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

It appears that the California lawmakers are guilty, if Schmitz and Ruef

Senator Beveridge has issued warning that he will talk on the tariff question on January 29.

That movable war between Japan and the United States is being pulled off in Paris this week.

Let us hope that the weather man will not even up the score by handing us a severe winter next spring.

mades deserves credit at least for refusing to place the blame on anyone

Colonel William Lightfoot Visscher may have to be rechristened in his old age Colonel William Light-trigger Visscher.

Blame the postal officials if you have not received your invitation to the Vanderbilt-Szechenyi wedding. They have been sent out.

The next move will be for the water debate out at one session.

as a batter.

to support such a view.

The decision in the Schmitz case in California furnishes an illustration of tion to the plea in intervention, exthe fact that the technicalities of the law seem always to operate for the that the issues involved are the same benefit of the accused.

John Kendrick Bangs begins a poem with, "When I would buy a cake of soap that's suited to my mind." A real poet ought to keep his mind clean without the use of soap.

no reason why Brooklyn should feel particularly proud of the fact.

A Philadelphia author has put a book entitled "Ready Made Speeches" on the market. There may be some sale for it among those who do not have access to the Congressional Record.

been removed from a number of bank directorates in New York, has been frozen out of the Içe trust which he law, but grew out of offenses preorganized.

ocratic administration, they will take merely to allow time for the compleadvantage of the coming opportunity tion of cases already instituted. to put their municipal government . If the supreme court sustains the his best client for the honor to which perts believe the count will succeed in his Island by casting him out of the State main in safe republican hands.

FOR A RAILWAY MAIL DIVISION. arranging the organization of the railway mail service and in this rearrangement Omaha should be made one of the division headquarters. At present there is no division headquarters of the railway may service between Chicago and St. Louis on the east and San Francisco on the west. The natural growth of the business of the Postoffice department has made imperative the creation of at least two

One of these new divisions must be in the central west, where only two cities are in position to present claims for the headquarters, namely, Omaha and Denver. As against Denver, Omaha has so many superior advantages that it ought easily to secure the preference, providing our delegation in congress goes to the front with determination and energy. Omaha is the gateway of the principal artery of transcontinental mail traffic, where would be as well to refer the query to George. That settles it. railroad routes converge over which 700 railway postal clerks are em- Enquirer, the New York Sun, the Louisployed. Omaha has facilities for housnew federal building and in every cratic newspapers that have been

or three additional divisions.

purpose. The only advantage Denver has is its location nearer the geographical 36,350 22...... 36,300 center of the division, but the arrangetheir respective divisions.

> 36,444 is a subject which our Commercial which he has been the most ardent club and our citizens generally will do and eloquent advocate? well to take up.

FARMERS AND PARCELS POST. answer to the resolution adopted by like 1.865,000, confined rigidly and any hold on the voters unless its plat- quent moral suasion. altogether to men actually engaged in forms and declarations embody much, farming as a vocation, and one of the if not all, of Bryan and Bryanism. cardical principles is that the organirectly and individually interested

The preamble to the resolutions adopted by the farmers answers the arguments proposed by the retail mer-Those Kentucky night riders may chants and the express company complead in mitigation that most of the bine against the parcels post propositobacco was raised to be burned, any- tion. The farmers are clearly sincere in their declaration and their wishes should have more weight with congress than the pleas of paid lobbyists who have taken the contract to defeat or delay all parcels post measures.

