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Wonder if Mayor "Jim" left the lid at French Lick Springs?

A dollar in a turkey does more good than two in a stocking.

It is understood that Senator Foraker thinks very highly of Mr. Justice Brewer's political decisions.

No hurry about putting those bonds voted at the last election on the market so long as present conditions continue.

Notice how little figure Newport has cut in the news columns since the financial barometer went low in Wall

The financial stringency in Washington is being relieved as the statesmen arrive and draw their mileage

According to Vienna reports, the price of radium has been reduced to \$1,000,000 an ounce. Now is the time to lay in your winter supply of radium.

plan of the United States to keep them from coming.

Omaha can get along very nicely ders. Most of them have been opermayor without even paying a license

A New York jury has failed to agree as to the proper amount of heat for a flat. Why submit such questions to a jury, anyway, when the janitor finally settles the question to suit himnelf?

While no announcement has been made of the fact, the eight other justices of the supreme court are thought to hold dissenting opinions from Justice Brewer's decision against Prestdent Roosevelt.

New York City owns seventy-four automobiles, purchased at a cost of \$189,000, and the annual cost of maintaining them is \$140,000, or \$1,900 each. Those automobiles must drink something beside gasoline.

The cornerstone of the Young Women's Christian association building has been duly laid with impressive liciting campaign to complete the building fund will next be in order.

An experiment with the "pay-as-you-

Something nice in the way of a negro woman who has just died in who never claimed that she served as a domestic in George Washington's household.

Cuban radicals, says it will do no harm to continue the American provisional government in Cuba for another six months. It would do no harm to continue it indefinitely, until the Cubans show some real capacity for managing their own affairs.

TOO MUCH JOHNSON.

As the pure food commissioner for Nebraska, Governor Sheldon has finally asked the attorney general for that section of the pure food law which relates to the misbranding of food packages.

It seems that without waiting for any advice from the state's law department the deputy food commissioner has been slashing right and left on his theory of what the law ought to be. When this deputy wrote to the county attorney of Douglas county some time ago, calling upon him to arrest and prosecute the South Omaha packers for not stating the weights on their encased hams and bacons, the county attorney in reply politely suggested that the section of the law referred to laws. would not warrant the reading the deputy food commissioner gaye it and asked outright whether the attorney

general had ever made a ruling upon it. But the great deputy food commissioner disdainfully ignored this very pertinent question. Instead of first finding out whether he was right before going ahead, this over-officious underofficial began a series of lecture engagements through the state and started a round robin in the country newspapers, telling how conscientious 19..... 36,549 he is in the performance of his duty 20,..... 40,500 and what a tremendous task he has undertaken to prevent people from

being short-weighted by their grocers. The particular section of the pure food law which is supposed to be in question would not seriously trouble any grammar school pupil able to parse a sentence. It declares that an \$1...... 37,333 article of food shall be deemed to be misbranded "if sold for use in Nebraska, and in package form other than canned goods, contents, weight or measure are not correctly stated on the outside of the package." The all wise deputy food commissioner, himself, admits that in order to support his position he has to insert a word out of his own mind and make it read, 'contents in weight or measure," although even at that he has been unable to find any positive mandate in the law to require the packages to be labelled at all with any one of the three items of "contents, weight or

There are other undisputed sections of the law relating to other matters whose enforcement would keep the deputy food commissioner quite busy if so disposed, but it would not enable him to pose as a modern Ajax defying the meat packers nor to issue daily proclamations that "the law is on the statute books and must be enforced" before he has even had a legal opinion as to what the law calls for.

LAWFUL MONEY AND RESERVES. not the lack of appreciation of basic principles emphasized by a semi-official notice from the Treasury department relative to the uses to which the proposed issue of \$100,000,000 in "cer-The notice indicates that even the financiers at the head of some of the ing the postal savings banks. biggest banking institutions do not clearly understand the laws limiting the use of different forms of money. According to latest advices, Japan The Treasury department announces does not want its citizens to come to that the proposed issue of 3 per cent the United States, but opposes any short term certificates of indebtedness cannot be made, directly or indirectly, a part of a national bank's reserves. This information is not vouchsafed gratuitously, but because certain New without itinerant street corner ven- York bankers had conceived the notion that they would be allowed to use ating under permits granted by the these evidences of government indebtedness to replenish their depleted reserve resources.

