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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

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

It now develops that guards were used at Panama to prevent coal passers from working themselves to death.

Testimony at Chicago would indicate that certain union labor leaders with serious possibilities, and to in- tory of the industry, although the fac- the proceedings of congress, hope there had taken a lesson from frenzied financlers.

to raise hogs bodes ill for the pending Roosevelt will promptly see to it that conference for a new trade treaty with all discrimination at San Francisco the United States.

Revival of piracy in China proves that strong men exist in the empire, tically unanimous, and the president though their efforts are directed in has been notified that summary exerthe wrong channel.

with seeds of grain that will grow situation a thousandfold worse. without the minimum supply of water and heat.

Buyers can help themselves and the clerks by taking first pick of the holiday offerings, and they will then have time to put their minds in a proper state for Christmas.

In comparison with total deficit, Mr. Heinze's donation of \$100,000 to Aetna Trust company depositors makes the value of his reputation "look like 30 cents."

In denying the existence of a "Three-Kaiser league," Austria shows that even fear of danger to the royal prerogative is not strong enough to allay national distrust.

a new precedent in the matter of floating mining stocks, but all promoters ing greater prejudice than we are and make some provision to guard do not have a United States senator- showing against the Japanese. Japan against duplication. Experience indiship for the family at stake.

The mikado has undoubtedly given that we have a friendly keeper. Russia real assistance by announcing that Japan will borrow no money at | well be credited, that the government this time. Investors may find it better has in hand no other foreign question to buy Russian bonds than nothing.

ries ago.

The liberal party of Great Britain patriotic view of it. seems to have decided that Ireland should have home rule on the installment plan and from all appearances the United States will set it an object lesson in the Philippines.

to hold seats in the insular congress, ice at night. One of the things esin the face of a possible request for pecially needed is trains that will altheir retirement, proves that there are low people from the interior of the some people who do not realize the state to spend the evening in Omaha full scope of the Platt amendment.

gratiate himself with Illinois people evening in Omaha attending the theaby promising to pay \$3,000,000 in ter, or otherwise, and reach home as taxes which the Illinois Central owes far as Lincoln in good season. The to the Sucker state. If Mr. Harriman Missouri Pacific has a train which would only take steps now to have the takes care of its patrons in the south, will take even greater pains than before to Union Pacific pay the taxes it owes in and these people appreciate the con-Nebraska much would be forgiven.

In acknowledging the donation of but they are woefully lacking in this It would be of immense value to peosort of prnamentation.

THE "SHORT" SESSION. The ensuing session of congress. since it must terminate at furthest by constitutional amendment on March 4, or only three months hence, is appropriately designated the short seasion. Of that brief period, too, two weeks or more during the holiday season is practically lost, so that for substantial purposes the session might almost as well begin the first Monday in January as on the corresponding day in December. By sheer limitation of time, therefore, if for no other reason, it is not likely that the concluding session of this congress will differ much from those of other con-

many important measures of new or constructive legislation will be enacted. There is, nevertheless, profound interest in the proceedings. In spite of the large number of laws of great importance passed at the previous sescharacter were left over. It may be safely assumed that the president will press for action on them, at the same time that he challenges the attention of congress to new subjects. / Public opinion is likewise calling more insistently even than a year ago for progressive legislation. The very number of propositions that have been or will 19...... 31,420 be crystalized and urged may operate to consume time and by lack of agree-22...... 31,160 ment as to precedence tend to prevent 28...... 31,300 action, and with the expansion of our governmental operations the mass of 31,400 purely routine legislation has now

the session can hardly fail, even though schemes must give way. not many measures of first importance Net total sales...........942,032 be consummated, to be of great iman educational influence and in a genube at least to put into authentic form dent has led.

obstructionist purposes at the short

session.

THE JAPANESE SCHOOL QUESTION. The Japanese school question in San Francisco, though temporarily lost sight of, is now known to be big, volve serious difficulties that our government cannot evade. Popular feel- all other industries, by a shortage of Hampshire over the United States senstorshall cease. But the matter cannot basis. Russia may find its highest purpose riots, of which Japanese would be the is supplying arid and frigid America victims and which would make the

> It is a delicate matter, involving the pride of the most sensitive nation on earth, which has just been victorious in war with so powerful an empire as Russia. It is as dangerous, too, as delicate, for the Japanese cannot be disposed of as the Chinese have been. The contingency of war, though it be regarded as a remote one, is not one for even the United States to consider lightly, but it is only one among many grave contingencies.

