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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tem porarily should have The Bee

mailed to them. Address will be

The downfall of bills at Lincoln will now begin in earnest.

shanged as often as requested.

The report of Commissioner Sargent alleging violation of the contract labor law by Japanese will be received with pleasure on the Pacific coast.

The captain of the City of Panama should be censured for not keeping his life rafts fast so they could not frighten friends of his passengers.

If the man who demolished a Philadelphia bank really supported two tional commission, would admittedly families his desperation after playing be incompatible with the depth of Santa Claus to both is more easily un- water requisite for transportation bederstood.

If the threatened Southern Pacific that purpose. strike is really averted, congratulations are in order on the removal of the darkest cloud hovering over the advent of the new year.

Praise of Archbishop Ireland by the Paris Matin is evidence that the editor is bent on preventing the cardinal's hat from reaching the head of the American prelate.

Des Moines churches are to have special services on Sunday for legislators, but the law makers will probably look elsewhere for guidance during the other six days.

Other captains of industry seem to have been "making hay" while public attention was attracted to John D. Rockefeller-but the ofly philanthropist may now be given a rest.

In discussing states' rights senatorial orators should confine themselves prior to that date were settled in the little argument which ended in 1865.

The decision of the United States supreme court in the Cleveland Traction case shows that in some matters both litigants may be wrong, although courts soldom discover such a condition.

Announcement of the recovery of E. H. Harriman coincident with the closing of Interstate Commerce commission hearings in New York again demonstrates the effect of environment on health.

When the Interstate Commerce commission has learned how Alton stock was increased three times it might learn how Burlington stock was impounded and Northern Pacific bonds substituted.

Americans who sell arms to Cubans should remember that while "trade follows the flag" some traders may wear stripes. Uncle Sam is in no temper to condone the offense of giving aid and comfort to Cuban insurgents.

Tom Watson's running mate on the last populist ticket has made the startling discovery that all wealth is produced by mind and not by muscle. Those southern slave holders who thought they were getting rich from the enforced labor of human chattels regime would have been eligible and and Harriman lines. must have been chasing rainbows.

them will be found to be instigated by tem for appointment and promotion. some one holding an office, or expected consolidation into Greater Omaha.

THE SUPREME COURT COMMISSION. The outgoing governor in his message to the legislature advises the continuance of the supreme court commission, but subject to some radical changes. He urges that the commisbe reduced to three, and that the appointment of the commissioners by the judges be conditioned on the approval of the governor.

That the work of the supreme court during the years that it has been devolved in whole or in part upon a court commission has been and is decidedly unsatisfactory, will not be gainsaid. The basis of dissatisfaction is in the very essence of the scheme by which extra constitutional machinery has been created to perform the duties our broadening international trade and statesman's intention is good, but his reathat should be performed by judges other interests create. duly elected and fully invested with judicial power. Supreme court decisions rendered by proxy will never fill the bill, whether the number of

absolutely by the judges or in conjunction with the governor. The court commission was a make shift from the start, designed as temporary relief for an overburdened court docket, and it should be gotten rid of completely as soon as possible A supreme court consisting of five or six judges can easily take care of all of the business properly coming before it in a state like Nebraska, especially if some reasonable limitations be placed upon the wide-open door of appeal from the findings of inferior courts. The enlargement of the supreme court must come, it is true, through constitutional amendment, but if the necessity of such action is forced upon the people they will provide themselves with the additional judges. On the other hand, so long as they are permitted to rest in the betief that an improvised court commission is "just as good" they are likely

AS TO INTERIOR NAVIGATION.

to remain in a state of passive indiffer-

The resolution of the International Waterways commission limiting the abstraction of lake water through the Chicago drainage canal, following quickly the report of the United States engineers, discouraging the scheme of deepening water between Chicago and St. Louis, bears seriously on the question of interior navigation. While the commission's action is tentative and requires to be confirmed between the American and Canadian governments, it might lead to international obligations that would stand in the way of a channel connecting the lakes and the Mississippi deep enough for efficient water transportation. The limitation of diversion of lake water through the drainage canal to 10,000 cubic feet per second, as agreed by the internatween Chicago and St. Louis, fourteen feet being the standard assumed fo

The report of the board of United States engineers, which, acting independently of the international commission, is even more extraordinary, pertinently declaring feasible as an engineering work such a channel at an estimated cost of \$40,000,000 to \$50,-000,000, but also irrelevantly theorizing on the commercial effect, and expressing the opinion that it would be unprofitable. Such speculation, while not proper to the board's functions, nevertheless is harmful to the popular purpose regarding interior navigation, and the international commission's recommendation might frustrate it though the desired channel be otherwise practical.

