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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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It is just as well to suspend all table manner rules until the corn-onthe-cob season is over.

New Jersey is now after the Standard Oil trust. Leen a mother is occasionally cruel to ther children.

to Fairbanks." Congratulations to Mr. Fairbanks.

John D. Rockefeller, who is talking ments to other lines. Railroads have tion. so much about economy, does not play checkers instead of golf.

MORE LIGHT ON THE OIL TRUTS. The final report of Herbert Knox of the habit and instructing them in merit of the system. The fact that Smith, commissioner of corporations the use of substitutes. It is now pro- each congress makes its own rules and of the Department of Commerce and posed to make public the lists of has power to change the existing sys-Labor, on the petroleum industry of opium smokers and to debar them tem to any extent a majority of the the United States furnishes complete from public employment and posts of members may decide, robs the charge refutation of the Standard Oil com- honor. After a probationary term, of tyranny of its force. If the mem-

prices and the method it employs to violators of the law. This new-born centration of power in the hands of strangle competition and strengthen purpose in the Chinese opium pro- the speaker and his colleagues, the its monopolistic hold upon the oil in- hibition movement is a triumph for country will not worry about the situdustry of the world. Perhaps the civilization.

most striking feature of the report is the showing that while about 55 per cent of the illuminating oil manufactured in the United States is sent the candidates filed for places on the tion of the street occupied by its abroad, the Oil trust has placed the official primary ballot is being sent tracks. In some eastern cities where burden on the home consumer and has out from the secretary of state's office the streets, however, are narrower, sold its product in all the countries of to the various county clerks, and we the street railway sprinkling car wets Europe for from 2 to 6 cents a gallon regret to say that it is a badly bun- down the whole pavement. Perhaps

less than in the United States. The gled job. only explanation offered is that the In the first place, it does not distin-European sales were made in comguish between the offices to be filled, petition with the oil producers in Ruswhether they are full terms or vacansia, and Austria-Hungary, while in cies for which nominations are to be America the Standard had complete made. This is the case with refermonopoly of the field. ence to the regents of the university,

The contention of the Standard that and also with reference to the district it has improved the quality of oil in judgeship in the Ninth judicial disthe United States and also reduced the trict. A candidacy for university reprice is not borne out by the facts gent to fill vacancy is as distinct and as disclosed by this report. The in- separate from a candidacy for regent vestigation shows that while foreign for the full term as it is from a candiprices on oil have steadily declined dacy for railroad commissioner, and since 1902, the prices in the United the mixing of these filings is apt to although all the Bartley bond deci-States have persistently advanced. The create irreparable confusion. assertion is made that the Standard

In the second place, the sheet contains the names of all the candidates has observed no laws of usual trade in fixing prices but has adjusted rates filed with the secretary of state, so to suit its own convenience. Prices that the county clerk of Sarpy county. in different sections of the same state for example, gets a certificate of candihave varied from 2 to 5 cents a gal- dates for district judge in fourteen julon with no reason apparent, other dicial districts and for state senator in than the desire to make a certain dis- one senatorial district who are not to trict yield a certain profit. The fluc- be voted for in Sarpy county at all. tuations have been due almost entirely A little painstaking care on the part to discriminations rather than to dif- of the clerical force in the secretary ference in the cost of delivery or other of state's office would have given the county clerk in each county a list of

expense of that character. The railroads as well as other con- the names to go on the ballot in that sumers have apparently been bilked to county.

the tune of many thousands of dollars In the third place, the arrangement annually as a result of discrimina- of the names under the different headtions practiced by the Standard. The ings, whether intentional or by negsystem employed was simply to com- lect, is open to serious criticism. The pel all railroads to use the Standard names are listed apparently as they oils and lubricants at prices fixed were filed, without any reference to by the trust. Instances are cited in alphabetical order, whereas the priwhich one railroad company has been mary law provides for an alphabetical charged fully double the amount as- ballot. This leaves it to the county sessed against a favored company for clerks to rearrange the order of the the same oil. The report shows that names, with the probabilities that In one year ninety-four railroads paid some of them will follow the order on the Standard \$4,067,974 for lubricat- the secretary of state's sheet. It will ing oils, while one of the biggest rail be remembered that a similar manipuroads of the country secured its oils lation of the order of the names on

