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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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This is the week for the law-makers United States senator.

Let all hope that the question of pure whisky will be settled by the time the next cider crop is ready for the salicylic acid.

When Wall street speculators are shocked by a proposed increase in railroad stock it is time for promoters to be careful.

In deciding not to send its fleet to the Golden Gate Japan has saved San Francisco the necessity of pretending to welcome it.

issue an encyclical in favor of peace. W. T. Stead may find that he should have begun at Paris.

a cathefactory purchaser.

California congressmen should recipro- large fleets at sea. cate by favoring a reduction in duties on imported Rhine wine.

with his lasso at the late Jacksonian adjustment of rank and sent young feast. Such inactivity may so put him out of practice as to impair his worldwide reputation as a rope thrower.

If Oklahoma doesn't hurry Kansas will beat it in getting the Indian represented in the United States senate, since Congressman Charles Curtis traces his ancestry to the red man.

The next time Kentucky politicians want to annihilate opposition they will use their own guns and take chances with a jury of their peers, as these various confessions must be trying on

tion makers to sell all state school of transcontinental roads indicate a perfected. land may mean that their desire to possible violation of the Sherman antiprevent scandals outwelghs their confidence in the increase in value of the tion and by criminal prosecution. The holdings

Senator Tillman's remarks on the Brownsville incident will be received with little more satisfaction in the south than in the north. The pitchfork statesman is afflicted with damaged tines.

The Japanese who have formed a soclety to develop trade with the Philippines evidently have little faith in the occidental idea that trade follows the flag and the orient may teach the west another lesson.

President Ripley's admission that vailroads may have falled to provide adequate rolling stock detracts from his plea that the companies be permitted to do the best they can without government interference.

The institution of civil suits to redeveloped. cover land involved in fraud is the severest blow the government can strike at the practice, since corporations can portant, is the power conferred by the The federal constitution provides only supervise the American child and home -of good editing. Legislative, election, better afford to see congressmen go to new law upon the Interstate Commerce | that "congress shall make no laws rejail than to lose their spoil.

A bill has been introduced in Lin-Charities and Corrections of its official criminating in particular, a national what is thus denied only to congress. expected immediately to assume super- power and charged with the duty of has ever created a state church, not- follow his statements to their logical of this valuable volume, the contents of vision of this piece of relief work.

investigation of rumors and insinua- ceedings. tions that had been in circulation since

their instructions on the senatorship. binding, because at the last moment aroused and resolute people. someone would come to the front with a resolution for an investigation of some charge made against the pre-

litical body. Less unsold and returned copies. . 9,241 States senator. If popular government

### THE NAVAL BILL.

President Roosevelt's message to conpresents today in this regard. Rapidly lent applications, this feature of our of years. adding to the equipment of the navy, divorce law should by all means be contingency of possible war.

Skilled and competent commanders of large naval forces cannot be improvised, and the day of the "captain's battle" in naval warfare is over. Yet congress seems determined to leave the navy just where it was in 1898, when Captain Sampson was called upon to take charge of a fleet and conduct a After he has requested the pope to vigorous warfare. He had had no training in handling large bodies of vessels and men, and the strain of the campaign broke him down. In all probability it would be so again were the If the Union Pacific is forced to sell United States to become embroiled in stock of other roads held by it, Mr. a war. None of the higher officers of Harriman will probably be able to find the navy are physically able to undergo the arduous duties of a sea campaign, and few if any of the younger men New that a German court has or- have had the needed training in the dered San Francisco fire losses paid, tactics and strategy of maneuvering

The war with Spain and the subsequent campaigns in the Philippines were of inestimable service to the Mayor Dahlman neglected to exhibit army, for they brought about a remen to promotion while yet young and vigorous, and in condition to give good service to their country. But the navy has not benefited correspondingly, but is in almost the same state of unpreparedness. The president's warning should be heeded and the needed legislation provided for a readjustment of the naval personnel.

