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General Manager

Senator Foraker and the Ohio river show signs of subsiding.

Jamaica is receiving welcome relief from all its troubles and afflictions except Governor-Swettenham.

Senator Bailey's presidential special has been stalled, the tracks having been found greased with Standard

The New York legislature is coasidering a bill providing for the use cient government control. The bids just made a profit of \$7,000 by the of pure embalming fluid. It's a grave subject.

"What is congress for?" asks the Philadelphia Ledger. Well, for one thing, it is for increased pay of congressmen.

Though Senator Burkett recorded his vote against the salary increase bill, he will doubtiess take the money when it is thrust upon him.

The senate resents Mr. Tillman's assertion that it is a minstrel show, even if it can not prevent Mr. Tillman from his daily vaudeville stunt.

A New York paper says "E. H. Harriman has very few friends in Wall street." Evidently, then, the man is not as bad as he has been painted.

An assistant surgeon general wants tea substituted for coffee in the army. We might get around that anti-canteen law by using the cold variety.

W. E. Corey and his chorus girl bride propose to take a three years' last year in the Canadian northwest honeymoon trip abroad. No objection will be heard on this side to his adding twenty years to the trin.

The headquarters of the Isthmian pected, is still more than double the Canal commission will be removed number from England. It is also a from Washington to Panama, it hav- material increase over the record of ing been decided to dig the canal with the preceding year. shovels instead of typewriters.

est member of the United States senate. They have to pick them young out in Oregon to make sure they are within a few years. These homenot mixed up with timber frauds.

Uncle Joe Cannon is said to have cleared up \$7,000 on a transaction in Nebraska farm land. When the speaker put his money in Nebraska soil he showed where his head is level.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi is out with a strong endorsement of Colonel Bryan for the presidential nomination next year, but it is only fair to Colonel Bryan to state that he could not help it.

The Utah legislature is considering a bill which allows amateur dentists to practice on convicts. That is a clear violation of the constitutional inhibition against cruel and unusual pun-

which is sure to be effective. It has decided to cut off the ice supply for the city hall altogether until the warm weather makes resumption necessary.

Omaha anti-annexationists is that are certain to overpersuade a multi-such relief. The peason, of course, they want to get more public improve- tude of our land hungry farmers, in is easily found in the voting of the ments first before being merged with spite of the fact that they could with second telephone franchise at Omaha, Omaha. Judging future by past, prudence do better nearer home. however, they will only get more law suits the longer they stay out

RUSSELL A. ALGER.

United States senator from Michigan, free, should be so large a contributor tury, a commander-in-chief of the ern states. Grand Army of the Republic, a governor of his state, a candidate for the republican nomination for the presi-United States senator.

bravery in the civil war. His record \$3,600 a year. competence of subordinates. Although six Water board sinecures. mitted at the close of the war.

his refusal to be a candidate for re-Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3ist day of December, 1906.

(Seal.)

M. B. HUNGATE,
Notary Public. election.

CHAIRMAN SHONTS' RETIREMENT.

The circumstances of the resignation of Theodore P. Shonts as chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission seem to be altogether different from those of the retirement of Chief Engineer Wallace over a year ago. Chairman Shonts goes out with the good will and most flattering encomiums of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Shonts has been in chief administrative charge of the canal commission's work almost two full years and will leave it with the first great stage practically completed, so that no special embarrassment will be inflicted upon the government by his retirement. The close of that stage is marked by the taking over of the con- house of representatives in congress, structive operations under private has been dealing in Nebraska farm contract, though of course with effi- lands, to his liberal profit. He has were opened at Washington only a sale of a Saunders county farm of 320 few weeks ago, and the contract will acres which he bought four years ago undoubtedly be let before Mr. Shonts'

resignation goes into effect. While Mr. Shonts' relations to the profit. president, whose every energy has of forwarding the great national enterprise, the course of the senate has been irritating and hampering, so as difficulties. The senate, through jealousy or sheer perversity, refused to cooperate in important matters of organization and in many matters ina juncture has been reached at which he could retire without serious detriment to public interest and with the acquiescence of his superiors.

