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

out the ice trust than all the legal proceedings could have accomplished.

Kingston gives Great Britain an opportunity to show what it has learned by observation at San Francisco and develop in his new position and meas-Valparaiso.

Kearney's steam whistles gave Norris Brown a joyful hoot, again emphasizing the utility of a steam siren as a social factor.

Ralsouli's desire for pardon is not so strong as to cause him to restore the money for which he sold his dear friend, Ion Perdicaris.

Doing sanely what Hearst threatened to do insanely, Governor Hughes of New York convinces the people that the right man was elected for office.

Spokane will no doubt learn that it is impossible to permanently render lay hold of. It is, however, clear the matter of transportation rates.

The council will find the citizens almost as unanimous as were its members in regard to the quality of gas being furnished for consumption lo-

Railway tax cases at Washington Monday will give Senator Brown a chance to clinch the first nail driven into the lobbyist's coffin by the present

Senator-elect Guggenheim has resigned from all business associations, but his future conduct will show whether or not he had better have resigned the office.

Now that the taxpayers are to be compelled to make good the deficit in the state treasury, they may more accurately understand the gravity of the offense which created it.

found in the juice of the soy bean, a oleomargarine for butter the dairy may become a memory.

Division of opinion as to method of to the priesthood and laity.

As rules of "seniority" and "selection" apparently combined to give Colonel Godfrey his star, army officers | might strive to keep them together lutely immaterial to its purpose as a without injuring the service.

The most serious drawback to the deepening of the Mississippi river is that St. Louis is already talking of a necessity for an appropriation for "hazbor defenses" when ships can come up the stream

The most serious charge that can be brought against Chief Donahue is that he obeyed the orders issued to him by the city's executive. As this is part of his duty as subordinate to his obedience will involve him in any very serious difficulty.

Saloon men who undertook to run counter to the law have found very not sleeping, and that the machinery

SEBATOR NORRIS BROWN-

4 next as the successor to Senator Mil- longer debated nor debatable. lard. Mr. Brown has received his commission at the hands of the legislature, but by direct mandate of the people expressed in their vote of preference at the polls.

office freer from obligations to corporentangling alliances that would prevent him from voicing truly the sentibending every effort to promote the spective of selfish influences. Going into the senate thus independent and unfettered. Senator Brown should have every incentive to stand up courageously for right and justice and to 19...... 31,760 fight the battles of the people shoulder 32,670 to shoulder with their great leader in 31,620 the White House.

United States senator takes away from the upper branch of congress for the first time since the state was admitted 30...... 20,200 into the union. The people of Omaha they will look to the new senator, as the; have a right to do, to protect and commercial center. They will not hesitate to call on him as succeeding to the senatorship so long conceded to far as consonant with the material prosperity of the whole state just as earnestly and just as energetically as if he resided among us. Senator Brown has not up to this time come into very close contact with Omaha and its business activities, but we believe that he will cultivate more inti-Jack Frost is doing more to wipe mate relations and will disappoint those who have questioned his friendliness toward our city.

Senator Brown enters the national arena almost at a single bound. It will depend upon him whether he will ure up to what a senator should be, or be content to size with the low average, which, unfortunately, with two or three notable exceptions, has characterized most of Nebraska's representatives in the American House of Lords.

THE BROWNSVILLE CASE.

It was certain that the representatives in congress of those interests feated enemies to progress. But the which were resolved to restrict posi- progressive movement has gone on tive legislation at this session to the narrowest possible point would take away time in the semblance of debate, but it was not so easy to fore see what particular excuse they would geographical advantage of no effect in now that the Brownsville case was taken up as a time consumer, and a most industrious use has thus been made of it in the senate.

A bona fide consideration of the investigation resolution required no tude of irrelevant and collateral queslimit under the rules upon the dilaject, short of the consummation of the known to be hostile to the administration generally and to its progres-

sive program. The true interpretation therefore of the senate proceedings in the Browns-A substitute for milk has been orable because the obstructionists gas company is not only willing, but is were overpowered on the main point. Japanese vegetable. With this and And the strong probability is now that this purpose will be successful.

