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(Seal) ROBERT HUNTER, ... WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tem-

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changed as often as requested. Carrie Nation says she is going on the stage. She can't act any worse

there than she does off the stage. Honduras and Nicaragua have agreed to do the dancing for the concert of the powers in Central America.

Ice companies in New York are inmen will pull off a similar stunt about the middle of next July. -

An Indiana baby girl is puzzling scientists by rapidly turning red. The be read aloud in the nursery.

never rest on its water supply.

Japan may refuse to get over its war scare until Richmond Pearson Hobson and Mayor Schmitz are placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Dr. Mary Walker says the odor of onions will keep disease germs out of a room, showing that disease germs have some almost human traits.

King Edward has complimented Governor Swettenham of Jamaica for his courage. The governor's need, however, is an endorsement of his judgment.

Editor Bok of the Ladies Home Journal says no gentleman should ever take a drink before his wife. It would seem more polite to let her drink first.

The legislative member who thinks a tax of a few dollars will hurry bachelors into matrimony will discover that he has only been thinking that he was thinking.

A western woman whose husband insists upon moving to Chicago has asked for a divorce without assigning any other cause. No additional reason is necessary.

almost anything to please the United States. He might capture Harry saved the price. Lehr, who is now visiting in Germany. and put him to work.

It would look like the irony of fate cuse should fall to get any of those Jap war tales were wafted to us of the millions donated by Mr. Rockefeller to the General Education board.

A determined effort is being made to pass a prohibition law in the Distriet of Columbia. If that is done some congressmen may discover that they do not need that increase in sal-Bry.

The claim that a state senator in Texas has drafted a law which will positively put the trusts out of bustness in that state loses weight when it is discovered that the author's name is Looney.

Democrats insist that they are not majority in the next house in con- real or imitation, teaching the art of 3,000 professors and individual in- formerly was universally acquiesced gress. Democrats realize that one jiu-jitsu, at prices which would have structors. man may be a majority if Speaker soon wiped out Japan's war debt had The retiring allowance, or pension necessary and its results, instead of Cannon votes with him.

If the Omaha Commercial club would ernment took the bait and one of the cluding railroads and commercial firmed in every possible way. adopt some form of initiative and most expert of the flu-jitsu operators houses, and has become quite common referendum by which ordinary dues- was installed at the naval academy to in municipalities with reference to paying members would have equal make bone-breaking a part in the firemen and policemen. The result of voice with executive committeemen, course of training of our future ad- the operation of the Carnegie fund cises in commemoration of the one quiring his money to spread the impression of the one quiring his money to spread the properties of the one quiring his money to spread the properties of the one quiring his money to the one quiring his money to the properties of the one quiring his money to the prop the club would not be put on record mirals. so often in such impossible positions. But jiu-jitsu has finally broken its age the movement for the pensioning Abraham Lincoln on the Lincoln farm quiet view of most reading people.

RAILROAD MISMANAGEMENT-

country were laid bare by investigation | while it lasted. as searching as that which the great insurance companies underwent a year ago the insurance scandals would pale by comparison into insignificance. His indictment of the railroad managers is severe yet dignified and all the more cutting because it comes not from a yellow journalist nor from a professional muck-raker, but from an intelliconservative ground, judging merely cealed beneath.

It has been a favorite retort for railroad spokesmen to ask how any one but an experienced railroad man could dare to adjust rates, revise train schedules, or regulate the hours of trainmen or the use of safety appliances. It is strongly intimated now, taking the results as a whole, that the railroads could not have been much worse mismanaged by absolutely inexperienced men than they have been under the direction of Wall street jobbers and sidethe railroads for the benefit of neither the public nor the stockholders who 27..........30,500 | really own them, but for their own personal and illegitimate profit.

There are, doubtless, plenty of hard working, conscientious, faithful railroad officers and employes who do the Less unsold and returned copies .. 9,134 routine work efficiently and for possibly inadequate wages, but it is rail-CHARLES C. ROSEWATER, is charges ble with at Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of January. life and property for the feet of the f of equipment clogging business and disturbing industry, for the diversion of legitimate earnings to parasitic companies by means of rebates, special taries of the treasury were not before right-of-way privileges, favoritism contracts and the use of railroad funds for speculative enterprises.