HOMESTEADERS IN THE CANADIAN

NORTHWEST. The official statistics show that 12, 485 of the 41,689 homestead filings were made by immigrants from the United States. The number of homestead settlers from the United States, although hardly as great as was ex-

The fact, however, marks a distinct tendency of farmer emigration across Oregon has just elected the young- the boundary into a vast new agricultural region that has been made available by railroad construction only steaders in Canada are almost exclusively practical farmers from the states west of Indiana and as far south as Missouri and Kansas, which is precisely the section in which the value of farm lands has enhanced most rapidly, the last six or eight years. Significant as this movement across the boundary is, it would have reached vastly larger proportions but for the prosperous times and the remarkable success of farming in the dryer portions of our own west which are attracting thousands who other-

Opinions, of course, differ as to the a home in the Canadian northwest, as our own public domain available The Omaha city council has a new for the homesteader. While so much way of getting even with the Ice trust, unoccupied land remains here, the the average small farmer who wants have the Independent telephone peomovement is a fact to be reckoned nection of the lines of the different One of the arguments of the South boomer and immigration promoter had been clamoring loudly for just

wise might have looked towards Can-

It is a singular circumstance that to this city which they so much cov-

The death of Russell A. Alger, tensive areas of government land still ers. emoves from public life a man who to farmer emigration to Canada, al-

WATER BOARD ORNAMENTS.

Representative Clarke has given dency, a member of the cabinet and a notice that he proposes to fight the bill introduced by Representative State pride was evidently the basis Barnes to cut off the salaries of of the Alger presidential boom in Omana's do-nothing Water board un-1888, as at that time he had held no til such time as the city shall have high office except that of governor of acquired a water works for it to man-Michigan and had done nothing to age. Members of the school board force his qualifications for chief execu- and the park board and the library tive upon the attention of the nation, board, all of whom have important nor did his later public career show work to do, serve without pay, but that he was ever desirable timber for members of the water board, who presidential use. His candidacy for have done nothing except heap up the nomination, however, brought at- costly litigation on the city, are milktention to his record for brilliancy and ing the treasury for an aggregate of

as a soldier, coupled with his activity | Omaha is complaining of insufficient in party affairs, won him a place as funds to maintain its police and fire secretary of war in President McKin- departments on an effective basis and ley's cabinet in 1897, where he en- has been discharging public works incountered the first serious trouble of spectors because it has no money to his public career. As secretary of pay them. The \$3,600 wasted on the war, in the Spanish-American conflict | Water board would give us five more in Cuba, he bore the brunt of the em- policemen or six more firemen. Of balmed beef scandals that were due, course, to use the money for this purit is now generally admitted, to the in- pose would cut off the rations of the

he received the unfaltering support of As a matter of fact the Water board President McKinley, public clamor over has been a very costly luxury for the the scandals became so great that his taxpayers of Omaha in the three and resignation from the cabinet was sub- one-half years since it was called into being. It has spent nearly \$50,000 Michigan refused to share in the of public money and contracted oblisentiment against Mr. Alger. Upon gation for much more, and apparently the death of Senator McMillan in 1902, gotten no nearer the purchase of the Mr. Alger was appointed his succes- water works than at the start. Insor and elected by the legislature for spection of the minutes of the board's the unexpired term, ending March 4, meetings discloses that the proceed-1907. Satisfied with this vindication ings have been almost exclusively conhealth, the senator recently announced their own salaries and for lawyers' fees and court costs. During the quorum and there is absolutely noth- Dreadnaught. ing for the board to do now except to await the outcome of the law suits

pending in the federal courts. Should the city actually come into possession of the water works plant the Water board might have some responsibilities and some duties to discharge that would warrant its members drawing salaries, but there is no assurance now when, if ever, the city will acquire the water plant, and no held indefinitely for salaries for an orgamental board.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON'S FORESIGHT. and has just sold at \$75 per acre, giving him a little matter of 41 per cent

