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Treasurer. Subscribed in my presence and sworn before me this 2d day of January, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER,

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Count Boni is continuing to justify his wife's insistence on a divorce.

According to the dispatches, the original "Little Egypt" is dead-again.

It is proper that the Thaw trial should have been resumed on wash

A Kansas City grocer sold lemon ex-

tract that contained no lemon, so the

court handed him one. Not many of those indestructible toys given to the children on Christmas

have survived the shock. asks Winifred Black. Probably be-

sum of 30 cents.

that will make him smile. There is only one objection to the court's order barring women spectators from the Thaw trial. It should include morbid men as well.

The financial stringency is surely over, if you believe all the reports printed about the prices being paid by base ball managers for new players.

"Senator Knox has the nucleus of a presidential boom," says a Denver paper. True, but it is disticult to nourish a nucleus without outside assist-

It is hoped that Wu Ting-fang has broken that habit he used to have of asking "How much money have you got?"

to build the biggest refining plant in 000,000, or to an amount less than the liberal purchasers of first orders. They the world in New Jersey. That state funded debt of the city of New York. never asks corporations annoying questions.

addresses

Bailey P. Wagner must have got hold of the 1906 calendar, or he would for this national bank circulation is not have offered annual passes to the not large now, compared with demands they sent agents there to follow them Nebraska state officers. There has for additional circulation. In August been a change.

Senator "Jeff" Davis is bitterly opposed to a large appropriation for the navy. This is a little surprising, as the senator is something of a man-ofwar on his own account.

"I have declined to be a candidate for the presidency fifteen times," says Speaker Cannon. He does not assert, however, that he would decline to be a candidate the next time.

Frank Vanderlip says that New York | 1930, is the nerve center of the United States. At times, perhaps, but not when the house at Washington is in session with Speaker Cannon presiding.

Mayor "Jim" had better hump himplace in the Bryan cabinet. erged for secretary of war

the apportionment, the total number bers will be one thousand. Inasmuch as this is the only convention in which the republicans of the whole state will be called together in proportionate representation during the presidential year, it ought to attract an interest and secure full participation that its importance in its bearing on the election that is to follow would demand.

The location of the convention in Omaha, the first to be held here in nine years, should also arouse local republicans to a sense of responsibility as hosts of this great gathering. Omaha and Douglas county have too often been at disadvantage in convention payable to The Bee Publishing company, only 3-cent stamps received in payment of mail accounts. Personal checks, except on Omaha or eastern exchange, not accepted, out the state were treasured. out the state were unacquainted with our people and the peculiar conditions prevailing in a big city. This convention will give Omaha an opportunity to get in personal touch with the principal active republicans of other sections of Nebraska, an opportunity that should not be let go by default.

From this point of view, the holding of the coming state convention in 36,350 Omaha can and should prove of mutual benefit both to the republicans 36,890 and people generally of Omaha, and to 25...... 36,600 the delegates who will be in attendance from outside.

> POLITICS IN NEGRO DISFRANCHISE-MENT.

The southern plea that the negro so often contradicted by acts of south- as a commercial and editorial success. ern leaders showing that the race prejudice, which is a part of their thriftless negro vote is imperatively per has made blunders and mistakes,

which is to disfranchise the negro.

