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

The German Socialist may find in terest in the history of the populist party. The country will soon know how much ice Secretary Root cut in

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Canada.

Boston has a man 62 years of age who says he never told a lie in his life. He's a bachelor, of course.

One danger is that the average congressman is apt to think he must talk more to earn that increase in pay.

Senator Morgan has issued another bulletin in which he promises to dig Panama scandals faster than the contractors can dig dirt."

MINE SPECULATION CRAEE. The craze for mining speculation is tion and withholding on the part of argued it last October. unabated and seems even to be spread- the general public, upon whom in the ing, in spite of collapse of several not- last analysis the course of things in the able schemes and other warnings great financial and speculative markets

within a month or two. The difficulty depends, in spite of the deep schemes is that the general public, not to speak of the most powerful manipulators. of the ignorant and guilible element, fails to distinguish between successful RAILROADS AS COAL MINE OWNERS. and legitimate mining enterprise and Government officials sometimes the myriad schemes seductively exmove in a mysterious way their duties.

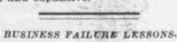
ploited by promoters for the exclusive to perform, as illustrated, for inpurpose of overreaching "investors." stance, in the partial report of the In-The craze is stimulated by exaggerte state Commerce commission, which ated stories of results in the numerous has been investigating charges of new districts that have been opened combinations between railroads and the last few years. And rarely in our coal companies. The report is an inhistory has there been such a boom of teresting one, so far as it goes, but it actual investment and development in halts, like a serial story, just when feel that an imposition has been put gold, copper, sliver and other locations. the situation develops thrilling But there great successes have been features and the indications are that will be that it is better to have whatbrought about by the application of one more turn would unmask the vilthe soundest business principles and jain and give justice her victory. The expert knowledge. The Schwabs, Gug- con.mission's report is "to be congenheims and Clarks leave nothing to tinued in our next."

guess in their mining undertakings, The commission reports that it seand yet these are the examples that cured testimony showing discriminaare perverted by unscrupulous tion in rates to shippers, graft among the receipt from the general governschemers to influence public imagination and awake false hopes. Investigation makes it reasonably certain that not one out of a hundred

32,370 of the mining schemes that are now so profusely advertised is based even on a half rational prospect, and in a far smaller proportion is there the 31,900 slightest purpose of actual development. Practically the sole investment is the advertising and the sole design is to mine the pockets of "suckers." In nine cases out of ten they will never see their money again. And yet unbibiting railroad companies or other crease in years to come. 30,200 numbered millions of dollars have alcommon carriers from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in the possibilities, and more is going into ownership or operation of any coal them all the time. The worst of it is mine that in part this money is sacrificed

All this would be decidedly promfrom those who can ill afford to lose ising of action looking to the abateit, but much, too, comes from fairly ment of one of the great evils in the well-to-do people to whom prosperity fuel problems of the country were it not for the fact that the investiga-It is, of course, impossible to predict tions and recommendations apply only just when general disillusionment will to a soft coal combine in the Virginia

come, but speculative collanse is absolutely inevitable, and it is now probably not very remote-and that, too, without regard to the conditions in tion or in the findings of the commisgenuine mining industry, which are sion. The Coal Strike commission apsolid and expansive.



has brought a surplus.

The business failures last year were

astonishingly small, whether as regards number, amount of total liabilities or proportion to the aggregate of business firms and corporations, and is thus in direct line with the previous record for a series of years. The facts contradict the assertion that the majority of those who go into business ultimately fail. It is a noteworthy suggestion of the prevailing prosperity that in a total of, 1,500,000 corporations, firms and individuals engaged in business only one out of each 150 failed during the year, the smallest proportion in a quarter of a century. And a large portion of the

thing to shake it. There is simply cau- judges before whom they would have

Unless something at present unforeseen turns up, the controversy over the location of the gas tanks is about ended, the city council having agreed

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on the passage of the Brucker bill that will permit the construction of additional holders on the present site. The settlement of this question is one of great interest to citizens dependent on gas for fuel and lighting purposes. like to see the performance, but the of-The fact that the storage capacity of ficers have said no. Only scant 200 armed the present plant is limited to a very few hours' extra supply makes the immediate construction of new holders

imperative. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the present plant may upon them, but the general impression ever nuisance exists in connection with the gas plant concentrated at one place rather than distributed throughout the city, thus centering the evil.

