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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. subscribers tenving the city temporarily should have The Bee

intled to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Senator Jeff Davis' anti-trust bombe tre loaded with gas.

"Third term talk should stop," says the New York World, It has,

yeaterday?

Davis' argument is fully as good as flicting parties, the matter is to be his grammar. "E. H. Harriman is suffering from

Head, chest or feet? It is a lucky thing for that White

House doorkeeper that Mayor "Jim" did not have his lariat along.

After President Roosevelt's decision. no future president will ever consider talk of a third consecutive term.

Speaker Cannon is said to be having rouble with his teeth. He ought to quit indulging in biting sarcasm.

"Buy good land," says the Chicago advising folks to buy Nebraska land.

An Oklahoma Indian named John Fl. Air is a candidate for office. The initial

"H" undoubtedly stands for "Hot." There will be real fun in the senate if the occasion ever arises for Tillman

and Jeff Davis to match invectives.

A. Meal has announced himself as a candidate for mayor of Harrisburg, Pa. The floating vote may be relied upon to vote for A. Meal ticket.

Senator Bailey is trying to earn the stories, he was a school boy in Salonica gratitude of the country by confining when one day he saw a file of prisoners his official vocal exercise to answering in chains march into town, under the "Present" when the roll is called.

plans for increasing the circulation. drew his sword and started a campaign He has discovered that he was prepar- against the Turkish forces, yowing. ing for something that didn't happen. | vengeance on the entire Turkish race.

leaving the score a stand-off. This is thorn in the Turkish fiesh. He headed did.

"Is too much money harmful to and perpetrating atrocities that even American women?" asks the Saturday made the Turkish sultan shudder. Evi-Evening Post. The question cannot be dently fascinated by the love of loot, answered. No woman ever had too Boris forgot his determination and did much.

The Japanese appropriation for naval purposes is \$15,000,000 less than for last year. Japan evidently takes the Hobson war scare at its real value.

cago dispatch. That's not surprising, in view of the fact that a hog is not built with facilities for carrying small After he had accumulated a competence change.

If Omaha cannot lead in the in- assassin. creases in the clearing house comparisons, we have the satisfaction of know- ing of Sarafoff is in the impotency of ing that its record of decrease is very his methods in accomplishing reforms of a money panic. nearly the smallest.

mai notice that it will no longer be have been in progress for four cen- not only are the farmers' boys and and more panicky (as he read certain the organ of the republican party in turies. All of them have resulted sim- girls deeply interested in the competithe state, but will express its convic- flarly. The leaders, inspired at first tion, but they are making much imtions without fear or favor, refusing with a hatred of Turkey and a desire provement in the quality as well as and a man to watch it, sir, and now I'm and not the form," and that he would unto obey the dictates of any party mato free Macedonia from Turkish rule, the quantity of the corn raised. Cornshine. The Oregonian will, accordhave started their handit campaigns, breeding a little while back was looked bard question then asked by the latter of thine. The Oregonian will, accord have started their handit campaigns, breeding a little while back was looked

young bloods in New York who are and avengers of the Sarafoff type. languishing in prison down in South America because they conceived the deluded notion that they were soldiers

pressed.

most prosperous country in South proper undertaking. 36,100 talk will come under the classification | teles of the association. 25 37,500 of "moonshine." The men who be- It was scarcely possible that many came members of Magali's crazy expe- of the thousands who have come to none but themselves to blame.

PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

If this court cannot decide a case in a undertaking which all will endorse. The senate is convinced that Jeff way to meet the approval of the conreferred to the joint arbitration of the United States and Mexico.