> REMEDIES FOR TRADE CONSPIRACY. At least two ways are immediately available of attacking conspiracies for facts brought out by pending investigatrust law, attackable both by injunc-Harriman scheme, if its present methods were enjoined, might likewise be perpetuated in some other form, it same law. A conspiracy against com- the president over his shoulders. petition under any form is illegal, and court remedy is simply a matter of legal proof of violation. Moreover, the

cuse is given even to those who would stimulate concurrent action by all the the realm of speculation. like an excuse to break away from states within their jurisdiction, a vast field of authority, which is only lately If the mere offering of such a res- beginning to be occupied. Some of the charges, were sufficient to relieve mem- formidable, but a power exists im-

received the endorsement of the last ing with regard to social Pittsburg is rying charges. 22...... 31,900 republican state convention, which about to be ruthlessly shattered by 28 ....... 30,850 choice was subsequently ratified at the social Omaha?" Answering its own be even greater, imparting a tremenpolls. If the citizens of Nebraska did | question, it says that it looks so, "be- dous impetus to extension of real water not believe that he was a suitable can- cause Omaha had nearly one-third as competition by improvements for nav-27 ...... 31,770 didate for United States senator they many divorces as marriages last year." igation on the chief tributaries of the 28....... 31,610 would have returned a democratic ma- The only mitigation found in this con- Mississippi, like the Missouri and Ohio jority to the legislature, who by the dition lies in the further information rivers, for every reach of deepened same mandate would have been in duty that "a very large percentage of the channel in them would then afford bound to have elected W. H. Thompson, applicants for legal separation are vast water connections and alterna- away from the old custom of "publishing

> widely heralded as offering easy facili- stroyed. ties for marital uncoupling. Without demanded from our judges. Neither as an open door for divorce seekers.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Democratic politicians and press are litical capital out of the retirement of might not be diverted in any way from the delicate duties that will devolve

to temporary headship of the commitretiring chairman. The chairmanship titles, civil, military and otherwise. remains vacant until filled by the committee, just as it did when Senator Hanna died, and Vice Chairman Payne became acting head of the committee. There being nothing for the committee to do at this juncture nothing will be gained or lost by waiting for the regular meeting, which will come next December, when the time and place of the next national republican nominating convention will be fixed. Unless something unforeseen occurs before that suppressing competition in railroad time the committee will in all probabiltransportation. In the first place, the ity ask Mr. New to hold over until a new committee shall have been consti- precedented spurt of prosperity. The proposal of Oklahoma constitu- tions concerning the Harriman group tuted and a new campaign organization

As a matter of fact, there would have been no conflict with the political proprieties for Secretary Cortelyou evidence already in sight seems as to have continued to act as national strong as, if not stronger than, that chairman just as have others before on which the incorporation method of him, who have likewise held high posicombining the Hill group was annulled tion of one kind or another under the with the sanction of the supreme court. government. When he was chosen in Because the Hill scheme in restraint the first place he retired from the cabiof trade has been in some part or even net in order to devote his whole time in most part perpetuated under an- to the campaign and resumed a cabinet other form of operation, or because the portfolio afterward only when the campaign work was all done. He took the position not because he wanted it for a personal gratification, but only on the does not follow that the one or the urgent request of President Roosevelt. other is not effectively assailable in Those who are hitting at him now as a further judicial proceedings under the matter of fact are only trying to strike

THE STATES AND RELIGION. In the senate discussion of the Smoot anti-trust law is eminently "a criminal case the fact is brought out forcibly statute," as Justice Holmes declared in that, contrary to a common misunderthe Northern Securities case, and its standing, although perhaps known to criminal resources remain yet to be students, the several states are free to create church establishments unless On top of this, and even more im- prohibited by their own constitutions. commission to fix rates for interstate specting an establishment of religion or commerce. If competition in rates has prohibiting the free exercise thereof." been illegally suppressed so that they But that provision in no way restrains individual, and nature has a way of and nervous irritation. The professional coin to relieve the State Board of are unduly high in general or dis- or affects the power of states to do existence. The state board may be tribunal now stands ready with full It is true that no state of the union

