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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1906. (Seal.) M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

"Father John of Cronstadt" seems more desirous of posing as a martyr than as a saint.

Archbishop Ireland has cause to pray to be delivered from his friends -when they fall out.

Secretary Loeb can probably prove an alibi while the exchange is passing between Cincinnati and Washington.

Japan need not fear the United be plain.

If you are going to do your Christmas shopping early, get busy at once. and strife, and thus defeat the inten-Christmas is daily coming nearer, and tion of the party in Nebraska to give daily the crowds in the stores are get- to the state the relief promised by the ting bigger.

Postmaster General Cortelyou conagree with him.

The noncommissioned officer of the dismissed negro battalion who served for twenty-five years should consider himself lucky in the light of Mr. Taft's comment on the case.

course in other matters that the a wholesale measure through congress. that builders find it impossible to se-World-Herald should join with the fake reformers of Lincoln in the campaign against Douglas county.

Recommendations of the postmaster general show that clerks and carriers consistent plan or on a specific part sufficiently to warrant new work being have lost nothing in the way of advopermission to maintain a lobby.

American gowns are better than those upon those persons who find the chief of years for waterway improvements. attraction of their dresses in the price.

One of the hopeful indications for annexation is that in neither Omaha nor South Omaha are any committees struggle between conflicting interests to work out his own salvation, and tinkering with the charters. It is grabbing for treasury largesse. But in will secure his liberty when he "has charter is made it will be for a greater greed by mutually checking each Omaha-

In casting about for means to lighten court work it might be well to establish the demurrer on the plane it held under English common lawan admission of facts not to be traversed after the law has been applied to them.

The report of the treasurer of the republican state central committee makes mighty interesting reading for some folks, but there are others who would just as lief that report had been kept locked up in the crypt at the state house.

have cost \$5,000,000 to have preident Spencer of the Southern railway. the policy of retaining incumbents dur-Subsequent action will test the opinion ing satisfactory service, which was federal laws from engaging in inter- Washington, D. C. expressed by the paper that directors announced in April, 1905, with respect state business, it would probably inwould willingly have paid the price to fourth class postmasters, has now crease the number of corporations had they known the penalty.

secure new industrial and commercial fulfilled, and this fact is encouraging and steadily extending its scope, and to the extent that Chairman, Allen of look was never brighter.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

No other officer of the state government has greater influence on legiclahim practical control of all measures chosen by a majority of the memberfate of any bill. The importance of the office viewed from any angle must necessarily give the members occasion their choice for the place.

the power to make it of real value to ties in postal administration. the people of the state. A law to give the cities and towns of the state the right to tax for local purposes railway propery lying within their limits is of the so-called Harriman railroads, also proposed and the republican party which the Interstate Commerce com-21,180 is pledged to its enactment. Another mission has resolved and already made law, which will cover the question of preparations for, has not yet attracted employers' liability for accidents to the attention it deserves. If the com-23,770 employes, doing away with the obnox- mission's plans are carried out, howhas filled the cities of the country with ing effect, being the preliminary to 21,680 crippies who are without recourse, will prosecutions under the interstate combe submitted. To this also is the re- merce, anti-trust and general conspirpublican party pledged by its platform. acy laws, and also to a thorough going 51,480 But these laws will not be passed ex- reconsideration of the whole subject cept against the utmost effort of the of railroad combination.

and break it to the hope." Douglas county is expected to lead in the fight for a terminal taxation bill and to some extent on all the laws af- form, which first have to be disposed fecting railroad or corporate interests. of, remains the vital fact of restraint Just at present every effort is being of trade by transportation corporamade to create sentiment against the tions. There seems to be little quesdelegation from Douglas county. The tion that the actual effect of the assertions as to the attitude that will of the fact that the Northern Securibe assumed by the state. The Lincoln ties company was enjoined and dis-Star and Omaha World-Herald on Sun-States will misunderstand its objects posed. This is only a part of the camin sending warships to America next paign of misrepresentation and downyear, for by that time the object will right lying that is being carried on for the purpose of manufacturing senti- what means of combination railroad ment that will divide the republicans platform.

