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

It is almost time to declare an open season for vice presidential booms.

A national anti-rat society has been formed in England. The pompadour

Scientists have classified 20,000 kinds of butterflies, not counting the society varieties.

for \$50,000. Bryan's voice has been worth more than that to him.

The Lincoln Star has come to the

A Foraker club at Cleveland has declared for Taft. Nothing short of total paralysis can keep an Ohio man out of the bandwagon.

The water shortage at Kansas City must be more serious than at first re- egainst him and his policies. Most of -ported. Two big dairy companies in that city have just failed.

that American men make ideal hus- real basis for the hopes expressed by 000,000 or nearly 59 per cent, were bands. Let him go on until he convinces American wives of that fact.

The Treasury department is said to be \$100,000,000 behind in cash, If one good turn deserves another, the banks should help Secretary Cortelyou out.

Those democrats who planned to tell Mr. Bryan that he should withdraw from the presidential race appear to have become tongue-tied and locklawed.

A lot of Nebraska people are going into promotion companies to exploit vestment.

The Kentucky legislature is still States senator. Nebraska used to ened. have senatorial deadlocks, but seems to have outgrown them.

The war between Japan and the United States will be stopped long enough to allow the Paris editors and the New York Sun to settle that con- of vast benefit in promoting the work PARING FIGHTING APPROPRIATIONS. troversy between Russia and Turkey.

"The stock market is worse than an honestly conducted gambling resort." says Colonel Bryan. In the meantime, will Colonel Bryan furnish a list of the honestly conducted gambling resorts?

Without regard to the personnel of the incumbent, the member from the Third Nebraska district seems to have a prior ilen on Nebraska's place in the national congressional campaign of its vast timber supply from its own these secretaries for the equipment committee.

pay for a divorce and to allow him acres and Sweden has 50,000,000 favorable to rather liberal provision generous alimony,

surface in safety." ,The perils of tion, but for expert. Japan has a for- ent with proper provision for protecocean travel will be greatly reduced est policy that is as old as the Chriswhen they fix it so that a passenger tian era. who is seasick or tired of riding can get out and walk.

THE MAP OF BRYANISM.

democratic as any of the larger newspapers of the east can be under the conditions existing in the democratic party, is daily presenting a series of arguments to show the folly of democratic hopes of victory in 1908 under prepared, and publishes with a frequency that must be embarassing to democratic leaders, what it calls "The Map of Bryanism," showing the states that were carried by the democratic candidate for president in 1896, 1900 and 1904. The map shows that the democratic party is in control of but thirteen of the forty-six states and these are all in the south. The World contends that the coming campaign inhope of prolonging the life of the party if Mr. Bryan is the nominee at Denver. In presenting this argument, the World propounds these three questions to Mr. Bryan and his ardent and enthusiastic champions:

1. What states did you lose in 1896 that ou could carry in 1908? What electoral votes did you lose in 1900 that you could win in 1906?

3. What elements of dissatisfaction and discontent did you fail to arouse then which you could successfully appeal to

Colonel Bryan has offered no answer

to these questions and no comment except to express his displeasure at this method of carrying on a campaign before the nominations have been made. Regardless of the question of campaign 37,120 ethics, Mr. Bryan and his champions 36,060 will be compelled to face some annoying facts that operate to dampen predictions of a sweeping democratic vic-a stubborn fact that the democratic party is today more of a sectional party 35,962 are fewer democrats in the house of representatives at Washington than at any time since 1875 and the republican majority in the senate is the largest since 1872. There are only two antirepublican senators from states north of Mason and Dixon's line, and single democratic representative in congress. Outside of the state of New York there are only thirty-eight democrats in both houses of congress from all of the western and northwestern