DOES THE ELKINS LAW APPLY? In its effort to escape payment of the \$29,240,000 fine imposed against it by Judge Landis in the federal court at Chicago, the Standard Oil company is naturally resorting to every resource works manager and the water board afforded by the law to bring the quesattorney to hire a hall and have the tion before the highest judicial authorities for adjudication. The latest effort in this direction is the request of A Broadway hatter was discharged the parent company, unopposed by the from the Thaw jury because he testi- attorney general, to be allowed to infied that he had never heard or read tervene in the case pending in the about the Thaw case. Now he is mad United States supreme court against the Great Northern, which was fined \$15,000 for granting rebates on ship-If any medical man is working on a ments from Minneapolis to Seattle, theory to establish appendicitis as an and which appealed the case to the suinfectious disease he can get a lot of preme court. The oil company has good material here in Omaha tending intervened, on the theory that the questions involved are the same as those in its own case. Attorney General Bonaparte has offered no objeccept to state that he refuses to admit York or Newport, where his title

in both cases. The point raised in both cases, however, is one that must cause more or less confusion until finally passed upon by the highest judicial authority. Both claim that the new federal lican state committee on presidential rate bill, known as the Hepburn law, By the completion of a new tunnel repealed the Elkins law which pro-Brooklyn is only five minutes from vided penalties for rebating. One of one dissent was registered by a Roose-Wall street. Still, there seems to be the clauses of the Hepburn bill reads: Provided, that nothing contained in this act shall affect any prosecution or other proceedings, criminal or other wise, begun under any existing act. hereby amended, but such prosecution or proceeding, criminal, shall proceed

as if this act had not been passed.

The contention of the defendants is that this act provided for prosecution of only such cases as had been commenced under the Elkins law before High Financier Morse, after having the adoption of the Hepburn law. The prosecutions of the Standard Oll and the Great Northern were Instituted given the coldest deal of all by being after the Hepburn bill had become a that they will support Senator Knox viously committed and were, therefore, commenced under the Eikins ises are common with Pennsylvania South Omaha is getting ready for its law. The question, while a little hazy spring municipal election. If the peo- to laymen, is clearly one demanding they fail to stand hitched after about ple of South Omaha balked at annexa- judicial interpretation. The defendtion last fall because it would have ants hold that it was the intent of transferred them simply from one dem- congress to have no other cases comocratic administration to another dem- menced under the Elikus law, but

likelihood, enact some legislation re- money involved is large, the real the deck. question is whether the government may get after old offenders or must against the new rate law.

> DEMOCRATIC PARTY - MINUS BRYAN. The esteemed Springfield (Mass.) Republican, an independent newspaper of decidedly republican tendencies but with pronounced mugwump views when it comes to the Philippines and tariff questions, offers food for reflection, political speculation and cold consideration of existing conditions, when it says:

Suppose, in one of his innumerable railroad journeys, Mr. Bryan should be lature post haste. accidentally killed? That would instantly eliminate him as a living personality and force him from American politics. What would happen then to the democratic

The question is simple, but the ansthe Washington Post, the Cincinnati Bryan and the nomination of some the safety appliance law. other candidate.

The proposition then resolves itself into the query: What is the demoment of railway mail service divisions cratic party without Mr. Bryan? 26 36,680 not in the center, but, as it were, at Mr. Bryan represents in personified the port of entry of the principal vol- and emphasized form? What would ume of the mail. Omaha would be happen and what would be the party's \$0...... 36,110 situated for the proposed new division prospects if Mr. Bryan should be \$1...... 36,510 in precisely the same position as are eliminated from its counsels? Should now situated Chicago and St. Louis in Bryan pass from the party, would his ideas not pass with him? Would not, be. The establishment of railway mail rather, his following remain to idealservice division headquarters at Omaha ize him and to idealize the issues of

The notice that the so-called "conservative" democrats could take administratorship of the Bryan ideas The Farmers National union has and operate them to the profit of the decided by a practically unanimous party is too absurd for sober considvote to ask congress to pass a parcels eration. Even with Bryan removed past bill, as recommended by Post- or eliminated, Bryanism would remain master General Meyer. The import- and it would be solidly arrayed against ance of the decision is that it comes in all plans which the democrats of the "enemy's country" might want to subvarious associations of retail mer- stitute for them. Eliminate Bryan chants and commercial bodies protest- and there would not be left enough of ing against the proposed plan. The the party to hold a back-room confersignificant feature of the situation is ence to determine what should be done that this demand comes from the con- in an emergency. His following, sumer and not from the dealer, either beaded by some leader, is absolutely esthe manufacturer, the jobber or the sential to the reorganization of a party middle man. The Permers union of opposition to the republican poli-exemplary penalties has a more reformclaims a membership of something cles. No democratic party can gain atory effect than numerous years of elo-