Sincere and honest members of the legislature should be very careful as tends that railroads are paid too much to what promises they make before for carrying the mails, and since the going to Lincoln and gaining firstpass has been abolished congress may hand knowledge of the exact situation.

THE SUBSIDY SCHEME CHECKED. The disposition of the champions of an attitude, to compromise indicates year ago is not an indication of a serito be immediately provided for out taken up the Omaha building permit sentiment is sufficiently general and a most encouraging gait. strong in congress to obstruct a gen-Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's decision that eral shipping subsidy scheme which

and statesmanlike if such projects with the parole system now in vogue could be disposed of on their merits, in Nebraska. An indeterminate senrather than appearing in the light of a others designs may be the best available insurance against extravagance.

POSTAL BUSINESS METHODS.

Thinking men of all party labels will heartily agree to the point, on which Postmaster General Cortelyou in his annual report puts great stress, that no one thing will do more for the postal service than continued insistence upon the policy of substituting business for politics in the administration of its affairs. Indeed there has long been substantial agreement as a matter of theory, but the difficulty has been to make, it a living reality in departmental operations. The postmaster The Railway Age says that it would general, however, is able to show unprecedented progress in this respect vented the accident which killed Pres- under the present administration, for tion of Commissioner Garfield and been extended until, as the report de- without affecting persons; but a law valuable elsewhere have been trafficked clares, "it practically embraces the thus limiting stockholders of lawless in fraudulently, and have enriched the per-Efforts by the Commercial club to postmasters of the presidential class." corporations would strike the evil at petrators more than in this state. The change within two decades, since its root enterprises for the city are meeting a breach was made in the spoils syswith reasonable success. A promise tem by including postoffice clerks and of new institutions is likely soon to be letter carriers in the classified service comfort to the Shallenberger campaign loot.

law-making body is such that it gives with satisfaction, and any serious attempt in the contrary direction would presented for consideration. As he is cause revolt. Under the existing postal requirements and organization of the ship, his decision carries with it the business world a political postoffice department would be a calamity.

One of the most important recommendations, therefore, which of course for deep and careful consideration be- requires congressional action, is that fore they make up their minds as to of a deputy postmaster general, whose tenure shall be permanent in contrast In the present session more than with that of the present assistants, ever depends on the speaker of the with compensation commensurate with house of representatives. The impor- his position, and whose duties shall tance of the office will be accentuated be in the nature of a general manager by the importance of the matters to be of the postal service, thus insuring not brought before the legislature for con- only continuity of policy, but also the sideration. Chiefest among these are highest experience and expert executhe laws that will relate to railroad tive ability. It is precisely the method affairs. Laws must be passed to give which has been found necessary the vitality to the newly elected railroad world over to best results and would commission and to place in its hand go far to substitute business for poli-

TO INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN LINES The importance of the investigation ious "fellow servant" provision, which ever, the inquiry will be of far reach-

railways and other corporations of the | The commission already has in its | been burned. state. The corporations are already possession a great deal of evidence active in their effort to organize the indicating that the form of organizalegislature and to provide as far as tion by which the various Harriman they possibly can for thwarting the de- lines, previously independent and comsires of the people for needed laws. petitive, have been brought into com-Where they cannot absolutely prevent bination under a common control is the passage of a law they will en- in violation of various laws prohibitdeavor to secure such form of legisla- ing restraint of trade by such means. tion as will minimize its effect and | While it is not the commission's object keep "the word of promise to the ear to proceed against the roads for violation of these laws, it proposes to per-Part of the railroad campaign is to form its duty of disclosing all the align the state against Douglas county. facts, as a basis for prosecution by

the Department of Justice. But back of the mere questions of and annulled, might still be illegally perpetuated. The true aim is to destroy trade restraint, no matter by corporations or czars of finance and them and public authority.

with great confederated railroad management, and as the most significant effort yet made for genuine publicity in these matters.

