. Washington rumor has it that the Hon. of the canal zone in Panama, may be transferred from Ancon to Manila. In a general way this announcement will please the rapidly increasing of American methods in dealing with the Filipinos. Governor Magoon has evidently succeeded in pacifying the disaffected elements on the isthmus. It is quite as evident that the earnest and painstaking offiat Mantla just now, or have been discharging that delicate function in the last two or three years, are in hotter water than they were at the outset, with every reason to apprehend a particularly active ebullition in the near future. Governo of the canal zone at a time of bitter popular discontent. Almost the entire body of the natives was in eruption. They disagreed among themselves, no doubt, but intervention." From Panama to Colon, the whole zone was seething with cabals, black with scowls, vocal with imprecations,

This condition, however, Mr. Magoon speedily transformed. Within a few months the clouds lifted. The Panamans discovered, to their astonishment and deight, that the new governor had no deno intention of regulating their personal morals; no wish to order their dress, behavior, customs, ideas, thoughts or aspirations. He exhibited not the slightest tendency to lecture and discipline them. He respected their traditions, recognized their right to individuality, and in all other ways appealed to their confidence and symnathy. He applied, in fact, that touch of human nature which never falls to reach the heart; and the result is that he presurely as decisive as it could be on sides today over a territory and a people that have never known real content before. He has achieved in Panama what the Navy department, maintaining the wise initiative of Captain Sebree and Captain Tilley, has achieved in Tutuila-reconciled an alien and a subject people to a regime ble for the condition of affairs in their of law and order, without the smallest invasion of its amour propre. The United States has not been wholly happy in its efforts toward benevolent assimilation, and thority to name the Board of Fire and the course and intelligently appraised the triumphs of Governor Magoon in Panama should take heart from the suggestion that he be sent to the Philippines, where the conditions are practically identical with those he found awaiting him on the isthmus a year or so ago. We are by no means confident, however,

that this transfer will be crowned with equally beneficient consummation. seems to be understood that Mr. Magoon is to go to Manila as a subordinate, as lieutenant governor, in fact. If that be the case, it is much too soon to make haleyon predictions. Unless Mr. Magoon is to be invested with supreme authority and permitted to formulate and execute his own policies, it is difficult to see why make that service more popular. The all. Arguing the future from the past, he would transplant to Manila the same methods he has evplotted with such remarkable success in Panama. By the same token, however, those methods would find scant favor under the existing dispensation. It is conceivable that rumor, on this occasion as on countless occasions in the past, may have no serious foundation. There is little doubt, however, that the situation in the Philippines sorely needs a man of Mr

Why Not Play Fair? Fairbury Journal. Two religious bodies at Lincoln last week select from, at least so far as concerns passed resolutions against Edward Rosewater's candidacy for United States sen

The opposition to Rosewater is based or his views on prohibition. He has always opposed it, both in speeches and through

The preachers who inspired and carried through these resolutions cannot accuse Mr. Rosewater of being two-faced. They must acknowledge that he has practiced Had Mr. Rosewater been other than the

editor of a great newspaper these preachers might never have discovered that he was opposed to prohibition. Mr. Rosewater's epponent. Mr. Norris Brown, does not conduct a newspaper, and his ideas on prohibition never see daylight. The preachers, army the campaign of reaction might be a therefore, neglected to say anything about Mr. Brown.

Thus the preachers put a premium evasion; they condemn the man who expresses an honest opinion, and by implication indorse the one who is foxy enough to steer clear of troublesome issues.

This paper believes that frankness and honesty in opinions is just as essential as prehibition-more so. There may be an honest difference of opinion as to the best way to regulate the liquor traffic. There can be no difference as to

question of honesty. The man who dodges a question is much less to be trusted than the one who meets it and freely and frankly states his opinion, if he has one. It is unfortunate that the man who has ideas and expresses them is always the target for consideration, while the one who

Those Fake Reformers.

dissembles ever is praised.

