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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tem porarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Never too late to do Christmas shop-

Missouri republicans admit that they have been shown.

has a habit of getting in ahead of

that will run on one rail. The need is for a railroad train that will stick to two rails.

It is semi-officially announced that Japan does not want the Philippines. Japan has been educated not to want anything it cannot get.

So far as the small boy is concerned. the year, regardless of what the calendar may have to offer on the subject.

next fall.

Three children were poisoned at our city. Detroit by eating samples given away after that of Nebraska.

If it is true, as now asserted, that the Scotch dialect used by Barrie, Macis never heard in Scotland the Scotch are to be congratulated.

Tom Johnson, Tom Watson and Tom White House. As soon as Tom Taggart pays his visit, the president will have heard all the tomtoms.

Mrs. Howard Gould has testified in court that a \$700 skirt is one of the necessaries of a woman's life. Still, lots of good women are doing pretty well without such necessaries.

of being adopted as it ever did.

has twenty-six pianolas distributed pany to transport from any state, ter- answering will be more likely to count among the different vessels. The sailors are to have all the discomforts of any other state, territory or District home as nearly as they can be provided.

John Sharp Williams has not been mean enough to suggest that he engaged in that fisticuff encounter just by way of getting into practice for his coming career in the United States

In the last fiscal year, 1,285,349 immigrants arrived in the United States, bringing \$25,000,000 of real money with them. An unnecessary amount of fuss has been made over the recent axodus.

By the judicious discrimination of Police Judge Crawford some people who supposed they were laboring on Sunday are being convinced that they going to do about it. The railroads have been drawing wages under false

pressing his preference for a successor only at a great financial sacrifice and if he so desires.

SIGNIFICATION IN

aster in the month of December ac-OFFICES.

Omaha—The Bee Building.
South Omaha—City Hall Building.
Council Buffs—18 South Sirest.
Chicago—1640 University Building.
New York—1568 Home Life Insurance not secured or used information obtained by the secured of the sec the fact that the mine operators have making ing the explosives used, the conditions increase is appalling.

The more recent investigations tend and consequent business depression. posed remedy may cost something in business away from them. money outlay but it cannot cost as much as the successive expiosions.

A LOST EXAMPLE.

gressman Lacey of Iowa on "The Per- make the most of this opportunity. sistent Influence of John Marshall," calls attention to a good example set by that great jurist when presiding out again before the United States su- as is often alleged, to the utterances of any ping until Santa Claus is actually here, over the highest judicial tribunal of preme court in the water rate case, one man, but to the wastefulness of the and still resent, was less his opposition to the land which is in danger of being Even before this appeal was called for So far as Mr. Taft is concerned, the altogether lost. Explaining one source hearing the attorneys for the Water of Marshall's lasting strength, he says: | board publicly admitted that they had Admiral Dewey celebrated his 70th union. Marshall, like our own great jusbirthday ahead of time. The admiral tice, Samuel F. Miller, liked to go upon the of jurisdiction. Yet, knowing this, the in which he was assigned. This kept him in touch with the local bar and with the Washington at the expense of the A railroad train has been invented people and better fitted him for the per- Omaha taxpayers without the slightest

yers in Nebraska or in lowa could not excuse for the lawyers to bring in an- lquor dens outside of the military reserva- to refuse a nomination. that a majority of the practicing lawtell off-hand which member of the supreme court of the United States is a signed to supervision of the federal judicial circuit in which their state is embraced. When Justice Miller was tomorrow will be the longest day in on the supreme bench it was not uncommon for him to make his appearance here in Omaha every year or two. and to rub up against the rank and file. Local republicans simply refuse to of the profession by sitting beside the time over who is to be their preferred a guiding hand to the machinery of the candidate for congress in this district lower courts. It has, however, been door. years since a judge of the supreme court of the United States has visited

That this practice of circuit riding at a pure food show. Michigan's pure generally pursued would help the sufood law cannot have been modeled preme court to a better understanding of the great questions that come before it, and especially of the different points of view from which they are regarded in widely separated parts of laren and other modern fiction writers, the country and among different classes of the community, goes without saying. The temptation to hold themselves aloof from the lower courts Lawson have called recently at the and to isolate themselves from the bar ought to be resisted by our supreme court judges, and the example of Marshall and of Miller kept alive by peri-

odic imitation.