The democratic party, with Bryan zation must not be used by politicians and Bryanism eliminated, would cut nism retained and endorsed, the party can have little hope of holding the support of the eastern democrats, without which democratic victory is an impossibility. Looking at the situation either way, the democrats cannot find much comfort in prospect for the battle of 1908.

All the state institutions are taking to the suggestion that Governor Sheldon make a personal inspection and then incorporate in his next message to the legislature recommendations as to their respective needs. That sounds very well but will the officers and employes and other boosters who usually make up the lobby for these institutions agree in advance not to ask for more than the governor says they are entitled to?

If may be, and is doubtless true, that Colonel William Lightfoot Visscher is one of the oldest and best loved members of the Chicago Press club," but that does not justify the obsolete practice of making the hip pocket a loaded arsenal under the influence of liquor. In the meanwhile both the sobered-up colonel and the shot-down police officer have our deep-felt sympathy.

A man who has proof that he is an English earl in hard luck has been unable to get a job, even as a day laborer, in St. Louis. He hit the wrong town. He should go at once to New would command a premium, a wife and a fixed allowance for the maintenance of his ancestral castles and the pay- gage has to be demonstrated. ment of his tailors.

The announced vote of the repubpreference requires correction. was not 26 to 1, but 27 to 1, and the velt enthusiast who has not yet found his way clear to making his second choice for Taft his first choice.

Judge Alton B. Parker has aroused himself from his slumber long enough to assert that President Roosevelt caused the panic "in November, 1907." While opinion may differ on that subject, it is universally admitted that Mr. Roosevelt caused the Parker panic "in November, 1904."

Pennsylvania republicans declare to the last ditch in his fight for the presidential nomination. Such promrepublicans, but the record shows that the third ballot.

The Dahlman Democracy certainly ambition of former Attorney General Smyth up against an endorsement of contention of the Great Northern, the he was aspiring. Those Dahlman undertaking.

fine against the Standard will never Democracy fellows seem to have a ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON. The present congress will, in all be collected. While the amount of habit of dealing from the bottom of

> Chicago women have pledged themconfine its prosecution to offenders selves to wear in their hats the plumage of no birds save crows. Of course the crows have to be killed, anyway, to keep the political menu supplied, and it would be foolish to waste the feathers in these times of financial stress.

> > We may get to some governmentenforced plan of bank deposit guarantee along the line of that with which Oklahoma is experimenting, but there is no such hurry about it as to demand an extra session of the Nebraska legis-

The Omaha Philosophical society has at last furnished the clue to the recent financial panic. It is all because of our failure to embrace the single tax wer is not nearly so easy. Perhaps it on land values as preached by Henry

"How many railroads are there in ville Courier-Journal, the Charleston the country?" asks a subscriber. We ing the division headquarters in its News and Courier and other demo- do not know the exact number, but the government is going to bring suit clamoring for the elimination of Mr. against 342 of them for violations of

> Just for the Fun of It. Chicago News. If Taft gets the nomination on the first were joking all the time,

Experience as a Test.

Chicago Record-Herald. Admiral Dewey does not share the pessimistic opinions concerning our navy. He found on a certain well-remembered occasion that it was all it was cracked up to

Flouting a Diagnosis.

Washington Herald. A prominent physician says the grip prevalent this winter has been of an unusually

mild variety. Those who have had it wouldn't believe such a statement even if a preacher made it. Uplift of the Downtrodden. Cleveland Leader The theatrical managers have combined

for mutual protection against the auto-

cratic actor. At last, the poor, downtrodden and timid creatures of the box office are going to be able to raise their heads without having them immediately punched into raspherry jelly.