must be the object of "community of powered to do so. On the contrary, German language cannot be extended poration bunch of politicians who are play upon proper complaint against stantially the same prohibition that the lion. responsible for it. In springing an conspiracy to suppress competition at national constitution contains. But if eleventh-hour resolution from the dem- the same time that it is attacked the people of any state should see fit to ocratic side of the house calling for an through injunction and criminal pro- annul that probibition and to authorize a state church establishment, they Such an assault along the whole line would be acting within their powers. before the political conventions and of national jurisdiction would, in the Fortunately no such menace confronts through the state campaign no new ex- present temper of the public mind, us and the discussion belongs wholly to him the judge at the Jamestown interna-

A TRUNK LINE WATERWAY. The people generally, and the manuolution, reciting exploded campaign illegal conspiracies are indisputably facturers and business men of the west especially, ought not to miss the force bers of the legislature of their obliga- measurably greater, though as yet it of the fact that a board of competent tions to vote for a party nominee en- has been only fractionally put forth engineers has reported, after a thor- man by his heartless white brother. dorsed at the polls no obligation, no against them and only after many dis- ough practical examination, that a matter how imposed, would ever be couraging delays-the power of an fourteen-foot channel between St. Louis and the Chicago drainage canal can be secured at an expense to the BIDDING FOR A DIVORCE COLONY, \* government not exceeding at the ut-The recent publication of the statis- most \$31,000,000, and probably sevferred candidate. A caucus decree tics of marriage and divorce in Omaha eral millions less. The difficulty of the responsibility if he were to unload it. could thus be repudiated as easily as a for the year 1906, startling on their securing and maintaining a channel convention nomination or a popular face, is attracting much attention from of the same depth for a long distance vote of preference, and confusion and outside newspaper commentators. The below St. Louis is greater, but by no chaos would be perpetual in every po- most pointed criticism comes from the means insuperable. A channel even Chicago Inter Ocean, which makes of considerably less depth thus con-Members of the Nebraska legislature them the text for a satire headed, necting the lakes and the gulf would will be called upon to record their "What's the Matter with Omaha?" form a great free waterway through Tuesday. The republicans are in duty generally accepted and comfortable ble service to its transportation needs bound to vote for Norris Brown, who theory which we have been entertain- and of far-reaching influence upon car-

Its potency as a "trunk line" would tives between numerous great markets While some of our critics are in- as well as direct access to the guif. It now before the Illinois legislature proposes and populists voting for W. H. Thomp- a divorce colony, and that this state is of river competition has been de-

The most surprising circumstance is mentioning names, any intelligent per- the comparatively small cost of laying son who reads the newspapers can the basis for such epoch-making watergress, calling attention to needed re- readily recall a dozen to a score of way developments. If there could be forms in the naval personnel, has not notoriously flagrant cases of imported subordination of the innumerable as yet obtained the attention it de- divorce suits in which the plaintiff has petty and purely local schemes under serves. The president has pointed out not even attempted to disguise the guise of river improvement, not a dolat Lincoln to record their votes for defects in the American naval estab- temporary character of his or her resi- lar more need be taken in the aggrelishment that would seem to demand dence here, as well as its purpose. If gate from the national treasury for a for seven men. But the domination of immediate correction. It is a most longer residence to give access to our large and basic channel than has been many lines by one man, as revealed in the Incongruous spectacle the United States | courts is the only way to stop fraudu- fruitlessly spent during a long series | Union Pacific Southern Pacific Inquiry, in

But the dilemma between the horns no step is being taken to provide for changed. But even as the law stands, of which the growing demand of the its most effective employment in the a much stricter enforcement of our west for water competition is placed residence requirement is imperatively is that obstructive interests insist that is an incidental task for the commission, there must be navigation before the Nebraska nor Omaha has anything to channels are deepened, while com- ment to find out whether or not the law gain from being advertised broadcast merce finds that the channels must be deepened before there can be effective ers, on arriving in Chicago the other day navigation.