An indeterminate sentence law will favor of such a measure, not the least Can, and does. It would indeed be more satisfactory of which is that it will largely do away tence law will allow a convict criminal modern methods of dealing with offenders against society.

Sheldon ran behind the rest of the redesire for reform legislation. Inasmuch as the most bitter and stubborn are in deadly earnest.

Should congress adopt the sugges-

The Blair Pilot, which gave aid and little short of revolutionary. It is note | throughout the state to follow, reads | -art of the infamy.

worthy, too, that executive effort for the incoming legislature a long lecture exclusion of partisanship, which not on what it should do. The fact that many years ago would have excited the Pilot is approved by the railroad tion than the speaker of the house of vehement protest and opposition, is manipulators of Nebraska is the best representatives. His relation to the now accepted by the general public reason why its advice should not be taken by the law-makers of the state.

The action of China in rejecting all but 400 of 6,000 men who applied for enrollment in the army shows that the Celestial empire is beginning to realize that quality counts more than quantity in the men behind the guns.

That Colorado probate judge who arraigned an expert auditor for contempt of court for finding an alleged shortage in the judicial accounts seems to have caught the spirit of the supreme court of that state.

The foreign relations committee of the senate may be right in reaffirming America's determination to keep out of European politics, but it is difficult to maintain precedents when conditions change.

Up Against the Real Thing. Louisville Courier-Journal. Having denatured our alcohol and debrutalized our foot ball, let us begin early and try to deterrorise our Fourth of July.

Digging Up More Trouble. Washington Herald. One of the congressional committees has already started a row about whether the

United States "is" or "are." It looks as if the English language is to have more trials and tribulations than Job. Irritating Carelessness. Chicago Record-Herald.

Before he made his declaration that the noney he received from the Standard Oil ompany was merely borrowed Senator Bailey should have taken the precaution to assure himself that the vouchers had

"Tell That to the Marines." Springfield Republican. the president did not have troubles enough, Rear Admiral Converse of the Navy department recommends that the corps of marines be abolished. One might as well try to transfer the national capital from Washington to Omaha.

Taking No Risks.

New York Tribune The Russian government gives notice that it will carry no more money packages in the mails, because it is unable to safeguard them and the repayment of losses from violent robbery is too burdensome to the imperial treasury. It would not be easy to imagine a more striking confession of administrative demoralization and inefficiency.

As it Looks to Plain People.

Chicago Chronicle To plain people it looks as if the negro had a better right to attend the same fake reformers are daily printing al- merger of the Hill railroads has at school with whites in the south than the leged interviews or making ridiculous least in part been maintained, in spite Japanese has to attend the same school with whites in California. One right rests on the constitution, of which there is no doubt, and the other on a treaty the applisolved by the courts. So the effect of cation of which is doubtful. The cases are day boldly assert that every measure the Harriman combination, though in entirely different in one respect. The negro offered by Douglas county will be op- its present form it might be punished is helpless and the Japanese are capable of making a good deal of trouble.

Day of Reckening Put Off.

tax to prevent the perpetuation of "swollen in the legislature and create dissension industry through manipulation of them fortunes," and of a graduated income tax may effectuate it, and this must in- to prevent the growth of such fortunes. evitably bring the crucial test between There is no prospect of the early enactment of such measures. There would not be even if the president were to advocate them The investigation ordered by the more urgently. There is no reason why the commission is welcome as a vital and multi-millionaires should begin making long step towards a conclusive grapple preparations to remove themselves and their wealth from the United States.

> Mystery of Railroad Rates. Charles E. Russell in Everybody's.