"THE CIVIL WAR."

Congress has done well not to perprocedure is evidence that French mit itself to be led into an acrimonbishops are affected by the trouble lous and prolix controversy over the which Archbishop Ireland attributed designation of the war from 1861 to 1865 in the preamble of a pension bill. Whether that struggle be referred in that connection as "the civil oredit for "saving the interests." war." "the war of the rebellion" or "the war between the states" is absoservice pension measure, and passionate dispute over phrases could only promote profitiess strife.

The phrase, "war of the rebellion, having got accidentally into the bill, although it was intended in drafting it to use "civil war," it would have been better for southern senators to pass it over, because it would have indicated on their part the supplanting of prejudice and sectional feeling by magnanimity. But when they missed the opportunity and showed sensitivethe mayor, it is not at all likely that ness by raising the point as to words it was better not to compete with them in irritating hairsplitting. 'civil war" being the form now usu-

ally employed in legislation anyhow. Under universal conceptions of suddenly that the Civic Federation is the national government now the war was incontestably a "rebellion," of the law to support its position can having been, like the revolution of forgiveness of his fellowmen. make matters very interesting for the '76, an organised resistance with force local lid lifters. Regardless of any of arms to lawful, authority which local sentiment, the law is very plain sought to set up an opposite author- than 400,000 freight cars is said to very late in life. His ruddy complexion

of Kearney will represent Nebraska in be left to take care of itself, the vital tome other plan may be tried. the United States senate after March Issue of the great conflict being no

LINING UP FOR REFORM.

Most significant is the note that is struck by all the governors in their messages and the legislative proposals This choice comes as near being an that are foremost in nearly two score election by direct popular vote as it states. With virtual unanimity, east is possible to be until the federal con- and west, north and south, they prostitution shall have first been amended nounce resolutely and insistently for to make the sovereign people the elec- a policy of constructive reform. What torate instead of the legislature, as is more important is the identity of now. As a consequence Senator aim which so notably characterizes Brown will assume the duties of his the specific measures in which this policy is embodied, for in many cases ate and other special interests than the agreed program in one state is a any senator who has heretofore been mere duplication of that in another Association for the Advancement of Scicommissioned by this state. He or in many others. Through all of Grasping Antennae of the Male Harshould be absolutely untrammelled by them runs the obvious purpose to se- pacticoid Copepods." That's an awful cure honest elections with elimination name to call our captains of industry. of graft in state and municipal govments of the people as a whole or from ernment, a tighter grip on railroad and public utility corporations with a welfare of the state and nation irre- view to fairer charges and services, and more equitable distribution of tax burdens-in short, a more enforcible in mind that the veterans are dying at the Births responsibility of all under equal law.

If this were the result of mere spasmodic or impulsive excitement, there might be little to hope in the way of substantial betterment, for many popular movements have come The advent of Norris Brown as and gone without permanent achievement, usually running to futility 25 31,000 Omaha the privilege of furnishing one through extremism or that multiplic-26...... 32,120 of the representatives of Nebraska in ity of schemes which sacrifices main practical points. But the constructive reforms that are being worked out now in the state jurisdictions are the 21...... 31,810 naturally feel the loss keenly, but logical continuation and complement of the memorable national movement under the leadership of President their interests as the state's metropolis Roosevelt, which culminated a year ago in a series of great progressive measures and, concurrently with and her sympathies. She can neither walk them, in the vitalization of executive nor drive without being mobbed by them this city to champion their rights so and judicial power for essential national and public ends. They signally demonstrate the compelling and sustaining power of a public sentiment as had not a dollar in the world. resolute as it is intelligent, demanding that the laws of the states be brought up abreast of those of the nation for efficient service of the needs of the life of the people.