The possibilities of river navigation. becoming now more important every year, will not be realized until a comprehensive plan for sufficiently deep and continuous channels shall have been formulated and agreed to, but the to precedents since 1861, as all issues action of these two influential bodies threatens to narrow the field for such

CONSULS AND THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

Between the consular service act passed at the last session of congress. which, though imperfect, was an improvement, and voluntary executive for patronage as political spoils is being in large part cut off and the character of our foreign service correspondingly raised. The comular places remained notoriously a refuge for broken-down politicians or for aspirants without fitness for other places years after the other departments had been effectively included in the classified service, in spite of every effort, and the obvious necessity for like safeguards in the former, and especially President Roosevelt's pressure upon congress for legislation.

The act passed at the last session did not, indeed, provide for the establishment of a thorough merit system of appointment and promotion, which Secretary Ros, with the president's approval, had prepared, but it did secure the consistent grading of the consular offices, with an important code of regulations, and leaving the door open for executive action. These new horde of aspirants who under the old settlement of differences between Hill

progressively to insure the ousting of many who had got in: The gain for

The arrangement now ordered by to hold an office, whose tenure would the president and just going into effect be abolished or made precarious by is intended merely to bridge as best may be the period till such legislation dispirited at the intelligence that the Ne- ried his chief employer's daughter.

likely to be before the next regular session. But the thousands of aspirants will find that the preliminary requirements are rigorous and not to be evaded by any sort of political inreal test of fitness in the light of which

promotions are to be determined. The spoils system has yielded only tardily to the introduction of progressive methods in this department, where they were most needed, but the administration has at last succeeded career to men of fitness and ambition to serve in the consular field in the increasing severity of competition which

THE CONGRESSIONAL PROSPECT.

The forecast of a session of little or no vital legislation generally made at the convening of congress and long commissioners be nine or three and before bids fair to be completely veriwhether the commissioners be named fied. Though more than five weeks of the session have passed and less than eight weeks remain almost nothing but preliminary organization and initial committee routine work has been either accomplished or attempted. Nor is there any sign of a serious purpose in either house to economize time and subordinate minor matters to the interests of any of the large subjects public consideration in the meantime.

In the senate for the next two weeks there is, on the contrary, prospect of a running debate on a variety of topics, none of it bearing on measures of first importance, with how much more of the like consumption of time be yond no one can now foretell. It is obvious that elaborate speeches on the Brownsville case alone will occupy sevpoint involved is whether a certain investigation shall be made or the manner of it. If there were a definite concert among a considerable senatorial clique to have a do-nothing session, the Brownsville incident would of course afford a convenient pretext and the course of events would be about

as it seems now to be outlined. In fact, the great supply bills that will soon be coming out of committee to take right-of-way on the calendars will practically monopolize the remaining weeks of the session unless congress shall bestir itself far more energetically than there is now any good ground to expect.

South Omaha boasts that it has received during the past year a larger amount of money as interest on de- Railroads and State Commission Agree posits of city funds than in any similar previous period. Yet whether this is a good thing or not depends on some other conditions. If at the same time terest as against the 2 per cent received on gash in bank, the net result would In municipal finance the test of good business management is to be found in and holding down the bank surplus.

Council Bluffs is also working toward municipal ownership of its water ties are not entangled by any compul- ference tomorrow. sory purchase laws such as that with which Omaha has been tripped up. It as to whether a mutually acceptable valuation can be reached, and when the decks are cleared from the mass of likely to assume the same shape.

No one need now be ignorant as to just what has made Speaker Nettleton distinguished. A resolution adopted at a meeting of Irish-American patriots in this city singles him out because he has "the distinction of being born But perhaps the distinction belongs to the church for having so eminent a statesman born near it.

braska legislature show inclination to per cent. byists representing other special interests. The real trouble is that the present, in return for the additional reducorders supplementary to it, a wide field | railroad political agents feel sure they will have all they can do to attend to their own knitting without loading up with other people's work.

One of the measures introduced at Lincoln proposes to require every packthat cheers" to be plainly labeled on of court. the outside with the words, "intoxicating liquor." The next thing, every man who takes a drink will be required by law to put out a sign telling just how many he has had.