It is notorious that free passes have been used not only for bribery of pubfor manipulating political conventions, for influencing commercial shipments, but also exchanged by railroad officials for all sorts of personal favors and accommodations entirely foreign to the railroad corporation. The most fladulging in a cut-price war. The coal grant case of this sort of graft yet disclosed was found in a transaction uncovered not long ago in Nebraska by which an annual pass was made part consideration to a bank officer for discounting the notes of a Burlington ofreports of the Thaw trial should not ficial. The free passes so generously given to bank officers in former years quite probably represent similar gifts at the expense of the railroads to bolthe best water works system in the ster up the personal credit of the man country, but Milwaukee's fame can so generous with his employer's property.

What is needed, and what is coming is as complete reorganization of business methods in railway management as has occurred in the big insurance companies-voluntary if possible, involuntary if must be. Dr. Shaw suggests that the growing agitation for government ownership is due largely to distrust of the system of loot and graft so long entrenched in the railroad management. If so, nothing but thorough reform will head off this agitation and convince the people that they can be best served by privately owned railroads.

PASSING OF THE JIU-JITSU FAD. Midshipmen in the naval academy at Annapolis will no longer be instructed in the art of fin-litsu, the authorities no advantage over the old forms of long in vogue at the adademy, except accomplishment not desirable by Amer-

The jiu-jitsu fad has at least served fund. to illustrate anew the truth of the statement of the lamented Phineas T. Barnum that the American people love times of personal encounter. These ises of the press agent. Even the gov- of institutions and corporations, in-

contributed by Albert Shaw to the Feb- ordered the discontinuance of jiu-jitsu effective service. ruary number of his "Review of Re- practice among the midshipmen beviews" magazine. Without mincing cause it is based on unfairness and words, Dr. Shaw declares that if the crippling tactics. So the jiu-jitsu fad

CORTELYOU AND THE TREASURY. Criticism of the appointment of gent and careful observer, standing on The depreciatory campaign, however, by surface indications, which reveal It was when the nomination was first only a small part of the rottenness con- announced. The nomination was held up in the senate and it is no secret of courts and juries. that the opponents of the administrato develop some sort of a case against

> tion in favor of Mr. Cortelyou. The circumstances, on the contrary. ified than Mr. Cortelyou for a large with no departmental experience and from outright bribery. some have left the treasury still unfamiliar with its routine and organi-

Moreover, Mr. Cortelyou has the good" in all the severe tests and heavy at Washington. While he has not of guilty. been known as a financial expert, as some of our most successful secreappointment, he has demonstrated that he is an expert public adminis-

PENSIONS FOR COLLEGE PROFESSORS The first annual report of the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation, established for the purpose of providing a pension for college professors who have reached the age of 65 years and have served not less than fifteen years in a higher institution of learning, contains much valuable data covering complished in bestowing relief in worthy cases and outlining a plan for future extension.

This retirement fund for teachers is negle of \$10,000,000 in 5 per cent bonds, yielding an annual income of \$500,000. Under its terms the income may be devoted to the retirement or relief of superannuated professors in higher educational institutions, without regard to race, creed, sex or color, not controlled by any specified sect nor imposing any theological test. In the first year, ending October 15, 1906, the trustees had admitted fifty American and two Canadian colleges to the accepted list and had awarded to professors, individual teachers and widows of teachers pensions amounting to \$122,130 annually, or about one-fourth the sum provided by Mr. Carnegie's benefaction. Statistics show 6,207 professors having decided that the method holds in the 327 colleges of America who receive total annual salaries of

The report contains a highly interwould have had no difficulty in invad- \$1,450 possible for the retired profes- any corporation as individuals. ing Russia and breaking one or two sor under the distribution of the Cararms of every man in the czar's empire, negle fund. The trustees of the fund in politics with money, we have had without the loss of a jiu-jitsu expert. hope, by a readjustment of the allow-The advertising had its effect and, with ances and by other plans in contempla- created wellnigh universal demand the close of the war, every village in tion to make possible a system of re- for reform, and legislation is now pro-America had a Japanese expert, either tiring allowances for something over hibiting and punishing as crimes what

own back. Admiral Sands, in charge of teachers and thus attract to that in Harding county, Kentucky. The Much attention and no little discus- at Annapolis, has reported that the profession more and more able men celebration will not be held until Febsion has been aroused by a scathing old form of American wrestling is and women thus assured of recogni- runry 12, 1909, and the interest sure review of railroad mismanagement preferable in every respect. He has tion and reward for continued and to be aroused during the time yet to