THE PENALTY OF DELAY. The eastern railroads allied with the anthracite coal combine are apparently just awakening to the fact Senator Cullom has offered a bill subject to the operation of a new law mayor, should any vacancies soon for a constitutional amendment limit- which will require a complete abant occur. ing the presidential term to six years. donment of their methods of controll-This proposal stands just as good show ing the fuel supply. The federal rate The fleet en route to the Pacific shall be unlawful for any railroad com- field. The governor of Nevada when of Columbia or to any foreign country, any article or commodity, other than thereof, mined or produced by it, or own in whole or in part, or in which body is anxious to contradict him. it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary and intended for its use as a common car-

This prohibition was aimed directly at the railroad companies which owned or controlled practically all the hard coal mines of the country and operated them in a manner absolutely to bar competition. After a year and six months, the coal roads are holding conferences to consider what they are that country were going to happen. now assert that it would be a dire calamity to suspend the operation of the mines and that any effort to trans-State Superintendent McBrien has fer them to a holding company would eminent precedent for refusing to con- probably come in conflict with the sider a third term nomination and he "direct or fudirect" phrase of the law. also has eminent precedent for ex- The mines could be sold, they assert,

REMEDIES FOR MINE EXPLOSIONS. congress for an extension of the time The fourth terrible coal mine dis- before the law becomes effective.

The plea of the railroads might be centuates the discouraging aspects of more favorably considered if they had the official report just made by the shown any disposition to prepare for Geological Survey and emphasizes the compliance with the law. They were need of additional measures for the given a year and ten months to make protection of men who work under these preparations and have allowed the ground. According to the federal nearly a year and a half to pass with-Feport more than 7,000 persons have out taking the first step. They have been killed or injured in mine acci- not abandoned any of the obnoxious dents during the year and the num- practices against which the law was ber of these disasters caused by ex- aimed and any embarrassment they plosion is constantly increasing. The may be now experiencing in view of federal officials make the direct charge the prospective enforcement of the prothat most of these horrors are due to visions of the measure is of their own

It must be gratifying for Omaha under which they may safely be em- business men to know that throughout ployed in the presence of coak dust the country Omaha is regarded as in a or gas, and the general requirements firmer position commercially and stands; she killed her husband, and is Remit by draft, express or postal order operations. In European countries the centers of its class. It is said in all ward. Considerations of public policy ought number of fatalities in coal mining well-informed circles that Omaha, accidents is constantly decreasing, Minneapolis and St. Paul are the three while in the United States the constant cities in the central west that have been least affected by the recent panic

to show that the use of machinery has While it is entirely unbecoming for greatly increased the production of Omaha er any other city to add to the dangerous coal dust and that electrical burdens of its trade competitors, it is 38,180 propulsion furnishes the means of ex- honetheless fully within our province ploding it. Experts agree that this to take advantage in every legitimate coal dust contains high value as an way of the superior position we ocexplosive, more valuable even than cupy. Tributary territory that by powder, and that it would amply re- right belongs to Omaha has been inpay the cost of collecting it, which vaded from time to time by rival cities 37,090 would at the same time minimize, if which have made more or less head-37,340 not entirely eliminate, the danger from | way through the use of special induceexplosions. The difficulty of protect- ments which they cannot now continue. 20...... 37,590 ing miners may arise wholly from It behooves our manufacturers, our natural conditions, yet the need of jobbers and our bankers to entrench more carefully safeguarding life and themselves under these favorable con-Less unsold and returned copies. 10,168 limb cannot be disregarded. The ditions in all proper Omaha territory, recommendations of the government and to do so in such a way that it will experts might be enforced if necessary be hard later for outsiders to break in by federal and state laws. The pro- and get any substantial part of this cheeky performance on the part of a great

Omaha has an opportunity to offset possible trade losses at a distance by closer cultivation of the nearby field which, after all, is the most desirable A recent address by former Con- and the most profitable, and we should

The Omaha Water board has lost Marshall's influence is greater than that no standing in court and that the ap- cause must be squght for deeper down in circuit and preside over the deliberations Water board attorneys persisted in of the United States courts in the circuit taking the case up and traveling to formance of his great duties at Washing- expectation of securing any advantage It is a reasonably safe assumption to the city. The costs of the appeal services.

