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General Manager

"Eighteen hundred and froze to death" seems to be enjoying a jubilee

Speaking of paradoxes, a prohibition town in Kansas is arranging for a beerless sangerfest

The man who laid in his next winter's supply of coal early in April may now repeat the performance.

Alfred Austin is going to write a novel. The one certainty is that it will be better than his poetry.

Whisky has gone up at 2 cents a goes down at 15 cents a drink.

Latest reports do not indicate that there will be any shortage of wheat except for board of trade purposes.

Abe Hummel rode from New York to Blackwell's island in an automobile in one hour, and it will take him a

year to get back. The hobo convention in Chicago endorsed Senator Foraker for president. The hobo is an "undesirable citizen" in his own right.

should almost tempt Mr. Roosevelt to add a few words to his previous remarks on mollycoddles.

tribe. It is not difficult, however, to locate the John Smith tribe.

Two Detroit women have gone insane over bridge whist. Usually it is the husbands of the women that play bridge who lose their reason.

Prof. Starr of the Chicago university declares that Methuselah did not live anything like 969 years. Perhaps it just seemed that long to him.

The report of the commissioner of corporations on the work of the Standard Oil trust furnishes Miss Ida Tarbell with a complete vindication.

The weather man is in a delicate position just now between the summer parks and the summer theaters. If he favors one the other suffers.

The 86 per cent valuation placed on the railroads by the state board does not come up to the legal requirements yet, but it is in the right direction.

That 3-year-old boy in Indiana who lated upon his taste in preferring of bearing the inscription, "Secured Shakespeare to the Indiana school of

Omaha Methodists have just dedicated another church, which is accepted as indicating the growth of the city as well as the enterprising persistence of the sect.

Reports from the range country are very encouraging, despite the backward spring. The short grass is up high enough to make good grazing. This will help some.

Democrats are not enthusiastic over the plan to run Judge Gray of Delarun as well as a country lawyer.

The Gulf Stream is said to have changed its course, thus causing the and gives them a preferred rating in delay in the arrival of spring. Congress should hasten to pass a measure not entitled. Bond brokers and manregulating the Gulf Stream, as it is a ipulators of securities would be prompt factor in interstate commerce.

RAILROAD VALUAT-ON.

that the State Board of Equalization | they deal in on the market. and Assessment had determined on an increase in values of railroad property flight to the capital of the railroad tax agents, eager to protest against any figures that may be officially adopted and do not correspond with their idea of what is right. This spectacle has become familiar to the people of Nebraska. Year after year it has been repeated until its omission would be cause for surprise. So accustomed have the railroad magnates become to dictate what valuation shall be placed that it seems to them an unbearable condition which denies them this privilege. The innovation of the state board determining the values is one that will likely supersede the old cus-

The figures announced from Lincoln taxable value of the Nebraska roads based on an assessed valuation of apthis increase is due to the new rallroad property within the state. As it eral years past that the railroad property in Nebraska was actually worth of railroad habit of kicking against assessments than justice.

of Nebraska, the supreme court decision in the railroad tax cases has put termine the assessment in the hands the goods in the present emergency. of the state board rather than in the hands of the railroad tax agents. It is not likely that the onslaught at Lincoln will very materially alter the total determined on by the state offi-

PRESBYTERIANS ON DIVORCE.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church has taken a decisive stand on the subject of its ministry and divorce, urging ministers of the church to refuse to perform the marparty to the contract is a divorced person, and declaring that its ministers must be held responsible for condoning violations of the law of God even if remarriage is sanctioned or allowed by the laws of man. The assembly particularly enjoined its ministers to refuse to perform marriages of those of other churches whose ministers had declined to conduct the services.

Undoubtedly the sentiment in this country is growing in favor of a general and genuine reform in the laws relating to marriage and divorce, and gallon," says a market report. It the sentiment is finding expression in the difficulty experienced by divorced persons who remarry in maintaining their social status. The churches throughout the country are realizing the importance of the subject and are gradually coming to the point of taking united action upon the subject. President Roosevelt, in one of his messages to congress and in letters to several church organizations, has urged the necessity of federal law dealing with the entire problem of marriage and divorce. Several organizations have been working, with some success, toward the adoption of uniform divorce An epidemic of mumps at Harvard and marriage laws by all the states, and the renewed agitation of the subject holds a promise of early action, by an amendment to the constitution or by uniform legislation by the states, Jamestown reports that it is difficult looking to the preservation of the to find even remnants of Powhattan's purity of the home and the sanctity of the family, by the eradication of the divorce evil, which has become almost a national scandal.