Mr. Cannon's investment and rebeen strained for the one supreme end sultant profit are not surprising, when it is remembered that he is the possessor of large wealth, nearly all of which has come from dealings in farm to render his position one of unusual lands. When he was a prosecuting attorney in the Danville district in Illinois, about the time of the civil war, he invested every surplus dollar of his savings in farm lands that were really deceived. dulged in what amounted to obstruc- then valued at from \$10 to \$25 an tion. It is to Mr. Shonts' credit that acre. With each sale, at an advanced he nevertheless persevered in faithful price, he reinvested his principal and co-operation with the president until profits in other farm lands and today owns large tracts of lands in the vicinity of his home town that are valued at \$200 or more per acre. He has kept in touch with the progress of the middle west and has a keen appreciation of the worth of landed investments in prosperous and growing sections. He has other real estate holdings in Nebraska, and doubtless counts them with his safest investments, most cer tain of increasing value and higher

Mr. Cannon may not contend that all wealth comes from the soil, but he understands that most of it does and comes more certainly than from any other source. His example of investing in Nebraska land is worthy of

hold other offices during the time other nations. they are on the bench has been approved by the state senate and sen on to the house for ratification. This particular bill is designed to meet conditions that have arisen in Lancaster county, where complaint is made that the district judgeship has come to be regarded simply as political capital to be used in getting something better. Public sentiment is unquestionably in favor of divorcing the judiciary from politics as far as possible. The same principle is involved in another bill before the legislature, whose purpose is to put the Omaha police board out of politics by disqualifying members from seeking other elective and appointive places while serving as police commissioners. The political police commissioner swingwisdom of a western farmer seeking ing the police club for his personal advancement has been in evidence at much of which is certainly as arid Omaha even more than the political judge at Lincoln.

change is at least questionable, for by the whirligig of time. Here we in almost any climate two or three crops low-priced acres. Nevertheless this ple antagonizing the compulsory conwith. The seductions of the land companies, whereas heretofore they giving the Independents the entrance Nebraska, with all its rich and com- eted and which they now themselves country.

paratively low-priced land and ex- want to protect against outside poach-

Mayor "Jim" likes Denver better has been prominent and active in na- though our proportion is less than now than ever for several reasons. tional affairs for a quarter of a cen- that of most of the neighboring west- which may be gathered from his interviews on his return from that city: First-In Denver the mayor appoints the commissioners, the health department, the street department and everything

> Second-All the big interests are behind the mayor and they stand as a unit to keep things going ahead. The town is wide open and everything goes.

> Third-They have a fund there to pay for painting the pictures of big public men and maintain a picture gallery in which to

Here are some tips for Omaha, if it wants to do the right thing by "Jim."

Senator Pettus of Alabama, whose present term does not expire until March 4, 1909, has been re-elected for another six-year term. He is 86 years | agent. of age and, if he survives the term for which he has now been sentenced, will be in position to retire from public life at 92 and resume the practice of law. His colleague, Senator Morgan, now \$3 years of age, has been elected for

out at Lincoln. But if the republicans which the fusion members of the leg- through my regular business." islature are as much bound to redeem as are the republican members.

Pressure on the Safety Valve. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Allies of Doubtful Value. Washington Herald. Since Governor Vardaman came out for

support during the late New York fight. Sudden Change of Tune. Pittsburg Dispatch.

The railroads all agree that it is not their fault that there is so much traffic "Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the that they cannot carry it all; but they are were testifying that they actually had to give rebates in order to get the business.

> "He as Has, Gits." Indianapolis News.

Possibly no one more eagerly awaits the Messrs. Harriman, Morgan and Spreckles, who are ever eager to promote the prosperity of the country with such incidental usufruct as may happen as a result of good management.

Diplomatic Imaginings.

Springfield Republican. Secretary Root's simple accial visit to France cannot be indifferent to the re sults. The effort to place diplomacy on a level with a 5 o'clock tea is ancient, and Mr. Root does not expect anyone to be

Monopoly and Socialism. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

choose only between the two tyrannies represented by monopoly and collectivism.

Great American Spenders.

Cleveland Leader. It is evident that the accusation often made against Americans that they struggle flercely for money to be piled up beyond all possible needs or reasonable desires, is no whit more true than the other charge, their expenditures. We are a masterful people in the production and getting of wealth, and we are the most successful of riches, but we are certainly extravagant American spending is at least as extrarather overtops American thrift, because A bill to make judges ineligible to it is farther beyond the standard set by

AN EMPIRE BUILDER.