Fines Outcinss Moral Sussion. Pittsburg Despatch. Members of the Interstate Commerce ommission are pleased to note that railroad managers are very carefully obeying the law. This, if fully verified by subsement events, will not only be satisfactory. but will also attest that a succession of

An Error of the Head.

Kansas City Star. The state of Nebraska threatens to bring suit against Balle Waggener of Kansas because Mr. Waggener, as attorney for the or for the advocacy of any measure in little figure in the results of a na- Missouri Pacific, sententificad passes to the The man who hoasts of being self- which farmers as a class are not dithat state it is contrary to law to even offer a railroad pass to a public official. But Mr. Waggener's explanation that the passes were sent by mistake can readily be accepted. How could he suspect that any modern officer would refuse a pass?

Shaving on Sunday.

Kansas City Journal. Whether shaving a man on Sunday is an act of moral fitness or propriety, there will be many minds. Shaving is an act of cleanliness, which is next to godliness, and many men, perhaps the majority, cannot perform this office upon themselves; hence the necessity of calling upon a barber to do it for them. If any human occupation is permissible as an act of moral fitness or propriety on the Sabbath day, it would seem that one which makes men clean should have prime consideration.

Where the Fleet is Resting.

New York Tribune Every travelor in South America recognizes Rio Janeiro as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The effect it promore to the repression of unsightly crudities. Its buildings are handsome and its vacant spaces are not married by monstrous billboards. This result has been brought about partly by civic pride and a the enlisted men." ecognition of the commercial value of beauty and partly by the taxing of signs of all sorts. This tax is graded according to size so that it becomes unprofitable to maintain large billboards; and in consequence such signs as there are are small and artistic. Incidently the city gets a considerable revenue from its tax on outdoor advertising.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Rockefeller's failure to tip the barber was doubtless due to confusion. He

was all bald up. When a foreign "nobleman" arrives a a New York hotel now the title is not examined, but the genuineness of his bag The French still lead in culinary liter-

four volumes of five hundred pages each has just been issued in Paris. The Butterick Publishing Company of New York announces that Theodore Drieser, for the past year managing editor of the Broadway Magazine, has taken charge

of the editorial department of the Delin-The Longmans, London publishers, an nounce that they will publish Austin Brereton's authorized biography of Sir ienry Irving in the autumn, and they apeal to the owners of letters from Sir

The historic building which was part of Governor Tryon's palace, near Newbern, N. C., before the revolutionary war, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. The building was used as a residence by James B. Duffy, and was in a state of excellent preservation notwithstanding its extreme

Henry to lend them to the author.

Senator Eugene Hale of Maine, when he completes his present term, will have been a senator for thirty years, nearly one-half his life. Besides his service in the senate, he served ten years in the ouse and three in the Maine legislature, thus rounding out a legislative career of he is now serving.

Count Z -in of Berlin proposes to and suffered martyrdom. build an airship to carry a hundred persons. He calculates that it will only be longer than his latest airship, which is 137

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. There is nothing to indicate at this time the intention of the president in filling the vacancies in the grade of brigadier general occurring on January 27 by the retirement of Brigadier General Medorem Crawford thing, as the committeemen no doubt as and on January II by the retirement of a whole pretty well represented the senti-Brigadier General J. M. K. Davis, It is ment of their localities. not safe to assume that the president has adopted the policy represented in the appointments of Generals Charles S. Smith, for presidential nomination. They should Crawford and Davis. He is just as liable have malice toward none and a respectful

to depart from this plan of selecting colonels on the verge of retirement and appoint a lieutenant colonel or even a capinterest attaches, however, to the appoint- tory if they were the choice of the nament of a major general, vice Major General A. W. Greely, who has been placed March 37. The oldest brigadier general who countles in the matter of holding primar- rives he is liable to succumb. retires after General Greely and who would jes in advance of the state and congresbe eligible to appointment in the next higher grade is Brigadier General Charles faction. Decision as to holding a pri-B. Hall, who will be retired on August 29. It is possible the president will enable that central committee, which will usually be most of them now worry over troubles that officer to go on the retired list as a major general. The senior brigadler is Frederick ing. There are some counties where the