To justify any claim of a democratic victory in November, Mr. Bryan must show that his party has some chance of making large gains in the western The Bee pointed out the impracticabiland middle western states which have been against his party in the last two campaigns, as well as in some of the eastern states that have always been Eddie Foy has had his voice insured Mr. Bryan might carry the solid south, about a primary should go way back ment is away on his vacation. including Kentucky and Missouri, and and sit down. Oklahoma, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Indiana and still have but to accomplish his election. Even with is not an indication in sight, it would be necessary for Mr. Bryan to carry some of the eastern states that have become fixed in their habit of voting the middle west is incorrigible, and the in the "enemy's country." Under the An eminent English scholar declares circumstances, there is not a vestige of 000,000. Of these more than \$112,-

WHAT FORESTRY HAS DONE. cans to learn from official sources that amounted last year to a little less than the United States and China are the 42 per cent of the total, the United only countries that have persistently States making practically all the gain. destroyed their forest resources without attempts at perservation. All of ada the United States sent nearly all the other nations, some of which we the drugs, chemicals and fruits and are disposed to look upon as semi- about 90 per cent of the Dominion's civilized, have well established forest purchases of iron and steel products. preservation policies that have demon- England still has a practical monopoly strated their value in many ways. For- in supplying both woollen and cotton estry is in its infancy in this country goods to the Canadians, the purchases holdings in Old Mexico. Nebraska is although, under the direction of Presi- from the United States in these lines a pretty good place for profitable in- dent Roosevelt, a creditable start has amounting last year to but \$360,000, been made and if his plans are fol- compared with \$10,000,000 from lowed out progress may be shown that Great Britain. The figures are enwill prevent an absolute timber famine couraging as showing that our neardeadlocked over the election of United with which the nation is now threat- ness to Canada and our closer knowl-

his third battle.

Forestry Has Done" has just been is England. How far this advantage sued by the government. It contains could be pushed, with proper and inmuch valuable information of what telligent readjustment of tariff schedother countries have done in this di- ules, can hardly be estimated. rection, and much data that may prove of forest preservation in this country. Germany, for instance, has been working on forest preservation plans for 150 years. The empire now has appropriations, against extravagance 35,000,000 acres of forest of which 31.9 per cent belongs to the state, 1.8 announcement that the house commitper cent to the crown, 16.1 per cent to tees have been liberally paring the escommunities, 46.5 per cent to individ- timates of the secretary of war and uals, 1.6 per cent to corporations and the secretary of the navy for approprithe remainder to institutions and asso- ations for the coming fiscal year. The ciations. Germany secures five-sixths combined appropriations asked by forests without depleting them. The and maintenance of the two fighting rigidly enforced regulations make it arms of the government was \$427,000, The Earl of Yarmouth says he has impossible that the timber supply of | 000 or more than half of the estimated preserved the traditions of his family, the empire shall ever be less than it is revenues of the government for the Incidentally, he has compelled the now. Switzerland has 2,000,000 acres fiscal year. woman who paid him to marry her to of forests. Norway has 20,000,000 acres. Russia has 575,000,000 acres by congress for the support of the of forest and has a forest preservation army and navy, even casual considera-A new submarine is equipped with law that guarantees an almost inexa device by which, if the boat sinks, haustible and never-diminishing supply desirability of keeping these approprithe men can walk out "and rise to the of timber not only for home consump- ations down to the minimum consist-

wanton destruction of one of the naprecaution against future need.

THE FIRST DELEGATION. nounced our amiable democratic connot been chosen by direct primary tion's affairs. election and subjected to instructions through a preferential vote of the republican rank and file of that par-

ticular county. many of the outside precincts.

the first delegation to the republican state convention: "It is interesting to delegates."

haps as satisfactory as by direct vote element of the business community. or by caucus and convention, at least gives all the voting districts of the eighteen northern states do not have a whatever to say a word, unless they there. . see fit to travel on an average of fifteen to twenty miles to attend a mass convention which they know is already packed.

in any county in which fifty democrats should petition for a primary election, clusively the insincerity of the demo-