The serious fact is that continuation of the discrimination which local sentiment at San Francisco and generally on the Pacific coast demands, if the national government should act in harmony with it, would inevitably provoke intense bitterness in Japan and cause retaliation. Japan unquestion-The Guggenheim interests have set ably is in position to strike back most effectively to our hurt, without showholds the gateway to the far east, over

The advices from Washington may which causes so much concern, and that President Roosevelt is giving it The report that Prussia may re- his closest attention. It is a discouragestablish tolls for traffic on the Rhine ing circumstance that the local auis scarcely to be believed, considering thorities and local sentiment in Calithe difficulty with which the "robber fornia, upon which so much depends baron" was exterminated a few centu- for a successful settlement, do not seem to realize how critical the situation is or disposed to take a broadly

A NEEDED TRAIN. Generally speaking the train service in and out of Omaha is excellent The daylight arrangements could hardly be better than they are, but an The decision of Cuban conservatives improvement can be made in the servand return to their homes after the try our trust magnates are indifferent to theater. The Burlington now has public opinion until it takes the form of in-Mr. Harriman is undertaking to in- such a train and people can spend the

dition and reward the company by their patronage. A few years ago the Union Pacific the Schiller monument by the united had a similar train which was very German societies the Omaha Park popular, but it was abandoned beboard indirectly calls attention to a cause the eastern connections of the done everything they can in this line that neglected feature of our parks. When Union Pacific were altered and its is called for in their own city? the Schiller statute is set up in River- train schedule was arranged to suit view park it will be the first of its the convenience of the Iowa roads. kind in the city. Omaha has some of For several months there has been a the most beautiful parks in the world. clamor for a restoration of this train.

matter has been presented to the | that in his private dealings and inter-Union Pacific authorities, and by each lepartment is pronounced "a good thing," but as yet no steps have been aken to re-establish the service. A midnight train out of Omaha on the Union Pacific just at present would be one of the most popular moves that rallroad could make.

CHAIRMAN BURTON'S STAND-In making public thus early his ostility to appropriations for river improvements, either on the Missouri or on the Mississippi above St. Louis, Chairman Burton of the house rivers and harbors committee merely reitergresses, or that, in addition to the ates with emphasis the position he appropriations and routine business, bas held for years, going so far as to declare that the Missouri should no longer be regarded as a navigable river. And Mr. Burton undoubtedly represents an influential although numerically not large element in congress which must be reckoned with sion, many other measures of like in the movement to restore our interior river system as an efficient fac-

tor in transportation. The subject is complicated by the national expenditures for so-called improvement of rivers and harbors. It have been worse than wasted, public fully paid. money having been apportioned as 'work" in response to mere local greed and not for any substantial purpose of navigation. It will be better Under all the conditions, however, interests, grabs and electioneering

It will be necessary, therefore, for the people of the interior states subportance, especially as a preparation stantially to agree on some specific for the work of the next congress, as plan demonstrably fittest for the great \$185,000,000 over last year, which surpassed public purpose, some part of which any previous year. The total is not much ine sense as a promoter of the posi- can be undertaken and completed. On tive aims embraced in President this basis, which presupposes subordi-Roosevelt's program. The result will nation of merely local projects, their it would not make any of us rich if diand reduce to specific point the meth- ing could even now proceed hopefully. no doubt, to keep up the boom for a while ods which are vital for carrying on The very first step must infallibly be yet. the great movement which the presi- to eliminate the jobs, absurdities and local schemes from the rivers and harbors bill.

The beet sugar campaign in Ne-

braska school system is being exhibof the state.

fact that one of the leading banks of death of its president.

The persistency with which hogs cling to the six-dollar mark is most one another, the New Hampshire stateswhom can easily recall the day when and there held his sides to prevent them they were glad to get \$3. And this prosperity has come to them under re- are he and Senator Tillman, but they have publican administration and repub- had some of the liveliest rows in the senate lican policies.

The legislature is to be asked to take up the matter of state reports cates that a properly equipped blue which it is of incalculable importance pencil would save the state a great deal of money if judiciously wielded.

State Treasurer Mortensen has the permanent school fund all invested. While he has not yet been dubbed 'Honest Pete," he has given the affairs of his office such attention that his administration will stand as a model for a great many years.