The meaning of it all is that the people in the mass have become contrial and civic circumstances, of which previously for decades special interests, largely centered in corporations, tage, and thus informed of the main defects of old law, methods and attithe reform movement became dominant the hope of hostile interests, first having failed in counter manipulations, has been in large part driven to wait for reaction, the last ditch of dewith increasing strength, and the signs accompanying the opening of so many legislatures fresh from and under peculiar covenant to the people show that genuine constructive effort is now in full swing.

A point the eminent members of the city council seem to have lost sight of in their wrangle over the gas comthat the commercial interests of the city are directly involved. To a very more than a day or two, but weeks large extent industries of Omaha de- that this ruling was good law by the standhave now passed in a rambling and pend on gas for lighting and fuel, desultory discussion covering a multi- while the domestic arrangements of the city are also closely wrapped up tions. Nor is there apparently any with the gas supply. At present the to, Maybe there will have to be much consumption of gas is very nearly up tory use that can be made of the sub- to the daily output of the plant as it exists. An increase in capacity both purpose of the prime movers in the for manufacturing and storing a sup-'debate," most of them being well ply is imperative. The fact that the city derives a very considerable benefit from the sales of gas should also have weight in determining the issue of the present argument. It is not likely that any member of the city council ville case is not at all what appears desires to stand merely as an obstrucon the surface, but the settled pur- tionist, but it is very desirable that pose to defeat any important new leg- they should come soon to a conclusion islation, particularly of the character and no longer block the way for a which made the previous session mem- much needed improvement which the eagerly auxious, to make.

Appropriations for the benefit of time-worn groove. While the neces- jurists have reflected honor on sity of the provision being made for the support of these army posts is admitted and the sums were practically agreed upon, members of the house delegation have considerately held back that the senators might have the

Annexation sentiment grows steadily as the days go by. Opposition to the union of the two Omahas has its foundation in such obvious selfishness time the matter is submitted for approval of the people it is not unlikely that the sentiment will be nearly unanimous. The two cities are one in everything but name now.

The Colorado legislature is to infailures in Denver with a possible view proving that they were not due to "wild cat" mine investments unless certain brand of English soap. those investments were made in Ne-

Former Governor Mickey says, if the If Mr. Mickey will stick to this resolution he will probably in time win the

A pool of railroads controlling more

employed by standard authorities on pooled lines indiscriminately. If this It is now settled beyond a peradven- both sides. But mere historical and does not permit managers to create ture of doubt that Hon. Norris Brown controversial terminology can safely and dissolve traffic congestion at will

> Omaha Street Railway company will bring into use several extensive areas that have hitherto been neglected on account of inaccessibility. The steady growth of the city is gradually filling many years ago.

A Dark Horse Play.

Minneapolis Journal. The whinney and kick of Mr. Foraker doing a little dark horse play.

The Hammer In Action. Washington Post At a recent session of the American

ence a paper was read on "The Significance Mixed Pills for Knockers. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Snarlers at the pension system say the

rate of 100 a day they will feel happier. Uplift of Newsle and Jockey.

Chicago Record-Herald. William Alden Smith, who has been elected to succeed Senator Alger of Michigan, began business as a newsboy, and Charles Curtis, who will go to the senate from Kansas, was a jockey in his younger days. Evidently it is no longer necessary for our great men to have begun their careers as farm bands

Troubles of the Rich.

Boston Transcript. Poor Mrs. Sage! Her late husband by leaving her all his money prepared more trouble for her than a woman of her years should be forced to carry. Beggars, as the story goes, haunt her night and day seeking to enter her house by front door or back door, or even by the windows if by such means they can gain her car and the few years that are left to her threaten to become a nightmare. The experience must be sufficiently unpleasant to make her wish a good many times she

Railroads Bullt Last Year.