TREAT'S CURRENCY PLAN.

Mr. Charles H. Treat, treasurer of the United States, has evolved a plan to provide the "elastic" element in the national currency that has been so loudly and persistently demanded by certain eastern financial experts who for a long time have been dissatisfied with the obstacles in the way of suddenly increasing the volume of the circulating medium to meet the demands of the speculative interests in times of stress on Wall street. Mr. Treat's plan, as explained in an address before the Missouri state bankers, proposes that at least 50 per cent of the bank note circulation shall be secured by goverament bonds, but the remaining 50 per cent may be secured by other bonds acceptable to the government as security for public deposits. He proposes that the currency based on securities other than United States bonds shall be fac-similes of the present nareads Shakespeare is to be congratu- tional bank notes except that instead by United States bonds deposited with the treasurer of the United States.' they would read, "Secured by bonds and guaranteed by the United States. The plan also proposes that these issucs of near-money shall be redeemed in installments of four, six and eight months, beginning from September 1 of any current year.

The strongest objection to the Treat plan is the opening it provides for the around the world. Is it possible that use of the government's guarantee to Mayor Jim's lariat had anything to do give a fixed value to bonds issued by railway and other corporations. Efforts have already been successful, in a minor degree, in having certain corware for the presidency. Experience poration debentures accepted by the has shown them that a judge does not government as security for deposits in ever, the well-informed will adhere to national banks. Each such acceptance the truth of the Gridiron club song: in effect stamps the United States government's approval upon these bonds the financial world to which they are

to secure the government's stamp of The announcement from Lincoln approval and guarantee upon the wares

If the national bank note circula- press. tion is to be based upon any security in Nebraska is the signal for audden other than United States bonds, the public, it is believed, would prefer to have the notes secured by the credit and assets of the banks themselves inof bonds of railways and other corporations. If the government is going to ation bonds, why not extend the plan and base it on real estate, old wheat in the bin or any of the farm products, as suggested by the populists in their on their lines for purposes of taxation | Ocala platform? The Treat plan serves simply to further muddle a problem that is sorely in need of clarifying.

THE DESPISED UPPER BERTH. George S. Loftus of St. Paul, Minn., deserves one of those Carnegie hero medals, as big as a pie plate. Ever indicate that a total increase in the since George M. Pullman designed the first "hotel on wheels" that portion of of about \$5,000,000 will be made. the traveling public which patronizes This will bring the taxable value of the sleeping car equipment of modern in view. the roads up to about \$52,000,000, railroad travel has been grumbling at the upper berth. All berths look alike proximately \$260,000,000 for the lines to the Pullman cashier, and the man in Nebraska. A large percentage of who has to shin up a ladder and crawl into the superheated upper berth has had to pay just as much for the privimodious lower half of the section. The 85,300 upward of \$300,000,000, complaint of Travelers have sought, with pretty the figures adopted by the board general success, to escape the humiliaseems captious and rather the result tion of the upper berth by bribing the conductor or porter, or both, but they have shown their resentment of the Fortunately for the other taxpayers discrimination only by round-table protests. But Loftus is different. Every crisis begets the hero to deal with the issue at stake and Loftus is there with

> Mr. Loftus has filed a formal com plaint, in proper legal verbiage and duly attested, with the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington, charging that the Pullman company is guilty of a discrimination-prohibited by the rate law-against travelers when it charges the same price for an upper berth as it does for a lower. It is the first case brought against sleeping car companies under the new railway rate regulation law. The commission has asked the Pullman company to make answer to the complaint and the case will be given a thorough

Banzai, Loftus. A bas, the upper

"WANTED-MALE HELP."

The immigration commission, appointed by the last congress to study the immigration question, both at home and in foreign countries, with a view of recommending legislation to congress for the regulation, if not the restriction, of immigration, has already discovered that the problem is in a fair way of solution without the necessity of congressional enactment. The commission is now in Europe, and an unofficial preliminary report from it indicates that the United States may and employment in this country. Last year about 1,100,000 immigrants from estimated that more than 1,500,000 will come during the present year, but the commission believes that, whatever the inducement offered, the number will never be a faithful servant for the will be smaller next year and for some