South Omaha merchants are enjoying the benefits of the interurban line which has made Bellevue and Fort Crook available as patrons. The time will come when Omaha's retail trade will be given a boost by similar means.

Sympathy for City Dwellers.

Indianapolis News. After reading Secretary Wilson's annual report, the liberal-minded farmer must feel more sympathy than ever for the misera-

Pittsburg Dispatch.

dictments. Toe the Mark. Washingtan Star. After seeing what can happen to an entire

observe the most punctilious decorum.

Firing Knocks Afar. Indianapolis News. It is very creditable, of course, for those New York minister to do what they can toward the reform of the Congo Free State, but are they perfectly sure that they have

Tillman at His Worst.

Philadelphia Record. His inflammatory Chicago lecture is an exhibition of Senator Tiliman of South Carolina, at his worst. In his public disple as far west as Grand Island. The brand and a fanatic; but it is said of him department itself.

ourse with black men no man is more fair

Rebates Marked Down.

Washington Herald. The Sugar trust has been fined for ac epting rebates, but the fine only amounts o about one-half of the rebate. It seems that the stock of rebates instead of being closed out has simply been marked down 50 per cent.

Cultivating the Orient.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. American agricultural machinery is in ively demand in Manchuria. The world has learned where to buy the best plows, reapers, mowers and threshers, and must hold the door open to the American product or get along with something inferior.

Sighs of the Weary Consumer.

Kansas City Star. Prices for food continue to rise so steadily with the volume of production in this country that with another bumper crop like that of this year it seems doubtful whether people of moderate means would be able to exist at all. Not that a crop failure is prayed for, but the weary consumer would ike some kind of a change mighty well.

Tardy Justice.

St. Louis Republic The allowance by the War department of claims for pay due members of Bryan's wastes and futilities which have char- old Nebraska regiment is an act of tardy acterized so large a proportion of the Justice to a body of gallant soldiers who were badly treated by the studious holding of them back from the firing line during the war with Spain. Volunteers who are is notorious that unnumbered millions | not allowed to fight ought at least to be

A Remote Prospect

Chicago Record-Herald. If the Waters-Pierce Oil company were to be found guilty on all the counts in to realize first than last that if the reand fined to the full extent of the law opening of the Mississippi and its the penalties would foot up \$1,530,000. That 27...... 31,850 grown to be so great as to facilitate main tributaries is to be accomplished would help some-but it has been estabit will have to be as a great national lished that the Waters-Pierce company is undertaking, before which mere local a part of the Standard Oil trust, and it seldom has to pay the maximum penalty.

Chicago Chronicle. The secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wilson, places the value of this year's farm products at \$6,794,000,000 an increase of child in the country, and the excess over last year is not far from \$6 per capita. So representatives in congress by combin- vided equally, but altogether it will suffice,

CAN CHANDLER GET BACK?

Possibility of a Change in the New Hampshire Senatorship. Washington Herald.

The press representatives at the capitol, braska, drawing to a close, has been to say nothing of other groups of persons one of the most profitable in the his- whose business or pleasure is to follow tories have been hampered, as have the queer scrimmage now going on in New citement at the most unexpected moments. the city was closed on one of the bus- When it pleased his mood for the senate to create a debate that led to turmoil. the senators were threatening to pull in public life are warmer friends than stirred him up only to have fun.

Coming to Light.

Pittsburg Dispatch. There are two investigations going on eal companies in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado which promise important results. One of these is by the federal grand jury; the other by Inter- to give space to fight the best interests of state Commerce Commissioner Clarke. In- its subscribers. dictments are rumored, but are said to be withheld pending the completion of Mr. Clarke's inquiry, which struck what

looks to be a rich lend recently. Michael Myendorff, a special agent of the Land department, offered an affidavit, charging that influential men had en deavored to dissuade him from continu ing his inquiry into the coal land frauds Angeles and later to Portland before he could finish his work. One assertion he makes is that Senator Warren of Wy-Union Pacific, as he would incur that corporation's enmity. Warren's colleague, the Land department at Washington were

suppressed. It has been publicly asserted that the The British Soap trust has been forced to dissolve by public opinion. But in this counmentioned so absolute that an actual lands, but were in reality coal lands, the battalien in the way of discipline, it may legally. It is with these charges that the be assumed that the United States army federal grand jury has been dealing. Commissioner Clarke is looking into the discrimination that has kept independentout of competition. If Myendorff's amdavit is established it must develop a scandal as startling as that in the Postoffice department. The senatorial and congressional Interest disclosed in the Oregon cases was hardly peculiar to that state, and other members may yet be called upon to answer equally grave accusations. If there is foundation for the serious reflections made by Myen dorff the disclosure must prove still morstrikingly the value of the services rencustiens of the race question he is a fire- to have extended even into the Interior the Kankees may well laugh. The Ameri-

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Kearney Hub; The evidence offered by the government in the Bartlett-Richards land fraud trial is exceedingly strong and apparently sufficient to secure con viction, which would be the last stroke in breaking up the cattle ring that has dominated northwest Nebraska. .