Nebraska is somewhat surprised at high officials, entangling alliances be- ment of a sum of money on account of ture, it is believed New York reached the tween mine owners and railway au- forest reserve fund. Governor Shel- top of its flat-building wave in 1906. The thorities, combinations in restraint of don has asked the legislature to adopt competition and about everything pro- some law to dispose of the cash in hibited by the Sherman act, the Elkins hand. It is respectfully suggested as a flat-house center has been steady and act and the railway rate bill passed that Forester Harrison of York has rapid. It has met with no reaction. The last session. The usual recommenda- offered a very attractive and appar- growth has been due to the increasing ac- graphical society to take the place of Com tions follow. Publicity is urged in the ently reasonable solution, and that the matter of car distribution, honest rat- money be used as the first step in a |yn built 150 flat houses for 2.754 tenants in able, is an authority on Spanish literature ing in the capacity of mines is de- scientific forestration of the now bar- 1962. In 1963 the construction was 657 flat and founded and is the president of the manded, the use of "private" cars by ren sand hill region. This is feasible coal companies is prohibited and a and sensible, and a little money exgeneral recommendation is made pro- pended on it now will bring untold in-

> South Omaha business men of real prudence and foresight are unanimous in the support of the Greater Omaha

proposition. In fact, the matter has progressed already to that stage where the only serious opposition to the union of the two cities is that of ing consolidation because of their personal interests. Those who are wise are making a calculation on the existand West Virginia districts. The big ence of Greater Omaha within a reaoffender, the Pennsylvania anthracite sonably short time. trust, does not figure in the investiga-

> The debate on the statewide primary bill indicates that there is a than some of its scoffing detractors many years. It is now used in England, where it is compulsory. would have had the public think. Dif-

presented a mass of evidence calcuference of opinion regarding the delated to show that the coal combine, tails of such an important measure is headed by Deacon Baer, president of the Reading railway, practically concertain to emerge a bill that will fairly trolled every anthracite mine in the represent the united wisdom of the country. The demand was for the immeleaders of Nebraska thought.

cution of the combine, but the enthu-Members of the city council have slasm over the settlement of the strike some generally good ideas on the sign buried everything at the time, and no question. If they can only crystallize action was taken. Since that investithem into such laws as will prevent gation the Department of Justice has disfigurement of the city by some of been urged to conduct a prosecution the banners now stretched before the of the anthracite trust, but has intimated that it was not able to establish positive proof of the combination, al- tiful." though convinced of its existence.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Visitors to New York who have preserved mental photographs of "the finest" on duty on Broadway, by enlarging the a crasy world, my masters!" picture two-feld will obtain an accurate perspective view of the importance of the as "cough-carts" because their trail makes officers on duty at the Thaw trial. Their lungers sit up and take notice. chest measurement overlaps that of the Broadway squad and its lofty curves outshines the best effort of pouter pigeons. "Chesty" doesn't do them justice. There are just half a million people who would with special permits can pass, the doors, All others encounter a frown as crushing as a road roller.

The Philadelphia Ledger correspondent points out that "Greater New York has furing the last five years built 16,158 flat houses, furnishing homes for 585,031 tenants. The cost for construction has been \$350,512,595. When the cost of land is included the total investment has reached \$1,000,000,000. The investment to house each person has been \$1,710. If each tenant has paid, on the average, 10 per cent a year for housing accommodations, the annual rent which such an investment demands from each tenant is \$171. From the figures of the past five years, and from current information as to the immediate fu construction of flats gained steadily in volreceded sharply in 1906. Brooklyn's rise cessibility of Brooklyn land to persons houses for 7,629 tenants. The next year Hispanic Society of America. produced 1,433 houses for 34,002 tenants. During 1906 2,864 flat houses were built for trial by denying that Gehenna was un-54,888 tenants. Last year the output was charted by ancient and modern geogra-3,230 flat houses for 67,383 tenants. Bronx phers. According to his information the hot

and Queens boroughs have shown similar steady development."