A southern paper solemnly declares from the same company at 49 per the official ballot at the last election that "Platt and Depew are opposed cent of the price charged to other operated to give the six-year term to roads. The railroad that attempted a candidate for railroad commissioner to buy its lubricants from competitors who would never have gotten the highof the Standard soon got notice that est number of votes had his name ap-The surprising part of it is that the Standard was diverting its ship- peared in its proper alphabetical posi-

been compelled, as a matter of self | Further than this, the printing of

protection, to pay fancy prices for this document is particularly poor and "There are forty-four roads to hell," lubricants in order to secure freight calculated to mislead, to say nothing If there is any way for the numerof the governor of the Empire state does Commissioner Smith's report is a the copy. The secretary of state evinot occur to the Washington correspondents republican county ticket to get toin dog days, with the president at Oyster summary of investigations that have dently does not realize that the prepagether no time is to be lost. It is a Bay and everybody out of the national been conducted in the last six years ration and makeup of his list transgood deal more profitable for repubcapital who can get away, is about the last and is a complete record of the illegal mitting the names of candidates to the licans to fight the political enemy than place on the footstool in which to look and unjust practices employed by the county clerks is one of the most imto fight one another. for genuine developments in politics. But in extenuation let it be also' remembered Standard to its own enrichment at the portant steps in the primary election, that some Washington correspondents are Nebraska is right up near the top expense of American consumers. It and that failure to do his work well required by their papers to fill space, in the condition of the grain crop as will make it harder for the Standard may be a potent factor in the success whether or no. The citizen who paid no scheduled by the Department of Agri-Qil trust to recover what it has lost or failure of the operation of the law. attention to the political gossip of August culture statistical bureau. Nebraska would be no loser. It has to be pumped out cornfields are again vindicating their of the interior consciousness of newspaper SPEAKER CANNON AND HIS TYRANNY. reputation for being more profitable slaves. Colonel Henry Litchfield West, an than gold mines. amiable journalist who earned his title The most decided proof that China of "colonel" by twenty years' service Philadelphia Record (ind. dem.). says the New York Times. Mr. Bryan is preparing for that "awakening" so in the press gallery at Washington, Scientists say every square inch of one's skin contains 3,500 perspiration calls attention in the Forum, of which tauqua managers agreed with the years is in the imperial decree just magazine he is an associate editor, pores. The average Omahan has been too busy to verify this claim by actual issued forbidding the use of oplum in to an "un-republican, un-democratic, the Celestial empire. The Chinese un-American" condition of tyranny count but he knows from personal That patient in the Michigan insane authorities have taken an advanced from which the American people are experience that they are all working. step without awaiting the result of suffering even if they do not know giving him a volume of Alfred Austin's the joint investigation proposed by the it. In the course of a lengthy article, The government at Washington has powers into the entire question of the reviewing the machinery of governlearned to its regret that there is no basis for the reports that Japan, ment and calling attention to some Great Britain and other foreign powdefective cogs, Colonel West says: ers are anxious to secure the Philip-In other words, the house of repre pines by purchase or otherwise. sentatives no longer consists of 386 members, but one man, the speaker. It An Eye-Opener. is a condition which is un-republican, undemocratic and un-American. The crit-New York Post. The land of unlimited possibilities at icism which it invites is not directed tains new significance in foreign eyes when of its attempt to put down the opium | against Mr. Cannon, who will, undoubtan American judge may say to an Ameriedly, be again chosen to wield the gavel, can corporation, "I fine you the combined and who is deservedly popular. The internal debts of Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia question is not one of personality, but and Venezuela." of a system. There ought to be a larger latitude for the exercise of the responsi "News as is News bility which rests upon each member of Cleveland Plain Dealer. congress as the representative of a con-According to John Graham Brooks each stituent part of the great republic. As child of middle class parents costs them it is now, individuality is suppressed and \$25,000 before he reaches economic indeindependence is apt to be disastrous. pendence. No doubt this will surprise the The recognized tyranny of the speaker middle class father of moderate salary has been pretty generally heralded with a half dozen growing children. ever since the days when Thomas Training Schools for Tradesmen Brackett Reed won his title of "czar" San Francisco Chronicle. by counting as "present" the demo-The railroads of the east contemplate cratic members who sat mute, refusing starting a school to aducate young men to fill positions of various kinds on the great to vote and resorting to every contransportation lines of the country. It is ceivable form of filibustering tactics a good move, and some day it will be to block the proceedings of the house. imitated generally in order to overcome the The democratic press at that time rang growing tendency to shut out young America from learning a trade or a calling in with denunciations of Reed's methods which he can make himself useful. and some able republicans inclined to the belief that the speaker had gone "Lest We Forget." Brooklyn Eagle. too far in attempting to fix a code of The worst offenders in crime, in modern rules for the government of a great times, in the United States, were John representative body. The fact re-Wilkes Booth, Charles J. Guiteau and Leon mains, however, that the democratic Czolgosz. They assassinated Abraham congress which followed adopted the Lincoln, James A. Garfield and William McKinley, presidents of the United States Reed rules, with very slight modifica-All these assassins were American born tion, and each succeeding congress has American schooled and the sons of Amer followed suit. ican citizens. Those who are now inveigh-That remarkably large powers are ing against crimes by "foreigners" should remember these crimes by Americans lodged in the speaker and the comagainst Americans. mittee on rules is not disputed. The speaker, with two republicans and two Hard Facts for Railroad Managers. Philadelphia Record. democrats, constituting the committee Accidents in the first quarter of this as one of national morality for the on rules, absolutely decides upon the year cost the railway companies \$5,600,000 legislative program for each session. in damages to cars, engines and roadway, The magnitude of the renunciation The committee may, and frequently This fact ought to make the officers of the companios take necessary precautions does, decide that amendments shall to avert accidents. Incidentally 421 per abolishing oplum smoking can be not be offered to a pending measure; sons were killed and nearly 5,000 were inemployes all the way from Chicago to judged by the fact that, according to that debate shall be limited and that Of course, these figures are not jured. best estimates, fully one-third of the the vote shall be taken at a stated very important, but we trust that the way commission that cream rates in 400,000,000 inhabitants of the empire hour. From this ruling an appeal may rallway officials will paste in their hats that fact about the destruction of \$2,500,000