of staff of the army have, as a result of granted. personal examination of articles of furniture, approved the standard samples of heavy furniture which will be installed, at government expense, in the quarters of the how to administer affairs. This was army officers. The samples adopted are those of the dining room table, dining room chairs (side), dining room chairs (arm), desk, sideboard, parlor table, chest of drawers and bookcase. The furniture ballot, as President Roosevelt predicts, the is plain in design, durable in construction secretary of war whom he had learned to now existing places the headquarters What is the party without the things other candidates can pretend that they and well finished. Plans and specifications trust so thoroughly the past few years. So will be prepared at once in the quarter- while recognizing the ability and the work master general's office with a view to in- done by others it is not surprising that viting bids for furnishing these articles. people feel that Secretary Taft is the The proposals will be opened by the depot man. Give us Taft for president and a quartefmaster in New York. Upon the man like La Foliette or Hughes for vice amount of the contract will depend to president and the country will have nothwhat extent the furniture may be pur- ing to fear. chased for issue during the present fiscal year. It is roughly estimated that four. and possibly five, items on the approved tary Taft in Nebraska for the presidenlist will be acquired. This would furnish tial nomination, the meeting of the state the dining room table, the dining room central committee was a surprise even to chairs of both patterns, and the desk and the friends of the big war secretary. After possibly the sideboard out of the allotment | having decided to submit the question of at present available. All the quarters will presidential preference to the voters of be furnished with the articles as rapidly the state by means of the primary plan as possible, and it is expected the distribu- the committee concluded it was inconsist tion will begin early in April.

> gone beyond a reasonable limit-that is a bers of the committee and Taft received vative army officers who appreciate the for Roosevelt. So far as Nebraska revalue of the exercise, but who also believe publicans are concerned they are as solthat there is something else than equestrian gymnastics either as a standard of Bryan. individual military fitness or as a means ninety-mile, three-day ride, on a time party of Nebraska certainly is. tie of its author. It is a good way to create vacancies and beyond that it has nothing to commend it.

The general staff of the army has made a voluminous report at the instance of the president in order to show in what way it will be possible to "equalize the attractiveness of the army for enlisted men with that of the navy." The report goes contained in the following paragraph;

in part to the feeling of discouragement out and pull the wires President Roose duces is partly due to its location but still correction of the evils considered here time. would largely dissipate this feeling, but it is not to be denied that the commissioned grades need legislative help to improve their position only in a less degree than

There was only one successful candidate who survived the examinations at West Point and San Francisco for appointment to the position of dental surgeon in the army. Many candidates presented themselves, but most of them failed and withdrew early in the proceedings. The one candidate who proved to be qualified in Dr. John R. Ames of Baltimore, Md., who will be appointed to the only vacancy which exists among the dental surgeons of the army. It was hoped to obtain additional dentists who came up to the requirements so that the surgeon general of the army might establish an eligible list from which appointments might be made. As it is, another examination will probably be held during the coming summer, with a view to obtaining qualified candidates. There will probably be two examinations for ature. A new edition of a cook-book in the convenience of candidates who wish to appear, one board meeting at West Point and the other in San Francisco,

A MARTYR TO FREE SPEECH. Eastern View of an Exagerated Squabble in Nebruska.