OUR TRADE WITH CANADA. facts concerning the development of this political revolution, of which there commerce between the United States and its neighbor on the north. Prior to 1905 Canada bought most of its manufactured importations in England, giving the mother country an apparent preference in every line in which prices were anything like equal. east, politically, persists in remaining The imports of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1907 amounted to \$192,the Bryan champions of his success in from the United States, an increase of more than \$20,000,000 in one year. The purchases from England, which had constituted something like 75 per It is not compilmentary to Americ cent of Canada's total imports in 1905,

Of the articles imported into Canedge of its markets and its needs gives An interesting pamphlet on "What this country a distinct advantage over

The first tangible result of the warning issued by Congressman Tawney, chairman of the house committee on by the present congress, appears in the

While public sentiment is usually tion of conditions would indicate the tion on land and sea and a reasonable to the importance of forestry. The with the world and there seems to be ceases to exist.

awakening has been so long delayed little or no demand for any unusual ex-The New York World, as completely that the richest forest resources .the pansion of the army or navy. Revenues world has known have been well-nigh from imports are falling off and there consumed as a tribute to greed. The are some indications that there will be conditions make determined and ag- no marked revival in industrial congressive work imperative to stay this ditions for some months. Improvement it is true, is being shown along tion's greatest resources and to insti- most lines, but the restoration of the me from a senator whose position in polithe Bryan leadership. The World has tute the work of reforestration as a high-tensioned times of 1906 does not lies and legislation is such that there is no promise to be speedy. Under such contruth. temporary, the World-Herald, suffered liberality, it should be in the direction others and not because of its direct effect a paroxysm of virtuous indignation of improving waterways and the devel-

> The old question of compulsory con-The announcement is just made of respect to what are known as private Mr. Aldrich to the democracy of Bryan the selection of the first delegation to branch exchanges. If compulsory conthe coming democratic state conven- nection of all systems with private out mental reservation that he believes in mary election or even caucus, but every argument for it applies equally merely at an alleged mass convention, for a compulsory connection of gen- it is said, have come to the conclusion held in Blair without participation by eral exchanges. If we had had a com- that they must go Roosevelt's way or as pulsory exchange of telephone busi- an alternative go Bryan's way. Paraphrasing the language used by ness we would never have had to duthe World-Herald in connection with plicate telephone systems in Omaha.

> note that Washington county refused yers who are getting such handsome not at all likely that Mr. Cannon, Mr. to avail itself of the primary option fees out of dead men's estates will Hepburn or others of prominence in repermitted by the democratic state com- show a little public spirit and enter- publican ranks who might be mentioned mittee. That is the county committee prise by investing their money so that think that Mr. Taft is an essential to sucrefused to allow a primary. It re- it will do Omaha some good, they may light of the disclosures of the last few fused even to permit a county con- disarm much criticism. As a class days, that any one of these leaders bevention chosen by the old caucus plan, the lawyers in Omaha, and probably lieves for a minute that any man can be which convention should elect the elsewhere as well, pay less proportionately toward the support of gov-The appointment of delegates by a ernment and contribute less to public the declaration of progressive principles county committee, although not per- welfare movements than any other put forth last week from the office of Mr.

> county representation, because each been relieved by the addition of the deniess. The White House mail, though precinct has a member of the commit- comedy element. After having spent for the document that brought the retee, whereas a mass convention means many thousands in convincing a jury simply the ringing of a bell at the that Thaw is hopelessly insane, the that has found its way to the capitol. Letcounty seat and the endorsement of a members of the family are now seekslate prepared in advance without giv- ing to get him out of the asylum for have been heard in all corners." ing the voters outside any chance fear he will go crazy if he is kept

The receivers have found \$500,000 When the democratic state commit- is interesting, of course, but the more ee issued its call, declaring that the important question is, how did the ofdelegates must be chosen by primary ficers of the wrecked concern come to overlook such easy money?

"No public man is greater than his ity of the plan, which proved con- office," says the Baltimore American. primary idea. The democratic news- see a chief clerk of one of the departagainst him. Getting down to figures. paper organs that have been howling ments while the head of the depart-

The complaint filed before the State Railway commission, demanding a dishe would still be short of votes enough from Ottawa, furnish some interesting Caldwell is preparing to run for railway commissioner again.