Death of the Man Who Introduced Alfalfa Into This Country. Chicago Chronicle

In Topeka, Kan., the other day there died a man to whom the farmers of the west and southwest are under a heavy debt of gratitude. He was Harrison Parkman, and he was

the man who introduced alfalfa into this country from South America. His death was far more briefly chronicled than it deserved to be. Future generations of American farmers will, perhaps, do tardy honor to his memory. The plant which Parkman introduced to the farmers of the arid and semi-arid

regions of the west has proved to be the mest valuable, all things considered, of their crops. Not only in New Mexico and Arizona and in southern California, but in western Kunsus and Colorado and western the farmer and cattle raiser-the sure fodder crop, the unfailing money earner. Give it water and the fecundity of

alfalfa is marvelous. In the Imperial valley of Culfornia, which is now threatened with submersion by the Salton sea, it has been said that ranchers have cut a crop of are to be relied upon.

Alfalfa's greatest glory is that it is an emies it has overcome them. It is the sure reliance of the southwestern rancher. Alfalfa has played the most prominent part in the reclaiming of the arid southwest. It is the agricultural backbone of the region; so that, although Parkman oulider of an empire when he brought the

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolia.

The automobile show at Madison Square garden last week accurately reflected the wide popularity of the self-propelled vehicle, its vastness as a manufacturing industry and the demand for the finished product. One hundred and fifty thousand people visited the show and orders to the amount of \$10,000,000 were booked by the exhibitors. An exhibitor calculated that 8,500 cars were to be built for delivery as a direct result, in addition to orders previously placed by agents throughout the The Chicago exhibition next country. month will, of course, swell the sales proportionately. The new business created in future for supply houses and dealers in motor accessories, as well as for the automobile manufacturers themselves, is not negligible in this estimate.

Huddled up in one corner near the radiator, the book agent saw a man who was fairly sneesing his head off. "Seem to have a bad cold," ventured the

"Awful," sneezed the sufferer. 'Got a doctor?" asked the agent.

'No," said the other man. "Better get one," the agent advised. "If you have no regular physician I can give you the name of a man who cures colds like magic."

He gave the doctor's address and offered another six years, which will give him to stop and send him around if the man time to complete his speech on the with the cold so desired. That night the book agent reviewed his day's work.

"Nary a book sold," he said, "but I dis covered four patients for that jay doctor The local democratic organ is trying around the corner, and he'll give me half to make believe that all interest in of his day's fees. He owes nine-tenths of primary election legislation, has died his practice to me. He didn't have a patient when I met him. I volunteered to keep my eye open for sick people while were really losing interest, why in pursuit of the clusive book trade, and should the fusionists become luke- when I found one who was a stranger in warm? Both the democratic and the town and had no regular doctor to try to will begin business by cutting off a few populist state platforms gave distinct work him in. I succeeded so often that he now has a decent practice, and I earn tion in this country! piedges of a statewide primary law more off my commissions from him than

The cocktail bracelet is the lastest for women. There are fashionable women of New York City who wear circlets on their The British built their battleship, wrists which sometimes contain a Martini the Dreadnaught, in such big lines dry or a Manhattan. The bracelets have of his conduct and warned by ill fined to the certifying of vouchers for that it can not squeeze through the one drawback, it is said, and that is they Suez canal. Accurate dimensions of will not accommodate the enerry that goes with the fairy cocktail. The other night a the Panama canal should be secured Pittsburg attorney observed a woman of month of September last no meetings before the government starts work on fashion place her lips to her bracelet. He whatever were held for want of a those warships that are to eclipse the thought that she was paying tribute to her own loveliness, but learned later she was merely refreshing her inner self with a mixture of cordials. The nip contained in a bracelet cocktail is so small that it cannot be called a drink, but a cocktall it is, What a fine privilege the senate enjoys. nevertheless. Of course the bracelet is It orders the doors closed when it feets hollow. If large enough it holds three that its anger has reached the explosive thimblefuls of ready-made cocktail, and pressure on an almost invisible spring permits the fluid to trickle through a tiny hole in the gold shell, which is almost too small to be seen. With one of those graceful movements which appear to be natural Bryan, the Nebraskan must understand with a woman the drink may be imbibed how good it made Mr. Hearst feel to have without fear of detection. A Broadway reason why the taxpayers should be Mr. Murphy announce his friendship and goldsmith sells numbers of the bracelets every week, and as most of the purchasers prefer secrecy in connection with the transaction, they pay a pretty penny for the dubiously useful trinkets.