We are accustomed to think that about railroad rate making there is some strange and awful mystery, that to make railroad The slight decrease in Omaha's rates a man must go into a trance and comthe shipping subsidy bill, who have building permit report for November mune with spirits or something like that. presented so confident and imperious as compared with the same month a and that if the government should ever try to fix the rates frightful convulsions of nathat the prospect is not reseate and an ous interruption of building operations have such fears in New Zealand. ture would follow. They do not seem to abandonment of the scheme to rush locally. It is rather due to the fact There the government makes all the a wholesale measure through congress. that builders find it impossible to set a mileage basis, all a shipper has to do and bonbons sold for @ cents a pound; now is to calculate his mileage and he has his they have been put up to 80 cents. Other struck undoubtedly is the rapidly on the work they have in hand, and for rate. If he can show that either of the grades of confections are much higher. rising sentiment in favor of interior this reason only are deterred from private companies has charged him more Pecans and salted almonds are retailing for waterway development, notwithstand- planning any future operations. When than the rate on a government railroad \$1.25 a pound and other salted candies at \$1. ing it is not yet concentrated on a work now under way has progressed for the same distance he can go into court and collect the difference. In about ten now 80 cents a pound, except Swiss bonminutes And the company will have to bons, which are still sold at 60 cents. High psy, and there will be no appeal for it and prices for labor and raw material is given cates before congress in being denied of the national treasury. But that record will be found jogging along at no stay. Also the government orders it to as the reasons for the raise. reduce its rates. And its reduces them without waiting to discuss the matter. Because in New Zealand public-service corporations, being regarded as the creations would absorb a large part of the treas- be proposed to the legislature this win- and not the masters of the state, the state made in Paris will have little effect ury funds needed now and for a series ter. There are many good reasons in can at any time put them out of business.

DIVIDING OREGON'S INFAMY.

Other States Tarred with the Same Stick. Portland Oregonian.

It will come to light, soon or late, that land frauds in Oregon have been exceeded generally conceded that when the new the existing circumstances even their brought forth fruits meet for re- in other states, as to richness of plunder pentance." It has been found to work and extent of conspiracw. The revelations, well in other states and is in line with which are reported to have led to indictment of the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the Union Pacific Coal company and two officials of those companies Salt Lake City last week and which The railroad clackers are proudly have involved two senators of Wyoming pointing to the fact that Brown and and which are threatening to enmesh officials of government and land manipulators in other states, show that widespread publican ticket in Nebraska, alleging fraud has preyed on the public lands and this to be an evidence that the Ne- bulged the pockets of respected thieves braskans are not in earnest in their with great wealth-only a small part of which doings have taken place in Oregon. Yet for two years Oregon has been held up to the nation as the biggest nest of fight treachery was able to devise was land thieves. One of Oregon's former senmatched against Mesers. Brown and ators was charged by Becretary Hitchcock Sheldon, that they did get a handsome with making his committee room in the national capitol a den for them, with the plurality of votes will be accepted as aid of another citizen of Oregon, then comconclusively showing that the people missioner of the land office. One of Oregon's representatives in congress has been convicted of complicity in land fraud and the other representative, who obtained his present office after ejectment from the position of commissioner of the land office. prohibit corporations convicted under stands under indictment in Oregon and in

But it is becoming known that other states were scenes of greater plunder. The loot in Oregon was large, but lands more more the government's sleuths and proseoutors delve into the black business the more hidden secrets they find and the wider grows the scope of the grab and

The reputation for this evil business has the club to greater efforts. Condi- now accentuated with respect to the the democratic committee endorsed its rested on Oregon long enough. It is fitting that other states where richer steals an unimportant session of congress did not tions all favor Omaha and the out- body of the postmasters themselves, is course and begged other editors have been perpetrated should share their calculate upon the amount of business that