> Foxy Jacksonians! They have snatched a place for Constantine J. pitting him against Joseph Hayden, who wants to be delegate-at-largewhich might make trouble between lawyer and client.

The Charleston News and Courier says Mr. Bryan could not hold his tongue if he tried. Wrong again. Mr. Bryan gives an exhibition of tongueholding every time he is asked about government ownership of railways.

According to the weather bureau report, we are long on excess of temperature above normal and short on moisture precipitation below normal. The weather man is hereby requested to strike a better balance for us.

Indianapolis News. The suspension of Public Printer Still-

recalls the old saying about that establishment, that it "not only leaked from every pore, but poured from every leak." Not His Strong Suit. Washington Post. Somebody ought to admonish W. J. Bryan

that finance is not his strong suit. He ought to confine himself to his original discovery, that it is not right to do wrong, and that in order to be happy we must b virtuous, and kindred platitudes to which we all agree, for Mr. Bryan can beat all

contemporaneous orators saying an undis-

puted thing with an eloquent voice and a

solemn air. Strength of Roosevelt Policies. Kansas City Star. The Roosevelt policies were never before so strong as they are right now. Never before since the succession to the Roosevelt administration has been under conmined as now to choose the man best calculated to carry out those policies. And

Secretary Taft. MORE MONEY THAN EVER.

Supply Now Far in Excess of the Demand. Philadelphia Press.

since Americans Low have more dollars is \$35.61 of real cash. That is just \$5 more put on the Roosevelt garments. than the average four years ago.

To add a sixth to the circulating medium in so short a time is an immense addition to the money supply. There has been a

not avert a panic.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE. Emphatic Boost for the Policies of

the Square Deal. Washington Dispatch. Chicago Post (rep.) President Roosevelt's message has won Senator Aldrich. Admittedly this sounds world turned upside down, but it comes to

ditions ordinary business prudence it must not be supposed for a moment would suggest the advisability, if not that Mr. Aldrich has become a convert to true in those days when conquest was the Ital, the loss of credit, leasened production When the first delegation to the the actual necessity, of keeping all ap- the creed preached by the president in the republican state convention was an propriations of the government down to the nation late last week. The message to actual needs. If there is to be any won Mr. Aldrich because of its effect on on himself. He is not even in a state of heart or mind to paraphrase and to say to because the republican delegates had opment of the "peace side" of the na- Mr. Roosevelt: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a progressive."

Mr. Aldrich, so his senatorial colleague affirms, has read the written signs and heard the spoken words and is convinced nection of competing telephone com- that if republican success, which even in panies has been raised again with this day of republicanism is preferred by the inevitable, is to be achieved the party must nominate a man who can say withtion, being chosen without any pri- branch exchanges is a good thing, the gospel of the Roosevelt message of last Friday. Republican leaders in house, and the foremost leader, in fact.

Something of the same feeling seems to have taken possession of certain republican house leaders, though most of them, it is true, do not agree that it must be elected unless he is put before the people with a declaration of progressive principles in his hand, reading and ringing like

Telegraph wires were overworked carryng congratulation; to the White House The tragedy of the Thaw case has and the letter carriers were far from burit was addressed to the man responsible sponse, was as nothing in bulk to the mail ters from the people have their effect, and bune of the people. This chapter of death the rate law. It would have been much as one member put it, "this word seems to

> Editorial Blindness in New York. St. Paul Pioneer-Press (rep.).