in arms has been introduced in the legislature. It provides for the so-called Torrens system of recording titles to real estate. Under that system the guarantee of a title would rest with the state, and once the men directly concerned in prevent- a title was registered there would not be the endless searching that now goes on. Any court owner can register his title. A court proceeding is had, the title searched and established in the owner and a certifiate of title is issued to him. All liens and incumbrances must be noted upon the certificate and nothing can be a lien if it is not so noted. This system does away with the necessity for searching a title. The system has been in operation in Australia much deeper interest in that measure and almost all of the English colonies for

A grocer on the upper east side has adopted the plan practised by the large dry only natural and out of the debate is goods houses. He has his windows decorated in white and a sign in the center reads: "Our Great Annual White Sale: Sugar 16 cents for 3½ lbs., Flour 15c. a bag. Starch 10c. a pkg:" followed by a long list of "white" goods marked down for this event.

The widespread popularity of the Teddy bears has played hob with the "bear skin" market in New York. Long before Teddy bears were even thought of the soft, furlike cloth from which they are made was christened "bearskin," and is so known in public gaze they will be accomplishing the dry goods world. It is largely used a real advance for the "Omaha beau- for making coats for small children. Manuwith which the speeches are freely sprinkfacturers of Teddy bears are able to use led are none the less fresh because of the such large quantities of it that their delay in the delivery. The house wisely preference over the usual

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

New York spice has pushed Jamaica ginger off the front page. Dr. Fellx Adler declares that the denire for wealth is a form of insanity. "What Out in California automobiles are known

With 148 newspapers reporting that New York trial readers are assured of getting the whole truth and then some. Grief over the failure of Senator Till man's minstrel show has been checked by assurances of a raise at the box office. Senator Balley saved his face and his

seat by demonstrating to suspicious Texans that he never wore a claw-hammer coat. The automatic divorce plan proposed in France would never do in a strenuous re-

American divorce courts out of business. "There is nothing sensational," says a Chicago paper, "in obeying the ten comreferendum. There is one woman in Texas who may

walk fifty miles in one direction without stepping off her own land. Too much exerolse for the pleasure of talking over the back fence.

Public response to the florce criticism of the opera "Salome" in New York is manifested in the advance sale of all seats for six additional performances. Unable to ume during the decade preceding 1995. It get into the criminal court New Yorkers turn to "Salome" for overripe pleasure. Archer M. Huntington has just been elected president of the American Geomander Peary, resigned. He is a son of who have business in Manhaitan, Brook- Collis P. Huntington, has written consider-

A St. Louis minister defined a heresy

place was right on this footstool and those who sought a dress rehearsal could readily

find it before the regular performance A bill that will cause every title and title The report that the lid was securely on insurance company in the state to rise up in St. Louis needs further confirmation. Governor Buchtel of Colorado, Methodis minister and college president, is the chief promoter of a stag social to be pulled off tomorrow evening in a Denver hotel. "I want this occasion," he says, "to be one of rollicking fun. Life is strenuous and business is serious, so when we have this dinner, I want it to be in the best of fellowship. The members of the legislature, justices of the supreme court and all state officials have been invited. An exception will have to be made in the case of the superintendent of public instruction, who

BELATED GRIEF.

woman.

Overflowing Tear Ducts that Might Be Checked by Action.

will be excused to attend a meeting of the

woman's club." The excluded officer is a

Philadelphia Press. The Congressional Record issued last Monday morning is filled with the appreclative lament of members of the house of

representatives for the death of William H Bate, "late a senator from the State of Tennessee." The same issue contains the belated speeches of several senators on the

same subject delivered January 17, 1907. Senator Bate died March 9, 1905, almost two years ago. The pious grief of his colleagues has been kept in cold storage an unusually long time, waiting, we assume, a convenient time for its public manifesta tion. The written speeches are probably none the worse, and the poetical extracts

to the conservative leaders of the senate!