As a postscript to representing Nebraska in congress in populist days, O. M. Kem is now a member of the Colorado legislature and breaks into print as the only member of that body to refuse a railway pass. "Foraging off of the enemy" cannot be popular in to that position. Colorado at present:

Washington and Oregon shippers will probably await the promulgation as to the duties of consuls of the next rate sheet before congrat-

If Kansas City imagines it can have Omaha are organizing. There may be stantial and notable, but requires for traffic it is sadly mistaken. Missourt some well-meaning but misguided per- permanency legislation positively in- river water is just as buoyant at sons among them, but the most of stalling and extending the merit sys- Omaha as it is between Kansas City and St. Louis

> A Crushing Knock Chicago Chronicle

| shall be forthcoming, which is not braska legislature disapproves of him. There are some misfortunes that crush man at once

Overworked the Graft.

Philadelphia Record. Our example is contagious. The heads of all the railroads in the United Kingdom sion, consisting now of nine members, fluence, and that the service, beginning have signed an agreement abolishing all at the foot of the consular ladder, is a private rebates. The truth is that the big shipper has overworked his graft. exacted so much that the railroads were compelled to combine for defense against

The Fox and the Grapes.

The Hon, John Sharp Williams says the White House is "too damp to live in," in establishing at least promise of a thereby serving notice that he will not antagonize Mr. Bryan in the latter's efforts to get the democratic nomination for the presidency and later colonize himself in the executive mansion. The Mississippl soning is defective. A parliamentary leader and orator who cannot generate enough heat to keep one small building like the White House warm would better give up politics altogether and go back to raising corn and cotton.

The Coming Man.

Springfield Republican Some of these anthropologists become look for as the coming man. Prof. McGee finds that the Americans of tomorrow are already represented among us in the type Mr. Rockefeller strikes the professor as a forerunner of our grandchildren and their children, although he does not guarantee that the coming Americans will all be blessed with the Rockefeller purse. this is anthropology, it is the new dismal science, for it would be depressing to beleft over from the previous session, or lieve that Mr. Rockefeller is the type of that have been pushed to the fore in the American of the future. In our judgment, he is likely to become as extinct a type as the prehistoric skeleton recently dug up in Nebraska.

GOOD TIME FOR A TEST.

Man's Rights Superior to Corporations.

Indianapolis News. be that the decision of Judge Evans in Louisville regarding employers' liability will affect also the enforcement of the pure food and the meat inspection eral weeks, though the only practical statutes. These rest for coercive power upon the interstate commerce clause. The whole question, of course, will go to the supreme court. But it may sustain the We should, however, remind ourselves that we have state governments to insure pure food and various kinds of things. If our state governments are inefficient, then the whole question is, to use the slang phrase, up to us. We must have protection against acknowledged ills somewhere, somehow, or we have no adebe raised at a better time. For we believe the people were never more determined to have a government of law and to see that law is obeyed than now. We are coming back to the notion that after all the best thing in the world is a man, and that in these times of complicated social machinery the individual man's rights are to be strictly protected. Reform will take patience, but it will also take effort.

KANSAS GETS RELIEF.

on Reduced Rates.

Topeka Dispatch to Kansas City Journal by the leading rathoads in the state.

This agreement between freight conferbe on the red ink side of the ledger. ence this afternoon between freight traffic managers of the Missouri Pacific. Union Pacific, Rock Island and Santa Fe railroads and the members of the Board of keeping off interest-bearing obligations Railroad commissioners, and is the biggest victory the railroad commissioners have won since they have been in office. It was necessary for both elements to make concessions before the final written agreement works, but the Council Bluffs authori- will be signed by both parties to the con-

During the past summer suits have been filed in the federal court enjoining the Board of Railroad commissioners from putis purely a question across the river ting into effect reduced freight rates on coal, grain and grain products, paper and hardware. Injunctions were not only asked. but the petitions attacked the constitutionality of the law creating the board. These litigation Omaha's water problem is suits were begun by the four railroads represented in the conference this afternoon

By the terms of the agreement reached oday the railrods will reduce the freight rate on coal 1 mill per ton per mile. aggregate reduction on this commodity will amount to from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 annually The reduction on grain and grain products is 7 per cent of the present rate. The board had ordered a reduction of only 5 per cent, but by the terms of the agreeadjacent to the historic church of Dun- ment the additional reduction was made gannon, in county Tyrone, Ireland." The aggregate saving to the Kansas shippers as a result of this reduction will be from \$400,000 to \$600,000 depending upon the size of the crop.