Railroad Gazette. Official returns from most of the railroad companies in the country, supplemented by our own records and figures furnished by the state rallroad commisof new railroad lines have been built in scious of the great changes in indus- the United States during the calendar year 1906. These figures include fifty-seven miles of new main track relocated, but do not include second, third or fourth track, siding or electric lines. The increase in the had taken selfish and immoral advan- total over last year is 1.240 miles, about 28 per cent. This large increase reflects, in part, the preliminary work carried out last year, when active construction was tudes, will not now longer brook resumed, following the retrenchment policy delay in their due amendment. Since generally observed in 1904. It also shows the new movement toward the Pacific coast and the noteworthy prosperity of the

COMMON SENSE AND THE LAW. A Missouri Judge Beals Technicalities a Burd Knock.

"Overruled, overruled; let me have the facts in this case. Don't try to tell me the to hold it good, whether it is or not. It's leveled at an evil; The city council and the mayor did a mighty good thing when the case." If you were not told so you would never

guess it in the world that this statement this age of technicalities. Let Kansas City at night." take off its hat to Judge Wofford, and the state of Missouri make the same obelsance, and the nation, too, with its federal judicatures. Does any layman or judge doubt And never let it be doubted that this is courts of this country must finally come legislation to bring it about. Perhaps new codes will have to be formulated and jurists broker. relieved of restrictive statutes. But the change is irresistibly in progress and judges ske Wofford are going to help its progress "The council and mayor knew what they were doing when they passed that ordinance, and they were influenced by good notives, excellent motives," declared Judge Wofford in further disregard of the technical protestation of a lawyer. Therein was consideration so often overlooked-that the intent of a law and its makers should be the controlling guide to its interpretation. To brush away the "creative criticism" of quibblers and to comprehend the mortals comprehend them, this is indeed

to unite the judiciary to the popular currents of thought and feeling. The case may be relatively unimportant. but who shall say that in its bearing on broad principles of jurisprudence the dictum of Judge Wofford may not mark an Nebraska military posts are taking the era as the judgments of more renowned erochs?

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, in the interests of economy, advises women that if they are careful they can dress on \$5,000 a year. Stewart Edward White, the author, has left his bungalow in California, where he has lived for the last two years, and has joined the authors' colony in New York. Thomas A. Edison has remembered his native town of Milan, Conn., by presenting it with a set of apparatus for the physical aboratory of the village high school as a that it is losing its force, and by the New Year sift. The inventor made the apparatus himself.

Prof. Brander Mulihews of Columbia un iversity, has received the decorations of the Legion of Honor from the French government in recognition of his services to literature in connection with the study of the French drama.

The late shah of Persia had his bed cham her overlaid with costly jewels, paintings and brie-a-brac, but it is said that his main delight was a cheap print copy of a grotesque picture used in advertising a

of the United States Department of Agriculture, has been appointed instructor in gronomy at the Pennsylvania State col-Mr. Shaw was student assistant in Lord will forgive him for what he has soils at Cornell university, where he was done, he will not again enter politics. graduated in 1905. He is now with a soil \$50,000,000 in new construction thereabouts.

party in Texas. All the justices of the United States supreme court except William H. Moody, the youngest member, are gray-haired. Mr Moody is a blonde and his hair is of that pale straw color watch turus gray only and no one man or combination of ity. It was also a "civil war," which have been formed at Chicago with the so that the contrast between Mr. Moody construction in the downtown district of men can set aside its operations.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the

Metropolis, Official reports and statistics of the past ear present the great city in a variety The proposed extension by the Mayor McClellan shows the net funded debt of the city to be \$474.683.996.12. Of this \$73,718,000 was added in 1906 and 1906. The temporary debt, revenue bonds issued in anticipation of taxes, is \$50,407,207. The citys' borrowing capacity \$73,000,000. The number of children on part time in schools, up the huge garment cut for Omaha says the mayor, has increased upward of 11,000 to 65,000 in 1906. The number of schools in use during 1906 was 510, and they housed 568.130 scholars.

