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General Manager

The coal men may have fixed the price of toal, but there is no suspicion never were state legislatures and all

mailed to them. Address will be

changed as often as requested.

that they fixed the jury.

hoodoo in this community. If the Water board will only keep on rescinding it may rescind itself off the

map without causing many tears to be One result of present land-grab prosecutions will be to make long

range homestead entries unpopular at soldiers' homes. present situation has caused many peo-

otherwise have done so.

anactments and public life. Senator Rayner seems to be attempt-

ing to qualify as democratic candidate for leader of the senate on Senator Tillman's "white man's" plank.

Good retail locations in Omaha are at a premium. That means that busifind it cheaper to pay rent than to move.

The Nebraska state organization of county commissioners will hold its next convention at South Omaha, when Omaha will be pleased to act as chap-

But Senator Dubois should remember that the president's message had to have an ending and other presidents failed to mention much which is now

Council Bluffs is now complaining of poor water service for fire protection. But Council Bluffs is not served by the same plant that furnishes water on this side of the river.

In declaring in favor of the equality of all races Russian constitutional democrats prove that a majority of is overburdened with work under the their party are more enlightened than amended law and should be relieved many inhabitants of more fortunate of much of it, emanates from precisely

Mississippi's objection to-an investigation of the status of child labor in ences that carried it to enactment. that state may be more easily under. Neither the commission itself, nor the stood in the light of new charges of president, nor any responsible public peonage being brought there against authority, nor any applicant for rememployers.

more annexation talk in South Omaha its functions among other branches of today than at any time heretofore, the public service. The realization of a Greater Omaha It is true that an immense amount would mean as much and more to the of business has been thrown upon the people in the Magic City as to any commission, but it was foreseen that

Japanese soldiers with necessary offi- jurisdiction and therefore temporary. cers have landed at Honolulu dis- Moreover, many important old cases guised as laborers recalls somewhat which had been decided, but in which similar reports current in the west under the old law the commission had ten years or more ago; but the guns no power to enforce its decisions upon were never found.

they are out of politics in Nebraska. joint resolutions of congress, requir- was closed because its cash reserve The first thing they should do to prove ing elaborate special investigations was below the legal requirement. their assertions is to keep their hands into the relations between the roads off the organization of the two and the coal, oil and grain industries. is a good time for the railroad polit- cur in such a press of extraordinary advocates of the southern idea should "has the country with him." He knows

STATES RIGHTS ON TRIAL.

of government.

of the national constitution had in full vigor. mind is notably certified by the disappearance of the state sovereignty doctrine as a popular tenet, especially within the last two or three decades. Originally it had substantial signifi- of the coming legislature contains cance as a protest against national interference with business affairs which, under the conditions then existing, could be sufficiently or better controlled by the states. But so immense has been the change in industrial and commercial life, especially under the forms of incorporation whose opera- form. tions, though authorized by separate state charter, extend through many or 16..... 31,180 all the states, that it has notoriously transcended state power of regulation,

so far at least as its actual exertion as yet is concerned. It by no means follows that the pothrough local government has been exhausted. In fact, they have thus utilized. But it does infallibly follow employers. under pressure of sheer necessity and

public opinion. There is substantial ground for the entiment of local government, but it is absolutely conditioned upon the efficiency of local government. It is therefore up to the states to demonstrate their ability to deal with these problems of present day life, and state authorities so critically on trial as at this moment. It is not a ques-It looks more and more as if the tion at all whether the imperious name "Howell" were something of a necessities of our industrial condition shall be satisfied, but whether, the states failing, the national government shall satisfy them.

CONFIRMATION OF MOODY.

The senate has at length confirmed Reports from Paris indicate that the coming. It is the custom, and it is fully entitled to the money. He has most appropriate, for the senate to appealed to his associates in the house ple to attend church who would not act forthwith when the chief executive to come to his rescue and have the fight it out among themselves without any Having "put God in the constitu- or ground for believing that such ob- reluctance to grapple with the question" Oklahoma will be expected to jection may exist. Absolutely nothing tion. To take the money away from keep Him, at least in spirit, in its legal of the sort appeared in this case, and Mr. Pollard now and put it back into the senate.

While confirmation has now been made, and while no serious inconthe nominees are concerned, the im- sympathy in his dilemma. pression on the public mind is far ness is brisk and people in possession from pleasant, because the trivial exdent as well as towards Mr. Moody.

so foolishly made.