The changed condition is due to i countries. In Manchester and other manufacturing centers of England the scarcity of workmen has caused an increase in wages, which are now larger than ever before paid. So anxious are employers to secure the needed quota of men that they are making longtime contracts with them at the adplanning government legislation to reetrict the exodus of the laboring classes to America, and both Sweden and Norway are offering bonuses to their sturdy youth to remain at home and aid in the development of the resources of their native land. Spain is considering legislation to restrict emigration and Germany and France are offering exceptional inducements for native

workmen in their fields and factories. In the meantime the cry for more men is insistent from every section of this country. Labor is at a premium in the cotton manufacturing cities in New England and in the south, while the entire agricultural section of the nation is displaying the "Mor Wanted" sign. This condition will only be intensified if the prediction of the immigration commission is verified by a decrease in the number of foreigners coming to this country. Unless there is a let-up in the industrial activity. of which there is now no indication, congress may be compelled to offer encouragement to immigration instead of enacting laws to restrict it.

Mr. Bryan in his Sunday speech at cises compared the feelings of the man entering the next world to those he experienced when he landed at New York on his return from his trip

Senator Hopkins of Illinois says Speaker Cannon is not a standpatter, but is in favor of tariff revision. How-The stars will shine by day.

And the fish on land will play, When the Speaker lets a tariff bill

King Carlos of Portugal has con-

Most of the Standard Oil trust officials get their titles of baron conferred on them by the anti-monopoly

The local police force will parade for the edification of the commission-This happens once a year, but the daily parade of the policemen is stead of by a miscellaneous collection the one in which the public is most

> It is explained that bad spirits in the team is accountable for Washington's position as tail-ender of the American league. Manager Cantillon should make his men sign the pledge.

Sidestepped in Time Chicago News. In view of what they are handing out to

ambassador to the United States. Every Day Their Busy Day. Portland Oregonian. While the president and all his cabine are working to maintain the country's prosperity, 80,000,000 other Americans, not office, have the same laudable purpose

the authors of the Irish council bill, doubt-

less Mr. Bryce is glad that he is morely

Cutting Out Postnl Abuses. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Postal receipts are stated to be running shead of expenditures for the first time in business would easily overcome the longestablished deficit if some of the abuses were corrected, such as carrying matter at a heavy loss and overpaying for transpor-

The Base Ball Favorite.

Chleago Inter, Ocean. It might be mentioned in passing that no other man in his party, and ne other man in the country, for that matter, stands better with the base ball crowds base ball crowds are large enough airendy this season, almost, to elect a president

> A Mysterious "Dark Horse." Philadelphia Press.

Here is another man who knows all about it. J. Hamilton Lewis announces that the democratic candidate in 1908 will be someone whose name is not now seriously considered. But the time to seriously consider the democratic candidate is before the nomination, for nobody will consider him seriously after that.

> Billions for Pensions. New York Sun.

Up to June 30, 1906, the following amounts ment to soldiers, their widows, minor children and dependent relatives on account of military and naval service in various Wars:

Regular establishment Unclassified

Total paid for pensions\$3,459,860,311 On the pension roll in 1906 we had:

Total pensioners985,971

Foundation of Good Citizenship. Governor Hughes in Leslie's Weekly. Underlying all other needs is the cultivation of in "vidual strength of character, of self-respect and of the sense of parsonal honor. You do not make a man a better man by putting him in the employ of the state. Nor is the fellow who criticises everybody else, but is quietly looking out for a chance to get a little graft himself, the sort of man who will improve reasonably expect a falling off in the the public service. The employer who will number of foreigners seeking homes oppress his men and treat them unfairly will oppress the people if he gets a chance. And the employe who will cheat his employer or the representative of a union who will European countries found homes and betray it for his own advantage, will cheat work in the United States, and it is and betray the public if he is put in office. The man who thinks the first object in life is to serve himself, and who thinks that the American idea is "every man for

MARKING THE GRAVES.

marked dearth of workmen in foreign | Healing Effect of Time on Civil War Passions. Chicago Tribune

Another remarkable illustration of the federate soldiers who died in northern prisons and hospitals and were buried near the place of their confinement. These by the tears of her cruel affliction. vanced wage. Italian authorities are graves are scattered throughout the north from Boston in the east to Santa Fe in the far southwest.

Equally interesting is the fact that the work of distributing the markers is in charge of a man who was an officer of the confederate army during the great onflict of the sections. If anything were needed to show the reunion spirit everywhere manifested in the United States this ought to be conclusive. The people of the north and those of the south have vied in erecting monuments upon the great battlefields. They have dedicated many burial grounds to the memory of their dead. Every possible tribute has been paid to the men who gave up their lives for the cause in which they believed. One hears little of "rebels" nowadays. the vocabulary of those who review the great majority on either side fought for what they earnestly believed was right.