A fraction over one killing and one sulcide for every day in the year was New York's record of criminal violence in 1906. in the senate indicates that the Ohioan is This red page does not include deaths from accidents, which raise the total to 2,160. Surface cars killed 97 persons; elevated trains, 14; tunnel trains, 17, and automo bilen, 24.

In Manhattan last year 5,890 deaths were ertified to the coroners' offices. This was a little more than 7 per cent of the number of deaths in New York City. A striking feature of the coroners' report is the number of tunnel casualties. Sixty-eight men were killed in the various underground channels through which Manhattan seeks new direct connections with Long Island and New Jersey. bill passed by the senate to make age

Here's New York City's record of maradditionally a claim will increase the cost riages and births for 1906: of pensions \$15,000,000 a year. If they bear Marriages Sirths
Couples married each day
Number bables born each day ncrease of marriages over 1905..... 8,000 76,206 2,492

> "Life and death both are strenuous in New York," said an undertaker, quoted by "We get orders sometimes that shock us.

"Not long ago we had a call from family who asked us to make a hurry up job for the reason that they had arranged to sail for Europe two days later and they didn't want to postpone the voyage.

"What would you think of a woman who asked to have her husband buried as quickly as possible on the ground that a few days before his death they had agreed to a separation and that she would like to put away the deceased before the newspapers heard of their martial troubles? That is exactly what happened.

"Then there is this case: An elderly aunt, who had been an invalid more than a year, passed away. We were asked to arrange for her funeral on the day of her was a blaze all right. death, and when we demurred unless there was some important reason we were informed by a nephew that they were anxious to know what was in her will, as the matrimonial chances of a niece depended upon what she was to get.

"Only yesterday a man came into office and said that his mother-in-law had just died and that he would like to send her body south as soon as possible because sions, show that approximately 5,628 miles his wife wanted to attend some sort of of which they now complain might not the railroads. It protects their property function three days later.

"In the good old days in some parts of the country it used to be the custom for friends of the family in which a death occurred to sit up with the corpse. In a case given to us a few months ago we were asked to send a couple of genteel appearing employes to the house to keep the vigil. We did it, but I confess to you it seemed to me rather heartless."

The drivers of department store delivery wagons gather up statistics now and then that might be highly valued by students of sociology. They learn, for example how many families which live in small apartments shut up the house the livelong day because every member of the household goes out to work.

"We found that out," said one driver, through the requests to have goods delivered at office buildings. We wondered for a long time why so much stuff belongdance hall ordinance is not good. I'm going ing to flat dwellers should be sent downtown. Finally it came out that there would be nobody at home to receive the goods if sent to the flat. The woman memthey passed it. Let me have the facts in ber of the family took off a few minutes extra at lunch time to do her shopping, and instead of carrying her purchases herself she ordered them sent to her huswas made as the judgment of a court in band's office, so he could cart them home

Henry McAleenan has a pawnshop, nodest little one, on Sixth avenue, in a teen feet wide and fifty-two feet deep. The man who owns the rest of the Sixth avenue front wanted the pawnbroker's offers in vain. Finally he said: "I'll give you \$550,000 for that little plot."

"Not enough," said the modest pawn-

"Why, man, that is \$464 a square foot!" "I can't help it." said Mr. McAleenan. go rainbow-chasing. "My pusiness there cleared me \$250,000 last year, and I couldn't duplicate the site."

There is a Harlem man who distilces cats. He is the possessor of tabbles and Chomases galore, and they represent every type of whiners, from the itinerant "Hooligan" pussy to the aristocratic Angora. ricane deck with essence of foolishness meaning and purpose of a law as plain felines. Besides all the usual Christmas showed that a bunch of populists was in atgewgaws he strung lines of sardines and tendance who are fake reformers and who strings attached to the evergreen. After and brought the name into disrepute in Nethe candles had been lit a dozen cats were brasks. That outfit took a prominent part turned loose to see what Santa Claus had in the proceedings and will be in the movebrought them. It took the cats about a ninute to find the mice. With bounds they candles, mice, tree and flame made an ex- picion. citing and spectacular scene in the house. The neighbors helped put out the fire, and then the owner of the cats gave the patroi impartial by a jury of upright citizens, a wagon a run.