The failure of the New York banks to maintain the reserves demanded by law has been one of the most fruitful sources of financial trouble. These funds have been considerably below the legal requirement since the beginning of the depression in August, but a marked improvement has been lately accomplished and, with the recent gold importations, normal and legal conditions are being rapidly restored. Complete restoration of the reserve must be accomplished by the banks themselves, through legitimate methods and not by any assistance offered by the government's issue of certificates of indebtedness. The law is explicitly plain on the question of legal reserves, so plain that it is surprising that bankers anywhere should

need further advice or instruction. Under the provisions of the national banking act, every national bank in "reserve" cities, of which there are ceremonies. Resumption of the so- sixteen in the country, must have on band at all times "in lawful money of the United States," an amount equal to at least 25 per cent of the aggregate of all its deposits. In non-reserve enter" system of collecting street car cities, the minimum reserve required of fares is being made in Chicago. The national banks is 15 per cent of its experiment that is being made on the deposits. This leaves but one question street railway in Omaha seems to be which should be plain to the banker, with the "get-off-before-you-pay" sys- however ill-posted the layman may be, as to what constitutes "lawful money of the United States." The courts have repeatedly passed upon this proposimonument should be provided for that tion and the definitions are thus compiled by the New York Commercial. Kansas City at the age of 126 and from six different sections of the re-

vised statutes: Gold coin, standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver, minor coins, United States tions. Otherwise there would be less notes and treasury notes of 1890 have the General Gomes, the leader of the legal-tender quality as follows: Gold cain is legal tender for its nominal value when not below the limit of tolerance in weight: when below that limit it is legal tender a proportion to its weight; standard silver dollars and treasury notes of 1890 are legal tender for all debts, public and rivate, except where otherwise expressly attpulated in the contract; subsidiary silver is legal tender to the extent of \$10, minor phasines the idea that the fundamental tions are unable to 41

coins to the extent of 25 cents, and United States notes for all debts, public and private, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Gold certificates silver certificates and national bank notes of certificates, however, are receivable for all public dues, and national bank notes are receivable for all public dues except duties on imports and may be paid out for all public dues except interest on the

public debt. The new certificates of indebtedness more than could bills of lading or warehouse receipts. The financial deaffording facilities for education as to the scope, possibilities, defects and

POSTAL BANKS AND PANICS.

Two potent arguments in support of Postmaster General Meyer's plan for the establishment of a postal savings bank system have been furnished recently. A Brooklyn workingman, alarmed over the reports of the banking conditions, withdrew \$2,000 of his savings from a local bank and bought with the money twenty \$100 money orders, payable to himself. He satisfied that his savings were secure. The second argument is supplied in try are sending offers to the Treasury department at Washington for some of the new certificates of indebtedness | are easy. to be issued by the government, bearing 3 per cent interest and running for one year from date of issue. These offers, according to Washington ad- last week to Odessa, Russia. This is vices, are in various amounts, running the first instance in many years in them being from persons who want wheat to southern Russia, as that secamounts less than \$500. The total of tion usually supplies European counthese tenders has not been announced, tries with a large amount of its surbut it is admitted to be large, and is plus wheat. The entire world is lookaccepted as proof of the existence of ing to the United States this year for a vast sum of money belonging to things to eat. working people and others who prefer to hoard their earnings or to invest them in some form of government debentures rather than leave them in the custody of the banks.