The Viking: The impublican party of Nebraska has assumed a great responsibillty for the conduct and acts of the incoming legislature. This time it will more truly than ever be "weighed in the balance." We hope it will not be "found wanting," but "make good" all its antielection promises.

Grand Island Independent: President posevelt's action in filling the vacancy on the civil service commission by the appointment of a democrat, thereby making the commission democratic by one, is not radical. It shows that the president means what he says-political affiliation should not have anything to do with the branches of the public service under the rules of the commission. It is Rooseveltian because it demonstrates thoroughly that the president is sincere in his beliefs. Perhaps It's an uncommon thing to do, but it's a mighty good example to the commission itself and to

the country at large. Thurston Gazette: We wonder why a ewspaper should be a railroad organ Does the annual mileage book, valued at from fifty to one hundred dollars, act as a bribe or retaining fee? Newspapers owe their existence to the patronage of the farmers, merchants and business men to whose interests the railroad graft is diametrically opposed. Two courses are left to the public in managing the railroad newspaper organ. Either furnish the editor free transportation so that he will feel under no obligation to the railroad, or withdraw all patronage from every railroad tool and let them look to the railroad for their entire support. Reduce their circulation and advertising to

up to you.

Grand Island Independent: Says present day exhorter against all labor "There are about seventy-eight millions of people in this country who are not members of any trust, either of labor or capital. Opposed to them are perhaps 2,000,000 of citizens, members of the labor organizations." This statement, unqualified, is contained in the "press bureau" matter of a committee of capitalists which is trying to save the country from our fair-minded readers-not those who ance and their location. blindly assert that capital is organized the fittest-but those who are open to that there is now really only one genuine are." octopus in the country, only one trust, the Labor trust. The two millions of citizens "belong to that iniquitous affair. The "seventy-eight millions" are free and are no other trusts than the Labor trust I do see it." at all. It is encouraging, indeed. And if you have any belated thanks to offer it front of me the diagram, and the two seats

certainly should be for this. Tekamah Herald: We notice that some of our weekly exchanges are affording space to railroad articles against the plank system of the Interborough Rapid Transit in the republican state platform favoring company took in 1,486,777 nickels on Moning in Japan appears to be simply competent help. The sugar beet has ship Hon. William Eaton Chandler will the taxation of railroad property for city day. November 26, and established a new The decision of German aristocrats or raise hogs bodes ill for the pending onference for a new trade treaty with commission. He was appointed to this po- rural communities. This is not the case companies. public opinion in that locality is practically unanimous, and the president has been notified that summary exertion of national power would provoke dangerous disturbance and probably

went down to defeat in the battle which for years he had waged against the rail-reform measure is enacted into law the dally patrons that man could ride twice a auto he got pulled."

Nebraska schools are to share in for years he had waged against the rail-reform measure is enacted into law the dally patrons that man could ride twice a state Board of Equalization will assess they resident Rocesvelt. In spite of the sharp question of veracity that accordance in the proposed for that day over to one of its faithful reform measure is enacted into law the daily patrons that man could ride twice a state Board of Equalization will assess the prosperity which the state enjoys, in the office by President Rocesvelt. In spite of the sharp question of veracity that accordance and probably a corresponding increase in revenue.