> Colonel Bryan's latest pronouncement on his attitude is as follows: I shall not volunteer as a democratic residential candidate, but if I am drafted I will not desert.

Carrying the simile a little further. Colonel Bryan wants it distinctly understood that when he sees the draftbecome excited nine months ahead of circuit judge and occasionally giving ing officer coming he will run out to meet him instead of hiding behind the

> It is suggested that Mr. Cleveland be selected to head the New Jersey delegation to the democratic national convention at Denver. While no word generally understood that he has a standing fishing engagement for every the presidency.

Casual reading of the special issue of the local magazine temporarily edited by Judge Sutton opens the way for the inference that the judge is getting ready to run for office again on the issue of protecting the child against the evil influences of the home. But, of course, that is far from Judge Sutton's intention.

That little fistic bout between John Sharp Williams and Judge De Armond that on May 1, 1908, they will be der the administration of our cowboy

President Roosevelt is not deterred law, passed June 29, 1906, provides by high telegraph tolls from wiring his that "from and after May 1, 1908, it mind fully from Washington to Goldritory or the District of Columbia to the number of words in his telegram.

Count Witte and other prominent Russians are to take the stand in the lcles, but which the people are slowly, timber and the manufactured products | Stoessel court martial case to contradict Kouropatkin, who appears to be under its authority, or which it may the Senator Foraker of Russia. Every-

> Denver has a large building devoted exclusively to pugilistic affairs. It undoubtedly, as things cannot be and not for a finish bout between Williams and democratic national convention.

Taking on Modern Frills.

Indianapolis News.

It isn't exactly clear at this distance

what the Persians are trying to do, but

though something unusually modern for 900 men have died to preserve the constitu-

Pessimists Disappointed. Chicago News. Chancellor Day and Justice Brewer will be surprised to learn that President Roosevelt waved good bye to the fleet with his to make their choice of a president and old reliable plug hat and not with a kingly crown or even a jewel-studded scepter.

Consolation for the Left. Baltimore American So many presidential booms have been est elective monarch history has ever they are accordingly planning to ask started that it is only natural to believe known.

that several gentlemen will be forced to take cold comfort from the old adage that "it is better to be right than to be president." The Square Deel Policy and Secret ary dent." They will decidedly find it a much A Tatt's Candidacy. ensier Job.

Coming Out of the Holes.

San Francisco Chronicle The country banks throughout the mid-The most of them are already handling all the desirable local paper offering itself, and the effect is very noticeable in a revival of industry. It will not take long to in the Roosevelt administration. He has get things into good shape when examples done more great things than any other Cleveland's last administration. It was of this kind become abundant, as they certainly will when the hoarded cash emerges from its temporary hiding places.

An Extraordinary Judgment.

Philadelphia Record. A most extraordinary judgment has just tainable from other countries concern- MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY. been given in Lincoln, Neb. A woman who has won a judgment against a fraternal order for the amount of his life insurance. It is true she is at large, under a pardon from the governor, but the conviction

Home Rule for Cities.

New York Press. If the charter revision committee's recommendations are heeded, New York is his character, capacity and achievements. make an experiment in home rule, It is true that Mr. Taft bases his candidacy eliminated. The movement to assert the But why not? Next to the president himsupremacy of the state and resist alleged self he has been the most important figure federal encroachment is naturally fol- in that administration. He does not seek lowed by a similar movement on the part to make a distinctive position for himself. of the city against the state, and the state He frankly relies on the country's approval will find its own arguments used against of the present administration and of his esting one, as New York is not the only city hampered by the state.