COMMERCE COMMISSION & WORK. It is suggestive that the complaints, apparently made by preconcert, that the Interstate Commerce commission encountered most inveterate opposition, and not at all from those influedy before the commission has yet so much as intimated a need for remod-All authorities agree that there is eling the commission or distributing

this would be the case. A large proportion of it, however, is incidental to inauguration of its enlarged unwilling carrier corporations, have

ical agents to let well enough alone. | business does not prove, nor even see that their admitted rights are ex- he has it.

raise presumption, that there will be ercised rather than merely discussed; Elihu Root's address before the serious delay when the work of the for results and not theories are being Pennsylvania society reduces to the commission becomes normal, as it tested in the fires of experience. certainty of mathematical demonstra- probably will at no distant day, and tion the dilemma which the progress indeed no serious delay has yet ocof events has brought about, namely, curred. It is curious that some of that ofther the states must provide ad- those newspaper corporation chamequate control of business activities pions that strove might and main to or the national government will secure maintain the old state of affairs in it. That the abuses and wrongs re- which relief from transportation sultant from absence of control by abuses hung in the courts year after public authority could be left perma- year, often to be denied in the end. nently unremedied is indeed absurd, should be now so distressed over delay implying conclusive failure of our form of a few weeks or months, while the commission is busily clearing away, How far we have been carried from once for all, the initiatory work necesthe circumstances which the framers sary to enforce the amended law in

> SOME PERTINENT ADVICE. The letter which Chairman Rose has addressed to the republican members some timely information as well as pertinent advice. Mr. Rose forewarns the law-makers as to the tricky manipulations by which the railroad and corporation lobby may be expected to attempt to block the reform measures promised in the republican state plat-

The multiplication of bills and the prolific introduction of amendments with a view to throwing dust into the eyes of both legislators and the public more of that intensive development in the constitute the usual methods by which the paid lobbyists work. If they can succeed in dividing allegiance between tency of the people for self-protection different measures, ostensibly drawn to accomplish the same purpose, or emasculate good bills by stealthily envast latent powers which, because of grafting on them odious amendments, the complications arising from the they will nullify the platform pledges concentrated influences and scope of and make a show of earning the incorporated business, have not been money paid them by their corporate

efficaciously, and that, too, right speed- armed. No member of the coming CHARLES C. ROSEWATER. Over to retional invisited will be taken legislature can become a cat'spaw for over to national jurisdiction. This the lobby this time and attempt later process has indeed been going on and to excuse himself on the ground that is now in rapidly increasing progress, he did not know what he was doing.

THAT OWNERLESS MONEY.

the theme for a popular burlesque in the ownerless \$1,800, which is vainly seeking a lodging place since Congressman Pollard tried to put it back According to official advice of the sergeant-at-arms and the house of representatives, no opening has yet been discovered by which the money may be legally poured back into the vaults of the federal treasury and as Congressman Pollard happens to have been its last custodian, it is insisted that he continue to hold the stakes, at have been determined feasible.

Seriously, Mr. Pollard is up against a strong proposition. He has accepted the president's nominations for the the payment of salary for a period for cabinet, and also, the nomination of which he, himself, admits his claim is unless there be substantial objection committee, but even here has met with yet the nominations were held up, and the treasury might set a very bad precpaltered with as if grave and por- edent for some other congressmen tentous perplexities were confronting who have had the benefit of similar payments.

It is not often that a man has to exert himself to give money away and venience results so far as the offices of Mr. Pollard is certainly entitled to

When the appointment of Attorney cuses alleged for the unusual pro- General Moody to fill the vacancy on cedura carry the inference of a hostile the United States supreme bench was spirit in the senate toward the presi- announced The Bee foreshadowed that the big corporate and money interests The senate cannot complain if sus- would try to block confirmation in the Down East View of the Masterful Man picion is thereby raised of a disposi- senate. The delay in the senate's action on its part to annoy and humiliate tion on the nomination is to be exthe president in the public eye at the plained only on this score, that those very opening of the session of con- who opposed Judge Moody, because gress. Such a suspicion, however, is not sufficiently subservient to the cordamaging to the senate rather than to porations as attorney general, were the president, and it will stand the simply feeling around to see if they former in good stead to see to it could rally enough strength to beat during the remainder of the session him. They evidently failed to discover that nothing is done to confirm but the necessary votes and rather than everything to destroy the impression disclose their weakness preferred to let the approval of the nomination come unanimous.