> What's in a name? It is interesttrying very hard to manufacture po- ing to note in the new volume of 'Who's Who'' for 1907, emanating short, Secretary Cortelyou from the chair- from London publishers, a nice dis- have a masterful way about them which manship of the republican national tinction as to the official titles of those promises well. committee and the assumption of the represented. The biography of the trains as seven-league boots, the commisduties of chairman by Vice Chandman president of the United States, for ex-islaners, working simultaneously at points New. There is, however, nothing out ample, is headed "Col. Theodore far removed from one another, recently of the ordinary in this change except Roosevelt," although members of his that Mr. Cortelyou should have deemed cabinet are labeled as "Hon.," such as coal lands and car shortage; now they have it incumbent upon him to relinquish his "Hon. Elihu Root" and Hon. Leslie M. begun a study of railway wrecks and block position at the head of the party or- Shaw." Our only living ex-president, systems. These inquiries, most of them ganization in order that his attention on the other hand, has to go as plain upon him as secretary of the treasury. Jennings Bryan," notwithstanding the discriminations, rebates and unreasonable So far as the succession of Mr. New fact that he has as much right to the title of "Col." as has the occupant of have been attentive to its chief duty. Pretee is concerned, it goes to him by vir- the White House. There is surely liminary work for inaugurating the unitue of his occupancy of the vice chair- great need for a standard authority to form system of bookkeeping required of the known. manship and not by designation by the formulate the rules for correct use of

> > The assessed valuation for the city of Portland upon which the municipal tax levy is imposed figures up a little over \$166,500,000. Portland by the last census was about 10,000 short of the population of Omaha and today cannot be much, if any, ahead in number of inhabitants. On taxable valuation, however, Portland has the best of Omaha by approximately \$50,000,-000. Either Portland has marked its goods up arbitrarily on the blackboard or it has been the beneficiary of an un- anticipate the drafts of the lawyers.

President Roosevelt has backed up so far as his order dismissing the colored troops deprived them of their right to hold civil positions under the government. He need not, however, expect that to mollify his assailants in the senate. No matter what the president does, these senatorial sharp- Arctic circle for infallible signs of fulfillshooters will make some of his actions their target.

The railroads still insist that they are taking no hand in the work of the Nebraska legislature. It is to be noted, however, that some one with it by wire feels much relieved over the more method than madness is stirring news that Steel Magnate Corey and Mabel up about every conceivable subject that would serve to divert attention from the measures the railroads most want beaten.

Farmers who have had experience with free seeds sent out from Washdissemination of "rare varieties," since plants which come from the seed too frequently surprise the planters.

some "mothers" show an inclination to foist upon the government those enforcing its rules.

The back fire on Norris Brown will interest" control to prevent. The rate practically all the states have volunt through colonies until a few colonists hardly serve the purpose of the cor- fixing power, too, can be called into tarily placed in their constitutions sub- have first headed a successful rebel-

> Hardest Task to Come. Chicago News.

It is said that the president has abandoned the use of the expression "Delight-ed," but he surely will renew its aequaintance if the proposition to make tional baby show is carried out.

Redmen Growing in Numbers.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Strange to relate, the Indian race, which was supposed to be rapidly disappearing, is now increasing in numbers. This is contrary to all the poetical and pathetic notions regarding the crushing of the red-Cannot Unload His Burden.

Chicago Record-Herald.

E. H. Harriman says he would give up his wealth tomorrow if he could. He has looked around, however, and is unable to discover any man or set of men who would in his opinion be great enough to assume

Grip Facts.

Baltimore American. The grip is not simply a bad cold, and this fact is worth knowing. It resembles a cold in some respects, and colds are often wrongly diagnosed by the victims as grip. The grip is a malady which has laws of its own, both as to origin and progress after votes for United States senator next "Can it be possible," it asks, "that the the heart of the continent of incalcula- development. According to the doctors, it must run its course-"there is no special remedy that can directly destroy the infection, no drug that can kill the bacillus or neutralize its toxin." This also is worth knowing. The main thing is to nurse with care and give the system the best possible aid in its efforts to throw off the poison.