a cold," says a New York dispatch. portant that has been reached in many becoming the father-in-law of the duke years, tending as it does to bring peace of Manchester, should have no diffito these Central American states that culty in getting a Carnegie hero medal have lived in more or less open conflict or any other fitting token of recogni- has the purest drinking water in the world since the days of Cortez. With the tion for an American citizen who opening of the Panama canal and the knows his rights and, knowing, dare development that must follow in the maintain. The story comes in a cable southwestern portion of this continent, from Belfast to the effect that Zimmerpeace is absolutely necessary in the man is personally auditing and paying Central American region. The succes- the bills of his aristocratic son-in-law. ful negotiation of the treaty means and has ordered his grace of Manchesmuch to the parties to it and a great ter to evacuate Tangeradee castle, the deal to the commercial and industrial historic home of the Montagues, and interests of the United States and to remove bag and baggage to Kyle-Mexico, the two republics that have more and to cut his expenses. In the American. That's just another way of stood sponsors for the conference and meantime, Papa Zimmerman is living is at Havana loading 70,000 cigars. That must act as guarantors of the enforce- at the castle and enjoying luxuries of is a rather small allowance for 15,000 enment of the peace provisions.

KILLING UF BORIS SARAFOFF. The scriptural adage to the effect that they who live by the sword shall perish by the sword has found another Boris Sarafoff, the young Macedonian leader, who has lately been confining his activities in the vicinity of the blood-stained throne of Servia. Sarafoff's history was one of conflict and trouble. According to one of the guard of Turkish troops. He recognized his father and grandfather among Secretary Cortelyou has changed his the prisoners and the next morning he

Sarafoff was called a bandit, but the The University of Nebraska debaters record shows that he made good his not quite as well as the foot ball team a gang of devoted followers and made grandson, the future duke. the mountains of Macedonia his refuge, capturing prisoners, collecting ransom alone. He was the acknowledged head of the bandits who captured Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, in 1994, and created an international disturbance that had a monetary, religions and political significance, before "Hogs drop 15 cents," says a Chi- the incident was closed. In that way America became acquainted with him and has some interest in his taking off. by highwaymanry, he retired to Servia, to meet death at the hands of an

The only lesson apparent in the killin Turkey. The need of such reforms as he planned has been felt for 400 The Portiand Oregonian serves for years, and movements such as he led counties are developing the fact that

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS RIGHT. | amassed funds sufficient to buy peace its effect on the yield in Nebraska is Secretary Root of the Department of and protection from the hated sultan. more than justifying the attention State has refused to take any action There is no hope for the future of given it. for the relief of a score or more of Macedonia in the actions of reformers

A PROPER UNDERTAKING.

The scheme, it appears, originated in the height of its activity, and in the body's feelings. the brain of one Magali, a Brazilian business whirl and bustle of this deexile, who enlisted the services of 100 cade much that was then considered of capturing the standing army of of or forgotten entirely. Therefore, and taking charge of affairs of the piled for publication is an eminently

of it. The expedition landed at Bahla the rule may be noted. The efforts of chances any. and the members of it found them- the exposition association may well be selves in jail the next morning. Now preserved in chronicle form by some tearful pleas are being made to the one of the men who aided in bringing State department to save the fools from the great project to its successful conthe penalty of their folly, and Mr. Root summation. The record compiled by will get Nebraska's support, but, as has declared that the affair is one in General Manderson was not intended which the United States has no con- for circulation, but to be deposited in publicans, but to cause confusion, with cern. An appeal is to be taken from the archives of the city as a mine of the likelihood of having about the 36,450 the secretary's decision to congress and information for future inquirers. Mr. lurid speeches will doubtless be made Wattles, who was president of the in making other choices for Nebraska 29 37,090 relative to the duty of the United exposition association, gives assurance States to protect its citizens in foreign that he will guarantee the publication countries. The fact remains that such of an abridged edition of the chron-

28...... 36,940 dition at once forfeited their right to Omaha to establish their business and protection by the American govern- make their homes since the day of the ment. Their expedition was one of exposition should understand just how Less unsold and returned copies. 10,162 as pirates by the Brazilian government, more than marks an epoch in the city's as now seems probable, they will have career. It was the turning point and executed the warrants sent out by The five Central American states taking up this affair, in providing the it appear that Chief Donahue and his that have attained the highest average | money with which to carry it on and subordinates are "protecting vice." in the world's revolutionary contests giving toyal and unswerving support for many years past have finally to the men who directed it, cannot be agreed, through a conference at Wash- overestimated or praised too much. It are said to be looking to Nebraska for ington, to sign an agreement which is one of those rare examples of civic assistance in connection with their provides that all differences which may pride and devotion on which great presidential booms. All aspirants are arise among them for the next ten cities are firmly founded. It will be welcome to come to the state and years shall be settled by an interna- a pleasant task for the historian to make a showing. tional court. The provisions of the write of this phase of the exposition. agreement may furnish a hint to the at least. Of the work and worry of that all of the Omaha ministers worked established, to be composed of one proper form for the edification of the cepted. member from each of the five states. present and future generations is an