A Dividend from Water.

Springfield Republican The stock dividend declared by the Western Union Telegraph company can find po justification in sound public policy, and it is even a worse offense against sound finance, for it is paid because the company could not afford a cash dividend. Thus the capitalization is increased just when the old capitalization is made to appear too large for easy continuation of the old dividend rate. Altogether it is a pretty public service monopoly, and will strengthen the hands of those at Washington who would bring the capitalization of all such concerns under federal control.

Wastefulness the Real Cause

Wall Street Journal. Manager Sherer of the New York Clearing house never said a truer word than in being restricted by laws based on the his address before the National Manufac- theory that all men are knaves, he talks our present financial troubles are not due, many. However mistaken may have been the Hepburn bill or any other specific some of the recent speeches, these could not have caused such a panic as the one we have just experienced. The primary the fundamentals of the situation, and the tremendous wastes of war, fire and luxury and crime are at the bottom of it all

Springfield Republican. General Frederick D. Grant, in the course of some remarks before a Civic federation audience in New York recently, said that although be was himself a total abstainer, he favored the post canteen, at least until for which Mr. Bryan stands," forcing Mr. are simply money thrown away and an the civil authorities had abolished the Bryan either to stand on this platform of when he was proclaimed a total abstainer, which caused him to repeat the declaration with emphasis. This recalls how persist- becoming tired of being told how bad many ently his father was misrepresented in the of them are and of being constantly urged matter of whisky drinking, and presumably memories of General U. S. Grant's reputation along that line during the civil war caused the laugh against the son's asser- of such an attitude in policies and governtion of total abstinence.

BLOW AT FALSE PROPHETS.

Restrictions on the Operations Notorious Imposters. Chicago Tribune.

The city council wishes to drive out of business the alleged seers, prophets, for- democracy's only chance is to meet this tune tellers, seventh sons of seventh sons, and other imposters who thrive upon the superstition and ignorance of the community. In making the attempt the aldermen have a job on their hands. These has come from Mr. Cleveland, it is frauds have been doing business toe long to be rooted out in a day

They Inhabit all parts of the city. They have customers among rich and poor. day when Mr. Bryan is nominated for They rob all who have dealings with themthe people who wish to recover stolen property, the sick, the speculators, those who want their dreams interpreted, and the silly girls who wish to know about future husbands. They live aff the weaknesses of others. One of their specialties is finding buyers for mining stocks worth nothing. The simpleton who consults them about investments is told to lose no time; but buy certain stocks. He invests and loses. The prophet is the employe of the men who wish to dispose of worthless

stocks. The council ordinance makes it an fense to print the advertisements of these impostors. That will not put a complete stop to their operations, but it will interqualifies them to aspire to membership fere seriously with their business. They in Omaha's democratic city council un- may keep their regular customers, but the but he is certainly in the limelight, and he supply of new dupes will not be so large.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

British View of the Course it Will Probably Take. London Spectator.

We believe that the extreme reluctance ner, justifying Henry Watterson's Meclarato take any such step is due to a cause tion of his capabilities. It is perhaps more which is the origin of half the difficulties than a coincidence that the movement in in American politics—the great jealousy of his support centers at Baltimore, for the the power of the federal government democrats of Maryland are palpably restive which has marked the ently history of under the Bryan regime. Some of them are booming Gray, but the Baltimore News is the union, which is the source of the partial opposition to Mr. Roosevelt's poifor Johnson, and all of them remember that in 1896 and in 1900 the state gave its electoral votes for McKinley. In 1904 very slowly, being forced by their development to give up. They want their union Parker got seven electors and Roosevelt to be a great nation, and must consequently one. The Maryland democrats are coninvest the federal government with the servative, for Maryland is a business state powers-international, military, and finanand seldom has taken kindly to a radical cial-which every other great nation posdemocratic program. sesses. To do this completely they may be compelled to revise the constitution; but Think it over, Democrats. Washington Post (ind.), might prove a drawing card to arrange be at one and the same time, they must in Let George Gray be nominated by the democrats for president of the United the end, however, reluctantly agree to that reduction of local independences. They did De Armond, as a side attraction to the it is the civil war when they authorized of democrats. Let William J. Bryan be nominated for vice president. That is a conscription; they will have to do it if ever they limit the extent of individual fortunes or establish a graduated succesall colors, classes, conditions and desion duty, and they must do it whenever in any emergency the nation is compelled would happen. The arrogant and cockauddenly to put forth its national strength. the building of barricades looks as The reluctance is natural enough, for 1,000,sure republican party would its high horse in a jiffy, and the United