> Over in Chicago a newspaper campaign is on to force the repair of impassable asphalt pavements and photographs are being displayed of holes in Omaha's paved roadways it would keep a corps of experts busy to find the answers.

Chairman Rose of the republican state committee gives some good advice to the republican members-elect both houses will expect them to make without switching onto railroad sid- their ancient loads of bygone policies.

The acquittal of negroes charged with killing a policeman at Atlanta is refreshing evidence of improved sentiment in Georgia, and is incidentally severe comment upon the men re-

If those Pennsylvania bankers made the mistake of considering the New

Russia's plea for an alliance with Greeks bearing gifts before.

The statement that inmates in Billbad prison did not resist administration of cholera serum should be accompanied by a showing of the punishment inflicted for resistance before

to a contest between Dodge and Mccer's chair.

"It is to Laugh." Fittsburg Dispatch.

ate's own record in that line. Much Truth in Few Lines. Chicago News, Incidental to the traffic fight between the Northern Pacific and the extended Chicago,

Pathetic Kicks of the Poor.

great northwest.

Pittsburg Dispatch. No wonder the Pullman company objects urnishing of imitation pillows.

Joyous News,

Kansas City Times. No doubt E. H. Harriman will be harmed to learn that Stuyvesant Fish has imerce commission and give it the benefit of his wide knowledge of railroad nanagement and operation.

Common Kitchen Gossip.

Philadelphia Record. The little peep the Bellamy Storer disclosires have given to the public under the lid of our diplomacy will not lead to any popular desire for an after-lifting of the lid. Some clever humorist should find The goings-on in the kitchen cabinets of kings, kinglets, potentates and plenipotentiaries are very human and very like the common kitchen rivalries and gossiping in the households of the commoners.

Hot Air Prophets.

Baltimore American. Europe is gloomily convinced that war is inevitable between the United States and Japan, and is giving the former much kind idvice on the subject. Of course, nobody has the least suspicion that Europe would like very much to "sic" Uncle Sam on the little yellow men, for nothing would really distress the rest of the world more than to see the two nations involved. But Uncle Sam is not sitting up nights worrying over least until some other disposition shall these pessimistic and slightly persistent prophesies.

> Let Them Fight it Out. Chicago Chronicle.

be satisfied, no matter which side gets the session of the state.

More Room for Reform. Boston Herald.

nently withdrawn from entry, with a view government's possession and the government's survey will undoubtedly add largely lands have hitherto been sold at a figure not exceeding \$30 an acre, from which the coal royalties under the proposed system would be \$1,000 an acre at least. Obviously there is a fine opportunity for reform here.

ROOSEVELT THE STRONG.

in the White House.

Arthur Warren in Boston Herald. The gods are good to the president. They turn all things and all people to his favor. They even calm the hysteria of the imperfect, and lure the sagacious on with blue-eyed smiles. He has the happy art. this chieftain (or is it gift?), of divining the people's will even before the country s a psychic something about him which enables him to know the workings of the great popular mind before the aspirations seething in it have found tongue. He alone walks in the sun, and leaves the politicians groping in the gloom of yesternight, He is close to the greta heart.

A year ago, when the Fifty-ninth congress came in, the thoughts of the nation's legislators were torn with doubt. There was rebellion, open and concessed, against this masterful man. The big majority in the street over the question, "Who thought it would tell the president the laid this pavement?" If this question time of day. The senate, too. had its fond those quarters in which the new law should be placarded on every hole in way of administering corrections. But how he overcame the opposition-he and circumstances. They who had come to curse remained to pray, all except a bruce of the robustious. And now, "It is as you please, sir," and "What is your wish, Mr. President?