ROBBING OUR VISITORS.

Souvenir Grabbing the Limit of Petty Larceny.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. It would seem that the particular form of souvenir collecting which is neither more nor less than petty larceny has about reached the limit. As Prince Louis of Battenberg's British squadron was about to leave New York a few months ago one of the officers remarked, "We saved our the Lincoln printers' memorial exer- guns, anyway." Practically every article on the ships that was not too hot or too heavy had been carried away by the mobs of visitors, all of whom were outwardly respectable and most of whom would have een honestly indignant had it been intimated that their larcenous doings were anything worse than the yielding to a natural curiosity. Now comes word that an Italian warship at the Jamestown ekposition has been looted by the same breed of vandals, even the smaller pieces of silverware having been stolen.

The impelling motive to such doings is lent abroad, that whatever admirable qualithem. Such performances are violations of international courtesy more far-reaching in to take advantage of such opportunity representative of the Standard Oll we are not too honest, to rob our visitors. at \$175 to \$250 each.

MRS. M'KINLEY'S GREAT LOVE.

Word Pleture of the Tenderness that Hallowed Ber Life. The peculiar pathos that was attached to Mrs. McKinley in the eyes of the country at large had its root in a lone story that will take its place among the classics." On the part of President Mckinley, relates the New York World, it was a single-minded devotedness that gathered an ever-increasing tenderness from the delicacy of the wife, whose hopes of motherhood were buried and whose mind, as if arrested on the threshold of that deepest experience of her womanhood, was still held in the thrall

On her part it was a fove of absolute dependence and childlike trust. Through all her life her eyes have retained the clear, unshadowed softness of the girl the charming pink of her cheek was that usually known to the dawn of maturity. Her gentle smile, her soft voice, the ingenuousness of maner, the modulated voice all gave President McKinley the sweethourt of his boyhood, who, if she could not share the cares of state and must be protected from every alien look or word, could yet win him from all other consideration to make her happy.

In the hour of her affliction the bereaved wife voiced the whole craving of her nature in that one pathetic sentence, "I want to see the major." But when she had seen the major for the last time, when they had placed him in the vault at Canton, where the national memorial to her husband is nearing completion. many years. The great increase in postal turned her thought to what she might do for him. Daily she visited the tomb to stay awhile in thought, and to leave her beloved flowers for her beloved dead.

Next to children, Mrs. McKinley always loved her flowers. She used to mingle the two fondnesses by giving her blossoms from the White House conservatories in splendid largesse to the little ones, and she had proteges of all kinds in the hospitals and other institutions and among her personal friends. When Easter time came the first lady would sit all day at the window than does "Uncle Joe" Cannon. And the to watch the egg-rolling on the lawn and laugh as gleefully as the youngsters them-

Denied much effort, she busied herself about little things. She made purses of netted silk and fashioned slippers of wool by the hundreds. They went for Christmas gifts, as souvenirs. They brought large prices at charitable fairs and they gave their manufacturer the keenest de light. She said once during the White House days that she had made 4,000 pairs of slippers "for somebody to wear." The Christmas after her loss she did not forget her friends in the cabinet circle, but the remembrances fashioned by her delicate fingers were all of black and gray. The wohave been paid by the United States govern- man who had clung so persistently to beautiful colors could find relief only in the

One of the first expressions of President McKinley's care of her occurred when they entered Terrace station at Buffalo on that fatal trip. The salute of the artillerymen drawn up to await their arrival broke seven panes in the forward car. The crach and shock were too much for Mrs. McKinley to bear. She fell fainting into her husband's arms. He laid her back on her pillows, soothing her gently before he stepped out to acknowledge the plaudits of plums during the next thousand years. the crowd.