tion as it is; but Providence has passed no

law exempting Americans from the pres-

sure of events or the operation of neces-

sities. They will have to accept them,

willingly or unwillingly, and will gradually

therefore of his cabinet-for cabinet minis-

ters in America are legally only clerks-

more and more a matter of vital impor-

tance. The president of the United States

fired that the only effect of the changes is

which has never been seen in this or any Think it over, democrats! New York Outlook

States would see a campaign the like of

The great body of American bankers are sonal balance to be drawn upon at will, the management of the auto

TWO PROBLEMS OF TAXATION.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

Kansas City Star (ind.).

s its right has nothing to fear in the

quantity. He has been a potential factor

president as Mr. Roosevelt himself.

edy for a real and great evil.

Next Year's Platforms.

Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.).

for 1908. And this platform-to quote from

the press report-"will repudiate govern-

ment ownership of railways, the initiative

and referendum, and other radical policies

to suspect one another. By sharp suffer-

ment.

out.

ing, which they fear may grow sharper,

Secretary Taft's Strength.

Chicago Record-Herald (ind.).

any kind whatever that Taft has suf-

And, what is more important, the indi-

confidence in him as the best fitted leader

Governor Johnson's Boom.

Boston Transcript (rep.).

That there is a boom for Governor John-

son of Minnesota yet remains to be seen,

follows approved methods in visiting the

capital, where he may be seen of all dem-

ocrats weary of the Bryan ascendancy.

Governor Johnson is very little known to

easterners, but he has made a brilliant

debut in Washington as one of the most

striking of the orators at the Gridiron din-

he is gaining strength every day.

for progressive republicanism.

Southern democratic leaders in Washing

Senator Foraker's Bogus Bid.

Cleveland Plain Dealer (dem.).

would make.

orporation seeking only that which

Baltimore American. The recommendation in the president's message of an income and inheritance tax ascendant candidacy of Secretary Taft. involves some perplexing questions of law. On the contrary, officials of such a cor- An income tax, for instance, was levied a fresh stimulus by the promptness with dle west are beginning to seek investments. poration may look with especial favor on and actually enforced for a number of the prospect of Mr. Taft's nomination and years by the government, with the apelection. "The secretary of war is a known proval of the supreme court. It was subscquently abolished by act of congress and reimposed by the Wilson bill during Mr. member of the Roosevelt cabinet, and he then decided by the narrow majority of has done them expeditiously, quietly and one vote in the supreme court to be un- it with more terrible slaughter. According effectively. His temperament is very dif- constitutional. That such a tax when levied ferent from that of the president, but like directly is unconstitutional will probably Roosevelt, he thrives on work and be conceded by the majority of lawyers, gets things done. He is judicial in training but there is the dilemma presented above and habit of thought. He is far-seeing. In one instance the tax was imposed and He weighs carefully. He is eminently just, enforced with the approval of the court, and he has a convincing way in defining and in the other it was throttled on the justice and an effective way in applying it. threshold. There is a way, however, of imposing this

So far as the presidential office affects tax, if it be necessary, which will surmount the business affairs of the nation, these affairs would be particularly safe under the the constitutional objections urged by the direction of such an executive as Mr. Taft supreme court in its latter decision. It can be levied and apportioned among the The attempts of those opposed to the the states to fix the amount of individual continuation of the Roosevelt policies to belittle the political strength and official tax and collect it. This is a rather roundrecord of Mr. Taft cannot make headabout way of doing things, and would probably be employed only in case of great way against the country's knowledge of emergency. In theory, a constitutional amendment could be adopted making a with state control of municipal matters primerily on the Roosevell administration. direct income tax legal, but in practice it has been found almost impossible to pass a constitutional amendment for any purpose whatever.