> THE DUKE AND HIS MEAL TICKET. Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, The decision is one of the most im- rather high grade of beer and fame by high life that would make his old col- listed men if they are to be kept on Havana lege chums in Cincinnati turn green from envy.

The duke of Manchester, it must be remembered, married the beautiful Helen Zimmerman and began to cut a who is stirring up revolt against the Britdemonstration in the assassination of splurge. One of the paragraphs in the ish is in the Orange River colony, recalls marriage settlement provided that the Kipling's intractable, red-haired Hillsman duke should become an active man in American business affairs. Mr. Zim- ing of the Green." The Natal chief's name merman bought a railroad for his son- needs only an auto-suggested suffix to esin-law and saw it soon go into the hands of a receiver. Aside from a capacity for kicking at the equipment of his private car, the duke displayed no positive genius as a railroad presiduced unsatisfactory results, the duke taining him, and acclaimed on all sides, he and his bride retired to Tangeradee castle and devoted his time and energies to devising plans for perforating shield men, is in his case intensified by the the irate father-in-law is going to live in the castle himself, place the duke on won from Iowa and lost to Minnesota. declared determination to live as a half rations, rebuild and renovate the estates and give the income to his

The story must prove gratifying to not confine his operations to the Turks red blood will triumph over blue blood, if it has half a chance.

> Treasury advices show that the country has been suffering from a lack of confidence rather than a lack of cash. Only \$12,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 authorized in certificates of indebtedness will be issued and the Panama canal bonds, instead of being used as a basis for new circulation, will be used to secure federal deposits, displacing municipal and state bonds. The change in plans is in the direction of conservatism and offers evidence that the bankers of the nation were scared

Corn shows in progress in different lingir, be a botter republican paper than yielding in the last to the love of upon as a fad, but is now accepted as gency currency was to remedy such a him best expected him to make. No difplunder and retiring when they have a very proper part of farm work, and panic as that.

Police Judge Crawford's plan may be the right one for solving the vice question. It has the merit, at least, The dinner given to the surviving of showing that the police force is not of fortune and it was up to them to members of the directory of the Trans- seeking to protect anybody in that overthrow the government of Brazil mississippi and International Exposi- district, but is ready and willing to and rescue an oppressed people who tion association remind one very forci- promptly execute all orders from had not found out that they were op- bly of the flight of time. It is ten proper authorities and serve all waryears since that organization was at rants issued, without regard to any-

Colonel Lowden of Chicago indigdare-devil Americans for the purpose vitally important has been lost sight nantly denies the report that he has raised a fund of \$3,000,000 for the Brasil, overthrowing the government the proposition that a history be com- election of Mr. Cannon to the presidency. The denial will have to stand. In the first place, that amount of America. The plan looked simple and It has been said that history should money could not be raised for camalluring, as explained by Magali, but not be written by contemporaries, but paign purposes this year, and in the some difficulties attended the execution this is a case in which an exception to second, it would not help the Cannon

The democrats in Nebraska are working up quite a frenzy over the question of which republican aspirant usual, are doing it not to help the resame effect that they have lately had republicans.