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the water is affected

are advising the people as to the evils sustained. It is useless to discuss the ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE pany's attempted justification of its users of opium will be punished as bers of congress can stand the con-

> The Omaha street railway company The sheet containing the names of is to be required to sprinkle that porfor a proper consideration the Omaha street railway company might undertake the work of street sprinkling along the whole length of its lines within the business district.

> > The little family jar among the re publicans dwelling under the shadow at night and swing in a hammock all the of the state house is watched eagerly by the democratic organs, who may be depended upon to play it up to the didate before breakfast. But Mr. Taft full limit. The people will then be told, as usual, that the sure cure panacea is to vote the demo-pop ticket, sions were shared in by fusion judges

The judges of the district court are said to be considering a reform in procedure designed to keep things moving faster in the trial of law suits. That is a laudable purpose, but it is likely to interfere seriously with the naps of the jurors who are accustomed to take advantage of the court room benches while waiting to be called for the next case.

The plain citizen will be pleased to learn that the Nebraska wheat crop has triumphed over the combined forces of the chinch bug, the green bug, rust, the boll weevil, heat, too much rain, drouth, the Hessian fly and the Chicago Board of Trade prophets of calamity. Nebraska soil has earned a "Makes Good" diploma.

The Chicago Board of Trade is fixing the price of wheat at about \$1, while the Society of Equity is holding it at \$1.25. In the meantime, the wheat grower understands that when he gets ready to sell his crop he will have to deliver it to some dealer who will pay for it in real money.