The rate was reduced on all kinds of paper from Missouri river points to Hutchin-The railroad lobbyists of the Ne- son, Witchita and other western points, 10

No reduction was made in hardware rates go it alone and cut loose from the lob- the board conceding the right of the companies to keep these tariffs as they are at tion on wheat and other grain.

PERSONAL NOTES.

There is no lack of Harrimany on the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific. The St. Louis woman who shot at a judge probably figured that murder by one of her sex was treated as an incident, but age containing stuff to fill "the cup she had not studied the perils of contempt

> In his message to the Pennsylvania legislature Governor Pennypacker says that earth, it will be by the development of in- road corporation should be given American wants to know what's biting him

Edward F. Hamlin for the past thirty years has acted at executive secretary ter. nder fourteen governors of Massachusetts, during which time he has not been absent ram's support of McMullen, the corporation a single day on account of sickness. He candidate for speaker of the house, caused was appointed by Governor Rice in 1877, much unfavorable comment here among and has served under every governor since those who voted for his election. It is that time, being the first person appointed well known fact that Mr. Byram when

famous athiete, has enlisted in the navy as masses in Nebraska. His position was so a yeoman at the request of President pronounced in that direction that we in Roosevelt in order to get material for writ- formed him that he could not have the ing up the American navy. His home is support of the Herald unless he would in South Boston. The president is desirous piedge himself to support the reform measare such . . to debar from entrance a plating themselves on the so-called of having the navy written up by a com- ures incorporated in the republican platpetent person and Mr. Connolly will per- form. Later Mr. Byram signed the pledge form a duty for this country such as Rud- sent out by the Omaha Bee which was yard Kipling did for the British navy. The anti-annexationists at South creditable and efficient service is sub- a monopoly of the Missouri river water ter of recommendation from a county judge this county posted on the attitude of their to the head of a hig legal firm. Young members in this session on matters touch Hughes wore clothes which showed no ac- ing public interests. It matters not how quaintance with metropolitan tailors, but unpleasant the task or how near the head of the firm surveyed the young man do it, it will be told." Members of the later and said to his partner: "Try quietly legislature are public servants sent there to make that young fellow get acquainted to carry out the wishes of the people and if with civilized attire as soon as possible." they fall in the honest discharge of that King Leopold of Belgium will be much Five years later the "young fellow" mar- duty it is the functions of the press to in

TIPS FOR THE LAWMAKERS.

Stockville Republican Faber: The thirtieth legislature of the state of Nebraska convened Tuesday, January 1. Now for all those promises.

Bloomfield Journal: The new legislature should pass a reciprocal demurrage law. If the railways were compelled to put of men enough at terminals to handle the cars and place them for unloading it would relieve the "oar shortage" very much.

Valentine Republican: During the next two months at least all eyes will be turned toward Lincoln, the legislature now being in session. Organization of that body indicates that it will be a working legislature, meeting many of the demands required by the people of the state.

Blue Springs Sentinel: A noticeable fact in what Douglas county will ask of the coming legislature is that nearly everything is for a raise in fees. Good fat fees are nice where the other fellow is paying for them but a different proposition when you have to foot the bill

Wood River Interests: In enacting legislation it would be well for our legislative solons to ever keep in mind in the introduction and passing of bills the principle of the liveryman in passing upon the bucket, "will it hold water," It profits a state little to enact a statute that will disappointing when they tell us what to prove a dead letter with the people or that will get knocked out by the supreme court

Wood River Interests: The Nebraska of John D. Rockefeller. Anthropologically, legislature is now in session. Let the republican majority therein keep close in touch with the republican platform and the pledges made to the people if they would acquit themselves with honor. legislative and executive forces of the state will be judged this year, not by words and maneuvers, but by practical results-a severe tribunal, it is true, but a just one. Bloomington Advocate: If the present

legislature wishes to win a warm spot in the hearts of the long suffering people who they are supposed to represent they will at once get down to business by electing a United States senator, pass a few much needed laws, repeal a few worthless laws and adjourn and go home. It might prove a little tough on the lobby and professional hanger on, but it would look mighty well in history.

Kearney Hub: If we mistake not, the railroad lobby that sought to control the organization of the Nebraska legislature may as well take to the woods or retire to the spot or spots from whence they came. There may be a few members who are inclined to indulge in gentle dalliance with the railroads, but they are not in the majority, and there is some reason to believe that the roads will fare better by keeping hands off entirely.