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis While investigating the claim of the con olidated Gas company that 80-cent gas would force the company into bankruptcy, unsel, made a few discoveries. Mr. Burr made public a contract made by the Stand ard Oil company with the Consolidated Gas company to furnish 255,000,000 gallons of oil to the gas company, 40 per cent of it at 4.875 cents a gallon and the rest at 4.29 cents. Mr. Burr said this was a cent more

than any other company had to pay the

Standard for the same kind of oil, and he

declared that a cent's difference in that

cost would make at least 5 cents more in

the cost of gas on every 1,000 cubic feet. Mr. Burr also made public a statement his expert accountants working on the oks of the company. It shows that gas by the company's books costs 52.50 cents a housand instead of 74.81 cents, as the company said; that land the company says is worth \$15,000,000 cost only \$5,000,000, and that gas production does not increase the value of land on which a plant is erected; that the company figures in its cost of gas several items Mr. Burr believes ought not to be considered at all; that some of the franchises the company claims through old companies have expired or will soon expire, and that the company has ninetythree miles less of mains than it claims. inasmuch as William Rockefeller, James Stillman and other men are directors in both the Standard Oll company and the Consolidated Gas company, "It is fair to assume," said Mr. Burr, "that there is a igger in the woodpile."

When a runaway horse attached to a physician's carriage went galloping up Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, relates the New York Tribune, John La Maze saw an opportunity to become a hero. As the animal swerved toward the sidewalk La Maze leaped forward and grasped the bridle, but before he succeeded in stopping the runaway he was dragged half a block; his new Hughes who had had no experience in \$39 overcoat was torn to shreds and his legs political office was Governor Morgan, but were severely bruised. His act was ap- he was one of the best in the state's hisplauded by a large crowd and a few min- tory. utes later Dr. Joseph Krimsky of 290 Bradford street, Brooklyn, rushed up and

physician. "I'm obliged to you for your March 6, 1879.

Dr. Krimsky's inspection.

he physician. The young man complained that his hip will draw \$17,500. pained him, but the physician, after a Congressmen Cyrus Sulloway of New hasty examination, said it was nothing Hampshire towers high over all his col- in a sea story of the Jack London or W.

and probably saved you a heavy damage up when he meets the yankee sky scraper. Writes from conditions which existed twensuit. Your horse certainly would have run Speaker Cannon, who is nearly 71 years ty-five years ago, and Ayres' story, if well

he would bring suit against him for the for a run any day, notwithstanding Mr. price of a new coat and for personal in- Gompers," the speaker said. uries. The physician drove away.

several witnesses, went to the Liberty ave-Serguant McCormick.

his only redress, but that if possible it lives who are seniors of her husband. would be better for him to effect a settle-

Returning to the police station, La Maze old of the settlement, saying that he was now convinced that it didn't pay to be a hero. "The worst part of it all was just before we came to a settlement," interpress me with the fact that he wouldn't exct any fee for examining my hip."

life appear to have climbed pretty near to but is always at his desk at 2 o'clock. the pinacle of high figures and the manufacturers of sweets say it is their turn. In some of the retail stores of New York the price of chocolate and bonbons has been advanced 20 cents on the pound and the upward movement may not stop there. One dealer with six stores scattered throughout the city has taken the lead in fixing the a pound. All of their other candies are

By the computation of the census bureau the wealth of the state of New York comprised in farms and other real property, factories, railroads, telegraphs, canals, machinery, gold and silver, etc., is \$14,765,-042,207

This is approximately one-seventh of the national total of \$197,000,000,000. It exceeds Italy's wealth by nearly \$2,000,000,000 and is about equal to the combined national resources of Spain, Portugal Switzerland and the Netherlands. It ranks New York among the financial great powers, with a standing just below that of Austria-Hungary.