Statisticians have figured out that Secretary Taft has traveled 100,000 miles on the public service. That's nothing. Mr. Bryan has traveled further than that and is still waiting for the brakesman to come in and shout: White House is the next station. All out for White House!"

SOME STATES' RIGHTS IN COURT HARRIMAN IN ACTION.

Summer Activities of President Boosevelt and Scoretary Taft. New York Sun.

From Oyster Bay comes a most encouraging report that the president is having a ully vacation. No one goes to Sagamore Hill unless peremptorily summoned. The ers and the relations of corporations to the warning that Mr. Roosevelt needed rest government. Those views, and seclusion is religiously heeded. An occasional sociologist wanders up to the gates by special invitation and members

of the tennis cabinet look in for a game, but public business is not allowed to touch on the presidential vacation. Riding, boating, camping, puunching the bag, contemplation and sound sleep are doing wonders for Mr. Roosevelt. He has never enjoyed a vacation so much. The meditative life has made a captive of him. When emerges in the third week of August to deliver an oration at Provincetown he will be in prime physical condition.

A different report comes from Murray Bay. Secretary Taft's vacation is all work and no play. He went to his St. Law rence retreat to play golf, fish and loaf in preparation for an arduous political tour of the west and a voyage to the Philippines to inaugurate the first national assembly The secretary arrived at Murray Bay with

an armful of dispatch boxes, a typewriter and a secretary. He was to be on the golf links at least half the day, sleep eight hours afternoon. By rising at 6 he hoped to do some department business and attend to his correspondence as a presidential canis not having a bully time, like his chief at Oyster Bay. The typewriter is clicking far into the night, the Washington wire is hot with department queries, the secretary's mail is enormous, and rough drafts of the speeches in the west have to be made. Mr. Taft has no time to balt a hook, and the grass is growing rank on great achievements of the period. his golf course. By the middle of the month he must be off for Columbus, where he is to open his presidential canvas with a keynote speech

The secretary is a horse for work, but the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Presidential Candidates had better keep an eye on him.

Risky Political Predictions. Washington Star (rep.).

But the times are not normal. They defy description, indeed. Weather predictions are not more risky than political predictions now are, and the confusion has produced all ports and conditions of things. The land is overrun with "special commi sioners" operating in this man's behalf or that. One hears of their presence everywhere. Fairbanks men, Taft men and Cannon men are around and about. And the boomers themselves are not idle or in seclusion. All, in effect, are on the stump, delivering addresses none the less to the political point because nonpolitical in theme and treatment. It may be, therefore, that these Hughes "commissioners" will find the field worth their while. In choosing the west and the northwest for their labors they have shown good judgment. There is nothing in the south for their man, and work there would be wasted. If he is to count in the next republican national convention he must show strength, not only in New York, but in

territory elsewhere favorable to republican politics and guaranteeing republican eleotoral votes.

Filling Up Space. Springfield Republican (Ind.).

The assortment of hot weather politics from Washington is rather large-tha Hughes is being put forward to kill Taft

as a presidential aspirant, and in defiance of Roosevelt, and that the talk of Cortelyou as a possible nomines irritates the president and may lead to a forced va-

Looms High as a Constructive Railroad Magnate. Washington Star It is a pity Edward H. Harriman holds peculiar views regarding the financing of rallway because it had removed a sult failroads, the rights of minority stockhold-

solver on a big scale.

against it from the state to the federal courts. Alabama has raised again a queswhich have tion that has been before the supreme caused Mr. Harriman to be exploited court several times in the last generation throughout the country as an "undesirable and on which the court has twice reversed citizen," and which have largely contrib- itself. uted to the popular prejudice against mod-Some thirty-five years ago Wisconsin ern corporation methods, are likely to be enacted a requirement that as a condition accepted as the chief feature of Mr. Harprecedent to doing business in the state

in the other and the state of

riman's make-up and his main form of exforeign corporations should sign an agreepression. As a matter of fact, were it not ment not to remove suits against them for these concepts of corporation morality into the federal courts. This the supreme entertained by Mr. Harriman he would court, in Morse against Insurance Comdoubtless be rated as one of the induspany, decided to be unconstitutional. Then trial giants of the period. He has talents the state enacted that no foreign corporafor mastering big things which approach tion should do business in the state withthe realm of genius. He is a problem out a license, and directed the state officers to revoke the license of any foreign Two achievements mark the career of corporation that should remove to the fed-Harriman sufficiently to set him apart

and the strength of the strength of the

A Question on Which Supreme Con

Twice Reversed Itself.