Arcadia Champion (rep.). the State Journal about the machine of Lancaster county. According to their story, the machine there has been fighting Norris Brown for United States senator, and has been working in the interests of the railroads. The county convention met there last week and according to the State Journal itself endorsed Norris Brown for United States senator, and nominated the so-called machine ticket for the legislature. The State Journal

calls it a great victory. Where are the anti-pass and rate regulation laws of this state made? Not in the United Stater senate but in the legis. of a deserter at Fort Jay. lature. The State Journal may have won a victory for itself but it certainly did not for the people. There were State Journal votes enough in that county convention to control it. No excuse can be The State Journal's mask is off.

Looking Through Smoked Glasses. Humboldt Leader (rep.).

Those who claim Rosewater is being sup ported by the Burlington railroad neglect to mention that his opponent Norris Brown stands very well with the Northwestern

Clearly Made a Mistake.

We are clearly of the opinion that the campers at Lincoln erred when they let set aside, he must wear prison stripes and go of themselves and condemed Rosewater lose his liberty for a year. Another has in such strong terms. No doubt several been given a term in the Multnomah hundred of them had no idea what they county jail and must also pay a fine, and were really voting upon, and without a doubt several hundred of them will vote ships, counties and states from taxing and will be duly sentenced. The lesson is for men this fall without one-half the prinsevere, very severe; but it will be long ciple which they gave Rosewater credit To be sure he worked against the amendment in 1890 and to a great majority of thinking people his efforts were for the best interests of the state. He did not work against it for the reason that he wanted booze to use himself. For in our bellef Roosewater does not use one-fourth the amount of liquor that a large per cent of the posing prohibitionists do.

Strikes from the Shoulder.

Butte Gazette (rep.). The Gazette would like to see Rosewater get the honors, for he is made of the proper material that will make Nebraska famous. as he strikes right from the shoulder at anything he aims at.

Controlled by No Corporation. Verdel Outlook (rep.). Rosewater will be our next senator History for the past thirty years is sufficlent to prove the fact that Rosewater cials who conduct the civil government can't be controlled by anybody, not even by the railroads or the Standard Oil company. He is a man that knows what is right and you will always find him fighting for it every jump in the road. Nominate Rosewater.

> Give the People a Voice. Waterloo Gazette (rep.).

Let it be either Rosewater or Brown rather than no endorsement at all, as is the program of the railroads. It is more rtant that the convention endorse than that the selection of a senator be left to the legislature, even though such endorsement will not be binding upon the legislature. Give the people a chance to express their preference, both in the convention and at the polls.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Kansas City alderman discredits the laim that the hid is on tight. "Art is on the burn," he asserts. Evidently a large leak somewhere.

A Philadelphia deaf mute has

restored to speech and hearing by being run over by an automobile. He was so mad he just had to say something. Governor Andrew Harris and staff, of Ohio, attended the reunion of the Ohio Marylanders association, of Springfield, O. He was met at the depot by the cadet band and Governor Warfield and staff, of

Maryland. George H. Dieffenbacher, who has been delegated by the grand duke of Baden to study malarial germs and mosquitoes in North and Central America, arrived in this country recently and has gone to Mexico to start his investigations.

George Irving, the last surviving nephew Washington Irving, marvelously haie and active at \$2, is living in New York. Mr. Irving is practically the hole remaining member of the Irving family, of which he is engaged in writing a history. J. B. Martin, an Ohio man who owns

large mining properties in Alaska, asserts he will give \$500,000 a year to advance the cause of prohibition. Heretofore the party has never had at its disposal more than \$50,000 in any of its national campaigns. Waladotta, or Gray Eagle, an Indian chief who took part in the Custer massacre and, like many others of the victorious force in that fight, took refuge in the Canadian northwest from the vengeance of the United States, has recently died at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Unlike some of his companions, however, when the rebelliou half-breeds in Saskatchewan called the Indians to their aid he not only refused but took an active part in the war on the white man's side. He was a peculiarly fine specimen of the red Indian, both physically and morally, for he was 6 feet 4 inches tall and conspicuously free from victous

Increased Force of Peacemakers Washington Post. Another sign that the cause of universa peace is making progress may be found in the fact that several thousand addi-

tional men have been put to work at the

ABMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

urrent Events Glenned from the Army and Navy Register.