A per capita division of the state's wealth would give \$2,000 to every man, woman and child, as compared with the national average of \$1,330. It represents the aggregate possession of 15,000 plain millionaires, fifty Carnegies or twenty Rockefellers. It would buy all the railroads in the United-States. To this quormous wealth the state is adding \$500,000,000 a year, or almost the valuation of a Baltimore. It is a wonderful showing of material prosperity, one that gives a prouder claim to the title of Empire state. Within this single commonwealth is now contained more than double the wealth of the entire nation half a century ago and its annual increase more than exceeds the total value of our export trade when Grant was president.

Four years ago Cussie McManus was one of the immigrants from Ireland. She had been in this country but a short time when the steamer General Slocum, with its freight of women and children, took fire and was burned near the shore resort where she was employed. She rushed into the water at great risk to herself and mayed a number of lives, especially of children. A medal and certificate of honor were given her and resolutions were adopted in her praise. Now Cassie is dead, leaving no money, and a few admirers have arranged "to give her decent burial." That may do for a beginning, but the memory of this brave and large-hearted Irish girl deserves a monument later, and a monument that shall have chiseled upon it without lying a list of some of the highest virtures known to our common kumanity.

Puts it Un to Congress.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

The only governor of New York before Origin of Shanghai Story Let Loose in

The birthday of Elihu Burritt, the learned blacksmith," linguist, educator. laimed the rig. La Maze was pointed out lecturer, author and consul to England, o him as the man who had caught his was observed in the schools of New Britian, Conn., yesterday. He was born "You are a brave man," commented the in that city December 8, 1810, and died

La Maze modestly made light of the af- Mr. Linn Bruce, who was candidate for Some defeats have their compensations. fair, but held up his tattered overcoat for lieutenant governor of New York, would have received \$5,000 had he been elected. As "But you're not hurt, are you?" asked a consolation prize he receives an appointment for a year on the supreme bench and

"But how about the coat? Ain't you go- stature being especially noticeable when life. From appearances Mr. Ayres has ing to give me the price of a new one? the members rise for prayers. Even Vice been reading one of Frank T. Bullen's I risked my life in capturing your horse President Fairbanks is compelled to look stories on Portland Shanghaleres. Bullen The physician declined to reimburse La Washington. He caught it and, climbing Maze for the torn overcoat, but he did aboard, was met by Senator Carter of offer him \$5. La Maze was indignant and Montana. "That's pretty good for an old refused to accept the money, saying that man," Senator Carter said. "Oh, I'm good

Bundling what was left of his overcoat in daughter of the president, Mrs. Nicholas newspaper, La Maze, accompanied by Longworth will be expected to make first nue police station and sought advice from of first calls for her to make will include La Mare was told that a civil action was supreme court judges and of representa the wives of senators, cabinet members

Chicago Tribune.

Doubtless there will be much talking and writing about the need of an inheritance writing about the need of an inheritance started for Dr. Krimsky's home, and after of France, into a fairyland. The walls of another talk the physician paid La Maze of France, into a larry and the magnificent apartments, whose windows look out over the crests of the Pyrenees. are covered with the very delightful tales which Hans Christian Andersen and the

Grimm brothers have immortalized. Jeremiah C. Lotz, the oldest Indianian in the government service in Washington, jected La Maze, "the doctor tried to im- will celebrate his eighty-second birthday on December 16. For more than forty-four years, continuously, Mr. Lotz has been con nected with the Internal Revenue bureau Now, up goes the price of candy. Meat, of the Tressury department, and during all butter, eggs and all the real necessities of that time he has never been reported late.

LOOKING INTO HABRIMAN LINE.