eliminated the word "negro" from has been a very model of conservative. thriftless negro vote." However much upon the English public of the change of placing an educational test on the paper under the new management. voters, there is no argument on the proposition that the vote of an ignorant, unreflecting, thriftless white "Why does a man lie to his wife?" the negro similarly equipped. The trade gain in a new field cause there is no one else handy at stand this fully, as the "eastern Japanese China never figured to any running an automobile. shore" is said to afford plenty extent in the ledgers of American exof living proof that ignorance, lack of porters before the close of the Russothat American estimate of Count Boni. | monopolized by negroes in Maryland. | Arthur, Dainy and the territory ceded He has sued him for damages in the Back of the recommendation is clearly by Russia to Japan by the treaty of dice as a political expedient to prevent the execution of that treaty the terri-"Meet the bill collector with a republicans from making further in- tory had belonged to Russia, under smile," says the New York World. roads in Maryland. In 1904 one of cession by China, and its wants had Better still, meet him with something Maryland's electoral votes went to been supplied from Russian sources. President Roosevelt, and the republi- This condition no longer prevails, Jacans have shown gains in more recent pan having opened the trade of the elections. It would appear that in section to the United States, with a Maryland, as in other southern states, consequence that the bureau of statisthere is more politics than color in the tics reports exports to that territory race question.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The treasury statement just issued figures the interest-bearing debt of the United States, at the close of business on December 31 last, at \$898,210,050, showing an increase for the year of about \$60,000,000, due entirely to the sale of Panama canal bonds and the certificates of indebtedness issued by Secretary Cortelyou to relieve the money stringency in November. On the other side of the ledger is a surplus of \$270,000,000 in the federal treasury, which, if it could be applied to the liquidation of the indebtedness,

Some interesting financial problems are presented by an analysis of the national debt figures. The debt has been The millennium would be the next reduced rapidly under republican adnumber on the program if state legisla- ministration and could, by the use of tures promptly enacted all the reforms the annual surplus accumulations, be currency system, to keep a bond basis for national bank notes. The basis cent bonds issued during the Spanish-American war may be retired which will doubtless be done, uness such retirement would threaten an injurious effect upon the note circulation. The secretary of the treasury may decide to extend the time of their maturity, reducing the interest rate to 2 per cent, or may replace them by Panama ing immediate trade, but they are canal bonds. The Panama bonds are bardly warranted in expecting the

The situation simply serves notice that modification of our currency sys- new epoch, its government being entem will soon become imperative. The tirely in the hands of men of repubnecessity of keeping a national bond- lican political faith. It is not charged liability in order to furnish a basis that these men were elected to office for bank note circulation has been long solely because they are republicans, but self if he does not want to lose his a subject of dispute. Opinion is too because their fellow citizens had con-De markedly divided among financial ex- fidence in their integrity and ability and we venture to say that even if this Armond and Williams are both being, perts and members of congress to ex- and preferred them above their op-

2 per cent consols will be payable in

The republican state convention to session, though some legislation may people is its recommendation for enselect delegates-at-large to represent be enacted to afford temporary relief. dorsement. The record made in re-Nebraska in the national convention A permanent solution of the currency at Chicago will be held in Omaha problem can not be secured until we one that shines by comparison and af-Thursday, March 12. According to either change or enlarge the basis of fords a good example for the incoming national bank circulation or decide administration. of accredited delegates in round num- definitely upon a policy of a permanent bonded debt.

SALE OF "THE THUNDERER."

While the average American, who thinks of the London Times something as he does of the pyramids, the rocks of Gibraltar and other objects famed for massiveness and solidity, may not be moved by the announcement of the sale of that journal, it almost marks an epoch in English history. For a century and a quarter the Britisher has been taught to look upon the Times, not as a mere newspaper, equipped with editors and presses and the paraphernalia essential to the printing business, but as a great and solemn institution as much a distinctive British institution as the Bank of England. Its transfer to other hands must come to British subjects everywhere like the uprooting of an imposing tra-

The Times, according to authenticated reports, has passed from the Walters family to the management of C. Arthur Pearson, who already owns the London Express, the St. James Gazette, the Morning and Evening River Navigation congress. Local in-Standard, a magazine or two, several weeklies and who has played a master not been so keen since pioneer days. role in upsetting old-fashioned methods of newspaper work in London braska is becoming more and more and forcing modern methods of public- apparent every day and the fact that ity. The Walters family, which has Omaha must take a leading part in the controlled the Times for more than question is a local and social problem | 100 years, will still be represented on in the south, not a political one, and the board of directors, but Mr. Pearthat the north should keep hands off son will be the manager and will dimight be more effective if it were not rect the effort to re-establish the paper