When she shrank back later in sight of all, at the shricking of the engines and the confusion, the president gently put his arm about her, smiled reassuringly and drew the lace wrap up about her ears, shutting out the uproar. He lifted her down in his strong arms and

at the carriage door turned to call for another wrap and carefully folded it about

tion of Americans was so marked in his attentions to his wife as was President He never made a long trip without being accompanied by her, and he watched over her constantly, with an affectionate solicitude that was as genuine as it was touching. When traveling in a private car, Mrs. McKinley took advantage state medical convention urging the profesof every opportunity to have her illustrious husband exclusively to herself, and seemed perfectly happy when he was holding her himself and the devil take the hindmost," hand, caressing her brow, or manifesting other evidences of his abiding love. As tenderly as a mother with her first born, Mr. McKinley always treated his wife, and so wholly did she lean upon his love that when the anarchist's bullet laid the president low at Buffalo, it was the general be-Hef of those who knew how much she depended upon him that she soon would folhealing power of time is afforded by the low him to the great beyond. Never a day action of the United States War depart- passed at Canton since the husband's rement in providing 20,000 white marble stones | mains were interred there amid the pomp to be used in indicating the graves of con- and circumstance of the world's homage that the widow did not seek his tomb and lay upon it flowers moistened and hallowed

> While she was a sensitive, nervous, highstrung woman, Mrs. McKinley had the sort is the tallest royal woman in Europe. extraordinary power of endurance that She is also the richest, having inherited a O you of the thronging city, our kinsfolk went with her temperament. Although great deal of property from her father, the unable to be present at public meetings and festivities of any sort, she traveled immense fortune of her mother, who was north, east, south and west, thousands one of the richest heiresses of the nine the broad slopes of the west west with her husband; at all times cheerful. with her husband; at all times cheerful; ready to be amused; guick to appreciate the kindness and consideration her presence commanded.

She was an excellent hostess who was either born with or had acquired the gift of listening and bringing her guests out, and you know that if one proves you to be clever you are convinced of the cleverness The word "traitor" is rapidly pascing from of the one who does so. So people left her with a snug, comfortable conviction about history of the stirring days of the civil the region of the heart that they had The recognition is general that the proved themselves most entertaining persons. It is a wonderful gift, but no one laughed more at a suggestion of her possession of it than did Mrs. McKinley. "But, I am really so interested," she would say,

When Mr. McKinley married Ida Saxton she had been given not only all the advantages that education and travel could offer-she was fresh from a six-month stay in Europe when they met-but had learned self-reliance as well, for her father. James Saxton, had installed her as assistant cashier in the bank to teach her to cope with the world. She came to her husband brilliant with health and ambition. When she had laid her two babes to rest in the Canton cometery she was the wreck of her former self-the spirit of her youth and her love alone remained un-

> Coming Into His Own. Portland , Oregonian.

The much-reviled army mule is at last coming into his own. Despite the stringency of the money market and the men who are fighting the Beef trust, that forlorn animal, "without pride of ancestry generally innocent, and at worst hardly or hope of posterity," is selling in the more than malicious; yet, in the minds of open markets at more than three times foreigners thus exploited, the practice in- the price per pound of the best beef steer dicts the entire American nation and that ever munched grass. The government strengthens the belief, aiready too prevs. Is experiencing great difficulty in securing a sufficient number of mules at from \$17 ties we possess, good breeding is not among to \$190 per head. There is not much to indicate the near presense of the horseless age in the prices that Uncle Sam is now effect than many that are more intrinsically forced to pay for either mules or horses ferred the title of baron on the Lisbon serious. We sught to be too polite, even if Recent purchases of the latter were made

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REFORM BY THE BED SLAT.

Chicago's Mayor Harks Back to Old Chicago Chroniele.

Mayor Busse's advocacy of the bed sint as an agency of reform is merely another growth since 1880, by quinquennial years; phase of a general proposition which is now indorsed by nearly everybody except professional reformers. It embodies the strictly practical as distinguished from the purely theoretical idea of reform. It is tangible instead of academic.

Except among the most inveterate and infatuated apostles of the uplift it is now conceded that humanity can not be regenerated en bloc. The job has to be done ! ndividually. The bed slat, actual or figurative, has to be applied to the human unit because it can not be applied to mankind collectively. It is the old case of the bundle of faggots in "Aesop." The faggots can not be broken while in the bundle, but

taken one by one the task is an easy one. If the race is to develop into ideal morality and righteousness and justice the process of evolution will be accomplished through the agency of the man with the bed slat. He is the force that "makes for righteousness." He is the instrument of Providence for eliminating original sin from the race. The bed slat typifies advancement, progrest, regeneration.

do nothing at all for the advancement of virtue. On the other hand, one who carries a bed slat and uses it judiciously is certain to contribute largely to the emancipation of poor, weak humanity from the toils of sin.

The bed slat theory stands in opposition

"Reginald, what is this I near about your having been engaged in a fight with our new neighbor's little boy?"