> "By whatever route you reach or leave Manhattan island in the evening, the river the same railroads who a short time ago lights are beautiful," says a writer in Harper's Magazine. "On the North river the spectacle varies according to the hour and the season, for the down-town lights in Manhattan are more numerous when presidential ship subsidy message than great office buildings have to light up to lower Jersey ferries late in the afternoon of a winter day glow and sparkle the great company of tall shafts grouped against the sky, each one pierced to the top with regular rows of shining windows. A memorable sight they make, those shafts and huge blocks of gleaming holes, reaching far above their neighbors that come Ottawa now attracts European attention, between them and the river There is mucand a leading Paris paper avows that in that spectacle to recompense a tired man for being a commuter, and nowhere Is Saturday's Record a Message of else on earth is there the like of it."

New Yorkers are the most extravagan of all Americans, and New York is the costliest city on this continent to visit. No matter how much the average Gothamite's income is, he lives up to it, and often be-The relation of cause and effect between wond it. Manhattan has so many pacepresent-day monopoly and socialism is makers in spending that no matter how reasonably clear; and if the president shall much of a splurge you make, there is albe sustained in his effort to extirpate the ways some fellow ready to go you one baleful monopolistic root there will be little better. In speaking of the people of New to apprehend from a no less baleful so- York some one remarked to the late Colonel cialistic fruit. He sees clearly that the Waring: "They devote themselves to time is not yet come when the country can pleasure regardless of expense," and he replied: "Oh, no, they don't. They devote themselves to expense regardless of pleasure." A New Yorker's income may increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year, but he spends one as readily as the other.

Buyers of mansion sites are still husy along upper Fifth avenue. They have paid \$6,500,000 during the past few months for plots on Millionaires' Row. Their acoften heard, that they are immoderate in tivity is attributed to current business prosperity. William B. Leeds has directed his architects to draw plans for a \$1,006,000 structure to cover his southeast corner at all nations in saving and accumulating Eighty-ninth street. S. Barton French is planning a \$1,500,000 mansion for the and self-indulgent. As a general rule ingen plot, between Seventy-first and Seventy-second streets. James Stillman ordinary as American earning power. It will build on the north corner at Seventysecond street, and Mrs. Howard Gould on the south corner of Seventy-third street. Edward S. Harkness will build on the north corner of Seventy-fifth street. Benjamin Guggenheim on the south corner of Seventy-sixth street. Mansions will be planned for the north corner of Ninety-second street and two for the south corner of Seventy-

The United States circuit court in New York City the other morning looked as though the sons of Anak had invaded the ountry. Over a dozen men were there applying for naturalization papers and more than half of them stood over six feet tall. The particular giant of the lot was Edmund Fritscher, an artist born in Austria. who measures six feet eight inches. The clerk of the court suggested after glaucing at the remarkable assemblage that perhaps they had come here to "grow up with the country.

Fraud by Mail. St. Paul Pioneer-Press. To transfer to the courts the power of

Nebraska sifulfs has been the salvation of declining, after a trial, the question whether a person accused of using the mails for purposes of fraud shall be barred from such use, would be to give wide opportunity for the continuance of such fraudulent operations. To that extent it would make the government connive the robbery of the people. Expert lawyers Strange what changes are produced alfalfa every two months the year round. would, by continuances, appeals and a resort to technicalities, make it as difficult to punish a practitioner of "fraud by mail" as it s now to punish a murderer or an absolutely sure crop. It never fails. It re- artist in high finance. The essentials of produces itself. If it has any insect en- justice are in this case safer in the hands of the postoffice department than they would be in the courts.

teritation of the System Chicago Record-Herald.

James Stillman, the New York banker may not have realized it. he was the and Standard Oil magnate, says his health requires that he shall live abroad. Those hardy plant from South America to this Ohio subpoens servers have a depressing effect upon the system.