There has been an election, you see, and the many have upheld the one, Wherever the president's influence was put forth in to the legislature. The people who a state down went the candidate whom he returned the republican majorities in oppesed, whether of his own party or the other. The obtusest congressman read such a sign as that. And one by one good and to travel the straight path the old war horses drop to the rear with

. A senator who held out long in the oppo

sition last session, and who made a great point of criticising the president for his "interference," for his "domination of concriticise that sort of thing; but, after all, the president does just what I did when I was governor of my state. I used sponsible for the recent race disturb- I wanted, and I usually carried my point." The senator might have added that as governor he had a more cajoleful way with legislators than the president has with congressmen. The president is a mandriver and a wielder of sledge hammers. been brought anew. On top of this York situation a precedent, they must But the scnator's confession is illuminat The railroads keep declaring that the commission has had to act under have been surprised when their bank ing. It always makes a difference whose ox is gored. President Rossevelt's predecessor did not gore oxen. He was soothful President McKinley was he spiest in placating. He liked to please everybody. Presi-In the light of Secretary Root's re- dent Roosevelt bends his energies to the houses of the coming legislature. This The fact that some delay must oc- marks on the subject of state's rights successful issues of his own policies. He

FRENCH CHURCH CRISIS.

Character and Value of Property Reverting to the State.

Under the separation law now in operation in France all church property not the United States against Japan shows taken over by associations in accordance that the czar is missing no chance to with the law is subject to seisure by the check his oriental rival for Asiatic wherein the property is located. The failsupremacy; but Uncle Sam has met ure of the Catholics today to comply with the association feature of the law gives the state the opportunity to selve church property, which the authorities are proceeding to do. The character and value of the property involved are detailed by the Paris Post as follows: This property is estimated, for the popu

lar imagination, at some 400,000,000 france;

but so much of it is unproductive or bur dened with servitudes that its total dis-Should the speakership come down posable annual revenue cannot exceed \$2,000,000. This does not amount to \$30 Mullen the cause of direct primary the French state for its late inventories. aplece for the 68,600 parishes recognized by nominations will be sure to have a Even the appropriation of the churches and high champlon in the presiding offi- other buildings for use as town halls or public schools is difficult in most cases on account of the peculiar construction. A similar financial misreckoning has happened to the famous "milliard" (\$200,000,000) of the religious communities convents, colleges and other properties which reverted ney general who will bust the trusts can be to the state when Parliament suppressed appreciated by comparing it with the senthe congregations. So far liquidators' expenses have gone ahead of realizations. For example, at Nancy, the redemptorist church, rated at 120,000 francs, and the Dominican chapel, at 100,000-cost prices-have had to be sold for 1.200 france (\$240) each, the worth of the materials after demolition. Milwankee & St. Paul there will be some However such buildings may be adapted to the Catholic purposes of their original owners, they are of little civil use.

ion law is of three kinds:

1. There is that portion of ancient cabeing fined for the sale of adulterated thedral and other churches, priests' houses tilk! Such a penalty is the first step and seminaries restored to the church after oward making it pay a round price for the the revolution, which had confiscated them to the state as national property. These with some 40,000,000 francs annual subsidy to be paid by the state to parish priests and bishops (amounting to less than \$200 aplece), were accepted by Plus VII as the only compensation obtainable for the proprranged to testify before the Interstate erties confiscated. But the Parliament the British navy, with the rank of admiral, which has passed the separation law re- is in his sixty-first year. fuses to acknowledge any such claim on the property or any other obligation of the French state toward the church arising Burlington (Vt.) Daily Free Press and, in from the concordat signed by Napoleon and hitherto observed, even by the republic. Except for about \$3,000,000 of superanuating pensions, destined to disappear the separation law not only suppresses the subsidy, but, with the revolution, declares churches and church property to be possessions of the state, departments and communes. A certain number of these buildngs have from time to time been brought under the administration of fine arts and classed as national monuments of architecture and as such cannot be sold or de-

uildings erected after the revolution very ommonly received subsidies from the localities, or even from the state, joined with the contributions of the faithful. These and simple, except in the case of authenposes, might be claimed at law by heirs. masses will be retained by the state, al- personal attention until spring. In a sort of family quarrel among Wall though the masses will not be said-somewhich he, himself, admits his claim is there is small room for choice, but there is sity of Oxford after the Reformation. In the case of schools which had been built in this country to make an inspection of tice of the supreme court, but not with anthority competent to pass upon the blers that the Treasury department ought by a legacy on condition that the teachers the American museums. Dr. Haddon has the grace that would have been be- points at issue insists that he is right- to withhold relief deposits from institutions should be church sisters, the Conseil d'Etat been here before and has a which notoriously use them to "soak" the as ultimate authority has recently decided stock gamblers at 25 per cent for call that so long as the building is used even loans. Let the gamblers and the usurers for a purely secular state school, without religious teachers, the legacy cannot be which time he will deliver a course of leg presents names for these high offices, question adjudicated by the proper interference and the country at large will claimed by the heirs, but remains in pos-