Abstractly, there can be little doubt of the equity of an income tax when fairly enforced. It is the justest of all exactions itself. The movement is a highly inter- own record. Yet he is by far the most dis- by the state, but under the construction tinctive as well as the most distinguished of the constitution by the supreme court it is a right which belongs to the states, candidate on the republican side. Officially and not to the general government. The he would make as strongly individual a states have failed to make use of their privileges in this regard, though quite a number of them have adopted an inheritance tax in one form or another. Maryland being among the number. Here all col-Aside from the senator's bogus bid for lateral inheritances are taxed, while in the presidential nomination and his ostensome of the states of the union all inheritsible renunciation of senatorial ambition, ances-by descent or purchase-are taxed his letter contains points that show Foraker at his best and worst. When he appeals

and a heavy income derived therefrom It has been maintained that the rule apfor a greater regard for the constitution, plied by the supreme court to an income as when he protests that senators are responsible to their constituents and to no tax would be applicable likewise to an inheritance tax. This is not so clear. It one else, he says well things that are well is not so certain that the court would worth saying; though he is not the man to assume the latter to be a direct tax on say them. On the other hand the letter the citizen, because the citizen who owned shows more than traces of his familiar the property would be dead and the heirs disingenuousness and malevolence. When would not yet have come into possession. he tries to hold the president and the rate Whisky is taxed and beer is taxed, and law responsible for the currency famine, hundreds of other kinds of property have as when he says commercial freedom is been taxed at different periods of the nation's history, and there is no apparent turers' association when he declared that palpable folly or worse. Nor is he straight- reason why property which is in transit from one owner to another, or others, forward in defending his course on rate should not be likewise the subject of naregulation; for what Ohio people resented, tional taxation. It all depends, however, upon the need of such taxation. It is not necessary for the government to go affeld measure, than his studied effort and evito find objects for taxation, if it has dent purpose to block any and all regulaenough already at its disposal, and the tive legislation that promised a real remrevenues appear to be and have been ample for several years. Any kind of novel taxation will mevitably stir up opposition and excite strife-something that it is always well to avoid, especially when the community is recovering its equanimity after ton are joining with northern conservative democrats to frame a national platform a huge financial fright.

UNCLE SAMUEL'S OWN PROPERTY Row of Twelve Figures for Its Expression.

New York Sun. Official figures show the total wealth of the United States as \$107,000,000,000 for the court. Anti-calamity platforms and candidates will undoubtedly be in strong public de-mand next year. The American people are year 1994. The following years added somewhat to that stupendous sum, but the shrinkage of recent months makes us re- fall down upon the shoulders of the averluctant even to estimate the probable age man. He has a deep, musical voice wealth of today. Perhaps there is enough and a whimsical way of expressing himleft to require a row of twelve figures for they are being taught what are the fruits its expression.

The point is perhaps a matter of curiosity rather than of importance, but a special inquiry elicits the information that The republican party will undoubtedly meet this demand with an anti-calamity while his agents report the total wealth platform and candidate. This is plain to of the country, our Uncle Samuel has no record of the value of his own particular all discerning observers now, and will be properties. He is the proprietor of vast plain to everybody within a very few months. Whatever of sanity there is left areas of land, of extensive forests, the in democratic leadership sees that the owner of many buildings, much machinery, warsnips, military equipment, and an assorted lot of property that has cost millions upon millions of dollars. It appears that the institution known as Our Government has no inventory of its various pos-There is a great desire in the east sessions and no knowledge of the aggre-