A captured chicken thief promised the man who held the shotgun reformation if he would not shoot. Many another sinner has been brought to book by similar methods, but the effect of the lesson is likely to be forgotten as soon as the pressure is re-

The expedition with which the police divides enthusiastic progress from dis- Judge Crawford must have disapcouraging depression. The patriotic pointed some of the earnest "reformeffort made by the people of Omaha in ers" who have been trying to make

Messrs. LaFoilette and Cummins

A Pittsburg minister resigned bemembers of the peace conference at the men who composed the directory cause a member of his congregation his candidacy has turned largely upon The Hague, who labored all summer and the executive board much may be said to him, "Let's go and have a glass and accomplished nothing. Under the said, but the half will never be told. of beer." The report does not state Will the city authorities take notice terms of the treaty, a court is to be That all of this should be prepared in whether the original invitation was ac-

> New York reports that another origas numerous as federal soldiers who who achieved a fortune by brewing a participated in the capture of Jeff

Cheap Claimant Turned Down. Washington Post: The chemist who declared that Chicago

republican convention to that city. Crape for the Pitchfork Milwaukee Sentinel. One of the ominous things about Senator Jeff Davis is that he may spur Uncle Ren

Smoke Wreaths of a Frolie,

Philadelphia Record. If Evans' squadron shall escape the smoke of battle it will be wreathed with smoke of a different sort. The supply ship cigars, but it is certainly a very liberal allowance for the officers.

Tracing the Trouble. New York Sun. The name of the native chief, Dinislulu whose family devotions included the chant ing of a Eurasian version of "The Weartablish a hereditary cause for his anti-British proclivities: Dinisuluvan.

Sorrow Decks Duty's Path.

Baltimore American. Secretary Taft's trip shows the lights and shadows of life. With the great ones dent. After other ventures had pro- of the world vying for the honor of enteris hastening home to a scene of private sorrow and domestic loss. The grief from which no human power or position can Papa Zimmerman's bank account. Now brilliancy of his tour, so mournfully ending. He will have the sympathy of the nation in his sad homecoming.

Peril of a Patriot.

New York Sun. There is a base republican attempt to dethrone one of the most illustrious of Kentucky characters. Colonel Jack China the average American. It shows that is a member of the Kentucky senate. He there is at least one citizen of the Racing commission. Of the latter body he derblit and Yim Hill. country whose head has not been was, indeed, the creator. The republicans turned because his daughter chanced pretend that no man has a right to hold to marry a title. It simply shows that two state offices at once. Possibly they are right. Colonel Jack Chinn, however, is more than a man. He is a hearty and heroic character, endeared to the world by his spirits, his humor and his aboundingness. We should say that about thirteen jobs would be needed to keep him fairly

> WHERE THE SHOE FITS. New York Editors Held Up as Irrespousible Panie Makers.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican ing Mr. Roosevelt responsible for the panic dent. He declared that "cunningly worded trot the next national convention. more than they were hurt by the cry editorials" in denunciation of the president had been spreading a feeling of distrust among country bankers, and mentioned one up in Minnesota, who never needed more than \$2,000 or \$3,000 on hand to do business with, but who grew more about \$22,000. This he placed in the bank's little box of a safe, "with a dog dent to two terms "regards the substance his New York audience-how an emer- those who respected him most and knew

ON PRESIDENTIAL PIRING LINE. Governor Johnson of Minnesota Under

the Spotlight.

/ Kansas City Star (ind.); It is exceedingly interesting to note the favorable impression made in Washington by Governor John J. Johnson of Minnesota. Although he went to the capitol only as a visitor, without occasion or circumstance to make him conspicuous, he has become. in a few days, the leading topic of political This spontaneous recognition of the democrat who has been twice are the humble origin, the upward struggle he said, the railroad people realized. American politics.

in the breakup of a deadlock.

actively to the free silver doctrine and advocating extreme measures of government wnership, and with the reactionary forces of the republican party seeking to defeat continuance of the Roosevelt policies, it is a mighty comforting thing to the country to see a man like Governor Johnson loom up as a presidential possibility.

Colonel Watterson in Camp.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.). The Courier-Journal wishes to deal fairly Mr. Bryan, but it owes the obligations of candor to the democratic party and of respect to its own character and opinions It may be that the old democracy of strict construction has passed from the scene never to return, and that a new democracy very latitudinous in its methods and its In the latter event it cannot be doubted tion which the waterways require. that Mr. Bryan is its prophet. He will surely be in the next presidential campaign its leader, and so, going back to the midsummer of last year, we recall the acclaim with which we welcomed his homecoming, and in perfect good faith we repeat: "Hurrah for Bryan!"