Under the plan proposed by the postmaster general this people's hoard would be kept in circulation, regardless of financial flurries in Wali street or elsewhere. The money deposited with the Postoffice department would be at once placed in the banks in the districts where the deposits originated. Thus the money would go into circulation immediately, instead of being congested in eastern financial centers or hidden by over cautious persons Those who insist upon having the federal government become responsible for their savings would receive a mod-The flood of recommendations for erate rate of interest, suggested by the legislation revising the currency sys- postmaster general at 2 per cent, on tem contains many plans that would deposits in postal banks and would be set down at once as ludicrous, were thus help to keep the country prosperous by making use of these govern- the gentleman. I meant to kill another ment depositories of the safety of man. which even the most timorous could entertain no doubt. Clearly the postmaster general has all the arguments tificates of indebtedness" may be put. in his favor in his efforts to convince congress of the necessity of establish-

> CANCELLATION OF ORDERS. A point decidedly interesting in its bearing upon the financial depression has been raised by the attitude of certain manufacturers in the east, headed by the United States Steel corporation. in refusing to cancel orders for goods for future delivery. The cotton and woolen mills in the New England district and the manufacturers of balbriggan underwear throughout the country have joined in the movement and are notifying patrons that orders placed in the early summer for fall or winter delivery cannot be cancelled now, but that the goods ordered will be delivered at the prices then agreed upon. The Steel company has given an emphatic order to its agents to maintain prices and to accept orders only on the same conditions that were in force heretofore.

For years the textile and other manufacturing concerns have been Hand. working overtime and have been unable to meet promptly the demands for their wares. As a result buyers have placed orders far in advance, at stiff prices, in order to secure the goods when needed. With the prospect of reduced demand, the merchants naturally expect lower prices and want to cancel in order to take advantage of readjusted prices. Manufacturers contend, on the other hand, that they have bought their raw materials, on the basis of these orders, have either manufactured the goods or arranged for their manufacture on the old basis and that they must enforce the terms of the early contracts or suffer heavy losses. Buyers, of course, made the contracts supposing they were advantageous and assumed obligations which they presumed were in their favor. even though they are now pressing for cancellation that they may benefit by

lower prices. Aside from the merits of the controversy between manufacturers and jobbers, the refusal to accept cancellations is a significant recognition of the stability of business conditions in the country. The manufacturers are evidently convinced that the merchants are in position to meet their obligadetermination to enforce such contracts. Manufacturers do not seek to would be desirable as the crown of our neighbors will got what they are entitled force their wares upon jobbers who public educational system. The great na- to in the matter of rates, and that they are unable to pay for them, contracts or no contracts, and jobbers are no is always about to be. Possibly its explamore disposed to force delivery upon retailers in financial stress. The re- repeated demands is that there is no place fusal to cancel orders in effect, em-

conditions of business are sound, despite the collapse of over-inflation.

Over in Chicago members of the an official opinion on the meaning of are non-legal-tender money. Both kinds school board have been having quite a tilt with the superintendent of schools over the form of a test to be given the boys and girls in the higher grammar grades to show whether they can spell correctly the ordinary words they would be required to use if they cannot be used as "lawful money" any | sought employment in business. The real test is being given day by day by those who are passing from the schools pression, the remedies proposed for its into business employments and the alrelief and the discussion aroused by most unanimous verdict of the busiexisting business conditions are at least ness man, not only of Chicago, but of Omaha and elswhere, is that the school work is defective in this particular. linduations of the nation's currency Instead of quibbling over the form of a test those in charge of the public ant Lahm from the military balloons. school should busy themselves with plans to make the instruction more efficient.

Colonel Bryan's Washington press bureau seeks to make a point out of the fact that Secretary Taft stopped in way to the Philippines and a full democratic state ticket was subsequently elected in a majority in the neighborhood of 30,000. It is densely silent. then resumed his work, apparently however, on the further fact that on the eve of the recent election in Nebraska Colonel Bryan made seven the reports that thousands of men speeches at different points in the state and women from all parts of the coun- and the republican state ticket was elected by a majority averaging more

> A cargo of 162,000 bushels of wheat was shipped direct from gulf ports

In answer to the question of a subscriber who wants to know why Chicago is called the "Windy City," the New York Tribune solemnly says "because of winds that blow upon it from the lakes and wide prairies." The Tribune is mistaken. Chicago gets its nickname from the winds that blow from it, not those that blow upon it.