Nebraska schools are to share in for years he had waged against the rail-reform measure is enacted into law the dally patrons that man could ride twice a state Board of Equalization will assess they resident Rocesvelt. In spite of the sharp question of veracity that accordance in the prospective lines and apportion it on the think of the distance he could ride during farmer to haul him home."—Houston Post. The wisdom of the founders of the Neprogram. Mr. Roosevelt only a few weeks Omahu; its mileage in Nebraska is valued out into the firmament. ago commissioned Mr. Chandler for an- at \$48,500 per mile. This includes right-of- The income for the day to the company ited in the wealth of the magnificent other six months' term as chairman of the way, equipments, terminals and stocks and was more than \$74,000. heritage they secured for the children claims commission. The newspaper men bonds. One-fifth of the above value is the The passengers carried on the elevated want him returned to the senate, because assessment basis, and upon that valuation lines not only exceeded the high record they know that if he should get back every county through which the road runs for last year, but passed the record for to that august tribunal there would be makes its levy, and will continue to do so 1904, which has been the banner year thus A slight decrease noted in the something doing just at those dull times if the proposed legislation is enacted. The far, showing that it has not only regained Omaha bank clearings reported for when the conscript fathers are least in- difference being that in every city or town the traffic originally lost to the subway. the week is not due to a cessation of clined to strenuous activity. Mr. Chandler in which the road has depots, sidetracks but is now carrying larger crowds than business, but can be charged to the had a way about him when a member of and other improvements that the city or ever. the senate of stirring up trouble and ex- town can assess those improvements, and The elevated lines carried 217,143 passenlest days of the week owing to the not to be quiescent or dull, he knew how in the city bears and no more. Suppose best day in 1904. The subway carried 569,that Tekamah had a depot and other improvements worth \$50,000, the city could only assess under the present law, on the mileage basis of three-quarters of a mile, the one-fifth being \$6,850. Under the new law the \$50,000 improvements would be assubway shows an increase of \$8,534.92 over the cautious capitalist and prospective interactions. Set passengers over the corresponding the cautious capitalist and prospective interactions. 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On this business of one day the total encouraging to the farmers, many of man usually glided out to the cloakroom law the \$50,000 improvements would be as- subway shows an increase of \$8,554.92 over sessed at \$10,000 in addition to the value the corresponding day of last year. from splitting with laughter. No two men of the roadbed and proper share of equipments and bonds. It is silly in the extreme for these hirelings to attempt to has been trying to find some federal, state throw dust in the eyes of those not posted or municipal official who would confess that have been witnessed there in modern on the situation. The enactment of the that he had the authority to stop the untimes. The South Carolinian never seemed proposed legislation will not take a dollar necessary blowing of steam whistles in New to realize that his New Hampshire chum from any school or road district that it York harbor and on the North river. now obtains under present methods, but Finally, with the aid of Secretary Shaw, it will require railroads to pay cities and ANOTHER DEPARTMENT SCANDAL, villages on their property located within inspection service of the Second district the corporate limits of each municipality, Operations of Coal Land Grabbers which is only justice and a fair compensa- an order has been issued which does all tion for the fire and police protection which they receive. This claptrap of saying that if the republican party will enact such at Salt Lake City into the relationship legislation that it will sound its own death existing between the railroads and the warrant has the earmarks of the railroad tool who pays for the space. The time is

FEATURES OF THE LOCK CANAL. Varying Width, Depth and Locks of

Panama Ditch.

Secretary Taft in the Century,

past for such threats to have any weight.

No self-respecting newspaper can afford

The lock canal, beginning on the north shore line, has a width of 500 feet for three niles to Gatun. At Gatun there is to be in Utah. He was transferred to Los a duplicate flight of three locks, which will lift the vessels up to a lake to be formed by a dam constructed at that point. The lake thus formed contains 118 square miles, oming warned him not to go after the is thirty miles long, and at places is eight miles wide. The steamer channel in this lake is about twenty-three miles long. For Clark, and Commissioner Richards of the ten miles the lake is several miles wide, land office are also mentioned, and Myens. with a depth of water, beginning at the dorff says that charges filed by him with dam, of seventy-five feet, and gradually reducing and shelving back to a depth of forty-five feet. For sixteen miles the passage in the lake, which we shall call Gatun, Union Pacific and Rio Grande have es- has a nominal width of 1,000 feet, though tablished a coal monopoly in the states it is in most places very much wider than that. It then is reduced to a width of 800 famine of fuel is now existing in The feet for nearly four miles as it approaches far west. In Utah it is charged that the higher land; it then narrows to 500 feet through dummies who obtained grants for nearly four miles; for nearly three of what were classed as agricultural miles more it has a width of 300 feet, and then for four miles a width of 200 feet. railroad corporations acquired large tracts This carries it through the Culebra cut. Then for two miles it has a width of 300 feet, when a lock with a lift and descent of thirty feet is reached at Pedro Miguel, from which there is lake navigation at fifty-fivefoot level for five miles to Sosa Hill, in which there are two locks, carrying the vessels down to the Pacific ocean.