Philadelphia Record.

In revoking the license of the Southern

eral courts suits brought against it by from his fellows even in this age of great citizens of Wisconsin. In 1876 this law was works. These are the bridging of Great upheld in the case of Doyle against In-Salt Lake and the damming of the Colosurance Company. The substance of the rado river. One was a constructive, the decision was, in the words of Justice Hunt: other a defensive operation. Both were 'As the state has the right to exclude such vastly expensive and of doubtful success. company, the means by which it causes The Lucin "cut-off" was Mr. Harriman's such exclusion, or the motives of its acown proposition, to avoid the long, rough tion, are not the subject of judicial inhaul around the northern end of the lake from Ogden. He built a trastle straight quiry."

About 1985 Iowa enacted a similar law across the inland sea, with infinite difficulty. It seemed impossible to find a bot-The Chicago & Northwestern railway took tom. The lake bed absorbed the rocks and out no license, and Barron, one of its englneers, was arrested. This brought the earth at a rate to discourage the average engineer. But Harriman kept plugging case of Barron against Burnside before the supreme court, which decided it in April, away, spending million after million, until at last he had a structure thirty miles in 1887. It declared the law unconstitutional length that saved fully 100 miles. The because its purpose was to deprive foreign Lucin "cut-off" stands today as one of the corporations of their constitutional right to go into the federal courts. They did The fight to impound the waters of the not have to sign sway the right, but if they vagrant Colorado river at the Salton sea exercised it their license was to be revoked. has been one of the most titanic struggies The motive, the purpose of the legislature, of many decades. Time after time it apwas held to be vital. The court declared peared as though the task were accomthat by no circumlocution or form of words plished, but repeatedly the embankment could a state take from a foreign corporagave way before the tremendous pressure tion its constitutional right.

or the foundations were undermined and This was the law for nineteen years the wayward current flowed once more But in May, 1906, the supreme court susinto the basin which once had been well tained a law of Kentucky under which the populated and was now a waste of steadinsurance commissioner revoked the license ily rising water. Last December the presiof the Security Mutual Life Insurance dent telegraphed to Mr. Harriman express company for removing litigation to the ing his belief that it was the imperative federal courts. Justice Peckham read the duty of the corporation responsible for the opinion, and did all he could to reconcile break to repair it at once. More money the decisions in the Doyle case, the Barron was spent. More tone of stone were quarcase and the case then under consideration. ried and an army of workmen was assem Two of his colleagues believed he failed enbled at the point. The best engineers tirely. The substance of the decision was, were summoned and a plan was devised. in Justice Peckham's words, that "as a Finally a masonry wall sixty feet in thick state has power to refuse permission to a ness was constructed, despite the greatest foreign insurance company to do business obstacles, and now the Colorado has been at all within its confines, and as it has at last hemmed in within its original power to withdraw that permission when bounds and the Salton sea is left to evaponce given without stating any reason orate, or possibly to remain at even level for its action, the fact that it may give with a regulated inflow from the main what some may think a poor reason or Harriman is a railroad builder, a tun-

none for a valid act is immaterial." But Justice Day, with whom Justice neler of mountains, a straightener of lines, a long-range economist. He loves to at-Harian concurred, read a dissenting tack a gigantic task. He would be an ideal opinion, in which he argued that the deman to organize the Isthmian canal work. cision in Barron against Burnside was de But unfortunately he is not in such re- claive, and that it was at variance with lations to the administration that his the Doyle case before it and the opinion services could be secured, if he were willof the court in the pending case. He ing to bend his energies to this, the greatcited two or three supreme court opinest constructive work of the age. There ions since the Barron case reaffirming its must be moments when he turns a longing doctrine, and also several decisions eye toward the Gatun dam and wishes for the circuit court of appeals, in two of which a chance to demonstrate Secretary Taft participated, upholding the same doctrine. In regard to Justice Peck-