The inability of a New York editor to see beyond the confines of the Empire State in the Knickerbocker Trust company, is a matter of common knowledge, but here but cannot find the owner for it. That is one of many evidences of the fact-just a few lines from the Sun, which claims it shines for all, but doesn't; "We would persuade William Howard Taft that it is easier for one of the criminal rich to enter the kingdom of heaven than it is that he himself should pass through the eye of a needle. There is no use in his trying. The thing is impossible. Mr. Roosevelt can no longer cram himself down the once yawn-The author of that statement ought to ing gullet of the sovereign people. How cratic professions of devotion to the run over to Washington some day and much less shall be cram down his Tatt? Day by day the futility grows space, while the fatulty persists and persists." there is a sound of finality about these oracular words which would be quite im pressive upon the provincial mind if there were any foundation upon which to base them. In the light of the facts known to all outside of the boroughs of Manhattan Completed trade returns of the Do- tance tariff on all freight transported and Brooklyn this sage deliverance is rather defense of Mayor "Jim". Wonder if 207 votes in the electoral college. Add minion of Canada for the fiscal year between Nebraska points, would indi-Kansas, California and Michigan and ending with September, just published cate that former State Representative portant events may come to pass through out the country without the knowledge or consent of the political seers of Gotham. Colonel Henry Watterson furnishes more testimony on that point, in a recent let ter to the Sun, to-wit: "Yet if I had six months ago in timely co-operation half the zeal now displayed by the eastern end of it. Smyth for district delegate without we could have carried our point, uniting the party on some other than Mr. Bryan but it could not be because you eastern people, who think you know it all, in reality rarely learn anything of the country at large until it is too late."

Political Moves in New York.

Boston Transcript-Dispatch (rep.). The first thing that strikes the political server arriving in New York is the sharp cleaveage drawn between the Roosevelt and the anti-Roosevelt forces The former are quietly at work arranging to place Secretary Root or some equally prominent and friendly statesman at the head of the republican delegation to the Chicago convention. In a word they propose to see that when the breakaway occurs at the convention the New York delegation shall be thrown to Taft The anti-Roosevelt faction, principally directed by E. H. Harriman, the raliroad financier, proposes to back Hughes as long as possible, keeping the delegation away from the administration. Their cry is to beat the president no matter by what means or through what man, but to heat ings pending an investigation of his office him. They care nothing for Hughes. Indeed, to Harriman and his clique Hughes would become in a short time as tasteful as Roosevelt is. This fact makes their support of the New York governor less earnest and sincere than appears in their representations to him. It does not follow, however, that Hariman in his ampaign against the administration has the support of all the great financial interests in Wall street. Even the house of Morgan is not so antagonistic as it was only a few weeks ago, when it was dis-October panic upon the shoulders of the president.

Cheerless for Reactionaries. New York Globe (rep.).

The plan to run Governor Hughes as distinctively conservative candidate is dead. It died last night about three minutes after Governor Hughes began to sideration have the people been so deter- speak. The plan was killed under such roumstances and with such deliberation as to preclude resurrection. Governor there is no other man so admirably and so Hughes has definitely mounted the Rooseobviously fitted for this responsibility as velt band wagon, with this important difference between him and Secretary Taft: Secretary Taft, through his cabi-

membership, is ex-officio on the band agon, and with difficulty could get off, while Governor Hughes, with liberty of choice, has sought the vehicle after careful cogitation. The so-called reactionary What becomes of the actual money in elements thus confront a cold prospect. irculation? It might be supposed that, They discover Mr. Bryan the only avowed democratic candidate, and Secretary Taft per capita than they ever before possessed, and Governor Hughes, the two principal that "money stringencies" would not recur. republican candidates, engaged in a hot-For every person in the United States there foot rivalry as to which shall seize and

> Policy of the Square Deal. Baltimore American

The ex-lord lieutenant of Ireland Lord steady increase in the amount for years. Dudley, startled Parliament by declaring and yet the fact that only a few months that the policy of coercion at the root of ago money sold at premium shows that all true union between Ireland and Engeven this larger volume of currency could land, and that the only real solution of the problem is the consistent remedying of The only remedy is to have, not a large admitted grievances. This is but a paraincrease, to be kept all year round, but a phrase of President Roosevelt's terse the improvement in the fighting equipment large sum which can be created when there ory, "A square deal to every man," It cer-The United States is only awakening of the nation. The country is at peace is a demand, and which just as auto-matically can be retired when that demand which commends itself to justice and comis a demand, and which just as auto- tainly is, in the long run, the only policy mon senso

EFFECT OF ASSASSINATIONS.