The Yankee in German Eyes. Die Woche of Berlin.

The Yankees are a joyous people. They are before everything optimists. should they not be? spacious land full of treasurers of the earth. They are not overladen with knowledge, but learn for practice, and during dered by Secretary Hitchcock in going the greater part of the year a blue heaven after frauds whose manipulations seem stretches over them. For all those reasons cans are, however, born humorists

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Rippies On the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

The editor of a Philadelpnia monthly, eared in the gentle, mannerly life halowed in the traditions of the Quaker City, occasionally journeys to New York to receive a few impressions of the strenuous pace, the uncouth speech and the long reach which takes high rank in the ustly celebrated features of the big city. The editor gets what he seeks and tells what he knows. Regarding a recent experience he writes:

If ever a lost art was represented by a people it is the art of courtesy among those who serve the public in New York City. Motormen, conductors, cabmen, salesmen and even the policemen seem to vie with each other as to who will excel in the art of bad manners.

Stand on a New York street corner, for instance, and hall a trolley; car after car absolutely regardless of you as if you did not exist. Four of these cars rushed by me the other day and I jumped on the ing touch and death might result." fifth, took my stand near the motorman, and called his attention to four women at the next corner whom he passed. "Didn't those women want to get on?"

I asked. "They did," was the illuminating an- Harte with some of his clever verses.

HWCT. "Don't you stop this car when people want to get on?"-I continued. "I do when I think it's right-see?" he

litely added: "And I can do it without your help, too.' Two blocks further up and a policeman,

who had boarded the car, nudged the moof his head a man standing on the crossing with two women, hailing the car with one hand while in the palm of the other he showed a quarter! The car stopped instantly; the man got on the front platform, and as he passed the motorman ha zero. Farmers and business men it is slipped the quarter into the latter's pocket. The passenger took a seat in the car. I went in and sat next to him.

"Pretty expensive that sort of thing, isn't it?" I ventured.

it's about the only way to ge these fiends the leader of the Imperial band, which was to notice you, and I'm in a hurry." And so, I thought, it has come to this

in New York-25 cents to stop a car and 5 cents to ride in it! I went to a theater box office and asked less than \$85 for each man, woman and its American laboring men. We believe for two seats for the evening's performas American correspondent of the London

"Four dollars," came the reply as two and combines its forces in a survival of tickets were slid under the glass window. "Let me see the diagram, please," receive evidence, will be glad to learn asked. "I want to see where the seats

> "Good seats," came the answer. "Take them or leave them."

"I'll answer that question, my friend," And then there was slammed down in

were back of a post, of course!" The combined elevated and underground

sition by President McKinley soon after he and they know it. Their effort is an atdangerous disturbance and probably a corresponding increase in revenue, president over certain negotiations for sup-

that they bear the same ratio of taxation gers, an increase of 88,235 over the correfor city purposes that any other property sponding day last year, a gain over the

For over a year Mrs. Rice of New York the supervising inspector of the steamboat was convinced that he had jurisdiction and that Mrs. Rice hoped for.

According to the circular issued, the use

of sirens on merchant vessels is strictly forbidden. Any pilot violating the order will be liable to trial for dangerous misdemeanor. Fireboats may use the siren while going to a fire, but not while returning. Private signaling with whistles is forbidden except in case of distress. Any pilot who uses the whistle in the future, as has been the common practice in the past, to call the attention of watchmen or other persons on shore or on other vessels, will be liable to suspension. "Even if compliance with this order makes it necessary to employ watchmen to call the men of the docks to make fast lines or get ready to receive freight or passengers, still this order must be obeyed," is the emphatic language of the supervising inspector. Sa lutes of passing vessels are to be made by the dipping of flage and not by whistles. although this is put as a recommendation and not at present as a command.

A man in a New York downtown office was complaining to his associates.

"I live in a boarding house," he said that is run by the meanest woman this side of Tophet. I haven't had a square meal for a month. She sets a fairly good table, but when I take my place I am served with a little cold meat, some stale bread, a cup of tea, and a dab of potatoes. Once I was foolish enough to think I could meak out something after meals, but I reckoned without taking the innate deviltry of that woman into consideration. She not only locks up the partry good and tight, but carries the cold chicken and other good things to her own room and inters them in a closet. Besides, she turns

out the gas in my room every night at 30, and I either have to go to bed or sit in the dark."