The readers of the Courier-Journal have points of expediency and that our efforts to see what we think we see-that he is not likely to prove the strongest nominee in the debatable states. But, next year, there may be no debatable states; the country may be so tired of the republicans that it will be swept by any presidential ticket inal Van Dyke has been stolen. Those the democrats may put up. It cannot be original Van Dykes must have been denied that Mr. Bryan has made a steadthusiastic, and that even among the masses of the republicans he is well considered and well liked, all of which may be set down the public mind is so unfixed and variable, forward that proposition which party lines and discipline so loose, and the

need not think that he helped to bring the announce the third coming of the man from leadership. If he wins, all will be forgiven; if he loses, may the Lord have mercy upon him. The Courier-Journal has in the past Tillman to an extraordinary effort to rehad no reserves and has done its duty as It saw it. As to the future, casting never

swaggledest-Augels can do no more.

Senator Foraker's Achievements. Chicago Journal (rep.). Senator Joseph Benson Foraker has

nade formal announcement of his desire to become the republican candidate for president next year. He seemed to think it might be regarded as a joke, and therefore declared that he was really in earnest and in the race to stay. How times have changed! Twenty-five years ago, when he first ran for governor of Ohio, Foraker became known as "Little Breeches" because it came out in the

campaign literature that his parents were so poor that papa's trousers were cut down to fit little Benson. Now, at the end of a quarter of a century in public life, during which his salary has averaged about \$6,000 a year, Senator Foraker finds himself recognized as one of the richest men in the senats. His expenses in Washington have averaged from \$20,000 to \$50,000 a year the while, but by the practice of those sturdy economics he learned so well in boyhood's happy days back on the farm, Senator

Foraker is now worth somewhere between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Nobody but a smart man could save so much money that quick on a small salary. Senator Foraker's last big battle in congress was when he attempted to defeat the rate regulation bill, which put a limit on the rapacity of railroad officials. He was defeated, but he fought gallantly to the last for the railroads and against the people. Naturally his course in the senate has endeared him to corporate interests, and the senator can count with confidence on the hearty support of Har-

The Fight on Taft.

riman, "Divine Right" Baer, W. K. Van-

Kansas City Times (ind.). The friends of Secretary Taft now know the combination they will have to fight if they secure the republican nomination for the secretary of war. That combination represents all who are opposed to the president and Mr. Taft, but are in favor ports: of such candidates as Mr. LaFoliette or Mr. Hughes, who cannot be classed as reactionaries unless their supporters choose in the end to align themselves with the President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago retrogressives as against the progressives. increase in net earnings of \$152,46, not-Great Western road, speaking in New Unquestionably the people at large desire York Monday night, took the shoe con- that the policies of the present adminisstructed by the newspapers which are held- tration shall be continued. It is up to the and for October, 1907, \$1.709,865, a gain of people to see to it that a small minority. and fitted it to their own foot-fitted it as composed very largely of politicians closely closely as they had fitted it to the presi- allied with selfish interests, does not con-

> The President's Statement. New York Times (ind.).

Mr. Boosevelt's statement that he has not changed, and will not change, the decision announced by him on the night after

RAILROADS AND WATERWAYS. 'Wizard of Transportation" as a Navigntion Prophet.

Cleveland Loader.