TIRED AND SICK YET MUST WORK

"Man may work from sun to sun but woman's work is never done, In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo and often suffer in silence, drifting along from bad to worse, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pains and aches which daily make life a burden. It is to these women that Lydia

E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, comes as a blessing. When the spirits are depressed, the head and back MRS. AUG. LYON aches, there are dragging-down pains, nervousness, sleeplessness, and rejuctance to go anywhere, these are only symptoms which unless heeded, are soon followed by the worst forms of Female Complaints.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound keeps the feminine organism in a strong and healthy condition. It cures Inflammation, Ulceration, displacements, and organic troubles. In preparing for child-birth and to carry women safely through the Change of Life it is most efficient.

Mrs. Augustus Lyon, of East Earl, Pa., writes:- Dear Mrs. Pinkham: - "For a long time I suffered from female troubles and had all kinds of aches and pains in the lower part of back and sides, I could not sleep and had no appetite. Since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and following the advice which you gave me I feel like a new woman and I cannot praise your medicine too highly."

Mrs. Pinkham's Invitation to Women omen suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Out of her vast volume of experience she probably has the very knowledge that will help your

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case. Her advice is free and always helpful.

It is reported that the new shah of Persia heads. How like a change of administra-

The duchess of Marlborough is to pay \$100,000 a year for the privilege of using the title and of wearing the ducal jewels. Some luxuries come high, but still we have to have them.

Chicago's latest claim to distinction is its lisplay of the "remorse motor," the adjustable electric kicking and spanking machine, which is warranted to supply vicarious punishment in quantities adapt-

able to any demand put upon it. One of the strongest evidences of the ruling passion would appear to be offered by the Kingston woman who in the face of the most imminent danger bribed a servant to re-enter a tottering hotel and get the

powder puff from her dressing table. San Francisco has struck the greatest blow yet for individual independence against corporate greed. The street car patrons have formed a "strap-hangers" league," with appropriate badges, and refuse sturdily to pay a fare unless a accom-

Miss Emma Juch of former days, now Mrs. Francis L. Wellman of New York, retains her vocal powers and is to give a group of songs written to Shelley's words at a coming entertainment in aid of the Keats-Shelley memorial.

panied by a seat.

Jacques Lebaudy, the self-styled emperor of Sahara, is said to be quietly making a tour of the United States. He was seen in Boston a short time ago. According to one of his conclerges, M. Lebaudy, prior to his departure, collected five years' rent in advance on many of his Paris properties.

So far as Boston is concerned, the hon-So far as Boston is concerned, the honored name of Winthrop, once so well known there, is becoming little more than a memory. Although the Winthrop family has given the country many strong men and its given the country many strong men and its given the country many strong men and the chicago Tribune.

Sycophantic Friend—I've heard that you can make a good speech, and I suppose you sometimes write for the papers. Did you ever have the cacoothes scribend!?

Mr. Gaswell—I suppose I did when I was a baby. I had everything there was.—Chicago Tribune. the days are short and the tenants of the ory. Although the Winthrop family has line is scattered throughout the land, the fact remains that of this illustrious family but one man is now named in the directory of Boston, capital of New England, the colony which the Winthrops, father and son, helped to establish. By way of contrast there are 2,700 Smiths and 2,000 Suili-

RAILROAD WRECKS.

Despairt Chicago News.

Saturday's succession of terrible railroad accidents, by which many human lives were lost under the most harrowing circumstances, constitutes a message of despair to the people of the United States unless the public authorities set about compelling the adoption of necessary safeguards. Recent investigation of fatalities on railroads have revealed the most abominable violations of rules, or the complete absence of rational rules, for the protection of liver and property. It is, therefore, a justifiable inference that railroad passengers and trainmen are being butchered day by day because the management of the railroads t a greater or less degree is in the hands of ignorant, reckless or otherwise incom-

petent persons. If men who are directly responsible for the safety of trains are worked to the point of exhaustion they are rendered incompetent by fatigue. That it is not uncommor for accidents to happen from this cause has been proved by past inquiries into fatal wrecks. The LaFollette bill, which prohibits railroad employes from working more than sixteen hours without taking proper rest, has passed the senate and should be passed by the house without further delay. Steps should be taken by congress also to investigate thoroughly the causes of wrecks on railroads and to provide such legislation as will compel the adoption of methods and appliances that will put a stop to preventable catastrophes of this

It is not necessary that the railroads of this country should pay dividends on their stock while they are making their train service safe. The question of expense to those corporations should have little weight with congress in considering legislation that is deemed essential to put a stop to the ontinual sacrifice of human life by railroads which find it cheaper to kill than to refrain from killing. This matter must taken up in earnest now by the lawmakers. In order that it shall be taken up in earnest the people must cease to submit meekly, like cattle in a shambles, the butcheries that are going on day by day. They must demand that their indifferent representatives at Washington protect them from this peril.