OLD METHODS OUT OF DATE Transition of the Duponts from

war he did put on the uniform of a major

honorable in the performance of that duty

as' any officer or man who ever wore the

uniform of the United States.

the first importance.

among the law-breakers.

to pay a lot of fines.

Mountain.

PERSONAL NOTES.

If Rockefeller is to live thirty years more

as his doctors affirm, he can earn enough

in France regarding the celebrated case.

Most of these men who are now

ham's efforts to harmonise the various of cisions, Justice Day said: - "The principle announced in Doyle against insurance comtriots to Law Breakers. Hartford Courant.

pany and Barron against Burnside are di-It would make "old Henry" Dupont-as rectly opposed, the one to the other, and he was familiarly called-turn over in his cannot both prevail. We think Barron cancy in the cabinet. The inherent strength grave if he could know that his powder against Burnside was intended to overcompany was accused by declarations which i found only in the Doyle case, which is acting contrary to law. He was a West Pointer, and in 1833 held the commission of inconsistent with or opposed to every other second lieutenant of artillery. He re- declaration directly upon the subject in the signed the following year and went to opinion of this court." work in the powder mills of his family near Will the court reverse itself again? Probably not, for there has been no change in Wilmington, Del., and there he remained until his death in 1889. It was his idea in the personnel of the court since the Sethis work that he was still in the service curity Mutual case was decided. of the United States, and during the civil

ation.

an entrational

A BADLY BUNGLED JOB.

says Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis. Yes and the worst of it is that none of them issues return tickets.

The New York Sun aunounces that "Taft will revolve around the globe." It would save time and effort for the globe to revolve around Taft.

Statisticians persist in telling how much the various millionaires are worth. But there is a vast difference between possession and worth.

"Mr. Bryan is an insufferable bore." might be less indifferent if the chau-Timos.

asylum who assaulted the keeper for poems to read ought to be discharged as cured.

Omsha's weekly bank clearings are energy of the empire for more than a Maying over the \$10,000.000 mark. with a 15 per cent increase. For a hot week in midsummer this will require no apology.

The new Nebraska primary election law does not provide for the printing of sample ballots at public expense. Why should it? Let the candidates pay their own printing bills.

"A cucumber is 95 per cent water," says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which fails, however, to explain how the cucumber has escaped being listed on the New York Stock exchange.

\$29,240,000 on the Standard Oil trust. Judge Landis hung out a danger signal to other trusts that are running without regard to the federal schedule.

None but a professional milkman would think of the explanation that kind of weather than the kind that has been rainforced from the pump.

A good woman in Brussels who asks the New York World why young the daughters.

must know, it is divided pretty evenly baker, the coal man, the grocer and

others of that lik.

the poor farmer that brings railroad volunteer to tell the Nebraska Railthis state are too low.

business controlled by the trust.

through the odlum arising from its shady transactions.

CHINA'S OFIUM REFORM.

much talked about for the last twenty opium trade, and have decided to abolish the traffic that has sapped the

century. It is positively pathetic to think of what China has so long suffered at the hands of Christian nations, on account traffic. In 1796 the Chinese government made the oplum traffic illegal. For thirty or forty years the British merchants, engaged in this trade, got along by corrupting Chinese officials and defying the law. In 1837 the Chinese sought another enforcement of the law and compelled the British to turn over the oplum in their posses sion, but the British refused to agree to the Chinese law making the carry-In addition to imposing a fine of ing of opium a capital offense. War with China resulted, ending with the treaty of 1840, by which Hong Kong was ceded to Britain and several ports opened to British trade. The subject of opium was not mentioned in the treaty but India is the greatest oplum

producing country in the world and pure milk sours more quickly in this China is its best customer, the Chinese purchases now amounting to more than \$50,000,000 a year.