The country was beginning to be bored by President Roosevelt's fidgety ways. The negro vote was lining up. The republican national committee was as good as captured. Wall street was in ambush, every knife sharpened and every check book within reach. Foraker and Scott had been fitted for bright new uniforms. All at once Mr. Roosevelt, instead of throwing up his hands at the first signs of a sharp fight, comes into camp with Harriman and half a dozen Standard Oil bankers and directors in tow. How is any party to be seriously saved when such things happen and people greet with enthusiastic applause interruptions not provided for

the program?

LAUGHING GAS.

"Ever seen an ladian policeman?" asked the passenger with the bristling mustache. "Yes," said the passenger with the skuit cap. "I used to know one in Omaha." "How did he look in uniform?" "Much like the ordinary copper, only a little more copper colored, of course."-Chicago Tribune.

"I had such a good offer." said Mr. Shonts to the interviewer, "that I could

Shonts to the interviewer, "that I could not decline it." "But when Mr. Wallace..." "Mr. Wallace's offer involved a salary far less than mine," explained the speaker couldy, with a glance toward the door not to be mistaken...Philadelphia Ledger.

"Miss Gabber was so cold yesterday she "Aw, g.wan!"-Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

American aristocracy had just appeared

American arisocracy had have appendix on the scene. It viewed with haughty mien the common herd, and yet gave largess. "I do this." aristocracy explained. "lest the populace, taking umbrage, make ado over the fact that my grandfather peddled clams."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Is it hard to get into politics?" asked the ambitious youth. "Sometimes." my son, answered Senator Sorghum: "but never as hard as to get out gracefully."-Washington Star.

"If you will invest \$1,000," said the pro-

"H you will invest show, said the pro-moter, confidently, "I will pay you 5 per cent a month." "But for how many months?" "Oh, for ten, say. That will be \$500. I need the other \$500 in my business."-Philadelphia Press.

"There's a man who could be one of the country's greatest poets if he wished." "And he isn't?" "No."

"Introduce me."--Cleveland Press.

"My wife," complained Farmer Fodder-shucks. "Is allers kickin about somethin". When the sun don't shine, she gets the blues. An', by Heck! when the sun does shine, she complains becuz it fades the carpet!"-Clevel ind Leader.

ROOSEVELT LUCK AGAIN.

Harriman Revelation Mp the Plans of Knokers.

New York World. The great difficulty experienced by conservative republicans of the standing of Senator Foraker and Senator Scott, why

are willing to stake their own popularity on the chance of rescuing the republican party from the clutches of Rooseveltism s that just when their plans are all labi their corporation friends desert them For instance, they had every right to ex-

pect Mr. Harriman's steadfast support. They and their fellow believers in constitutional principles had done what they could to prevent President Roosevelt from putting the railroads under strict federal control. A grave crime had been committed against property rights in the name

of the administration. Unfortunately Mr public. A walt of three years would drive Harriman gets caught in a series of un lawful traffic contracts and scandalous stock manipulations just at the hour set for the deliverance of their party from the mandments." But they lack the imprima- hands of rate law radicals. Mr. Rogers tur of the L M. O. and the approval of the and Mr. Rockefeller turn out to be Mr. Harriman's accessories. Their Standard Oil trust is also nipped by the adminia-

tration at the business of robating and brought into the criminal courts. knows when Mr. Harriman will land there ? Think what a disappointment it means

A photographer has been rejected as a Thaw juror. No photographer could be expected to return a verdict ment. against one of his best customers.

Chancellor Day of the Syracuse unithe Alleviation of Indigent Trusts.

Carter Harrison says he is not cernot certain that he can be elected.

Hon. "Billy" Mason is living in Chicago and probably lamenting the fact he got out of the senate before an effort was made to organize that body into a minstrel troupe.

George B. Cortelyou is said to owe his rise in life to his habit of listening to everybody and never saying a word. He is also different from Colonel Bryan in other respects.

Dispatches state that Goldfield is so overcrowded that it is hard to find a place to sleep. The condition would be more serious if it were safe to sleep in Goldfield, anyway.