James J. Hill, the president of the Gree Northern Rattroad company, is not only "wland of transportation," a business prophet and an adviser to the farmer, but he is also a source of the unexpected. In a speech be made before the rivers and parbors convention in Washington, he sald that the railroads must depend, in the fuof Governor Johnson's personal points will ture, on aid from the waterways. The not be a surples to those who have made transportation needs of the country had themselves familiar with the individuality grown beyond the espacity of the ratiroads. A series of prosperous years, Mr. elected governor of a normally strong re- Hill declared, would make what is now publican state, and by tremendous plurali- considered a wonderful network of lines ties. It only needed a close observation of appear as inadequate as the coaching systhe man, taken with his well known political record, to define him to the politicians in his opinion, called for the building of as a political factor of great possibilities. 75,000 more miles of tracks, at the cost of And back of his personality and his record \$5,500,009,000, counting terminals. All this, and the self-made career of the man-ele- The history of economics has seen no

ments that always have been potential in sharper reversal of attitude than this. The opposition of the railroads to waterways Of course Mr. Johnson has said that he has been quite consistent since their bedoes not want to become a candidate for ginning. Competition with canals and rivthe democratic nomination against Mr. ers and lakes has not always been above-Bryan. But even among the strongest ad- board on the part of the railroads. Some mirers of the Nebraska leader there are of them have labored in congress and the many who do not believe that he could be state legislatures to defeat the developelected. This element, together with that ment of waterways. The influence of the actively opposed to Mr. Bryan, may make Pacific rallways is credited with holding an unexpected showing in the national con- up the Panama canal project for years. vention, especially if they can prevail on a and, even after the beginning of work man like the governor of Minnesota to there, with seeking to convince the country stand for their united effort. It must be of its ultimate failure. In one New York remembered that in a democratic conven-election in which the deepening of the Eric tion it takes two-thirds of the votes to canal was voted upon, the Vanderbill lines nominate. Unless Mr. Bryan should be fought the proposal, tooth and nail. Harchosen on first ballot he might be defeated bor work has languished, has been delayed and sometimes utterly abandoned, At any rate, with Mr. Bryan reverting because the railroad lobby had sufficient

The new light which some of the transportation lines have seen bears a curious the nomination of Secretary Taft and the into which they have been forced in recent years. For a while they were concerned only in the protection of their pooling and trust arrangements. Now they must struggle against the flood of business, which, is Mr. Hill's horoscope, threatens to keep the roads in a chronic condition of blockade We have more than we can do, they cry will not some kindly water transportation lines come to our relief and help us move these moutains of grain and coal and merchandise?

President Hill is not merely a sage. is a leader. If the waterways are to aid the railroads, depend upon it the railroads aims has arrived upon the stage to stay. Will aid in the legislation and the construc-

AN EMERGENCY CIRCULATION.

The Proper Thing to Do and Do Quickly. Wall Street Journal

While President Roosevelt might easily have said more in regard to financial legisnot failed to note that our opposition to lation, what he did say was excellent. The critical nature of recent financial events would have warranted a presidental meshave been mainly addressed to inducing him sage which would have gone deeply into the odestion of banking and currency reform. President Roosevelt has not fit to do this and the question is treated only as one of many problems, some of which Mr. Roosevelt evidently regards as of equal or even greater importance.

It is quite true that any comprehensive reform of banking and currency cannot be fast fight, that he is a clean, typical Ameri- expected from this congress. The subject can, that his following is compact and en- is too large to be disposed of in a hurry. Practically all that can reasonably be ex peoted is just what the president himself recommends. Nevertheless, it is to be reas so many political assets at a time when gretted that the president, while putting most practical under prevailing conditions, had not at least laid before the country the The practical and sensible thing for dem- idea of a more comprehensive reform, a ocrats to do now is to close ranks and keep reform which might be worked out after instep to the drum-beats of destiny which vestigation by a high class special commission, each member of which would be fa-Nebraska. It is idle futher to dispute his miliar with monetary history and competent to deal with the subject not only upon broad national, but upon still broader international, lines.

The president's recommendation is for an emergency circulation with an effective a lingering look behind, it will do its horn- guarantee and based upon adequate securities issued under a heavy tax so that the notes would be retired as soon as the emergency which called them forth had The Wall Street Journal has long held an emergency circulation to be practical and necessary in order to make our currency system elastic enough to provide for the sudden requirements of great

Undoubtedly it would be to the advantage of the country if we had a comprehensive change in our money system. We have too many kinds of money. The establishment of a great central bank would be of enormous advantage to the country or if public opinion were opposed to this then such an enlargement of the powers of the secretary of the treasury as would practically make the Treasury department a central bank of reserve and issue.