The cocaine habit is increasing to an alarming extent in New York. Hospital able judge-a punishment of life in the records disclose a steady increase in the number of cocaine patients, and private sanitariums near the city harbor a larger additional evidence but the pleas of a few number of them than at any time since friends, the governor of a state will take it the use of the drug began. Insane asylums upon himself to say the judge, jury and all are rapidly filling with men and women whose minds have been wrecked by the of the fact that 26 per cent of the public the Tenderioin, the police say, where the contrary. We refer to the Lillie case and druggists will actually take old clothing and shoes, to say nothing of jewelry, in things, can we wonder much when mobs return for a few grains of the powder so dear to the heart of the victim.

A gang of professional burglars, equipped with chloroform and armed with pistols, is carrying terror into the fashionable colonies on the nearby south shore of Long Island. They are operating with all of the fine tools known to the cracksman's art, and are having "easy picking" among the country homes of rich New Yorkers. Nothing is too large for the gang to get Charles F. Shaw, of the bureau of soils away with-brass beds, silverware, chests, rugs, furniture, clothing-almost every thing but the landscape.

The New York City building department reports a falling off from 1906 of fully The year started off with plans maturing for a far hoavier investment in new buildings at the metropolis than the previous year had seen, but the appearance of persistent stringency in the meney market compelled a decided contraction in operations. Still it is noted that no bear than

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STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Falls City Journal: Governor Mickey went

Tekamah Herald: The state of Nebraska can now breathe easier. Mickey is down and out and Nebraska has now a real governor-one who will not rattle around in the office like a rat tail in a quart jug.

St. Paul Republican: If the papers which are celebrating Governor Mickey's retirement from office with a whirlwind of critiago in opposing his renomination the things have happened.

Hastings Tribune: News comes all the way from Washington to the effect that Senator Millard will not be a candidate for re-election. It seems to have taken the distinguished senator more than a day or two to become aware of the fact that the people of Nebraska have long since requested him to retire to the extreme rear and be seated.

Ord Quiz: Immediately after pardoning a murderess several times convicted of the murder of her sleeping husband, Governor Mickey went to the legislative halls and phia Press. delivered a message on the losses of the state by reason of technicalities. His message may be all right, but it would sound better from a governor who had not outraged justice as he had done.

Grand Island Independent: In certain cles of Omaha there is still an occasional lament that, for once, the metropolis has not a United States senator, and an occasional evidence of fear that it will always be thus. But it won't. Let the big sister on the Missouri only be fair with the smaller cities of the state, as most of her best men are showing a wise and evidently sincere disposition to be, and it will find only a generous feeling for it out over

the state. Clarkson Herald: M. F. Harrington is good pleader of any case, no matter how unworthy, and it is truly a bad case that he can not make presentable by the use of building he owns. The site is small, eigh- his ready wit and smooth oratory, but we believe that even a Harrington cannot con vert the sober, hard-headed citizen of Nebraska to the government ownership craze. the sort of construction of law that the little corner. He made several tempting For years Mr. Harrington, and others as sociated with him in the organization of a government ownership league, have wanted railroad legislation, and now, when the chances of securing it are brighter than ever before, they give up the fight and

> Schuyler Free Lance: The Nebraska Government Ownership leage was organized in Omaha a short time ago and it was officered with good ones. M. F. Harrington, a pop children, but who is passionately fond of ulist and an attorney of O'Neill, is president, and he is an able and clean man; Harry Brome, a republican and leading at torney of Omaha, a delegate to the last republican national convention, is vice president; Edgar Howard, a democrat and an editor of Columbus, is secretary, and he is and fitted up a Christmas tree for his an able man. But the report of the meeting nice, that leaped and frolicked from the disgraced their own party when in power ment to its discredit. The league will not flourish with such a bunch in it and the went after them, and for a time cats, people of Nebraska will view it with sus-