THE IRON AGE.

America's Leap to the Front as a Producer. New York Bun. The development of the tron and steel

industry during the last quarter of a century is one of the most striking facts of the time. In 1880 the total output of pig iron broughout the world was 18,500,000 tons.

Of this total England furnished 7,750,000 tons and the United States 4,000,506. Germany supplied 2,500,000 tons. The estimates for last year show a total output of about 60,000,000 tons, with this

country in the lead as a producer. Our output approximated 25,000,000 tons, or orethird more than the world's total supply in 1880. Germany increased to 11,750,000 ons and England to 10,250,000 tons. During this time England dropped from

first to third place as a producer, and the output of the United States increased until it now doubles that of the total of both its competitors. About 95 per cent of our output is used here at home. The value of the material in its various finished forms runs up into billions of dollars. No comment is required.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"An oculist ought to be the most poetical

of men."
"I don't see it."
"Isn't his whole time devoted to eye-deals?"—Baltimore American.

The bookkeeper timidly approached.

'If you please,' he said, 'I would like a raise in pay.'

"You, too," fairly moaned the capitalist, "Say, do you want to sink to the moral level of a congressman? I won't be a party to your downfall."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Sycophantic Friend-I've heard that you The trouble with him is that he area

The trouble with him is that he apes the swell people."
"You're wrong; that's not the whole trouble. He might ape the swell people all he pleesed if he didn't afterward monkey with the plain people."—Philadelphia Press. "You are not looking at all weil," ob-

served the sympathetic neighbor.
"I'm not feeling well, either," said Mrs.
Lapsling. "I have suffered agonies for the
last day or two with the defamatory rheumatism."—Philadelphia Press. "Do you think that experience on the lecture platform helps a man in congres-sional debate?"

answered Senator Sorghum; "It gets him to much in the habit of expect-ing to talk without being answered back."— Washington Star. The terms of the western senator was approaching an end.
"Only six years," he murmured; "why, at the price I paid I ought to have had

forty, at least."
"If I'd been the judge you'd have got life," commented one who had overheard.— Philadelphia Ledger. He (sentimentally)—I was speaking of you when I heard you coming. Talk of angels, you know, and you hear the rustle of their She (warningly)—Sh! What you heard was my chaperon's coque feathers.—Baltimore American.

"I don't suppose," said Subbubs, who was looking over a seed catalogue, "that there's any flower that grows higher than the sunflower."
"Nonsense! Sunflowers are cheen as the the sunflower."
"Nonsense! Sunflowers are cheap as dirt.
Nearly any other flower that grows is
higher than it is."—Philadelphia Press,

THE LYRE THAT BURNS LAID DOWN The lyre that Robert Burns laid down At his brief life's pathetic end.

here's none to wake it. ah, there's none To give the thrill of master hand. The chords that felt his passion's breath, And to his soul responsive grew Fell into silence at his death, And since have felt no touch so true.

The flame that warmed his simple verse Was sometimes so uncouth and wild Was sometimes so uncouth and wild I would seem no art could make it worse, But nature loved her wayward child. And from her inmost heart bestowed

Such gifts as others ask in vain.

And so that rarest feeling flowed

Which charms in every fluent strain. This lowly and untraveled bard, Who loved so well the land of birth, Whose humble lot was deemd so hard,

Made songs that travel round the earth. And echo, sweetly echo, still From lowly cot and mansion walls From ocean wave and wooded hill, From river banks and waterfalls.

m every place where lovers meet,
Where plowmen tread the furrowed field,
Where harvesters their fellows greet,
Where social games their pleasures yield.

The soul that saw the depths of w Had pinions, too, for joyous flight;
The sweetest pleasures mortals know
He brought to view with wondrous might
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