It is not, however, the ideal, but the practical that we must hope for. The present thing to do, the thing which congress, as the session which has now started, might and ought to do, is to provide the country with a strictly emergency circulation in accordance with President Roosevelt's recommendation.

LOW FARES INCREASE BUSINESS. More Evidence of Wisdom of Passenger Rate Reduction.

Minneapolis Journal. Thomas Yapp, expert statistician of the Minnesota Railway commission, who figured out that the railroads were making more money than ever out of the 2-cent fare, was roughly handled by the lawyers for the railroads. They intimated that Thomas did not know much more than his name suggested. They threw logarithms all over the courtroom to show that bank ruptcy stared them in the face as the resuit of the 2-cent fare law.

The state of Minnesota was impressed. It almost feared it had made a mistake. But if it did, another mistake has been made. This one was made by the managers of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. They have allowed the passenger earnings of the road to mount up under the I-cent fare until they seem distined to eclipse anything a railroad ever did before, Roosevelt adminstration, together with The New York Times, which apparently some who are not directly opposed to the considers it news just fairly to print, re-

"Philadelphia, Dec. 1.-The monthly re port of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company for October, 1907, compared with the same month fast year, shows an withstanding the 2-cent rate law. The net earnings for October, 1906, were \$1,556,900 \$150,465." There is no doubt that in trying to kill

off 2-cent legislation the companies were genuinely alarmed at the prospect. There is no doubt that the most conservative public servants felt that the reduced-fare novement was being pushed too fast There was scarcely any criticism of Governor Hughes' veto of such a bill in New York, though there, if anywhere, the lower rate should make money for the companies. Nevertheless, the public is seeing some remarkable results from 2-cent fares. The Minnesota figures showing gains were attacked as being based on insufficient data. But it is a remarkable fact that wherever figures have been made they all tend one way, toward showing that the lower fare is good for the road in bringing about its largest possible utilisation for travel.

PRACTICING WHAT IT PREACHES Extelling Confidence in Words and

Backing it with Cash. The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphis has been preaching confidence all through the recent financial flurry. Now it has stepped down from the pulpit long enough to practice. Its publisher, Cyrus Curtis, has just spent \$59,000 in advertising a single issue of the magazine-the Christ-

mas number The Saturday Evening Post believes that this will be a bad year for inflation, but a good year for business. It believes that, with speculation checked, and the weak spots in the currency system bared, builtness is already started toward a stronger, sounder, safer position than it held six months ago. And it knows, through thousands of clear-cut, intelligent reports from bankers, merchants, manufacturers and farmers, that the country shares these beliefs. They are solidly founded on good crops, empty warehouses, an unsatisfied demand and a public with money in the banks.

These conditions mean business, and the Saturday Evening Post has started out for its share, of it with the most effective weapon in the merchant's, arsenal-advertising. Summer and winter its publisher is always in action, going after business with everything from rapid-fire batteries. of small ade, to sixteen-inch guns which cost a fortune every time they are dises charged.

No business man burns up \$50,000 for the sake of the resulting noise and hot air, but because there is business in sight. The publisher of the Saturday Evening Post sees business ahead, and is aiming at it. Competition was, advertising is, the life of trade.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Philander Chase Knox has a storehouse of high-class literature at his finger's end; more so, it is said, than any other senator at Washington.

Assistant Secretary of State Bacon has been awarded a bronge medal by the Massachusetts Humane society of Boston for saving the lives of two Harvard students the last race between Yale and Harvard.