Albion News: The republican party, having a large working majority will be in the field. This will afford the opporheld responsible for the net results of tunity for some practical work in military quate government. The question could not the session. They have made many pledges, ballooning in the line of the important tests and it is going to require hard and earnest work to redeem them. The members of the legislature have the future of the party in their hands, because if they fall from Captain Carl Reichmann, Seventeen to fulfill the promises made, the people infantry, in regard to the letter published will retire them and the party. No ex- in the New York papers some weeks ago cuses will be accepted, because they know and alleged to have been written by that

was demanding a secret ballot in caucus. All suits now pending in the federal court All the other candidates were for an open to test the validity of the statute creating vote, which was the method adopted. the state board of railroad commissioners Nettleton of Clay, was elected speaker, city warrants against exhausted funds will be dismissed, and immediately the which is a bump for the corporations. We have been out drawing 7 per cent infreight rate reducations, amounting in the hope "the gentleman from Boone" will aggregate to \$1,500,000 annually, will be made get into the band wagon and represent the people of his county.

Aurora Sun: If the members of the present legislature will, after getting down quarter that made it necessary for the War to business, appoint a committee, accom- department to call upon Captain Reichpanied by a couple of expert and reliable accountants, for the purpose of investigating fraternal insurance societies doing Major General Bell, who will make a recom business in this state, the poorer classes of the state will owe every member of the no further action be taken. legislature a debt of gratitude. A fraternal insurance society and its officers that are doing business on the square will be the better off from an investigation, and the policy holders will be the better satisfied. You are supporting these institutions, and considered that this may be done to a you should know what is being done with your money.

Wood River Sunbeam: As was remarked of fuel to the families of enlisted men at by a gentleman in the presence of the writer a few days ago, "If the present legislature in sesssion at Lincoln does not do more or make better laws than the legislature of two years ago, they ought to be lynched." Of course such harsh treatment per month may be authorized for each se would be impossible, but the statement of quarters occupied in this way. The conveys the fact that the people of the authority thus conferred will expire on state are watching the legislature and its March 31. The privilege of purchasing fuel members. Throughout the recent campaign, the candidates for representative made restricted by statute to compersonal pledges to enact certain legislation, and the people are not going to forget these promises. From the start that has been made, if the legislature of 1907 does not make something else besides history, it will be a disappointment to the people.

Columbus Telegram (dem.): In the fight for control of the legislature last Tuesday it was horse-and-horse between the railroad and anti-factions. The antis won in kind of ammunition and the army another, the house, electing the venerable Dan Nettieton as speaker. But the railroad crowd scored a decided victory in the senate, hoosing for president Saunders of Douglas, whose election was due to the fine work militia law which will take the form of a of Joe Burns and Jack McKesson, watchdogs of railroad interests in the senate. Here is another illustration of the duplicity equip the militia with the new Springfield of the fake reformers, who have promised to do things to railroad and corporate interests generally at this legislative session. The Telegram does not charge that President Saunders of the senate is a railroad tool. We do not mean to say that the rallroad lawyers can induce him to do dirty work in a legislative way. But we do mean to say that all his sympathies lie with the corporation interests, which have always aided him in politics. We do mean to "if man is ever driven off the face of the say that Saunders honestly believes a railsect life," and the Philadelphia North consideration by a lawmaking body than an individual citizen, and that honests makes him a very dangerous man in the position which he will fill during the win-Tekamah Herald: Representative By-

James B. Connoily, author and a former of the reform measures advocated by the published over his signature, after which Governor Hughes first went to New York | we inserted his name in the ticket in the Heraid. We propose to keep the people of was given a job at \$10 a week. The friends, we will follow the motto, "if you form their constituents.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. The chief signal officer of the army will

captive, balloon of 2,200 cubic meters. This house. balloon will be of American make and will be sent to the signal corps depot at Omaha. A free balloon, of course, does not cost as much as a captive ballooon, of which type the signal corps bought a new model in France more than a year ago and is now awaiting its delivery at New York. will also be sent to Omaha and used in some experiments in aerial navigation and observation. The free balloon has the additional advantage of being cheaper to operate since it requires only coal gas instead of hydrogen as does the captive balloon. It is also planned by the signal corps people to build a hydrogen generator, compressing plant and gas tank at Omaha. The compressing plant will enable the hydrogen to be inserted in tubes for transportation made abroad.

The War department has received a reply in advance just what they have got to do.
All they have got to do is to do it.