3. There are the various churches erected principally of late years by the sole contributions of the faithful and owned by Apropos of the president's recommenda- associations of Catholics without connection that the public coal lands be perma- tion with the public authorities. These also now revert to the state, since such propto their development under the auspices of erty by the separation law can be held the national government, it is officially only by public worship associations which stated that there are between 50,000,000 and Catholies refuse to perform. Even the 60,000,000 acres of such lands still in the American Protestant church in the Rue de Berri, Paris, has had a moment of perplexity in conforming to the separation law this area. Thousands of acres of these on this point. The property has always to the consumer. According to these inbeen owned by the founders, who reside in the United States; it has become necessary to rent from them the use of the church building in the name of a new association of Paris residents, as the law requires. But that which is easy for a church congregation from the start is impossible to Catholics, who have priests, bishops and a pope, and so cannot suffer themselves to be congregationalized by a separation law.

It is not always easy to say by what provision of the law separating church from state certain property reverts to the latter. The great seminary of St. Sulpice. where Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Wiland bishops had their training, is to become a government building, perhaps for the ministry of colonies. The present archdishop's house, so it is said, will be taken ilmost at once for the new ministry of labor by M. Viviani, who has appropriately speech as minister. Meanwhile the musince a century before Joan of Arc.

WARRING AND LAND GRABBERS. Story of Robbery Revealed by Records of Land Office.

St. Louis Republic. The story of land stealing by powerful and wealthy combinations that is told in the annual report of Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior department, is the same old story that began in the seizure by Roman patricians of the public lands which the Roman republic had set apart to provide homes for the soldiers of the Roman republic.

In the records of the public lands of the United States the same story began sha sationally in the long-litigated Yazoo land frauds, in which a speculative corporation obtained, through wholesale bribery of the Georgia legislature, titles, which the supreme court of the United States afterwards confirmed, to wide areas of the bar ands in Mississippi and Alabama.

The story has been written large in the records of the general land office until now, and it will be continued in our history as long as the government owns valuable property of any sort for grafters to prey

Secretary Hitchcock has made a heroic fight to protect the public property from spoliation by powerful interests which through corrupt politics and by other means, have in every possible way obstructed the course of justice. The 500 indictments he has obtained against these land pirates and the conviction of ninety of them prove that public property can be protected from loot by an honest, earnest ale and feariess official.

Spanish Laborers for Hawaii. HONOLULU, Dec. 11.-The Territorial Board of Immigration has decided to bring 1,000 laborers from Spain to the islands.

A Christmas Suggestion



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A. Mandelberg

Open Evenings.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Lord Charles Beresford, who has just been given the highest sea command in

Colonel George Grenville Benedict, for more than fifty-three years editor of the point of years of continuous service, probably the oldest editor in the country, reached his eightieth birthday recently. Samuel G. Ward, formerly a Boston

banker and one of Ralph Waldo Emerson's most intimate friends, is still living in Washington. He is one of two survivors of the Harvard class of 1826, and is one of three survivors of the Boston Latin school class Emperor William has startled Germany

by appointing Herr Bruno Paul, the caricaturist of Simplicissimus, to be director of the Berlin Industrial Art school. Herr 2. The churches and other ecclesiastical Paul's appointment is a triumph for secessionist art and may signify the deathblow to many old-fashioned ideas. John W. McMann of Mount Clemens,

Mich., was convicted of bigamy last week are also claimed as state property pure and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or go to jail for three months. Mr. McMann is ticated legacies, which, if the property of a thrifty turn, so he has decided to should be turned aside from religious pur- spend the winter in prison. He has ten days in which to make up his mind and Government has announced that if Catho- will occupy that time in putting his affairs Hes do not take the property, legacies for into such shape that they will not need his Dr. Alfred C. Haddon, the English

Dr. Alfred C. Haddon, the English ethnologist, who has traversed the wilds of Africa, New Guines and Melanesia, is in this country to make an inspection of the American museums. Dr. Haddon has been here before and has a high opinion been here before and has a high opinion believe the English Miss Ascum—Did you say your husband was out looking for work? Mrs. Loeffer—No. I believe he's out looking at work. There are some men digging a cellar down at the corner and he doesn't seem sole to get any further.—Philadelphia Press. of American interest in scientific investigations and studies of ancient peoples. He will remain here several months, during tures in Boston.