among persons unfriendly to the progate value of its property. gressive republican policies to make it be made up would probably be obtainable appear that the Taft boom has flattened by a prolonged search in the various departments at Washington. The Interior They even go so far as to speak regretfully of the fact that so nice a department has charge of lands, the Treasman should be suffering so great a disury of public buildings, and other departappointment. And yet there has not ments have charge of other properties. been at any moment in the central west, Whether such a compilation of values is from which Taft indersements have merely neglected or whether it is deliberhitherto come, one single indication of stely avoided we do not know. At any rate the country is rich enough to be infered the slightest loss of strength. On different about the matter, and it is more the contrary, the indications all are that than likely that if the figures were known a blithesome group of financial theorists would insist that the property be made the cations all are that the Taft strength basis of a huge issue of national asset rests directly on a widespread popular

currency. There is more gold and silver in the national treasury than would be needed to pay the national debt, and there are no mortgages on Uncle Sam's real estate. His per cent bonds sell at a premium, and outside of the bonds held as security for deposits and note circulation he has only a little more than \$50,000,000 of outstanding obligations available for investors, Whether his wealth is known or unknown, his credit is unexcelled.

WARNING FROM EXPERIENCEL New England Hint to Iowa Cities on Heating Plants.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The question of establishing in the Iowa city of Des Moines central heating plants, preferably to be owned by the municipality, as a means of overcoming the smoke nulsance and relieving people from the care of their own heating plants, is being discussed and finding advocates. It is de clared in Des Moines that the central heating system plant is being successfully used in Detroit, for example, and that the cost of heat is much reduced there, not to speak of the relief of caring for individual furnaces. It is also stated that a number of smail Iowa towns and cities have these systems and that they are working well. All of which will serve to remind Springfield people of the fact that this thing was tried out in this city and States. That is the first obvious duty finally abandoned. It will be remembered that the local gas light company years maintained a large heating plant, move suggested by good politics and and that the result was not desirable, so common sense. Then let democrats of far as the streets were concerned. Not only was the snow quickly melted, off in scriptions get together and see what winter, but there was involved a constant and most annoying digging up of the surface of the streets. The nuisance of it all finally became so great that the gas light company abandoned this field of its operations, much to the general satisfac-

> Stretching the Suddle Test. Baltimore American.

The president plans to extend his saddle tests to members of the engineer corps of men of the highest honor. They can be the army. It would seem more consistent, trusted. They ought to be protected against as well as more up to date, to eliminate the misdoeds and dishonorable standards the horse in the tests given these gentlewill in no long period of time be the great- of a few unscrupulous bankers who regard men and introduce the automobile. There a bank surplus as merely their own per- is more mechanical training required in

COAL MINE SACRIFICES.

Fearful Price Paid to the Moloch of Puct.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The theory of a cycle in fatalities which causes industrial calamities to occur in groups at various intervals of time will get which the exposition in the Fairmount Coal company's mines at Monongab, W. Va., follows that in the Naomi mine, There had not been a destructive mine explosion in this section for a long time. But the Naomi disaster broke that fortunate exemption and calamity seems to emphasise to the full superstition, a third must follew sooner or later before the tale is

Of course, it would be irrational to believe that an inscrutable Providence decrees at certain intervals that a foreordained succession of mine disasters must take place. But there is enough in the facts to suggest at least this foundation for the theory. While the memory of previous disasters is fresh all are watchful and alert against the causes that may produce such disasters. Owners and superinstates. It would then become the duty of tendents are earnest for ventilating and shutting off gaseous parts of the mines; inspectors and fire bosses are vigilant against all signs of the fatal element and the miners themselves are careful against the perilous combination of gas and naked lamp. But the memory becomes cold. The absence of new disasters engenders a false security. One or another relaxes the constant watchfulness, until finally new disasters come to enforce the lesson that never-sleeping care is the price of safety in mining and even then does not always

secure it. Two such mine calamities coming close together call for thorough and searching investigation. Every aspect of the case should be fearlessly probed, and if there is negligence anywhere it should receive exemplary punishment. For if human life has been sacrificed to negligence or cupidity the manslaughter cannot be stopped unless those responsible for it are made to suffer an adequate penalty.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Chancellor Day's book is being destributed gratis to members of congress. Santa Claus is going to remember only the good boys this year. However, boys of the other kind are hard to find just before Christmas.