Bancroft Blade: Is there not a screw loose somewhere? When, after a fair and person is found guilty of a most helnoucrime-a homicide-heartrending in its character, and the penalty inflicted by an penitentiary-and then, after but two years of service of such sentence, without any concerned were wrong, and this in the face There are certain drug stores in where the crime was committed say the Mickey's pardon. When we see such

do now and then take the law into their own hands and mete out punishment. Give us men for great and responsible positions out in a blaze of-well, hardly glory, but it that have at least a little of the Roosevelt

Justice. Tekamah Herald: For municipal taxes we believe that all railroad property within every town and city in the state should be assessed for town and city purposes just the same as any other species of property. because no property interests within the corporate limits receives greater benefit from fire and police protection and from all cism had joined the Republican two years kinds of improvements in the way of lights, sidewalks, improved streets, etc., than does facilitates their business and enhances the value of their investments. Then why should they not pay the same proportion of taxes on the dollar valuation as any other property in a town or city?

FLASHES OF FUN.

"Young Mrs. Oldrox seemed to be in rather a pensive mood today."
"I don't wonder. The doctor says her husband's days are numbered."
"Really? Ah! I suppose she was thinking how soon he would leave her."
"Either that or 'how much.' "—Philadelphia Press.

'Does a merger tend to stiffe competi-

tion?"
"No, sir."
"How do you explain that?"
"I tends to kill it quick, and not by any old-fashioned process."
Naturally, at this boint, his lawyers gave Naturally, at this boint, his lawyers gave Philadelphia Ledger.

"What will you do when you have dis-covered the way to the north pole?"
"The next step," answered the explorer.
"will be to turn around and discover the way back home."—Washington Star. Mercury took Vulcan aside confidentially "Tell me," he whispered with a Sher-lock Holmes glance around, "are Jupiter's thunderboits the real thing?"
"Not a bit of it," sneered Vulcan. Don't you know he forged them?"—Baltimore

"Do you know that champagne poured nto a damp glass will lose its sparkle at won't if I can reach it first."-Cleve-

"My wife is a woman who can practice great self-restraint."
"Yes. She came over to see our new baby the other day, and didn't say 'Ain't he cunning?"—Chicago Record-Heraid. "Is that woman's book a success?"
"I'm afaird not," answered Miss Cayenne

"I haven't seen anybody who has found anything shocking in it."—Washington Star. "That painting is worth \$40,000."
"What, that little thing?"
"Yes."
"Well, if ever I get \$40,000 I'll do my own sainting."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"You don't keep any money in banks" said the passenger with the skull cap. "Perhaps you are like some other persons I know, and keep your money tied up in a yarn sock."

"You've guessed it nearly right," responded the passenger with the bulging forehead, "All the money I have is tied up in a wooden real!" Chicago. Tedungs "You've guessed it nearly right," responded the passenger with the bulging forehead, "All the money I have is tied up in a woolen mill."—Chicago Tribune.

ON THE ICE.

Chicago News I clamped the skates upon my feet, I siepped upon the ice. I smiled to hear my friends repeat Their quite well-meant advice.

skated when I was a boy; I skated quite a lot.

The pastime I could still enjoy,
I knew I'd not forget.

I glided out a yard or so, My stroke was pretty fair. When, just as I began to go, My heels flew in the air.

saw old Saturn and his rings. And Venus, shining bright: a comet and some other things Burst then upon my sight.

Orion and the Milky Way,
Mercury and Mars—
I saw, though it was bright noonday,
A perfect blaze of stars,

They showed me later where I fell-They said it was the place; I know it wasn't, very well, Because I'd left no truce. I knew that this was just a joke— Some focilsh monkey trick. The ice they showed me wasn't broke. Though scarce twelve inches thick.

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