School board revenues are not likely to be very largely augmented by the order requiring clubs dispensing liquors to take out licenses because the number of social clubs able to raise the \$1,000 is strictly limited. Thirst quencheries in the neighborhood of some of the club rooms, however, ought to profit by it.

A Missouri man, charged with a crime, made this frank statement to the coroner's jury: I am very sorry, I did

The question is now, should a man who is that honest be given a chance to get the right man?

Miss Mabel Todd, who has been aiding her father in photographing Mars, expresses the opinion that the Martians are as careless about their forests as we are and predicts an early dearth of timber there. Gifford Pinassistants to Mars.

It is said that trouble is being encountered in finding judges to serve entered. The privilege of umpiring an oratorical sparring match evidently no longer commands a premium,

"Washington is rapidly filling up in anticipation of congress," says a dispatch from the national capital. Another Women's Christian Temperance union argument.

Soap makers should be pleased to know that an organization has been formed in Chicago to have the "Black supplented by the "White

Most Everything Goes, Memphis Journal.

United States mints. The people seem willing to take almost anything except confederate bills.

Work for Every Dollar.

Wall Street Journal. From the western grain areas and from the southern cotton belt, comes the com- all Nebraska shares that Omaha is the only mon call for funds with which to start the crops moving from first hands. The team of prosperity is stalled at the foot of the hill. More shoulders to the wheel is the need of the hour. Every dollar hid away holds back what is needed elsewhere. hundred times more.

Shakeup in the Parties. Leslie's Weekly

eforms have given to the politics of the metropolis. last few years has made sweeping changes their methods. The six years which have Omaha have been endeavoring to convince passed since Roosevelt entered the White the Interstate Commerce commission that House have placed new men at the helm the railroads would still make a profit is in the control of both the republican and rates were as low west of the Missisalppi the democratic parties in most of the ini- as they are east. They have shown that

A Needless Institution.

Boston Transcript. The project for establishing at Washington a great national university under distinctly government auspices is presented sentatives of state universities now in session there has resolved that such an institution, entirely post graduate in character. by the federal government never is, but o on for its non-appearance to answer for it at present, and no guarantee that it would do any work which existing institu

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the

Army and Navy Register, The officers of the army signal corps have been experimenting with the imported teleproto camera, which was purchased out of the funds at the disposal of the board of ordnance and fortification and submitted to the chief signal officer of the army for test. The report of the initial experiment has now been submitted to General Allen. The camera was used in taking monument, and is an improvement on simi lar cameras, is being of the snap-shot variety. Photographs were taken of the White House, the capitel, the new union station, and other prominent buildings. It was found that long-range photography was accomplished with the distinctness of detail possible in snap-shots taken in the immediate vicinity of the object. It is beleved that the instrument will be of milltary use. The experiments will be continued by Captain Chandler and Lieuten-

The army signal office is in receipt of gratifying information of the efficiency of the wireless telegraph system which has been installed on board the army transports. A report from the Thomas shows that the naval station at San Francisco was picked up 1,400 miles distant on the last homeward voyage of the transport. Oklahoma to make a speech on his On the same trip the Thomas received a message which was being sent by the naval station at Sitka, the distance at the time being 2,200 miles. The full message was received and its source has been verified. This appears to be the best showing which has been made by the wireless afloat-and is considered a remarkably good performance for the three-kilowatt wireless sets with which the transports are equipped Equally good in its way is the showing made by the new small portable wireless In the experiments for use in the field. than 30,000. On this score honors which were held on the White Lot this week ommunication was maintained with the naval station at Indian Head, Md., a distance of twenty-six miles, air line.

A new volume of army regulations will be issued on January 1. There have been many changes since the last edition, although it is now recalled that when this from \$50 to \$5,000, the majority of which the United States has sent volume was put forth it was with the announcement, with all apparent sincerity. that the regulations were not to be changed. It was supposed to be a perfect book. As army regulations are made, according to some cynical observers, for the purpose of amendment, it was not long beore the new issue was ruthlessly mutilated. Indeed, between the time the regulations were approved and the date when the volume appeared, there were a few amendments all ready to mar the text. No such ntegrity of composition is vouchsafed for the army regulations of 1968. The various sureau chiefs have been called upon for drafts of such paragraphs as remain to be changed on account of the new system of disbursement and accountability under the Treasury department. The army regulations of January 1, 1908, will bring the present volume up to date.