political grounds. Maryland furnishes even necessary support. The circula-Warfield declares that the "elimina- patronage has gradually dwindled be- of the country. tion of the ignorant, unreflecting, low the profit-yielding point. The pademanded." The governor recom- many of them costly. The severest mends a "grandfather clause" amend- blow to its prestige came in the Parment to the Maryland constitution, nell libel suit, with the consequent exsuch as has been adopted by other posure of the Pigott forgeries. Since southern states, the net purpose of then its troubles have been an open secret, and there is little doubt that Less objection could be offered to its owners have been glad to sell on Governor Warfield's demand, if he had advantageous terms. The old paper his recommendation of legislation to orthodox opinion, and it will be more "eliminate the ignorant, unreflecting, than interesting to watch the effect men may differ as to the advisability sure to be made in the character of

NEW ORIENTAL TRADE.

American manufacturers have apfor the year amounting to \$5,690,868.

The exports to this new territory consist of cars for steam railways, locomotives, steel rails, structural iron and steel, wheat flour, nails and spikes, metal-working machinery, boilers and engines, scales and balances, builders' hardware, electrical appliances, pumps and pumping machinery, sewing machines, varnish, traveling bags, safes, lamps and chandeliers. Some of the official students of trade statistics are disposed to look upon this new trade development as promising much for the future. It is hoped that they will not be disappointed, but the history of trade with Japan should not be forgot-The Standard Oil company is going would reduce the total to about \$628,- ten. The enterprising Japanese are buy American machinery and other manufactured products in large quantitles and then their orders cease. Investigation has shown that they use the American products as models and promptly begin the manufacture at home of every article they find adapted it not necessary, under the existing American sewing machines and agricultural implements learned this some years ago, when, encouraged by large orders from Japan for their products, up. Within a year it was discovered of this year \$64,000,000 of the 3 per that the Japanese were making sewing machines and farm implements, modeled very closely after the American patterns, and supplying the domestic trade at prices American makers could not meet.

At all events, American exporters will be on the safe side by taking full advantage of opportunities for extendof anything they can make themselves.

Douglas county has entered upon a pect any thorough-going revision of ponents. That the republican party is generation will

the currency system at the present able to present such candidates to the cent years under republican officials is

As soon as the Omaha double-ender gets matters thoroughly fixed up for the Nebraska republicans it may turn its attention, with some profit to its own party, to conditions prevailing in New York. Public addresses by Grover Cleveland and Morgan J. O'Brien lead to the conclusion that the old-time democracy is awakening from the stupor into which it was plunged by the Bryanites. The anaesthetic must be readministered or trouble will result, unless the O'Brien brand of moral courage is akin to that of Bryan.

and the city be made beautiful, we still remember that the street cleaning department has been under the direction of the mayor ever since "Jim" has been in office. Little responsibility for the deplorable condition of Omaha's streets attaches to the private citizen, but much must be laid at the door of the mayor.

Omaha will surely make a good showing at the Sloux City Missouri terest in the affairs of the river have The importance of the Missouri to Negeneral movement is thoroughly understood.

The president of the Nebraska Bar association deprecates the tendency of newspapers to discuss court decisions While Britishers have been wont to because the editors "are not trained in swear by the Times, the record shows the analysis of judicial pronouncestock in trade, rests almost entirely on that they have not given it liberal or ments." This is not very complimentary to the large number of former the latest illustration in point. In his tion of the paper is admitted to be legal luminaries whose light now message to the legislature Governor less than 75,000, while its advertising shines through the editorial transoms

Increased movement in grain and live stock is needed. Receipts at the Omaha market show a decided improvement. This is an indication that the consumptive demand of the world has not been checked and means that the Nebraska farmer will continue to for so long.

According to the leading Paris newspapers the war between the United States and Japan is still in progress. Some strong nation should intervene before Japan and our own country are depopulated by the slaughter of war.