A Lid for Hasty Marriages. St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Evidently none of the states served the cause of sanity or decency in the making of the marriage compact, or of stability in nuptial relations, when they swung the banns" some time before the performance of the marriage ceremony. A bill

#### DISTINCTLY ENCOURAGING. Preliminary Work of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Chicago News.

Men of Harriman's type have said that the task of regulating the operations of the nation's railways under the existing law is too big for the Interstate Commerce The total mileage of those railways and the enormous volume of their business do make the job seem prodigious itself contains a reflection of the argument against government regulation by a small

more direct indication of the results to be expected. The Harriman investigation which, through it, is helping the governagainst combinations in restraint of trade has been violated. Two of the commissionto continue the investigation, turned aside for a few hours to head off a big railway strike. Then five of them telegraphed James J. Hill to make haste to relieve the coal famine sufferers in the northwest. In

By division of labor and the use of fast have made moderate investigations respecting the relations of railways and elevators, ture for his purposes. ordered by congressional resolutions, are not the main business for which the comeminent military statesman, "William enforcement of the new law forbidding

Nevertheless, the commission appears to roads has been done and a set of rules on filing tariffs has been completed. hearings have been in progress in Chicago this week. Similar hearings are scheduled for all parts of the country. Both the manner and the results of the

#### ommission's work thus far are distinctly ncouraging to the public. PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

By this time the water wagon has returned to its proper function as a freight conveyance.

have a strenuous time living up to his advance notices. An advance in the price of certain brands

of oil shows that the Standard Oil people Miner Hicks grows in popular esteem as his virtues are found out. He refused to wear a swallowtail coat at a reception.

Violators of Boston's Sunday laws, when caught in the act, usually get ten days on bread, water and Emerson's essays. Just to keep their hands in, the revolu ionists decorated the holiday season in St. Petersburg with a few official funerals. The prophet of "the hardest winter of the century" was forced to flee to the

ment. Providence moves in mysterious ways, sure enough. A preacher stopped at Kalamazoo, Mich., long enough to take a bath. Now the employes of a local newspaper begin business with prayer.

Pittsburg and the country connected with are going to lose themselves abroad for three years. This will give the moral atmosphere a chance to disinfect itself. The discussion and dissection of the

girlle days of Mother Eddy excites as keen interest in New England as the companior topic, "Did Eve Haud a Lemon to Adam? The authorities charged with enforcement of the pure food law are unable to ington may believe that the govern- decide whether home made fruit cake is ment is still confining its efforts to the an article of interstate commerce or a ve hicle of dyspepsia. Pending a decision labels may be omitted.

The New York World Almanac and En cyclopedia for 1997 is a one-volume library of information. Concise, comprehensive In suggesting a cabinet officer to and complete, it is a marvel of compilation financial, trade, sporting, athletic, depart mental and educational matters, American and foreign, national and state, are al duties which nature imposes upon the presented in a manner economical of time man, the business man, the young and the aged; in fact all kinds and conditions of men, will have frequent occasion during If Colonial Director Dernburg is to the course of the year to refer to the pages effecting the rate reductions which it withstanding all were originally em- conclusion, he must argue that the which is given in a well arranged index.

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To exalt one at the cost of many is to drag all down.

He cannot reach heaven who gets out of ouch with earth. When a man brags of his past you can

discount his future. It is a poor kind of sympathy that exhausts itself in a sigh, The true man will find the bread of life even in the strife for bread.

It's folly to look for joy in heaven if you're giving no joy to your home. Love is the one thing you can spend extravagantly without coming to want. There never are two talents given to those who are unwilling to invest the one. You need not worry about heaven if the

thought of you makes people happy. The lighting of the world depends on many being willing to work in darkness. The qualities that excite the large soul to emulation arouse the small one to envy. The cheapest charity of all is that "we would have given if we only had known." Many a man thinks he is getting ahead on his work who only is anticipating his

worries. When one falls in love with truth there is no stopping to count the cost of the courtship.