In response to criticisms for having magnate Senator Bailey replies that always goes to a man who has it.

Chicago attributes its 6,000 scarlet but the country will be slow to betent to warrant that much illness.

Mr. Cone of Saunders is finding the billet of opposition leader in the house at Lincoln a sinecure in one regard, at least. He meets opposition to about everything he proposes doing.

The National Co-Operator declares that "There would be more Rockefellers in the world if the young men would devote as much time to moneymaking as they do to love-making." Perhaps, but is anybody clamoring for any more Rockefellers?

Representative Phil Campbell of Kansas has attacked the weather bureau reports, insisting that there is nothing like as much wind in Kansas as there used to be. Still, the weather banded.

Having decently provided for the tude who ordinarily would now be buy- tent in one of the parties to the suit, ice crop, the weather man is now paying some attention to the winter titude abroad, thus closing for the time take no part in adjudicating it. wheat. While the snow blanket has an important alternative avenue. not yet attained a depth that is alarming, the fact that it exists at all is an that neither at home nor abroad is the scal good reputation this year.

total liabilities were due to a few trust companies and banks in which there had been fraud or gross mismanage-A member of the Interstate Com-

The further fact is worthy of altention that the percentage of failures among firms employing small capital versity will probably not stop until he is materially smaller than the year besucceeds in organizing the Society for fore, and that it has been steadily decreasing the last six or eight years. This fact, contrary to a general impression, indicates that the stress of tain that he wants to be mayor of commercial conditions is not so severe Chicago again. In other words, he is on the smaller as on the larger concerns, and that the former are holding their ground in spite of centralizing tendencies.

The failure record of last year and recent years of course does not mean that recurrence of commercial depresthe coal mines they are going to abolsion is impossible. The facts, howish such ownership. ever, do signally reflect sound and improved business conditions, and raise the strong presumption of conservatism in yielding credits and of the perma-

of methods in the commercial community, which tends effectually to reduce the rate of business mortality.

INCREASING MONEY AND FALLING MARKET.

The rapid accumulation of money in borrowed money from a Standard Oil New York by return of crop advances veloped a deep-seated aversion to talkto the interior and a tumbling stock of quotations, even of the standard constitutional points involved, insisted railroad companies, are two conspicu- on the case going over until the bench ous facts at present and since the openfever cases to the use of infected milk, ing of the year. Within two weeks the a judge to the vacancy then existing. loan market conditions at that great When the president announced his in-Heve that Chicago uses milk to an ex- center have been apparently reversed tention to name Attorney General by a net gain of \$29,000,000 to bank. Moody to be associate justice of the cash and nearly \$19,000,000 to surplus supreme court the railroads and correserve. It had been anticipated that porations generally promptly took an such conditions would relieve the severe stringency caused by immense could prevent his confirmation, but a novelty which puts him in the A class as drafts for the crop movement and that failing to find the necessary votes con- an after-dinner speaker. If Bill Nye were expectation was played to the limit by cluded to reconcile themselves to the ative, the two would make a good team the great combinations that have been

> manipulating the stock market. No such result, however, is visible or likely when the Nebraska railroad tax cases soon to follow.

this very manipulation, involving the not filled with a judge to the liking of operations, the dividend declarations the railroad attorneys. On call of the and the general financing of some of case Hon. C. J. Greene opened for the the greatest railroad properties the last railroads, representing the Burlington,

affected public opinion. These revela- Baldwin, representing the Union Pations through official and indubitable cific. Scarcely had Baldwin proinstrumentalities have naturally ex- ceeded far enough to identify himself bureau is not supposed to know that cited the suspicions of the investing and his client than Justice Moody inthe populist party in Kansas has dis- public by destroying confidence in the terrupted to say that he was the owner ordinary basis for calculations, so it is

ing are selling. There is a similar at- he would sit in the case, but would

The saving condition, bowever, is encouraging sign. The Nebraska cli- conviction of the validity of our univer- themselves compelled to submit their mate is certainly vindicating its gen- sal prosperity and of assurance of the arguments to a court composed of outlook shaken at all, nor is there any- only eight judges, and the same eight | macks.