New York World. What is the matter with Nebraska? Is freedom of speech so horrid a crime on the wind-swept plain of the western commonwealth? Cannot E. Benjamin Andrews utter a passing word of regard for John D. Rockefeller without starting the rumor that he is to be forced to resign the chancellorship of the State university at Lincoin? Cannot a college president live at peace with the Standard Oil and solicit its president's philanthropy without falling under the ban of local prejudice? The offense imputed against Chancellor

Andrews seems to be that his views have been tainted by the prospect of tainted money. It is a fashion set from on high in the White House to denounce Mr. Rockefeller's trust and all its works. It was the fashion ten or twelve years ago in Rhode Island, when Chancellor Andrews was president of Brown university, to denounce forty-three years if he finishes the term free sliver and its allied follies, but Chancellor Andrews stuck to his convictions

Nebraska sympathized with him in his exile and reviled New England for caststooped to a mean trick in putting the necessary to build it twenty-six feet ing out one of the enlightened. It is not possible that Nebraska new could persecute feet long and which carried eleven persons him for daring to take the unpopular aide in addition to 3,300 pounds of ballast. Ex- and prove itself as little as little Rhode

PRESIDENT MAKING IN NEBRASKA

Wayne Herald: The action of the republican state central committee at Lincoin yesterday in expressing its preference for Taft for president does not bind the republicans of Nebraska to the Ohio man but is a straw which indicates some-

Tekamah Herald: The sensible republicans will not be hostile to any aspirant consideration of the claims of all. Taft and La Follette seem to be in the lead in tional convention. Beatrice Express; The plan adopted

sional convention will give general satisdisposed to act in accord with local feel- never come. caucus is preferred, and others where the expense and work of a primary are gladly The quartermaster general and the chief assumed in return for the privilege

Holdrege Citizen: Secretary Taft is man of large experience and he has shown by his varied experience that he knows

Fremont Tribune: As an indication of the strength of the candidacy of Secreent for it to adopt a resolution favoring the nomination of Taft, and so laid it on The requirements which are being made the table. But, subsequently, a vote was by the president in horsemanship have taken to ascertain the choice of the memview which is being expressed by conser- every vote but one, that one being voted idly for Taft as the democrats are for

St. Paul Republican: If ever a politiof developing military efficiency. The ex- cial organization was in excellent condiaction that hereafter there shall be a tion to enter a campaign, the republican limit will accomplish little or nothing to- closing terms of the republican state offiward making officers more qualified to class, and the work of the last legisladischarge their duties in the field and it ture on record, they will go before the will surely add to the discontent which is people with every pledge made in their already sufficient among the commissioned platform of two years ago, fulfilled. personnel. It introduces an element of Never before in the history of the state. practice and training to meet this unusual has any party made so great a progress demand-a demand, by the way, which or undertaken and carried out so much may not be continued by Mr. Roosevelt's real work, in the interests of the people successor in the White House. The whole With the organization in good working proceeding is spasmodic and characteristhe people, there can be no question as to the result. The party can be congratulated that they are able to go to the voter and ask for his suffrage, with no apolo gies to make.

Calloway Queen: A short time ago President Roosevelt gave notice to all federal office holders that he did not wish them to in any manner recommend him for renomination. Roosevelt policy in this matter, someon very fully into the question, describing has advanced the names of Senator the inducements at present offered to encourage enlisted men to make the army Sheldon as delegates at large to the naa life occupation. An interesting part of tional republican convention next June. the report is that which discusses the re-movel of causes of dislike to the soldier's against those gentlemen, we think they life. It is of interest to officers that have honor enough in their present pothe report concludes with two short para- sition, and that this nonor belongs to graphs, one urging the necessity of replac- others. The name of Victor Roosewater ing with extra officers those who are on in his connection is all right, and we detached duty. The other suggestion is think the balance of the delegates at large should be chosen outside of those "A keener interest on the part of some who are now honored with their present officers in the weifare of their men is positions. While we believe the gentleneeded. Generally this is all that could men named would act with honor, their be desired, but it is not always so. That appointment would place them and their it is not due in part to an element of unfit appointees in the same position as Presofficers. Their elimination is as necessary ident Roosevelt and the federal officers as the elimination of unfit men. It is due would find themselves should they get manifest now throughout all ranks. The velt does not want pulled just at this

THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Slacken Your Pace and Lengthen Your Days. New York Herald.