Changed the World's History. New York Herald.

Step by step throughout the world's history assamination has been a factor in that little Cuban insurrection of 1908 to the like the statement of a traveler from the determining the course of events and in Cuban national treasury has been \$8,000,molding the life of nations. Frequently 000. It may be a few cents over or under, the assassin's weapon which sent a ruler but that is what it amounts to in round to death has sent upon the world's stage numbers. Indirectly, of course, the insurdoubt that he knows and speaks the a successor whose career sat irrevocable rection has cost Cuba quite a bit more. milestones upon the pathway of the peo- just how much no one can accurately estiples of the world. Especially was this mate. The check to the investment of capguiding star of the rulers of the world. and all that must run into a pretty penny, Probably one of the most important and but that does not make the grand total of early assassinations was that of Philip of what the insurrection ought to cost Cuba-Macedon, which occurred in the year 336 There are also the expenses which the B. C. Not only did it terminate the career United States has incurred in pacifying the of one of the most remarkable men of his island. times, but it led to the accession of Alex- In the urgent deficiency bill, which is the successor to his throne.

Philip of Macedon then was at the height

of his power, and the battle of Chaeronea

Alexander, king of Epirus, a man sprang have already spent a good deal of money toward the ruler and thrust a sharp, short on Cuba's account. We went to war for sword into his side. As the assassin ran to- it and after the war was over we stepped ward a swift horse his sandal caught in a vinestock and his pursuers killed him it on a solid working basis. When we with their spears and tore him to pieces. Withdrew we had spent a good many milhave aided in the conspiracy. This assassination, one of the earliest in point of time, asked us to come in and straighten out bore a strong resemblance in its surroundings to that which claimed President Abra-Now, if some of these Omaha law- Taft in order to avoid Roosevelt. It is ham Lincoln's life. In both cases there was an individual murdered, the scene was a theater, the act was done with incredible autacity in the presence of a large concourse of people, and the murderer was crippled by a misstep after the fatal blow. In the history of ancient Rome there stands out one political assassination which marks the first occasion on record in which the conflicting economical interests of different classes in a republic were settled by resort to the weapon of the assassin. This was the murder of Tiberius Gracchus, which soon was followed by the enforced suicide of his brother, Caius Gracchus. This deed was strenuous language, for, referring to the the direct result of the former's attempt to enforce an agrarian law passed as an act of justice to the poorer classes of

Roman citizens. In the turmoil that attended the voting of the tribes Tiberius was struck down to that so many of the railroad men of the death by one of his own colleagues, a tri- country combined to oppose the passage of was written in 133 B. C. History has dealt better if they had co-operated in its pasat length with the assassination of Julius sage. Caesar on the idea of March-the fifteenth of the month-in the year 44 B. C., and of the import of this event in the history of ancient Rome.

At the time of the assassination of Julius Caesar the Roman people had reached a ing sampled it. degree of perversity and degeneracy almost impossible of modern comprehension. His death had a most demoralizing effect upon nately few lawyers object to long suits. the people. The hand of the master who palsied in death. Later events had their entire period. mainspring from this source, and the years from 37 to 68 A. D. were marked by the ius, and Nero.

THE WORLD'S BREAD SUPPLY. Probable Effect of Reduced Crop of

Last Year. Philadelphia Press. The world's wheat crop grown in 1907 was smaller than the harvest in any of the preceding five years. Taking all Europe together, there was a very large decrease, compared with any of the years specified, and while the crop in the rost the world exceeded that in three of the five years, it was not sufficient to make up for Europe's deficiency.