Promise remains, however, of ultimate action in this direction.

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tle the strike in the anthracite regions

in Pennsylvania in the winter of 1902

diate further investigation and prose

that after May 1, 1908, it shall be un-

lawful for any railroad company or transport any article or commodity, other than timber and the manufactured products thereof, manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its

authority, or which it may own, in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect." This provision is aimed directly at the Coal trust. Even if the authorities are not convinced that the railroads own

A HORSE ON THE RAILROADS.

nent attainment of a higher standard in the dispatches describing the argu- head? ment of the Nebraska railroad tax

> cases before the United States supreme court, the hearing there developed a to be kept out of print.

It will be remembered that when the tax cases were set for argument last October the railroad attorneys de-

ing to a court made up of only eight should be filled by the appointment of Inventory of the senate to see if they

inevitable. It so transpired, therefore, that

were set for hearing this month the The serious truth seems to be that vacancy on the bench was filled, but

three to six months have profoundly and was followed by Hon. John N. of some few shares of Union Pacific disposed to stand aloof, and a multi- stock, and being interested to that ex-

So after sparring for wind and post-

poning the hearing three months, the brilliant railroad attorneys found

The fire captains presented their case to the Commercial club with the

merce commission in discussing the at Lincoln, but it does not appear that subject calls attention to a clause in they convinced the business men as the railway rate bill which provides readily as they did the legislators.

Miss Simonton of Pittsburg, who other interstate common carrier "to started for South Africa to study the language and habits of monkeys, is spending the winter in Paris. She may be able to accomplish her purpose without going to Africa.

> Chairman Shonts told the Knife and Fork club at Kansas City how the Panama canal should be dug. The information might be more effective if furnished to the Pick and Shovel of which have been marketed. club.

Pass it Up. New York Herald.

How can our western contemporaries continue to prate of prosperity when New Although not explained at the time York City aldermen are quoted at \$500 a

Pass Up the Laurel. New York Sun. As a missionary of peace and good will horse on the railroads that is too good to all dwellers in the western hemisphere, north and south, Baxon, Celtic and Latin, Mr. Root takes the laurel.

> Comes High, but It's Our Size. Philadelphia Record.

It costs to be a world power. . The navy appropriation agreed upon by the house committee on naval affairs foots up \$95,000, when he wants to borrow money he market, carrying down the whole line judges, and because of the weighty 000. This includes \$10,000,000 for another new monster battleship.

An Unconscious Humorist. Apringfield Republican.

Almost the only man in the United States today, besides President Roosevelt, who gets fully reported when he delivers a speech is Chancellor Day of Syracu The chancellor has no rival as the defender of "predatory wealth," in which he rejoices; indeed, he walked in and took possession of a rostrum which all others had abandoned, and one of his orations is now

for the circuit-Bill reading some choice

chancellor speaking some of his great thoughts on the modern martyrs, the persecuted corporations and trusts.

Empty Sacks and Crime. Portland Oregonian.

When Benjamin Franklin said that it is session. hard for an empty sack to stand straight, will be affected by the proposed sarvice he spoke without foreseeing some of the disclosures of the modern grand jury, the insurance investigating commission and the Interstate Commerce commission. He would estimated that there will be living on June not write such a proverb in these days, gl. 1967, 782,722 survivors. The number of were he living, for the evidence now at hand shows that it is no harder for an empty sack to stand straight than it is tion for those that are commonly reputed to be full. In fact, if accurate statistics could complied, they would undoubtedly show that there is more crookedness among the rich than among the poor. Very few men

ever become so rich that they are willing to class themselves with the people rep resented by the sacks that are full, and,

in the effort to get more, they are as likely to resort to dishonesty and trickery as and ill ciad. Franklin was a wise man, but he was a little short on information higher courts and not let it rest until the

orders from mercantile houses. A.H result there is a scarcity of the cloth same eloquent arguments they used in the trade and local wholesalers are driven to distraction to find a way to appease their clamoring customers. They are able only partly to fill all orders for the stuff, while the factories are working overtime to produce it.