## EXPERT WITNESSES.

The disrepute into which expert witmismanagement of the railroads of the has seen its day, but it was profitable nesses have fallen is largely due to the influence of money. The legitimate agency of witnesses having special or expert knowledge is often important to the ends of justice in civil and criminal George B. Cortelyou as secretary of actions. Their testimony was originthe treasury continues, but it is note- ally admitted on the ground that their worthy that it comes for the most part knowledge was not only special but from quarters distinctly hostile to the also impartial, and it was not unusual Roosevelt administration and as a part for courts upon their own motion to of systematic effort to discredit it, seek such assistance. Substantial agreement of the disinterested and is mild now in comparison with what competent experts was thus regarded as invaluable on a great variety of subjects submitted for the determination

But prejudice is inconsistent with tion resorted to every stealthy means the essential function of expert witconfirmation, or at least excuse for a the practice of retaining experts on a row. The fact that nothing could be growing scale of fees that have befound creates the strongest presump- come a scandal. Such testimony is discredited when there is justification for the popular suspicion that the longserve to direct public attention to the est purse hires the biggest array of solld fact that few men have come to "experts." So gross have been the exthe head of the treasury better qual- hibitions in notable criminal trials in may have lost fat perquisites the polwhich wealth and social influence have of the secretaries have begun service that it is not easy to distinguish them

The abuse, however, has in some measures effected its own cure, because solutely groundless. zation. In all this Mr. Cortelyou will the expert testimony has been disbe at home from the start. His ex- counted and courts and juries are disperience in government operations posed to scrutinize it more thoroughly. and methods is most thorough and in- A growing suspicion tends to make it perilous to enter the insanity plea in criminal cases on anything short of prestige of having decisively "made substantial expert testimony, for obvious purchase of such evidence is apt responsibilities he has gone through to be treated as tantamount to a plea

### EDISON'S PLAYTIME.

The inventor Edison makes it plain that in treating the remainder of his life as a playtime he does not intend trator and a growing and level-headed to devote himself to idleness. His man who by force of personality and sixty years of life have been a period proved worth has won and held the of extraordinary industry and work. lic officers, for tampering with juries, implicit confidence of three successive No day laborer has worked so intensely or such long hours, for sleep and moments of relaxation have been reduced to a minimum and mere accidents of a toilsome existence.

It is noteworthy that Edison does not now and never has complained of his arduous and laborious life, beginning in poverty, followed by the monotony of an ordinary telegrapher. There is reason to believe that the average of over fourteen hours a day that he has the field for their operations. While devoted for decades to inventive acthis fund has been available but little tivity has been full of pleasure. The more than a year, the report shows interest and enthusiasm of a congenial that much good has already been ac- mission are sustaining forces. Unlike most inventors, too, Edison has been a successful business man, able to exploit commercially his remarkable devices and to keep a fair share of their provided for in a donation by Mr. Car- profits. Necessarily the direction of his industry has been determined in

large part by commercial restraints. Playtime, therefore, means for him merely removal of those restraints and the delight of labor along lines of his free choice. It is merely a greater joy of labor. The world so far has not lost but gained immensely by this great worker's mingling of utility with for a small "s" at \$1,46 per page paid science, and probably it was the only. way, situated as he was, he could have found means for his extraordinary progress in scientific investigation. There are likely to be even greater benefits now from the devotion of his remaining years to pure science in the field of electricity, which he enters upon as his playground.

# TRUST FUNDS IN POLITICS.

A leading eastern journal misses wrestling and other athletic exercises \$9,631,360, or an average of \$1,550 a the significance of the awakening of regular chores. year. The retiring allowance which public conscience or it would not so in offering teachings in ways of per- the Carnegie Foundation now pays vehemently denounce the proposition manently disabling one's opponent, an amounts to a little less than \$1,450. to restore to the big insurance com-At this rate the income of the fund panies the large amounts of funds conicans in their contests of skill or would carry 350 professors on the re-tributed several years ago to political strength. By this decision the Japa- tired list at the present pay, while campaign committees. "What proof youd the dreams of philanthropy. nese instructor in jiu-jitsu at Annapolis 12 per cent of the professors in the is there," it demands, "that the comhas been informed that congress has colleges accepted as eligible to par- pany officers were exceeding their offifailed to make any appropriation for ticipation in the fund benefits are eli- cial rights in this instance any more his services for another year and that gible to retirement. Should they take than they were in contributing money Emperor William says he would do he is at liberty to return at once to the advantage of the opportunity a list to help build Grant's tomb in 1890 or iand of cherry blossoms, if he has would be created which would wholly to relieve the Jacksonville fever in absorb the present income from the 1888 or the Galveston flood sufferers in 1900?"