While interested in the Harriman-Fish squabble, the country is willing to take for granted that the two gentlemen do not hold each other in high esteem. Diamond importations are reported

smaller in New York than at any time within the last ten years. The point at which people begin to economize! In their war upon ticket speculators, New York theater managers do not seem to

have thought of the simple plan of not selling tickets to the speculators. Vera Fedorovna Kommisarjewkaya, a Russian actress, is coming to this country next spring, just about the time dramatic critics are getting that tired feeling any-

Ninety-four out of 100 young men desiring to enlist in the navy were rejected because of weak hearts, ascribed to cigarettes. In this brief announcement there is the aubstance of a long sermon.

Chief Justice Fuller is defendant in a suit by the building department of Chicago, where he owns a hotel, which, it is alleged, does not conform to law. The case will probably not be carried to the supreme

Senater Borah of Idaho is a massive man with a massive face. His hat we self that at once makes the stranger feel perfectly at home in his company. He's never in too big a hurry to be friendly, and he replies directly to any question.

SUNNY REFLECTIONS.

"Your husband would make any sacrifice or you, wouldn't he?" for you, wouldn't he?"
"Indeed he would; since he read how a
man was polsoned in New York from handling money he has not permitted me to
handle a bit."—Houston Post.

"This subserviency to wealth is simply disgusting. Here Scribbell, the society poet, has written verses to Miss Millyuns' Tairy feet,' and they're as hig as all outdoors. Can you imagine how he could get up any sentiment about them?" "Certainly; such a subject should be all -Baltimore American.

"George must love you."

"Keeps coming to see you with Christ-mas looming up."
"Yes: but he's getting very quarrel-some."—Washington Herald.

Customer-You ask a good deal for your candies, it seems to me. I can get these things at that place around the corner for much less than your prices."

Proprietor-Quite likely. That's a candy kitchen. This is a confectionery parlor.—Chicago Tribune.

"In spite of all de valuables he has to distribute." said Uncle Eben. "Old Santy Claus never ylt was accused of graftin. An' dat's one thing dat makes me suspeck dar ain' no sech person."—Washington

"I like s man with an open countenance."
"Then you ought to meet my friend Stretcher." "Why so?"
"He's always yawning.">Cleveland Plain

"Is he one of those men who suffers in

"No, he's married."-Houston Post. The original tempest had broken out in "I lifted the lid, anyhow," chuckled the The tempest subsided, but the phrase ent thundering down the ages—Chicago original tempest.

SUSPICIOUS CHEERINESS.

St. Louis Republic. Everybody's good to me—
Just as good as good can be—
Just now;
Wife is gentle, kind and sweet,
Gets just what I want to cat.
Murmurs things I wen't repeat—
Just now;

Office boy is most polite—
Just now;
Wants to stay and work at night—
Just now;
Postman has a cheery hall
When he comes in with the mail.
Brings each package without fail—
Just now;

Cook is meeting every wish—
Just now;
Aiways get each longed-for dish—
Just now;
Children never make a noise—
"Quiet papa most enjoys!"—
They are spiendid girls and boys—
Just now;

Friends are dropping in to call-Friends are dropping in to call—
Just now;
Mighty pleasant, one and all—
Just now;
Telling me tig fine to see
Such a cheerful chap as me,
Full of fun and jollity—
Just now;

Elevator boy wears smiles—
Just now;
Waiters ply their deepest wiles—
Just now;
Grocer does the best he can,
Butcher's boy and laundry man
For my comfort seem to plan—
Just now;

Oh, how fine it is to live-I've all the joys that life can give— Just now; What a difference there'll be After Christmas—But, you see. Everylood's good to me— Just now;