The man who does not work at all i laying the work of two men on some other man's shoulders-Chicago Tribune.

### SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Baltimore American: The theory of the Chicago minister that false interpretations of the Bible to make it support almost any doctrine are responsible for much wickedness is not startingly original. It was put in a terse epigram some time ago, when it was said that the devil could quote scrip-

Brooklyn Eagle: A bishop, out Cincinnati way, has been assured by a rector to this effect: "I believe just what Dr. Crapsey believed. Shall I resign, or will you put me on trial-what shall I do?" To him "Grover Cleveland," as does also our mission exists. That business is the strict the bishop replied: "Go on preaching according to your lights. I have more important business to occupy my time than your doubts or surmises." That bishop believes that a heresy trial is the devil's delight. Whether Bishop Walker of Buffalo) has recovered from the shock is not known.

Chicago Chronicle: In our present state of civilization it ought not be necessary in voices of surpassing beauty. The wit and wisdom of their king.

for an old woman-an octogenarian-to defend herself against the gossip and insinuation of yellow newspapers and magazine backs. The attacks upon Mrs. Eddy are unmanly and cowardly. So far as the creed she founded is concerned it makes not a jot of difference whether Mrs. Eddy is inspired of the Lord or not. If the philosophy of it is workable the personality of its propounder is a matter of indifference. But that renders the conduct of the yellow hacks not the less con-For a man of 68 Ambassador Bryce will temptible. Making war on women is dirty work.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Sir," said the diffident youth, "your daughter has consented to mar-"
"Has, ch? Well, then, what are you around bothering me for?"-Philadelphia

Lawyer-Madam, I think that when your husband takes his sober second thought he Fair Client-Mr. Sharpe, he has never had his second sober thought yet.-Chicago Fribune,

"What's the matter?" asked the young wife in alarm, as her husband choked over her cooking school half baked cake. "Only doing what any good husband ought to be doing," he retorted between strangles; "I am coughing up the dough."—Philadelphia Press.

"If I could only die and leave you well off," he said, after they had had their first quarrei, "I would be glad to go."
"How," she cruelly asked, "could you die and leave me otherwise than well off?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

"That new servant will break everything in the house," he growled.
"Not everything, my dear," responded his wife, sweetly. "There are your New Year resolutions, you know." - Philadelphia Ledger.

"I hope you won't be disappointed, dear, for I know everybody thought George was paying attention to you. But as a matter of fact he asked me last night to marry 'He has then carried out his threat, poor

fellow."
"What threat?"
"He declared to me the last time I refused him that he would take some desperate step."—Baltimore American.

THE HAUNTED PALACE.

Edgar Allen Poe. In the greenest of our valleys
By good angels tenanted,
Once a fair and stately palace—
Radiant palace—reared its head,
In the monarch Thought's domini It stood there! Tever seraph spread a pinion Over fabric half so fair!

Banners yellow, glorious, golden, On its roof did float and flow, (This-all this-was in the olden Time long ago),
And every gentle air that dallied,
In that sweet day,
Along the ramparts plumed and pallid,
A winged odor went away.

Wanderers in that happy valley, Through two luminous windows, saw Spirits moving musically,
To a lute's well-tuned law,
Round about a throne, where, sitting,
(Porphyrogene!)
In state his glory well befitting,
The ruler of the realm was seen.

And all with pearl and ruby glowing

But evil things, in robes of sorrow, Assailed the monarch's high estate. But evil things, in robes of sorrow,
Assailed the monarch's high cestate.
(Ah, let us mourni—for never morrow
Shall dawn upon him desolate!)
And round about his home the glory
That blushed and bloomed.
Is but a dim-remembered story
Of the old time entombed.

And travelers, now, within that vailey,
Through the red-litten windows see
Vast forms, that move fantastically
To a discordant melody,
While, like a ghastly rapid river,
Through the pale door
A hideous throng rush out forever
And laugh—but smile no more.

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