Argentina has relatively advanced faster being second, France third, India fourth ral at Baltimore. and Argentina fifth. Argentina has made immense and consistent gains as a wheat grower, the yield in 1907 being 60 per cent greater than that five years before. The United States raises a fifth of all the world's wheat. England buys more wheat than any other country and Germany comes second as an importer of the "staff of

Can anyone doubt that the deficiency in the supply of bread for the earth's population, accompanied as it was by a higher average price than ruled for five years, was one of the far-flung misfortunes of

TWO-CENT FARE PROFITABLE. Another Rattroad Company Admits Increased Business.

Philadelphia Record. Still another railroad has found profit in the establishment of a two-cent a mile rate for the transportation of passengers. The New Haven company introduced the rate on March 1, 1906, and in six months had extended it to its entire system. The stimulating effect of the reduction on passenger traffic, seems to have been immediate, for in the year ended November 1, 1906, during only a part of which the rate was general. the New Haven company's receipts were \$21,500,483, as compared with \$20,284,634 in the preceding year. In the year ended November 1, 1907, the receipts from passengers rose to \$22,771,877, a gain of \$2,487,243, or 12 per cent over the receipts of 1904-06. A longer and fair trial of the rafe in this state might have demonstrated not alone that it was not confiscatory, but also that osed to place the entire blame for the it was not as unjust as a bare majority of the supreme court was induced to believe

Wasting Energy. Springfield Republican.

Railroads in those western states which enacted 2-cent fare laws last year are planning to take advantage of the business de pression to force their repeal. It segms that up to the time of the panic they were faring so well in a revenue way from the lower rates and larger traffic resulting, as to be unable to make out a case of confiscation. Now they think they can, although of course the decline in revenue arises alto gether from other causes, if there had been no decline previously because of the lower rates. Apparently, then, the roads would gain little or nothing by going back to the higher rates under a repeal of the 2-cent laws. It would result in further loss of traffic as certainly as the reduction resulted in an increase.

The Dramatic in Tragedy. New York Tribune.

In all the tragic annals of regicide there are no touches more dramatic than those afforded at Lisbon. The spectacle of a queen, amid a hall of bullets intended for her heart, beating an assassin in the face with a bunch of roses to prevent him from injuring further her murdered husband, and that of two princes, murderously assailed. drawing pistols and returning the assassins fire, will scarcely be forgotten as long as men have sympathies and red blood.

Jumping on the Band Wagon.

Kansas City Times. A Cleveland Foraker club has endorsed the candidacy of Secretary Taft. As Speaker Cannon would say, "boys will be hoys," especially when the band wagon comes along.

COST OF CUBAN OCCUPATION.

Ancient and Modern Crimes Have Teaching Babes Lessons of Liberty Piles Up a Bill.

Buffalo Express. Governor Magoon says the direct cost of

ander the Great, an event which very likely now before the house of representatives, would not have taken place at all had Philip there is an item of \$4,000,000 to defray the continued to rule and had himself selected expenses of our present occupation of Cuba. A motion to cut it out on the ground that Cuba ought to pay the expenses of its little political jollification has been dehad made him the undisputed master of feated. But it will be difficult to convince Greece. When leaving the theater in which many of us that it is not a legitimate . his sister had been united in marriage to charge against the Cuban government. We in and organized its government and put Olympias, his former wife, was said to llons. We had no desire to step in again, but the Cubans made it necessary; they their affairs for them, Then why shouldn't they make good our outlay? If they are made to pay that bill now they may not be so ready to incur another like liability,

A MODERN WONDER.

Transformation Wrought by Rebats Law on Bailrond Officials.

Wall Street Journal. Vice President Brown of the New York Central has said in a public address that the Hepburn law has released the ratiroads from a helpless condition with regard to rebates and preferential rates and that its value can hardly be overestimated.

Another railroad official of equal rank with Mr. Brown puts the case in even more abolition of rebates, he said the other day; "It is now possible for a railroad man to be a traffic manager and a gentleman at the same time.'

If such is the fact, how unfortunate it is

PERSONAL NOTES.