After all is said and done, the president does not appear to be so very radman is no more desirable than that of parently made a very considerable ical in demanding that an army officer should know as much about the man- about more satisfactory results than the governor of Maryland must under- last year. The territory known as agement of a horse as he does about

Omaha will extend a hearty wel-Prince de Sagar evidently shares reflection and thriftlessness are not Jap war. The territory includes Port come to the Nebraska republicans when they gather here in state convention, and will no less warmly greet the the democratic plan to use race preju- Porismouth. For ten years prior to democrats, too, should they decide to

The newly elected directors of the Commercial club will find many of the old problems still confronting them. That is one place where eternal vigilance is the price of success.

> Squints in that Direction. Washington Herald.

Nebraska presents William Jennings Bryan, Florida presents William James Bryan and now comes Texas with William John Bryan. Is this thing to become epi-

> An Unpopular Machine. New York Post

Prof. Munsterberg disclaims the invenion of truth telling machines. "These instruments," he said, "were invented years for stamps caten by mice. Rats and mice ago." It is pitiful to think how few there are in use while the telephones of the world have secured \$,000,000 subscribers.

One Cause of Mining Accidents. Boston Transcript.

A Pennsylvania coroner thinks cause of the mine disasters is the fact that 94 per cent of the workers cannot not understand the ordinary instructions given them. There may be something

> Bryan Boomers Butt In. Kansas City Times.

One hundred Minnesota democrats have issued a statement declaring that "no man can be seriously considered in place inee for president. To raise no question said: of the propriety of such a statement as coming from Governor Johnson's own urged by governors in their annual wiped out entirely in a few years, were to their needs. Manufacturers of state by the Bryan boomers, what reason have these democrats to suspect that Mr. Bryan will ever again be "considered so riously" as a presidential candidate?

An Exchange of Confidences.

Ex-Secretay Shaw and Governor Cum nins have had a conference. It is a good she had baked a chicken. The chicken was while since they communed with each brought on and I never saw a prettier bird, other, but each of them wants something but it had a peculiar smell. 'Francis, isn't that the other can help him to, and that makes for peace. Shaw wants the state o adopt him as its favorite son, and it won't unless Cummins says so. Cummins wants Senator Allison's seat. Probably stances until the senator is through with it, but Shaw might help him a bit.

Mr. Roosevelt's Influence. St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Were there not a single performance to back President Roosevelt's words, proredeemable on and after 1916 and the Japanese to become steady purchasers vided there were nothing to belie them. they must be held responsible for a great moral awakening and for the fixing of omewhat higher standard of business and political morals than has prevailed. Even and even if most of the cylls that existed before persist, the vigorous assault on life. gal and essentially dishonest methods has traditional southern attitude on sectional a more wholesome atmosphere in which to nourish young men just entering on life generation does not reap the full benefit of the revival in business morals, another

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE,

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Sput.

Seth Bullock, the peace promoter and press agent of Desdwood, while in Washington as a guest of President Roosevelt. recently, was given an impressive lifustra tion of the manner in which the president keeps up steam and conserves the vigorous health for which he is noted. Bullock joined the president in one of his famous walks, a matter of ten miles or so, "We hiked for the tall timber in the northwest part of the District," Seth related. "The farther-When we got to the point at which turned I saw some lights I thought must be in Balitmore or Philadelphia, and asked if we hadn't better stop and see what they had in their chuck basket. But the Big Chief loped straight back to Washington, and when we reached the White House was all in. I haven't felt right since!

sioner of internal revenue, was one of the guests at the little luncheon party and as stories of the profession were in order, he told this one concerning dentistry in the proposition that streets be kept clean Blue Grass state. A patient entered the dental purlors of one of Mr. Yerkes' friends in Louisville. The man's eyes were bloodshot and he was bearing several other marks of a condition for which he could not be blamed, considering he had a severe toothuche.