> partment is in receipt of some of the dis- almost be termed a bad habit. bursements which have been credited physical endurance have been completed Missourian to the coroner's jury. the government will have paid out in mileage to the officers for travel in connection unprecedented demand of this sort upon the mileage fund makes it necessary to the tests in horsemanship was not contemplated when the estimate for the allotment was sent to congress last session, Of course, it will have to be taken into consideration hereafter. Some of the travel of officers ordered to submit to this test has been extensive. One officer-that of the corps of engineers-who has just been ordered to take the test at New York, was on duty in Yellowstone Park, and with others was ordered to proceed by way of Washington.

The commissary general of the army has arranged for the testing at Fort Riley, Kan., by the cavalry board of a mess outfit for troops with pack transportation This is the design of Captain G. E. Stockchot should at once send one of his ler, Eighth cavairy, and the chief packer of the Philippine division. The mess outfit is known as the Stockler-Smith outfit and is caluculated to provide cooking fa- home of President Madison, near Montcilities for a troop of 100 men and may be specially devoted for detachments of less for the intercollegiate debates in strength. It consists of two mess boxes and on which President Madison spent his for the intercollegiate debates in strength. It consists of two mess boxes and on which President Madison spent his A girl! A A report will be made on the test.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Oxford Standard: With alfalfa \$10 a ton, ven if corn, wheat and hogs have gone down in price, the valley farmer is in clover. There are thousands of tons in the stack east and west of Oxford on the Republican river.

Kearney Hub: Omaha bankers are natrally proud of the fact that of thirty-three cities reporting bank clearings last week Omaha led all the rest. And of course Omaha does not forget that back of Omaha lies all Nebruska with full treasure houses of wheat, corn alfalfa, cattle, pork and sheep, and butter, eggs and poultry. 'Rah for Nebraska.

Fairbury Gazette: We have looked the own over for a man with a long face is no strike or shutdown at the since the "panic" swooped down upon us. There is more money in the country than there has been at one time since the flood The crops raised on Uncle Sam's domain this geason are worth seven billion dollars and we can draw on the rest of the world for a few weeks, at least.

Beatrice Express: It is a credit in which city among thirty-three other leaders of the United States reporting an increase in clearings for the week ending November 16. It shows that Omaha has been which position of superior stability is made possible by a rich and resourceful surrounding country. Nebraska is substantially prosperous, and its prosperity is re-The shakeup which President Roosevelt's flected in the commercial strength of its Lancoln News: Secretary McVann of the

the personnel of the working leaders of Omaha Grain exchange, John L. Webster noth parties, as well as in their ideals and and one or two other leading lights of Minncapolis and St. Paul are treated better than Omaha, Kansas City or St. Jos eph and ask to be put on the same basis with the Twin cities. It might be pointed out that the argument for equity in rates applies just as forcibly to the interior cities of Nebrasks, Kansas and Oklahoma as it does to the Missouri towns. Secretary McVann, however, wants to suspend the low rates when the Big Muddy is reached. Lincoln hopes Omaha and its down-stream tional university founded and administered will not resist a square deal for other cities in this territory.

> Hobbled. Washington Herald. Perhaps, however, the eagle's cumbersome pylamas will keep the money from

flying so fast in the future.



PEONAGE IN THE SOUTH.

of Employers Revealed in Northern Court. Boston Transcript.