Some time in the early autumn, or at least before congress reconvenes in Deember. Secretary Taft will make an inspection trip to some of the army posts in the western section of the country. He will be accompanied by General Bell, the chief of staff of the army. The itinerary of the inspection party has not been made out and there is an uncertainty about the date of departure and the duration of the journey, but it will embrace the principal posts in the line of travel. Secretary Taft desires to see the garrisons which are destined to come up in one or another connection in the discussions in the War department and at the capitol next winter.

Much success has attended the trial of the galloping ambulance, types of which are being used, under very practical conditions. at the camps of instruction at Fort Riley and Chicksmauga. The surgeon general of the army has requested the quartermaster general to build or purchase fifteen additional ambulances of this pattern with the idea of issuing one to each regiment of the cavalry. The method is to hitch to the vehicle a horse and it is so arranged that any cavalry animal may be hastily attached to the ambulance and literally galloped to the destination. The use of the vehicle, under the observation of the army surgeons, shows that it is of great value the field and it will take its place in the permanent equipment of the medical department in time of war.

The War department finds it difficult to impress upon recruiting officers that they are authorized to administer oaths, since such officers are constantly found employing notaries, sometimes, as in a case before the department this week, at excessive administer the oath, in which he was in error, as by virtue of being the only officer present at his recruiting station he becomes the trial officer of the summary court for America. that station and as such was authorized to administer the oath in the taking of the deposition of a witness needed at the trial

The new manual of the medical department has just been printed and is being distributed from the surgeon general's office. It is larger than the edition which it displaces, being in size and appearance similar to the other staff corps manuals and consequently a larger type in its text. A new feature of exceeding value is the chapter on field, medical and sanitary service. It gives full tables of supplies for field hospitals, stationary hospitals, the advance supply depot and base hospitals, together with the total weight, packed, of the articles under each subject, information of use in transportation. It is interesting to know, for instance, that the total weight of the field hospital, including tentage for wards and exclusive of testage for the hospital corps personnel, is 19.200 pounds. Another item of interest is the replacing of the Munson system of packages, which was found in practice too bulky, by tin containers, excepting for a few articles that

The secretary of war has taken up the

question of eligibility to the second lieu- !

tenancies of the army. It is possible that

he will amend the order recently issued. which provides for the examination of civilian candidates slong with candidates last night I speedily concluded that he was in a competition for the thirty-six vacancies. The admission of the civilian candidates has provoked a storm of protest from various sources and some of the remonstrances have reached the president. This week Mr. Taft concluded to look into the matter more carefully than he has evidently done hitherto. He is described as being impressed with the point made in a communication addressed to him a few days ago on the subject from some of those wh feel that they are not being treated with entire fairness in all respects. As the situ ation is now the candidates from the army may expect to find themselves limited to twelve vacancies in the grade of secon lieutenant, those in the infantry and cavalry. The rest of the places can go, easily enough, to civilians, those who are known as honor graduates of the six leading colleges and others, who are after the places and who are bringing all possible influence to bear upon the president and Mr. Taft to get designated for the examination, which takes place at Fort Leavenworth of December 3. Mr. Taft will very readily find out that there is no warrant of law for the admission of the civilians at this time to a competition for appointment as second lieutenant; he will find that the civilians come after the army candidates have been appointed and do not share the places with the enlisted men who have passed their preliminary examinations and who have reason to expect the commissions will be reserved for them and until the result of their final examination is known. There has been an endless lot of trouble about the appointment of enlisted men to army commissions merely because succeeding secretaries of war, three in turn have had as many varied ideas of the law. which was certainly plain enough on the subject. The whole situation was muddled badly, too, by the adoption of a paragrap the army regulations which gave the sercetary of war the power to let in the civilians.

COST OF LIVING.

Pactor Likely to Affect a Reduction of High Prices.