"Yes'm, I was."

"Now, I wish you to promise me that you will never quarrel with him again; will you make me that promise?"

"Yes'm; he kin lick me."—Houston Post.

The bed stat theory stands in opposition to the moral suasion theory. It embodies the undentable if unpleasant fact that the sinner may be whaled into a realization of his perilous state, while that result could not be accomplished by feeding him sugar

PERSONAL NOTES.

A San Francisco woman is suing her wealthy husband for divorce because he compelled her to eat pumpkin ple three times a day.

The trouble with broken steel rails, as determined by experts, is "intermolecular vibratory deterioration." The suspicion that breakages were due to railroad sandwiches falling on the rails seems to be without foundation.

Under the new divorce law of New Jersey transient seekers of liberty are required to reside in the state longer than six months. This is regarded as a severe test of the constitutional provision prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment." The speech of a doctor at the Illinois

papers is said to have created "a profound sensation." The idea of paying for advertising usually provokes a brainstorm. Governor Stokes of New Jersey is cutting

down extravagant appropriations. He thinks his state spends too much for memorials and has disapproved of an \$8,000 item for removing the remains of General Phil Kearny and providing monuments. Secretary Taft invariably walks to his office in the War department and rarely leaves it before 4:30 in the afternoon, when he goes for a drive of an hour every pleasant day. He rarely goes out for luncheon, but contents himself with the

The king and queen or Denmark are indeed a regal looking couple. King Frederick is a giant in stature, while his conlate King Charles of Sweden, besides the

which have been prescribed by the physi-

POSTAL GROWTH SINCE 1880. Commercial and Progress Mirrored in

Figures. New York Sun The following table shows our postal

343,888 365,251 427,990 486,096 500,990 490,806 478,711 1906 was: Cost of mail transportation in

Total. Total Revenue, Expendity \$167,932,782 \$178,446 33,315,479 36,51 Increase \$134,617,803

The history of our commercial and politcal growth is bound up in these figures.

"Did you ship that load of elephants" are to the florist on the suburban ex-"No; I thought it would be more in order to send them on the trunk line."—Baltimore American.

vancement, progrest, regeneration.

It might be suggested that the bed slat is akin to the big stick, but the parallel would be inexact. The big stick is not a moral agency save in a remote sense.

One may go far by speaking softly and carrying a big stick, yet such a one may do nothing at all for the agency and the other day."—Philadelphia Press.

"Reginald, what is this I hear about your

"I see that an Ohio couple, misled by so-ciclogical flubdub, solemnly/entered upon a "trial" marriage."
"Was it successful?"
"Well, as a marriage, it had defects, but the trial was all right, the jury giving them two years apiece."—Washington Star.

Cigar Manufacturer—Scooped again! Why in blazes didn't some of the gigantic intellects on my staff think of that?

Manager—What?

Cigar Manufacturer—What! Why. Panatella & Maduro have flooded the trade with a nickel cigar wearing three bands—Puck.

"I can't last much longer, my dear," said old Mr. Kloseman, who was nearing his end; "but, ah! it's good to think that even after death I'll be near you and watch over you." over you."
"Well-er-really," replied the soon-to-be
young widow, "if that's true, Silas, I'm
afraid my extravagance will pain you terribly."—Washington Herald.

"Hold on!" said the policeman. "You The citizen about to enter his own domi-cile looked grieved.

"But, Mis'her Offisher," he remon-strated, "I don' wan' anybody to hear me go in, an' thish such a loud suit."—Phila-delphia Ledger. go in, an' thish delphia Ledger.

SONG OF THE COUNTRY SIDE.

Youth's Companion. O you of the restless city, tossed on its heaving tide. Kinsfolk and friends, we greet you, we of the countryside;
We of the peaceful valleys, you of the turbulent mart,

Though our pathways lie asunder, yet are we one in heart. O you of the clamorous city, for you the seed we sow, seed we sow,
For you our garnered harvest when the
ripened grain falls low.
Our resy-fruited erchards, our flecks on a
hundred hills,
The plow that breaks our furrows, the
wheel that turns our mills.

gluten biscuits, moistened with water, O you of the tolling city, what gifts beside have we?

sturdy strength of our forests for your ships that dare the sea.

breath of our wayside hedgerows blown sweet along your track,

winds that lift your smoke pall and bring God's sunshine back.

scattered wide, Treasure yet richer we give you, we of countryside

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