> right away," he groaned. The dentist made an examination and then asked if cold water made it worse. "Cold water!" snorted the patient, in

the deepest disgust. "Cold water! How in the h- should I know?"

in Washington over Sunday, when the lid is bolted on, delivered himself of a few pertinent remarks in the Washington Herald on Sunday restrictions which are applicable to other communities. "Washington is the deadest place on Sunday I ever "The capital of the na tion should receive its guests with wideopen arms and make them feel welcome The old puritanical towns could not have been conducted with greater severity than this, our own capital city of the nation Just think of it-can't get shaved on Sunday; might as well shut down the water works and argue that the people should e able to do without taking their accustomed morning bath. Shaving is just as necessary as taking one's bath. It all depends upon the viewpoint one takes. There s harm in everything, if one hunts for it. I think there should be a little more confidence, a little more milk of human kindness; a little more breadth of mind, and a great deal less suspicion and desire to criticise and find fault, in the hearts of those noble, self-sacrificing brothers and sisters who stand around the streets and definition is that it is composed of chopped preach that the world is growing worse every day and find fault with the whole

"That's where the mistake is made. It that one is bad and will surely go to the done. The very object which they seek to every now and then? It would really do scrapple. my soul good to hear someone say the world is not as black as it is painted.

"There is no harm in innocent amusement on Sunday. Give the people an opportunity to spend their Sunday at places which are properly conducted-where they can listen to good music or see a good show-and you will do more for the moral uplift than by robbing them of every little pleasure, and thereby driving them into questionable grow!" amusements. I think kind treatment brings everlasting rod."

In the last fiscal year it cost the government \$163,367.24 to pay for postage stamps and postal funds of various sorts that were stolen, burned, blown or washed away, eaten by rats or mice, or lost in other ways through which the postmasters were not as

As a rule the man with the flark lantern and the jimmy wends his way to the postoffice when he strikes a village after nightfall. The government's local manager isn't as particular about caring for the treasure postoffice "haul" may not yield the returns of a bank robbery, but usually it is an

In the last year the United States paid its postmasters \$141,134.24 to reimburse them for stamps and postal funds taken by uninvited guests. Fire destroyed money and stamps worth \$20,002.81, and stamps and thought. funds to the value of \$1,658.65 were lost in

transit. From miscellaneous sources the loss was \$506.08. At Casco, Va., the postmaster presented proof that rats chewed up stamps worth \$7.90. The postmaster at Bowen Ark.; Extray, W. Va.; Fern, Ark.; Harworth, Miss., and Wolf Creek, Ky., were allowed claims ranging from 90 cents to \$15.69 did not invade the Texas postoffices, but at Ariola, in the Lone Star state, a company of festive roaches had a banquet at the expense of Uncle Sam's postmaster. postmaster presented a bill for \$3.63 to defray the cost of the dinner, but the department disallowed it on the ground that the loss was due to the negligence of the postmaster or his employes.

One of the best story-tellers in the house is Francis W. Cushman, and the short time ago, while making an afterdinner speech in his usual humorous style Cushman said when he first came to Washington he had to answer a great many questions as to himself, his state, and other of Mr. Bryan" as the democratic nom- things. One of the many strangers he met

> "Mr. Cushman, didn't J. Hamilton Lewis come from your state?" "He did," replied the new congressman.

"Great scott! are all the people in Washington state freaks?" Sometimes, however, Mr. Cushman tells a story on some one else, occasionally his wife. "When I was first married," said he. "I went home to dinner one day, and my wife took great pride in telling me that

that pretty?' asked my wife 'It is indeed, but what gives it such a strange odor?" 'It does smell funny,' said Mrs. Cushman. 'I can't imagine the cause. "On investigation we found that the chicken had been cooked without cleaning

gethers." Bascomb Slemp, the new congressman rom the Ninth Virginia district, who succeeded his father, the late Representative Campbell Stemp, and became in his turn the only republican member from the old dominion, is of medium height and rather slender, with a thin face, which is made interesting by large brown eyes that are up in his state what he calls a southern

republican party, which shall follow the

questions but strictly republican upon na

it inside; in other words, "in the all-to-

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—Senator H. R. Miller announced today that he had with drawn from the race for governor,

PERSONAL NOTES.