"You're a fool," interrupted one of the nen, savagely. "I wouldn't live in such a face two seconds when New York is litrally running over with good boarding louses. Why don't you leave?" "I can't," sighed the man. "I'm her hus-

Health Commissioner Bosley of New York City sounds a note of warning to autonobilists. He declares that speed mania and the danger attending travel at high speed are undoubtedly responsible for a condition which he describes as the auto heart and which is liable to cause death. "Automobilists with hearts that have the allghiest tendency to weakness should be cautious," says Bosley. "The excitement of rapid traveling out in the open causes an overstrain on the heart and if this organ is weak the condition of the automobilist is a most dangerous one. Somewill whirl by you, with the motorman as thing slightly out of the ordinary, like a narrow escape from collision or the running down of a man, might give the finish-

PERSONAL NOTES.

The burning of Yuba Dam may familiarize a generation that knows little of Bret

Georga B. Leighton, who is prominently mentioned for United States senator from New Hampshire, is 42, a Harvard man and a member of an old New Hampshire answered, and then turning to me he 10- family. He made quite a fortune in railways and steel.

The king of Spain's hobby is the collection of coins. In his collection are more than 50,000 specimens. Strangely enough terman and indicated with a side motion he is not musical, much to the regret of his musical subjects, of which there are so many in that land of sunshine and song.

Chicago people are mighty hard to please, One man quit a job because he attracted too much attention as a hero. A school ma'am resigned because she was too attractive. Another woman sued for a divorce on the ground that her husband was too affectionate.

Prof. Louis Schneider, the first director "It is," said the man, "but I've found of the Marine band in Washington and at the surrender of Sedan, has just died in New York. He received decorations from Napoleon II., from the king of Italy, the king of Belgium and Pope Leo XIII. George W. Smalley has been succeeded Times by Robert P. Porter, who has opened an office in Washington for the Thunderer. Although an Englishman by birth, Mr. Porter is much better known in the United States than on the other side of the Atlantic.

In leading young Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class last Sunday Rev. Dr. Aked told a replied, "when I see the diagram, and story apropos of the cold intellectuality independent "common" people. There I'll keep this line behind me waiting until of Emerson. When a narrow-minded minister said to a more liberal minister that Emerson "had surely gone to perdition" the latter replied: "If he has gone there you may be sure that he lowered the temperature.'

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"I did not suspect that your purpose in Baltimore American.

"She wants to make sure of a Christ-mas present from him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"She dotes on heroes."
"Then she should adore her husband."
"Why, did he ever do anything heroic?"
"He married her."—Indianapolls News.

Pluto was boasting of his three-headed log.
"Well, it will get left," answered his faughter's sultor. "I have only one pair daughter's sultor. of pants."
Seeing that there as not enough work to go round the old man stopped bragging.—New York Sun.

"Before you unfold your scheme," said

"I don't know what she meant, y' know,"
"What did she say?"
"Well, I was saying that I didn't feel
like myself today, and, by Jove! she congratulated me heartily!"—Brooklyn Eagle. "I wish I had money enough to buy an

automobile."
"What kind of one would you get?"
"I'd get a spanking team of horses."—
Cleveland Plain Dealer. "How free and easy that girl is in her conversation."
"Yes; she talks like a married woman."— Illustrated Bits.

"Lady," said Plodding Pete, "are you ne o' dese people dat hates tramps?"
"I am," was the prompt and decisive "Well, wouldn't you like to show your feelin's by temptin' me to overeat myself an' puttin' de curse of dyspepsia on me?"— Washington Siar.

HEART'S CONTENT.

Barton Grey.
Far over troublous seas there is an isle,
Above whose valleys bluest skies are
bent.
Where balmy breezes blow and soft suns Men call it Heart's Content.

And every prow that rides the sea of life To that dear distant isle is turned for aye; Through baffling calms and stormy waves of strife, Holding its doubtful way.

Oft in the midmost ocean barque meets And us they pass from each the challenge sent on back the same across the waters "We steer for Heart's Centent."

For many an isle there is, so like, so like The mystic goal of all that travail sore, That oft the wave worn keels on strange And find an allen shore.

But ever, as the anchor drops and sails From off the storm strained yards are all unbent; From the tall masthead still the watcher "Lo, yonder! Heart's Content!"

And so once more the prow is seaward set; Hearts still hope on, though waves roll dark around; and on the stern men write the name "Regret." And fare forth, outward bound.

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