Japan is now making "Scotch" whisky and occasionally shows sypmtoms of hav-

The supreme court of Illinois orders lawyers to appear in Prince Alberts. Fortu-Ex-Senator Chandler of New Hampshire. might have controlled the unruly masses who has been in public life for almost fifty and restrained the degenerate nobility lay years, has kept a series of diaries that

Representative Nehemiah D. Sperry of Connecticut is the oldest man in the house assassinations of Tiberius, Caliguia, Claud- of representatives. He will be 81 years old in July. This is his seventh term. He was postmaster in New Haven under Lincoln, and helped to make the Monitor possible. Prof. John Basset Moore, formerly

assistant secretary of state, has been compelled to give up his duties as professor of International law at Columbia university owing to failing eyesight. His place is being filled temporarily by George Winfield Scott of Washington, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania.

Cardinal Gibbons has arrived in New Orformity with hils custom of spending sev eral weeks each year in the city where he lived for some time as a boy and where as a wheat producer than any other coun- a brother, Colonel John T. Gibbons, now try. But the United States is still far resides. The cardinal was accompanied by the lead with its total crop, Russia Rev. W. A. Fletcher, rector of the cathed-

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Do actresses as a rule favor any par-ticular kind of small pet dog?"
"I suppose they have their individual fancies, but it seems to me that the proper pet for a star is a Skye terrier."—Baltimore

"Father," said the lawyer's pretty daugh-ter, "I just won't listen when old Judge Prosy makes love to me." "My dear child, den't do that," cried her horrified father. "That's contempt of sourti"-Indianapells News.

"It's disgusting to think," grumbled the struggling author, "that no publishers will accept my novel, and after all the pains I took with it, too."
"Eut," replied the wise critic. "If it were published think of all the pains you'd give."—Philadelphia Press. "Yes," he said, "I've had a couple of

drinks."
"The idea!" exclaimed his wife; "why do you tell me that?"
"Why, it's the truth."
"I know; that's why I can't understand your telling me."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The young man was admiring her beauti-ful and abundant hair, "What a wealth of it there is!" he ex-claimed. "When you loosen it I suppose it drops to the floor." laimed. "When your per to the floor." "Huh!" broke in the little sister of the "Huh!" broke in the floor."—
young woman. "It drops on the floor."—

"What difference one letter in a word can sometimes make."
"Exactly: that 'Oh!' our cook gave which frightened the cat and made it jump into her dough, turned her batch of bread into a botch."—Baitimore American.

"He's making an effort to reduce ex-'Yes, but isn't sure if he will be able to

"Why not?"
"Doesn't know but what the alimony will "Doesn't know but what the alimony will examount to more than housekeeping ex-penses."-Houston, Post.

"So you expect to convince your con-stituents that you are a great, good and wise man," said the sneering friend. "No, I don't," answered Senstor Sorghum. "All I am trying to do is to show that the other fellow is worse than I am. The average political triumph doesn't get much be-yond being accepted as the lesser of two evils."—Washington Star.

LEAP YEAR DELUSION.

Nashville American. If you are such a bashful boy, You hide away when she is near, Or if she gives you half a chance Cut for the timber tall in fear. f that describes you to a T. Pray, how do you, my lad, suppose the leap-year lady ever well Get near enough, str. to propose? She cannot stand across the street

And shout it as you saunter past,
Or rush madly from the house
And say. "I've captured you at !
She cannot from an upper floor
Call to you through a megsphone you at last," a megaphone clear across a candy store Propose to you in strident tone.

Of course, if she has mind to write,
The mail is there at her command,
With 2 cents and an envelope
She may, her feelings, warm, expand,
Or she could use a telephone
And call to you in accents sweet,
Or in response to your "Hello"
Might say, "Well, how about it, Pets?"

She might do these, but she will not, For if you get her to propose
You'll have to take her by the hand
And all your inner heart disclose
To lead her gently to the point.
In fact, it is a better plan In fact, it is a better plan and one that always makes a hit, To beat her to it, if you can.