A significant feature of the new condition is that the appeal for this the mother of seventeen daughters reform is proving popular in China because the Chinese have become conmon hesitate to marry. Can not an- vinced they can never become a strong swer without seeing photographs of nation until they get rid of a habit which saps the energy of officers and men and is fatal to the efficiency of "Where is all our gold?" asks the an army. This argument is not en-Wall Street Journal. Oh, well, if you couraging to the advocates of universal peace, but it is the most effective one among the landlord, the butcher, the ever brought to bear on the problem,

Chinsse. Of course, it is pure solicitude for demanded of the Chinese people in use the drug. The officials, however, be taken to the house, but it is rarely worth of the property of their companies. multiply words on a backdows,

A Universal Expectation

If William Jennings Bryan shall not be the democratic candidate for president in 1968 republicans organs and orators in by the government of violating the Sherparts of the country will be compelled to admit their disappointment. With one voice they declare at this time that Mr Bryan need look for no serious opposition in his quest of the democratic candidacy. Whatever democrats may think of a third trial of Bryan, it is evident he is the republican choice for the democratic nomination. How is this undoubted republican preference most reasonably accounted for Is it because of the build that Bryan is so far committed to Roosevelt policies that a Bryan success might be esteemed a near approach to a republican victory? Or is it because they think Bryan is sure to country and settled on the Brandywine again divide his own party and pave the way to a third defeat?

Will Hearst Oppose Bryan?

Philadelphia Ledger (ind.). That Mr. Hearst will oppose Mr. Bryan if the Nebraskan, who has so long hypnotised his party, is brought forward another time as the democratic candidate, is a statement which need not cause great surprise. As between these two worthies, upon whom the mantle of Thomas Jefferson has fallen, the same portions of the nation have The success of either little to choose. would be deeply deplorable, and if either one of them will not support the other. it is a dissolution of partnership which may augur well for the party of which they are the spawn. The hope is now warm and sincere that democracy may at

and enter next year's campaign with none of the ailiances which has been so disas-

as republicans throughout the nation look at the Ohlo situation they naturally reach the political conclusion that deserving and able as both Secretary Taft and Se nato

A Lucky Johnston

Ex-Governor Joseph F. Johnston of Ala bama will enjoy an opportunity to prove his independence in congress such as comes to few men in public office. He has been elected by the state legislature to the unexpired term of Senator Pettus and to full term in addition, so that if he lives he will represent Alabama in the United States

> Protests Too Much. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

that he is a guitter on the government ownership of railroads. He simply puts it aside for "ultimate" treatment on ac-

count of objections that might be raised at the next democratic national convention

much right to forecast the weather as Noah had. If this means anything Mr. Bryan ought to know better than to means that everybody must seak shelter in the Cummins ark of reform .

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

general for his state. He served his coun try in a very much larger sense at that First Hobo-Meanderin' Mike's ill from Second Hobo-Poor old Mikel Wot's he time, however, by supplying the union troops with powder, and in rendering this

First Hobopublic service he considered that he was First Hobo-Too many easy marks.-Bal doing his full duty as a patriotic citizer and was as conscientious and sensitive and

"No." said the woman contemptuoualy. "I don't understand her at all." "You don't?" replied the youth. "I thought you posed as a clairvoyant." "Well?"

"Well, she's a dream." - Philadelphia Press.

man act were trained by "old Henry" "Have you ever tried to make your views "Have you ever tried to make your views on public questions clear?" "Not absolutely clear," answered Senator Sorghum. "If you make 'em too clear people are liable to pin you down to 'em on some occasion when policy dictates something else."-Washington Star. and have followed his traditions. "Young Henry"-as the man who is now a senator of the United States for Delaware was long called-is a bit of a prig, and has by no means the breadth of mind of his father, but in respects to honor and strict

"When I saw him yesterday he said he was looking for trouble." "Well, I guess he saw it." "Hew do you know?" "Because he can't see anything today."-Philadelphia Ledger. regard for all law that he or anybody elas knew about, his reputation is absolutely

irrepreachable. A high-minded race of nen, these Duponts of France have always

prided themselves upon their honesty and exact justice ever since they came to this

Borroughs-Well, well, here it in nidsummer. How time does fly.