Almost as remarkable as the vitality of peonage" in the gulf states was the arguent advanced by a lawyer for the deense in the United States circuit court, in New York, the other day. He contended hat the constitutional inhibition of slavery referred only to the kind of slavery the framers of the thirteenth amendment had n mind, and that therefore the constitu tion should be deemed silent on "peopage," The retort of government counsel that peonage was "involuntary servitude," seems to dispose of the argument that it is not slavery, in the particular case before the court, a gang of laboring men sent to the urpentine forests of Florida found that they could not get out without fighting their way through the armed guards of their employers, and were prisoners until the federal authorities were informed of their plight. Another form of peonage is based on what is graphically called "cut throat labor contracts," signed by illiterates who do not realize until they try to give up their jobs that they have bargained away their freedom. Of course such con tracts, being against public policy, are void from the first, but the class of laborers who are victimized are too ignorant to realize the invalidity of these documents.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Connecticut lawyer has abandoned his profession "out of sympathy for clients." Perhaps with a new lawyer they will need

"I am very sorry; I did not mean to to that appropriation and there are kill the gentleman. I was shooting at indications that before these tests of another man," handsomely apologized a

One by one the rights of "mere man" are One by one the rights of "mere man" are maid.
being vindicated and upheld by the courts. My wife is very weary and is much in need with the test something like \$15,000. An A Massachusetts court, in granting a deand continued intrusion of his wife into limit the allowance in other directions, as the personal affairs-particularly the pockthe mileage for travel in connection with ets-of the plaintiff sustain the charge of cruelty." Now will you be good?

Paul Milyoukov, the leader of the constitutional democrats in the Russian Duma. will address the civic forum in New York But, oh, it's awful hard to find a cook! during the Christmas recess of the Duma. Later on that body will be addressed by Frederik van Eeden, who is considered by some to be the foremost poet and author of contemporary literature in Holland. Oregon has one man in prison whose faith in the predictions of doctors is below

woman. Under the circumstances the wife flouted the doctor and got well, and hubby It's tough! It's tough! It certainly is got a lot of trouble.

giving day by a pilgrimage to the early pelier, Va. With this visit to the estate which was owned by the father of Madison, mules or conveniently packed in wagons, pleted visits to the homes of most of the former presidents of the United States who lived in the south.

SAID IN FUN.

"When I go into politics, I am going to hire out my brains to the best paying side." "But when people hire brains, they want furnished thoughts; not empty flats."— Baltimore American.

Miss Passay-This is my twenty-third

Miss Passay—Inis is my twenty-third birthday—
Miss Pert—What?
Miss Passay—I say this is my twentythird birthday. Didn't you know it?
Miss Pert—Well. I declare, I didn't; it has aged terribly since I first saw it.—
Philadelphia Press.

The stage was holding the mirror up to 'Great Scott!' exclaimed nature, aghast. "Do I look and act like that?"
A closer scrutiny, however, revealed the fact that it was one of those freak inirrors that grotesquely distort things.—Chicago

Gaddie-He's got a G-Whizz motor car, ham't he?
Wise-I don't know.
Gaddie-Why, I thought you told me you saw him in one yesterday.
Wise-Yes, that was yesterday.-Catholic Standard and Times.

He-Why don't you women who are al-ways talking about early Christmas shop-ning, and sparing the poor cierks, prac-ice what you preach, and do your own

She-What! And miss all the best bar-"Is there malaria around here?" asked the stranger.

"I should say so," answered Farmer Corntossel. "There's so much shakin' goin' on that all a man needs to do to shine his shoes is to hold a brush in his hand and stand still."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Kawler-Your husband has such a Perhaps with a new lawyer they will need less sympathy.

The tests in army horsemanship have resulted in an unexpected draft upon the mileage fund. The auditor for the War department is in receipt of some of the dispersion of th -Chicago Tribune

TRY A "WANT AD."

Chicago News. A maid! A maid! We're crying for a

A cook! A cook! Whe knows where there's a cook?

I'm sure there must be plenty if I knew just where to look. I've searched at sorts of places, every

I weep! I weep! I really have to weep To think how scarce the help is and how very hard to keep. They do so very little and their wages are so steep It really is no wonder that I weep.

A fiat! A fiat! We only have a fiat. zero. Relying on a doctor's word that his wife could not live to exceed two weeks, the heartbroken husband hiked into an adjoining county and married another. And send out all our washing from the

President Roosevelt is to occupy Thanks-I offered her \$8, which she thought was not certainly that girl looked pretty

> pearls; We're up against it proper and my brain is in a whirl. Does anybody know where there's a girl?

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