William R. Smith, superintendent of the Imposing Row of Figures Lined Up in National Botanical garden, Washington has 600 editions of Robert Burns, several of them very rare, If the constable who came near putting

the earl of Yarmouth in juil the day of the wedding had but carried out his intentions much trouble would have been

fight, and each performs a veritable miracle by keeping afloat. P. N. Dasholoff, editor of the Vatcherna Pochta, of Sofia, Bulgaria, has arrived n New York to study the situation. having heard that Bulgarian immigrants employment and from other reasons. He will write a series of articles when he re-

regarding immigration to this country

through his paper. Colonel Charles H. Whipple of the United States army on Thursday assumed the duties of paymaster general of the army. with the rank of brigadier general. He is a son of Bishop Whipple of the Episcopa diocese of Minnesota, who was generally known as "the apostle of the Indians, and to the Indians themselves as "Old Straight Tongue." General Whipple was born in New York in 1849 and entered the

army as a major in 1881. "It's awful doctor, and I want it fixed Photographic facsimiles of documents which enabled Henry F. Waters, after years of search among probate records, to is something more than encouraging-it is "get his fingers upon John Harvard," and establish beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt the birth and parentage of th young clergyman who founded the great American university, are now in the pos-A New York banker who happened to be session of William, Coolidge Lane, librarian of Harvard university, and president of the Harvard Memorial association

> MYSTERY OF SAUSAGES. Michigan Judge Thinks the Court

Knows What's What. Philadelphia Record.

Judge Wiest of Michigan has decided that bran and commeal soaked with water mixed with a larger or smalled proportion of chopped meat, reasoned and stuffed into sausage casings do not constitute sausage A firm of packers was seeking an injunc tion to restrain the dairy and food commissioner of Michigan from interfering with the sale of their sophisticated "frankfurters," which admittedly were made after a receipt calling for an admixture of "cereals"-the commission calling it "adulter ants." Said Judge Weist in refusing writ:

"With the general public of this generation largely reared on farms and in small villages, and remembering home-made sausage, there is no occasion to look at a dictionary to define sausage. The common meat seasoned."

One can almost hear the learned justice smack his lips. It's an easy bet that he was raised on a farm. Cereals go with is extremely thresome to be told every day sausage very well; but we prefer to take them in the form of flaplacks or hot cakes. eternal bow-wows unless this or that be on the side, and not inside of our nicely browned casings of "chopped meat seashare the prosperity that has been his attain by their preachments-that is, to soned." The whole nation thanks the judge bring the sinner and the frivolous into line for his homely and horse-sensible defini--is defeated by these everlasting tirades, tion. When we desire "chopped meat sea-Why not say a good word for humanity soned" plus "cereals" we shall call for

WATCH THINGS GROW.

But Lend a Helping Hand to the Im pressions of the Eye.

their growth. He also watches how his dodder, plantain and wild celery grow that A faded rose, a desert place.

A white world with a pallid face. he may prevent their growth For 1908 we should watch the growth of production and prosperity. We should

also watch the weed growth that tries to appropriate the whole field for itself. Watching and aiding the growth of public intelligence to deal with issues that affect An icebound brook, a silent glen. the earnings of the people may be a very edifying pursuit this year. Also watching the growth of practices that engross the returns of industry and uprooting them where they are clearly manifested is no less salutary.

We congratulate Mr. Harriman on having said a wiser thing than he really thought. Watching things grow with the essential deduction of encouraging the healthy growth and weeding out the noxious is a first-class motto for 1908.

A barren land, a frozen morn, A stiffened hand on hilt and horn; A white, old figure, wan of mood. Bringing few fagots from the wood—But all the way for me from town. And all the rosy dream-way down. The sunshine of her golden smile.

FABULOUSLY BICH NATION.

the Nation's Assets.