The fundamental point is that for esting table showing how liberally the good and sufficient reasons the public officers of the army are treated when has now awakened to the fact that if Chancellor Day's university at Syra- to be humbugged. During the Russ- they are placed on the retired list, as such officials have exceeded their compared with the pensions proposed rights whenever they have diverted practice of jiu-jitsu by the Japanese in or possible for college professors. trust funds to other than the lawful 1854 to the Egyptian struggle of 1884, and Since 1890 an average of about 27 per trust purpose. These funds were the stories told in detail of the manner in cent of army officers have been on the property of the policyholders in the which a Jap of four feet six would take retired list. In 1904, the latest data keeping of insurance companies for a Russian of six feet four and, by the available, there were 3,860 officers on insurance purposes only, and not for practice of the magic art of jiu-jitsu, the active list, with a total pay of political, charitable and benevolent 'make a monkey of him," always es- \$4,846,000, and 877 officers on the re- purposes, according to the notions of caping personal hurt and smilingly tired list with a total pay of \$2,285,- the trustees, even assuming their moawaiting the next comer. Americans 000. The government gives the re- tives to be in themselves praisebecame convinced that if gunpowder tired army officer an average pay of worthy. These are matters for the had never been invented the Japs \$2.605 annually, as compared with policyholders or the stockholders of

> exposures and scandals which have in. The revolution is wholesome, the performance been up to the prom- system, has been adopted by a number being called into question and weakened, ought to be extended and con-

President Roosevelt has already acmay reasonably be expected to encour- hundredth anniversary of the birth of

intervene is bound to invest the event with momentous character.

It will be recalled that when the insurance legislation demanded in consequence of the investigations made under direction of Governor Hughes was pending, representatives of insurance companies likely to be affected were lugubrious in forecasting the terrible obstacles that would be put in their way by the enactment of these laws. The exhibits of last year's business of the big New York life insurance companies, now being given to the public, do not in the least bear out these forebodings. The annual statement of the New York Life Insurance company, printed in The Bee last week. for example, is boasted the best showing of business and earnings for the policy holders ever made by that comnesses, and prejudice is inherent in pany and the same is true of the Equitable and in lesser degree of the others with one or two exceptions. The enforcement of the new insurance regulations seems therefore to have strengthened rather than weakened the New York life companies and while some of the official sinecure men icyholders have not been sufferers. insurance men who opposed and deprecated all restrictive legislation would now admit that their fears were ab-

The railroad passenger men, who are objecting to any reduction in the maximum passenger mileage rate, lay special stress upon the comparatively sparse population of Nebraska alongside of Iowa and Missouri, and other states immediately adjoining on the east. The fact is, however, that these figures are greatly misleading. Nebraska still has thousands upon thousands of acres of public domain which are not inhabited at all and other thousands of acres whose principal occupants consist of grazing cattle. On the other hand are lots of counties in Nebraska just as thickly settled as the average county in Iowa. Draw a north and south line through Kearney and take the territory to the east of it for population comparisons and the disparity with our neighbors will be scarcely appreciable.

The question has been asked. What would happen if, after the legislature adjourns, the supreme court should knock out the state railroad commission by declaring invalid the amendment to the constitution voted at the last election? That is an easy one. We would have a call for an extra session of the legislature before the railroad folks could say "Jack Robinson."

much attention with his senate investigation of the Brownsville affair. Even the senators are failing to keep track of the inquiry, as they have killed all ing at a straw. the time necessary this session and do not need the excuse.

For some strange and unaccountable reason no more amendments have been offered by our statesmen at Lincoln to vindicate the dignity of the commonwealth by substituting a capital "S"

#### Art of Vocal Fencing. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. King Edward hurts nobody's feelings in referring to the Jamaica incidents. The king has no equal in the art of saying

nothing in particular agreeably. Part of Regular Routine. Chicago News. Mr. Stickney of the Great Western railway indicated to the agriculturist mem-

bers of a legislative committee that water-

ing stock was part of a railroad president's When Dreams Come True.

St. Louis Republic. Already in 1907 the gifts to education in the United States amount to about \$40,000,oo. At this rate the schools and colleges a hunfired years hence will be rich be

Imperilling Political John. Indianapolis News.

True enough, Mr. Bryan, if the influence of great corporations could be removed from American politics it would simplify matters immensely, but how would all the politicians manage to make a living?

Hardships Exaggerated.