Proposed Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Wall Street Journal. There is a sharp distinction to be made between the proposed investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission of the Harriman system of railroads and the action taken by the government in 1901 against the Northern Securities consolidation,

The latter was a combination of competing parallel lines. The Harriman combination, except so far as the Southern Pacific may compete with the Union Pacific, does not stand in the same position. The Harriman expansion has been not so much for the purpose of absorbing competing companies as to widen out the scope of its territory, and Mr. Harriman's recent purchases carry his system across the country n two different directions-west to east and north to south. Such expansion as this, while it may be

unfortunate as bringing under one head too great a financial power, is quite different from the concentration represented by the Northern Securities company. Nevertheless the investigation to be made by the Interstate Commerce commission should be of great interest and possibly of large value. Annoying as it may be to be the subject of governmental investigation, Mr. Harriman will have nothing to fear if he and his companies have done nothing that is contrary to law and the public welfare. On the other hand, these investigations, whatever may be their limitations, serve to keep things in better shape. It is a good thing to be stirred up once in a while, and this applies as well to railroads as to individuals.

DRAWING THE LONG BOW.

Portland Oregonian A dispatch from Dakota City, Neb., tells f the alleged shanghaing from Portland about nine months ago of a young man named Edward Ayres. The dispatch states that his letters to his father "tell a tale as terrible as Jack London's story, 'Sea Wolf." There are other features of the young man's story that resemble the yarn of the "Sea Wolf," for Jack London's thriller was all fiction and the most of the story told by Ayres seems to be of a similar nature. The man who jumps overboard from a tramp steamer "while op posite Valdivia, Chile," wherever Valdivia may be, only to be "captured by the crew of a Spanish ship" after "walking a greater part of the way across the southern part leagues in the house, the disparity in Clarke Russell type than he is in real old, ran half a block for a street car in told, might have been appropriate then, It is not at this time.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Do you think the child is father to the "I don't know about that, but if he has his mother on his side he is pretty likely to be the boss of the runch.'—Chicago Record-Herlad.

"She bosses him sadly, doesn't she?" "Not since he learned to anticipater wishes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. The hoodlum threw a stone at the Japanesse boy.
"If you do that some more," said the lit-tie brown boy, "I tell Mr. Roocyfe!" on you!"—Chicago Tribune.

Adam was bewalling a lost opportunity. "We didn't think to get our post cards of the garden," he explained. Herewith he regarded Podunk with an envious eye.—New York Times,

"Once I made love to an ex-fireman's

daughter." Well, what happened?"
"I forgot to allow for the force of habit, and went and told him I was burning with

"He put me out.'-Philadelphia Press. "But," protested the plain citizen, "don't you consider honesty a good thing?"
"Sure." replied the politician, "but it's like all other good things; you've got to make money before you can afford it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mrs. Gassitt-My sister Maud told me something today I've promised never to

Mr. Gassitt-Well, go on. I'm listening .-Everybody walks but father; He rides around all day.

He's a big megul on a railroad

He doesn't have to pay.

Little Johnny is walking;

Bo is brother Will.

So is the whole Blank family—

Since Hepburn passed his bill.

—Chicago Tribuna.

THE COWBOY.

James Barton Adams in New York Sun. James Barton Adams in New York Sun.

The bawi of a steer to the cowboy's ear
is music of sweetest strain,
And the yelping notes of the gray coyotes.

To him are a glad refrain;
The rapid beat of his bronco's feet.
On the sod as he speeds along
Keep livening time to the ringing rhyme.
Of his rollicking cowboy song.
His eyes are bright and his heart is light.
As the smoke of his cigarette.
There's never a care for his soul to hear.
No troubles to make him fret;
For a kingly crown in the noisy town
His saddle he wouldn't change—
No life so free as the life we see
'Way out on the cattle range.

Hi-lo! hi-la! for the range away
On the deck of a bronc' of steel,
With a careless firt of the rawhide quire
And a dig of the roweled heel,
And the winds may how! and the thunders

growl.

Or the breezes may softly mean,
A rider's life is a royal life.
The saddle a kingly throne.
Hi-le! hi-la! for the work is play
When love's in the cowboy's eyes,
When his heart is light as the clouds of

That swim in the summer skies,
And his joily song speeds the hours along
As he thinks of the little gui
With the golden hair who is waiting there
At the bars of the home corral.

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