Philadelphia Telegraph

One billion and a half, a sum almost beyoud mortal conception, represents the national assets; the money in circulation year is \$3,000,000,000. It has been pointed out eral treasury to \$345,246,560. The value of domestic merchandise exported is \$1,83,718. 000, and that of all manufactures \$14,802, According to various armor-piercing critics 147,000; The farm wealth of the country there isn't a navy in the world that could produced in 1997 is in round figures \$7.412. 200,000; the added mineral wealth for the year is \$30,00,000,000. It has been pointed out with truth during the October "panic" that the national prosperity is not based on Wall street, and its workings, but more deeply, on the country's vast agricultural in this country are suffering from lack of production. If this is the case-and it surely is an inventory of various crops reveals figures to comfort and cheer. That turns home, and will try to give advice he who reads may learn, the values of the various farming industries are presented herewith: Wheat, \$500,000,000; cotton, \$875,-000,000; corn, \$1,350,000,00; hay, \$660,000,000; poultry and eggs, \$600,000,000; dairy products, \$173,765.000; live stock, \$4,875,000,000; This sum representing our commerce with foreign nations in 1907 has more than trebled in the past three decades, and this year is the third running in which both exports and imports have totaled more than \$1,000,000,000. This statement of our national assets, this inventory of the fundamental prosperity of our country and its constitutient states relieves all carping

## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

inspiring.

care, all need for financial worriment. It

"Many a boy," said Uncle Jerry Peebles. "gets a whipping for being merely sus-pected of doing the things his father was too slick to get caught at when the old man was a boy himself."—Chicago Tribune.

First American Heiress-How about your Second Ditto-Mine was of no account. First American Heiress-And mine was baron waste.—Baltimore American.

"Your colleague has a certain amount of vanity," said one stateman.
"Vanity!" school the other. "He thinks everybody ought to buy the city directory because his name is in it."—Washington

"Why," asked the divorced count, "do "Why," asked the divorced count, "up you refuse me?"
"I am afraid," replied the beautiful American girl, "that I might not be able to support you is the style to which you have been accustomed."—Chicago Record-

"Why do you wear such a hideous rig?" the chauffeur was asked.
"Why does a highwayman wear mask?" responded the man behind the goggles.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Miss Tartun—Mr. McBash, this being leap year, let me ask you—
Diffident Young Man (hastily interrupting)—Oh. I beg of you Miss—
Miss Tartun—If you think any self-respecting young woman would go out of her way to ask a dub like you to marry her.—Chicago Tribune.

Molly-Cholly's brains are all in his feet Dolly-Dear me! And how long ago did b have his feet amputated?-Cleyeland

THE WINTER WORLD.

Baltimore Sun A barren land, a frozen world,
The banners of the greenwood furled;
A wandering bird, alone and lost.
Upon the eddying whiriwind tossed;
A road o'erwhelmed with drifted snow-A road o'erwhelmed with drive But spring before me, where I From mundane mill and crowd Unto the heaven of her heart!

Pittsburg Despatch.

Mr. E. H. Harriman, asked by a New York newspaper to give a watchword for the new year, suggested "Watch things grow!"

It is a good idea and reaches further.

A wall of sleet, a ruined field, The blooms of joy in shadows sealed; A frozen stream, a windy hill, A vale with all bijthe voices still—But summer, with its old, sweet spell, And down the hyacinthine dell, A voice that lures to lands where rise. The jasper gates of paradise!

than its proponent realized. We should not only watch things grow, but also watch how things grow that we may help some to grow and hinder others. The progressive farmer watches how his corn, wheat and alfalfa grow that he may aid their growth. He also watches how his

A temple where the forest trees
Stand with their pendant, snowy frieze,
A swinging step, a jaunty air
Of whistled nonchalance to care.
As out of frost, and wind, and blight
Love steps into her warm heart-light?

Sans all the summer's merry men.
All elfin shapes and fairy folk—
Not ev'n a lonely gnome to yoke
The firefly charlots and away
To light the blooms at break o' day—
Except, beneath love's roof, where sur
Rose gardens in the heart of her!

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Included in this 20 per cent discount sale you will find our entire stock of men's and boys' hats and caps [except

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