AN AIR TIGHT MONOPOLY.

The West Puts Up a Sample that Astoniahes the East.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The charges in the indictments returned by the federal grand jury at Sait Lake City against the Harriman and Gould interests indicate a western monopoly in coal as complete as that which enabled the beef trust to force down the price of cattle to the stockmen and raise the price of beef dictments the defendants first procured possession of the public coal lands by fraud and collusion and then shut out independent operators by discrimination in railroad operations.

The method of securing coal lands from the public domain by having dummies file upon it and later transfer it to the companies is familiar through recent revelations in the west. So, toc, nearer home, is the system of forcing independent dealers out of business by refusing to furnish cars. The case of Sharp, upon whose charges the indictment is made, is peculiarly flagrant. Here was an independent coal dealer who tried to give his consumers the benefit of a reduction in freight rates. liams and so many other American priests He says he was promptly ordered to line up with the others on price, and upon his refusal soon found himself unable to get cars, with the outcome that he was driven out of business.

The indictments are against both the corporations and individuals. But behind put out the lights of heaven in his first these charges there is understood to be s further violation of the law similar to that nicipal council is doing secularization of its in the Northern Securities merger, which own, and has just sent away from the will be taken up later. This case, it is Hotel Dieu hospital the Augustinian six- asserted, will not be based upon possible ters, whose community had been in charge elimination of competition, but upon actual combination and restraint. In other words, it is charged that the western roads have for years been maintaining in concert s coal monopoly so that the consumers had not only to face the monopoly of one road, but all combined, sustained by just such methods as have resulted in the indictments returned.

PITHY AND POINTED.

Knicker-Did your wife read the presient's message?

Bocker-No, but I'll bet she would have istened to every word if she could have overheard it on a party wire.-New York

1522 Farnam Street

"Say, that chap who was in you office he other day seems to have had some sur-rising adventures. He must be a very "A brave man! Why, that fellow is a press agent."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Mamma," said the little girl, "may 1 learn roller skaging?"
"Yes, my darling daughter," answered her mother. "Strap the skates on you feet and go and sit down to the piano."—Chicago Tribune.

"So the country has congress on its hands again."
"Yes, and I understand there will be some interesting legislation on foot."

Baltimore American.

"What do you think we ought to do with the railroads?" asked the nervous patriot. "I hadn't thought about that," answered Farmer Corntossel. "I've been too busy guessin' what the railroads are goin' to do with us."—Washington Star.

"A parson," remarked the Cheerful Idiot, is a good deal like a retired prize fighter." "Come on with the explanation," said, the ense party.

"He certainly seems likely to live to a green old age."
"Why, he has already attained it. He's just married a girl twenty-five years his junior and he thinks she loves him for himself alone."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Miss Ascum-You're still engaged to Jack, suppose? Miss Cuddles-Certainly. Miss Ascum-And does much as ever?
Miss Cuddles-Gracious! No. How could he? You know he broke his right arm the other day.—Philadelphia Press.

"Do you regard yourself as a reformer?" asked the friend. asked the friend.
"Not yet," answered Senator Sorghum,
"but after people get tired of some of the
new ideas I may come to the front and
help reform them back to the old ways."—

fine liquors?"
"I told you no such thing. I said he was in the whine business."—Haltimore

"Who is this Brander Matthews?" asked Who is the Brander Matthews?" asked he new proofreader.
"He's the father of the simplified speil-ng." answered the man at the other desk.
"Huh! He doesn't seem to have got tround to his own name yet."
Thereupon, without the slightest compunction, he marked out the superfluous "t."-

THE RED DESERT.

Denver Republican. The wallows are white-dged with aikall, Like the foam uncaked on a dead man's lips;
Two tiny clouds hang in the sky,
As the doldrums might hold two helpless

rain!)
And the foreman reels as he rides shead And the boys in the saddle are weak and

grim despair rides the foreman's And his keen eyes pierce through the dan-

oing haze To the hope that his heart has but III So lend, lead on 'neath the deserted anoth They have followed you into the maw of

And the lucky shall follow you out again.