Markley-Not always. For instance, the "day or two" in which you promised to re-turn that "isn-spot" are taking over a month to pass.-Philadalphia Press. They have produced several soldiers, and one rear admiral, Samuel Francis Dupont, who died in 1865, but in the main they have perpetuated the family tradition that, in making powder for the use of the govern-

Knicker-Do you water the plants while ment, both in time of training and in time your wife is away? Bocker-Yes; I leave the windows open when it rains.-New York Bun. of need, they were doing public work of

New times-new codes-new standards of judgment, and now the Duponts find it is

"Are you a member of any club?" they asked him. "Not now." answered the weather man. "I used to belong to a suburban farmers club, but one dry summer they dropped me for nonpayment of dews."-Chicago Tribtheir turn-we venture to say for the first time in 100 years, the period covered by their works on the Brandywine-to be rated

"Isn't that foreign

young man who has proposed for your daughter's hand some-

thing of a rake?" "I should may not." answered Mr. Cum-rox: "a rake, as I became acquainted with it in my boyhood, was a very useful and unpretentious article."-Washington Star. The question now before the country is: Will Mahamet Rockefeller come to Kenesaw

LEARNING TO WALK.

Baltimore Sun. One step to mother and one step to me-A little babe walking the byway of glee! One step to mother, with hands in the sir, And a "Baby, be careful," and "Baby, take San Francisco is paying \$2,000 a month to take care of Ruef, and, while this seems considerable, he cost the city more when

One step to mother-away he goes On his round bare heels and his bare plak

One step to mother, and back again. With a gurgled laughter of hear's refrain: One step to mother and back to me. For ride a-cock-horse on a Banbury knee. One step to mother-O little feet. That walk where the roses of life are ditional evidence of the change of sentiment

One step to mother, and this is the way The baby is learning to wander today. One step to mother, and to and fro. As I swing him high and I swing him low, One step to mother, across the room, A lily of life like a wind-swayed bloom!

One step to mother-ah, do not slip Nor spill the sweet laughter of bab One step to mother-now one, now it Come. little fellow, the lesson will One step to mother-and over and A sunbeam that toddles across the y-lip two: do!

One step to mother, a hand in her hand; All is so fair in the babyhood land; Learning to wander and learning to walk, Learning to chatter and learning to talk. One step to mother, with ratile and ring. A bud on the bough and a bird on the wing!

One step to mother and one step to me: Love keep his feet in the pathway of slee! Ever the road, be it short, be it long. A velvet-sweet by way of laughter and

one step to mother-a butterfly boy, From bloom unte bloom on the rose of joyi

A nephew of the late James G. Blaine uspires to be the supreme head of the Knights of Columbus. That would put him in the "plumed" class. Maitre Mornard, one of the lawyers defended Dreyfus during his second trial at Rannes, in 1899, has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. This is ad-

senate until March 4, 1915.

Mr. Bryan indignantly repels the idea

last free itself of its Old Men of the Bea trous to its fortunes in recent years. Help for Uncle Jos. Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.).

Ohio situation as it has developed makes visibly broader and easier the way of the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon toward the higher honor within his party's gift. For

Forsker are, neither is available as a national leader at this time.

New York Bun.

The painful rumor that men are dying so fast in Chicago that ultimately the community will consist of women has the aspect of having originated in the fertile brain of the same professor who says that in a few

years women will be wearing beards.

Mme. Gueria of Paris, who ran a matrimonial bureau in the Fresh capital, promtsing to obtain rich and beautiful wives for

her patrons upon receipt of a handsome consideration, has been sued by a disappointed suitor, who claims he paid \$35,000 for

a wife he never got.

Get Under Cover. St. Louis Globe-Democrat Governor Cummins claims that he has as