One of the large department stores of Brooklyn sold during the hollday season, 20,000 "Teddy" bears. A buyer in Germany in the fall purchased what he believed would see them through. They were snapped up in a few days, and a second order was cabled. Originally they were called "cubby" bears, but when Paul Piper invented the cult of the "Teddy bears" the

name was changed by general consent. It is doubtful whether Mr. Piper secures any benefit from the hundreds of thousands of bears sold, but he certainly did from the "Teddy bear" books, many thousands

There are no seasons for the New York merchant. Spring flowers bloom in the florist's window in midwinter and the dry goods stores show lingerie frocks and fur coats side by side. The markets are full of new potatoes, strawberries, artichokes, mint, spring lamb and other delicacies of the early summer, and the shops are perfect mountains of thin muslin underwear, which by common custom is always displayed the day after Christmas. Dalsies, sweet peas and white lilacs appear at all the florists' and the furnishings for summer cottages are being prepared for immediate display.

Plans for a twenty-two-story building for the New York Sun have been prepared by a firm of New York architects by the order of William M. Laffan, publisher of the Sun. But whether a twentytwo-story building, or any other, shall be built soon or ever to take the place of the old Sun building Mr. Laffan does not himself know. For more than twenty years plans have been ordered from time to time

The old Sun building was once the wigwam of Tammany hall. The late Charles A. Dana used to say that it was big enough for the purposes of his newspaper and that he didn't care to go into officerenting. But the land was cheaper in his days than it is now.

> The Service Pension Bill. Philadelphia Ledger.

It is a matter of great interest to many thousand survivors of the civil war selections from his own writings and the whether the house shall pass the service pension bill recently passed by the senate. It is said that the house committee on invalid pensions favors the measure, but is waiting to be assured before reporting the bill that the house organization will permit the legislation to be completed at this Over 260,000 present pensioner pension law, and in addition to these there are upward of 100,000 civil war veterans who are not now receiving any pension. It is pensioners on the rolls at that date would not exceed 675.000. The projected legislawould add \$15,000,000 a year to the federal, appropriations, probably for five years, from which time the pension rol would rapidly diminish.

Discrimination Against Soldiers. New York Tribune

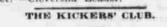
The War department is quite right in refusing to accept as final the judgment of a New York state magistrate that discrim ination against soldiers because of the unithe man who is poor enough to be hungry | form they wear is legal. It is to be hoped the department will carry the matter to when he wrote the proverb about empty honor of the national uniform has been vindicated

chose the Sabbath day for its mortuary addresses, deeming it, in the condition of its business, a work of necessity and mercy

not to waste a week day in the expression of grief so long post mortem. Senator Bate fell a victim to the per-

nicious custom of holding an outdoor pageant and inauguration ceremonies on the 4th of March. The pneumonia weather so common at that period has caused many deaths. It is especially perilous to men past the meridian of life and with lowered vitality. Yet the bill to change inauguration day to the more clement period at the close of April appears to be almost as dead as Senator Bate.

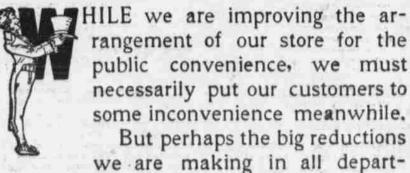
Apparently congress would rather lose some of its members occasionally and mourn their death at some convenient period two years later than to change in auguration day to April 30, that propitiou ime of year when George Washington took the oath of office as the first president of the United States.



New York Sun. They kick when it's dry, they kick when it's wet. They kick when it's warm, they they it's cold. They kick at the storm or the summer-time fold; They kick at the rain, they kick at the 611 They kick at the pain of the rheumatio kick at the fun and the laughter They They kick at the sun and they kick at the They kick at the drink, they kick at the dust, They kick when they shrink, they kick when they bust; They kick if they fall, they kick if they rise, They kick good and tall at the stars in the when

They kick good and tall at the same skies; They kick if they're sick, they kick if they're well, They kick till the kick kicks them out of this—carth.

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