Physicians have long been preaching the doctrine that American business men live too fast. With the telegraph, the ocean cable, the telephone and other modern faellities the man of affairs can do in one hour work that formerly would have occupled six. It might be thought his working day would correspondingly be shortened. Nothing of the sort has occurred. The speed with which trade can be effected has simply accelerated his pace, and he not only works faster, but more hours than Nebraska. The Herald has a preference ever, with corresponding increase of busitain. The situation opens the door very for La Follette, this does not signify but ness and responsibilities. To keep up this widely to rampant conjecture. Principal what other candidates would be satisfac- energy he cats too much-sometimes drinks too much-for a man who spends most of his working hours at his deak and takes no open air exercise. Physical deterioraon leave of absence in anticipation of his by the republican state central committee tion is inevitable, and when a period of retirement, under operation of law, on last night in making it optional with more than usual strees and anxiety ar-

What American business men must learn is to slow down, take wholesome recreation and above all quit worrying, even over mary or caucus is left with each county real troubles when they come, whereas

LAUGHING GAS.

"So you voted for local option?"
"I did," answered Colonel Stillwell.
"But I thought you were fond of good

"That's just the point. Good liquor is too precious to be trusted to folks promis cuously."—Washington Star.

"Every year the Higgs have Mrs. Jones up to their country home for a long visit." "Fond of her. are they?" "No-of him."—Harper's Bazar.

"I tell you, my boy, it pays to be good. I have reason to know it."
"Did you ever get arrested for anything."
"No, but a lady to whom I furnished an excuse for securing a divorce from me afterward inherited a fortune.—Chicago Record-Herald.

"I don't believe Hughes would stand any chance of being elected."
"Why not?"
"Because he couldn't get the safety-razor vote."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Young Wife-Am I very dear to you, darling?
Young Husband-Yes, lovey; just look at these receipted bills.-Baltimore American.

"How much can you hold, anyhow?" asked the woman, in amazement, as she handed him his third plateful.
"I don't know, mum," said Eaton Jogalong, resuming operations. "I hain't never been tested up to my full capacity yit."—Chicago Tribune.

"That speech of yours will cause you be laughed at," protested the critical "Perhaps," said Senator Sorghum. it is better to be laughed at than not to be noticed at all."—Washington Star.

"We find," wrote the reviewing court.
"that the trial judge erred in that he admitted testimony tending to establish the
guilt of the accused, and also in neglecting to dot an I in the papers of commitment.
"The prosecuting attorney erred in that he counseled witnesses to tell the truth knowing the same would be damaging to "Reversed. Defendants admitted to ball in the sum of 15 cents."—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE FIDDLE'S INVITATION.

Frank L. Stanton in Strenuous Life. When the winter hills are ghostlike an' the wind wears ley wings like an invitation from a fiddle's friendly

strings.
My dancin' days—oh, my!
Don't you think they've passed me by!
can dance the very stars out in the
sleepy winter sky!

Oh. I'm not so much on springtime, when the sky is dreamy blue An' your sweetheart pulls the violets an' pins 'em on for you; "Gittin' old! Gittin' old!"

That's the story I am told: re me winter, an' a fiddle, an' I'll dance away the cold!

Oh, there's nothin' that I'm knowin', or that yet I'm like to know.

That cheers me like the cabin lights that twinkle o'er the snow:

The lights that seem to say:

"Come an' dance the dark away!"

An' I follow-oh, I follow till I hear the fiddle play: The latch hangs on the outside-no trouble

at the door:
sne in, an' join the dancin'! Shake the
white sand on the floor!'!
An' my younger days I feel
As I lit it—toe-an'-heel,
go whirlin' to the music of the old
Virginia reel!

At a fiddle's invitation I'm on hand! The world, you see,
the lively dance it led me made a
dancin' chap o' me!
Life's a dance, an' I am in it;
Joy's the prize, an' I must win it,
' on the road to Happiness I'll make a
mile a minute!

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