Philadelphia Ledger. It is predicted that the price level of farm products will tend to higher figures. in this country. The Omaha Bee in noting the increase in the value of Nebraska land declares that the price level cannot return to the low point to which it was depressed when wheat and hogs were produced throughout the west on lands representing an investment of only a fraction of present values, and "without the present insatiable

market and transportation means." There seems to be at least a temporary tendency toward a dear food supply, but there are hopeful factors to be considered which in time will tend to reduce the cost of living. Such artificial inflation of prices as arises from the monopolistic control of the supply of certain articles of food and of its distribution to consumers must be removed, if possible, by the enforcement of anti-monopoly legislation; but the most hopeful outlook for lower prices for staple farm commodities lies in the greater development of our vast agricultural resources.

The experts of the Department of Agriculture assert that the farm lands might readily supply food for a population tenfold greater than is now in the country. The millions of acres which have long been under cultivation could be made to produce enormously greater harvests under intensive farming, and the productive possibilities of the vast tracts reclaimed or to be reclaimed by irrigation are scarcely computable. Whatever the present tendency of the food price level may be, we are evidently far removed from the period when the population will exhaust its means of subsistence.

Millions of acres will be added to the farming area by irrigation. It is equivalent to the annexation of a new and fertile domain. This conquest of nature is cost. In this particular enstance the no- costly in the first instance, but it is provtary presented a bill amounting to \$2.50, ing to be an exceedingly profitable investwhen the laws of New York, where the ment, infinitely preferably to any conquest oath was administered, authorized but 12 that could be made by war. The addition cents. The department will probably re- of a million foreigners yearly to our fuse to pay the bill and will enter upon natural native increase of population need correspondence with a view to obtaining a not cause alarm so far as the demand upon correct charge. The officer acted under the the food supply is involved. The producsupposition that he was not authorized to live capabilities of the country can be increased many fold, and will respond to the new demands. Whatever the future cost of living may be, nobody fears famine for

## MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Daughter-Let me show you his love Father-I'd rather see his pay envelope.

New York Sun.

Miss Fryte-Yes, the French make the best mirrors. I recognize the fact every time I look into mine.

Mr. Dippy-What a painful reflection on the American artisans.—Cleveland Plain

Whyte—That concern was pretty well smashed up, wasn't it?
Browne—I should say it was! Bjonet was appointed receiver last month, and he told me yesterday that as yet he hadn't found anything to receive.—Somerville Journal Journal.

"Yes, sir," the barber prattled, as he shaved the patron, "livin' is mighty high these days. All kinds o' prices has gone up so it's hard fur us workin'men to even git enough to eat."
"Yes?" groaned the victim; "I judge, however, that you find onlons cleap enough."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"I don't know whether to invest my money in railroad or in whisky trust stock. Which do you think would be better?"
"Oh, there can't be any question about that. Whisky's stronger than water."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Why don't you try the faith cure for the discomforts of warm weather?"
"I have tried it. The thermometer doesn't pay the slightest attention to it."—Wash-ington Star.

ather wild." "Of course," replied the girl, petulantly.
It was your persistent observation of him that made him wild. He wanted you to go away."—Philadelphia Press.

"My husband is such a generous man."
"Yes." I gave him a box of cigars for his birthday, and he only smoked one. He gave the rest to his friends."—Philadelphia Press.

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AN AWFUL FATE DECREED.

Oh, men who write things for the press,
If I could catch and chain
The proofreader around the neck
Out on some sandy plain;
And called you all with arms to come— Clubs, pistols, guns and spears— Pray, what would you all do to him. spite of all his tears?

Forget the pistols, guns and spears, Dear bard, they're much too tame; and do not let his falling tears And do not let his failing.
Cut in upon the game.
This best, by far, if you would kill,
To starve him half to death.
Then feed him "potted chicken" till
His body sheds its breath.
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Nor were this last a fitting death,
My friend and fellow dupe;
For then would canners take his breath
And make it into soup.
Go to, you amateurish lot;
You must be full of drugs.
Just drop him in the metal pot
And watch him turn to slugs.
—Washington Post.

But, ah, while this may seem to you
To fit his dreadful crimes.
Much mischief still each siug may do
Through mangled prose and rhymes.
Twere better far without delay— Twere better far without delay— Each scientist agrees— To send him where those surgeons may Correct his tendencies.

—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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