Albion News: According to the Omaha
Bee and Lincoln Journal, the representative from Boone was lined up with the railroad interests in the organization of the house yesterday. McMullen was the prehouse yesterday of the corporations, and German birth, Captain Reichmann has acknowledged the authorship of the letter but has explained that the circumstances under which it was written relieved him from any culpability. Indeed, there is nothing in the letter which might not have been written with perfect frankness by any army officer to an intimate friend. It was an indiscretion of the recipient of the letter and a lack of good taste exhibited in that mann for an explanation. The subjects is likely to be dropped and it is probable that mendation in the matter, will suggest that

The War department has passed on the question of whether fuel may be sold to the families of enlisted men of the army who are absent in the Philippines. It is limited extent, but in general it is held there is no authority in law for the sale les sthan cost. It has been decided that in cases in which the department commander certifies that it is necessary as a means of protection to public buildings the expenditure of not exceeding 300 pounds of coal at less than cost price has always been cers.

It is desirable that the National Guarshall be equipped with the new Springfield rifle, which the army now carries. It is found, however, that this can not be done without a special provision of law. Under the existing conditions the militia must continue to carry the Krag rifle and this will mean that the militia will have one which, of course, is far from an arrange ment for the best interests of the service. Some time ago there was drafted in the War department an amendment of the provision in the next army appropriation act. By this means it will be possible to riffe and have returned to the governmen the Krag rifle, which in the evolution of

firearms has become obsolete. There is no opposition to the bill and the recon tions of the War department in favor of the legislation which makes the change possible will undoubtedly be incorporated purchase a free, as distinguished from a in the army bill without question in either

> The adjutant general of Iowa has inquired whether the expense of securing options, of making temporary surveys and of perfecting title to land, intended for a rifle range, may be paid out of the militia allotment of a state. It is held that the preparation of a title and of making temporary surveys may be paid out of the fund, but that the payment of a consideration for options on land, which is not ultimately purchased, is not a proper charge against the allotment. It is held that the payment of such expenses from a state allotment would only be proper where the acquisition of the range is consummated and that the surveying of a proposed range and the obtaining of options for lands, which were not later acquired, can not properly be charged to the allotment.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"No," snapped the sharp-faced woman at the door, "I ain't got no food fur you an' I ain't got no old clo'es. Now, git!" "Lrdy," replied Harvard Hasben, "I could repay you well. Give me a square meal and I'll give you a few lessons in gram-mar."—Philadelphia Press.

The doctor said that the illness of his distinguished patient had been greatly exaggerated.

Just then the patient died.

"As I said, gentlemen," resumed the doctor, your accounts of this illness were exaggerated. Otherwise death would have occurred a week agolf—Philadelphia

"What's the matter with Fox these days? He's positively stupid." no, he's only pretendin Pretending to be stupid? What's the

"For some reason or other he's trying to get into society."-Catholic Standard and

"Are you aware that you occasionally re-peat yourself?" asked the critical friend. "Yes," answered the serenely superior author, "It is sometimes unavoidable, when competent and reliable."-Washing

"Why is it that Blank, the shirtmaker, and Irons, the laundryman, do not speak when they meet?"
"Well, you know, Blank advertised a new, indestructible shirt."

"And Irons immediately installed more powerful machinery in his laundry."— Woman's Home Companion.

A TRINITY OF JOYS.

A bleak gray morn, when winds are still, And white with frost each bank and hill, I hear a sound, and it thrills me through, From an old weed-stalk—did you heart it, Tis a whir of wings and a ringing note From a little chap in a blue-gray coat.

And this source of untold joy to me
Is the cheery call, "Chickadec-dec-dec;"
All sorrows flee, all cares depart,
When this song echoes in my heart.

When all the world is wrapped in white When all the world is wrapped in white And sundogs gleam with sullen light. When sidewalks shine with frosty glitter, When northern blasts are keen and bitter, When cattle seek the rudest shelter, When coits go racing helter-skelter About the lot, then comes a day.

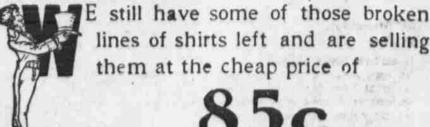
All freighted with the breath of May, and all our cares malt with the snow And all our cares melt with the snow With keenest joy we see it go.

When life is weighted down with care, When trouble broads o'er all the air, When every bird has lost its song. When times are dull and things go wron When life seems all one huge mistake And all the heart is one big ache. A something comes that turns the tide And joy floods in from every side; You ask what made the heart expand—Tweet the trusting touch of a little above. Twas the trusting touch of a little child's

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