A Chicago doctor of nervous disposition and defective eyesight recently operated on a little girl, severing her jugular. There ought to be some method of persuading that gentleman into doing his carving by proxy, "How Vice President Fairbanks ever ac-

quired the reputation for coolness I can't understand," said a recent visitor to his Washington office, "As a matter of fact," there are few more cordial men on either side of the capitol than the vice president." Thirty-two years ago a Cleveland man, then 72 years of age, creeted a monument for himself, on which was inscribed his name and "died is-." His death at 104 oc-

curred only the other day, and now the

chiseling has to be done all over again. We must not be too previous in these days of increased longevity. An argument in favor of the abolition by ongress of the tariff duties on goods sent between the Philippines and the United States lies in a magnificent silver and gold loving cup presented to the president of the United States by the mayor of Manila, being tied up in the Georgetown custom house awaiting release on payment of duty, or a special order from President Rooses velt that it be admitted free. The cup was made especially from native metal, and from it the mayor drank the health of the

TRIFLES WITH A POINT.

president at the big banquet he gave to

Secretary Taft during his recent visit

"Reginald Meter, the poet, says he looks into his heart and writes."
"Has he a weak heart?"
"What has that got to do with his "Well, you know, it might account for their bad circulation."-Baltimore Ameri-

can. Grumpy Uncle-Is the child really pre-Friend of Family-Remarkably so; 3 years old and hasn't said a word.-Puck.

Miss Koy-Yes, he proposed to me last Miss Grouch-Huh! on his knees, I sup-Miss Koy-I was not!-at least, not until afterward.-Philadelphia Press.

"You always applaud that candidate's speeches."
"Yes." answered Farmer Corntossel.
"Why doa't you vote to send him to congress, then?"
"Hecause it would be a shame and a cruelty to keep him so long in silence as a new member."—Washington Star.

Fond Mamma-I took Daisy to get some new stockings today and I had to get her ones several sizes too large. She complained all of her own size I tried on hurt her. Knowing Papa—My dear, Christmas is coming.—Baltimore American. The mermaid was rummaging the sunken

ip.
"I want to see if I can't find one of those hand mirrors the comic papers always pic-ture us as using," she said.

For vanity, alas, is not confined to that commaratively insignificant portion of the earth's surface known as dry land!—Chi-cago Tribune.

"Young man," said the old merchant to his lazy bookkeeper, "industry is the great virtue in business. It has been my life-long rule to be at my desk early and late, "Me, too," put in the bookkesper, "some-imes I get here early and sometimes late," Philadelphia Press.

A VOICE FROM THE FLEET.

Wallace Irwin in Collier's. Well, it's good-bye. Angeviny, we are off upon the briny, And it's very glad to go I am; For it's rare and fancy gravy to be workin' for the navy On this Cook's excursion tour of Uncle Sam. Oh, there isn't any knowin' where the devfl

we are goin',
(As the admiral remarks to me—
"Well, we won't be solemncolic—it's a
fight or it's a frolic,
And we ain't a-carin' which," says he). Will we touch at Madagascar or continy to Will we touch at Madagascar or continy to Alasker.
Will we stop in 'Frisco hay? asks you.
That's the question—what's the answer? Goess the riddle if you can, sir, And I'll pass the information to the crew. Modern warfare ain't no stranger to the Element of Danger.
(As the admiral remarks to me—"Maybe we'll be shootin' lilacs with our guns all draped with sinitax,
Then again, perhaps we won't," says he.)

They're a-gittin' awful solemn in each ed-And they're floatin' forty fleets in ink—
Will Japan raise up a holler and git red
around the collar
When she sees us splashin' water in her

Won't the entire British nation die of nervous strangulation?

(As the admiral remarks to me—
"Jones," says he, "line honest fact is,
Truth depends on target practise—
Talk is cheap, but powder's dear," says

But suppose while we're a-floatin' round the ucean pleasure-boatin'
We should bump into a war somehow
With a navy sent by Russla, Ireland,
Switzerland or Prussla

Switzerland or Prussia

Which was absolute insistin on a row—
Should we cautiously avoid 'em and be
sorry we annoyed 'em?

(As the admiral remarks to me—
"Guess I'd send a line by airless just to
tell 'em to be careless
And remind 'em we was there," says he).

Well, we're off in foam and laughter, though we don't know what we're after. And we don't know who's a-pullin' of the

And we don't know who's a-pullin' of the strings;
We are Doves of Peace all right, air, with a rost of peaceful white, air.
And some twelve-inch trouble-seekers 'neath our wings.
Foolish folks has foolish notions his as continents and occans.
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