Baltimore News. Sir William Howard Russell, better sell, at least proved that the hardships equipped with dog catchers. which a war correspondent undergoes need not be hurtful to health. He described the big wars from the Crimean campaign of

Food for the Sweet Tooth. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The United States produced 1,333,000,000 o us 2,666,000,000 pounds. The country made a sweet morsel of this, and plucked from the sugar bowls of other foreign nations lumps aggregating 2,500,000,000 pounds more Hawali, Porto Rico and Java furnished half of the latter importation, and Germany, the West Indies, excepting Cuba and South America the bulk of the rest The average American citizen consumel one-half his own weight in sugar, or seventy-six pounds, according to the report published Friday by the bureau of sta-

Springfield Republican.

Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus Q. thinks it would have been much fitter for John D. Rockefeller to have withheld his recent \$32,000,000 gift to education until after some of the indictments lying against him have been tried out in the courts Then perhaps the gift would appear more clearly in the character of a restilution and less clearly in that of a benefaction But Mr. Rockefeller does not need to be cepted an invitation to attend exer- convicted of having violated law in acsion that his gifts should be regarded as acts of restitution. That is siready the



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#### SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

No one ever regretted burying a slander. A man does not pick up sand by licking There never is much good in "good

mough." The fool always greases his track on the up grade. The ignorant may be foolhardy, but only

the wise are brave. The saddest morality is that which atisfied with itself. Deeds of golden hearts are better than dreams of golden harps.

They make but little mark on time who are only marking time. The only stand some men will take or any question is a band stand. Plenty of people who talk of honesty as

good policy fall to pay the premiums. If this world is none the better for your living the next will have none of your

fancies that holds the conviction in a sermon. The man who is drowning in drink usually hopes to save himself by catch-

Some folks think they are generous because they are willing to give up their good intentions.

The happy Christian so advertises his religion that the other man will not be happy until he gets it. Many a youth who would scorn to wear second-hand clothes is living on a handme-down reputation .- Chicago Tribune.

# PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Platte river is not as imposing or as deep as the Ohio, but the spread of its wings is immense. Reports from New York enable people

in the provinces to understand what is meant by "The Great White Way." The shortage in the lemon crop is doubtless due to the number legislatures have in stock for distribution among corpora tions.

Tom Edison is 59 and thinks he has reached the time when more play and less work would be enjoyable. Besides, Tom doesn't need the money.

What a waste of good energy is this rooting in the ruins of Egypt for ancient tossils, while the modern article openly defies time and the undertaker. sUnmindful of the edict of the fathers prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment, Utah proposes to have dental students

practice on the teeth of convicts. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about that celebrated case in New York is the variety of disease a fellow may nossess which doctors cannot recognize until he gets into trouble.

Mary Elizabeth Lease breaks self-imposed silence long enough to say that men have ot improved any since the days of Adam Mary's recollection of childhood days appears particularly robust.

The Missouri legislative genius, who would restrict Easter bonnets to the \$1.98 variety, is now exercising his gray matter known in this country as "Bull Run" Rus- on a bill requiring automobiles to be

## DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Younger-Yes, indeed, my new typewriter girl is quite a success.

Merchant—Huh! She seems to spell quite as badly as the other one. I can see that in her letters. Younger—Yes, but you can't see her hair and complexion in her letters,—Philadelphia

"Why were you in such a hurry to pick up my glove when I dropped it?" "I thought there might be something in it for me, some time."—Cleveland Leader.

Nan—Archie proposed last night, did he? I suppose you snapped your fingers at him, as you always said you would." Fan—I did try to, but—well, he was kind o' holding them, you know.—Chicago

"Darling, you would not like me to take tainted money, now would you?"
"Certainly not, dearest, but—but— couldn't you sterilize it before using?"— Washington Herald.

"Miriam," said her mother, "have you ever given young Mr. Stapleford any reason "He seems to think so," answered the daughter, "because I told him the other evening that he was sending me too many costly flowers and ought to begin to save his money."—Chicago Tribune.

# MY OWN FOUR WALLS.

Thomas Carlyle. The storm and night is on the waste, Wild through the wind the herdsman calls

As fast on willing nag I haste

Home to my own four walls.

Black, tossing clouds, with scarce a glim Envelope earth like sevenfold palls; But wifekin watches, coffee pot doth sim

Home in my own four walls. A home and wife I, too, have got,
A hearth to blaze whate'er befalls
What needs a man that I have not
Within my own four walls?

King George has palaces of pride, And armed grooms must ward those halls; With one stout bolt I safe abide

Within my own four walls. Not all his men may sever this;

When fools or knaves do make a rout With gigmen, dinners, balls, cabals, I turn my back and shut them out— These are my own four walls

The mooriand house, though rude it be, May stand the brunt when prouder falls; "Twill screen my wife, my books, and me, All in my own four walls.



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