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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.

Portugal is making another effort to get into Kentucky's class.

from Hayti. 'Hayti also has other troubles.

Prince Helie de Sagan says he never wants to see America again. The feeling is reciprocated.

It is a sure sign of spring when you nuit counting the strawberries served In an order at the restaurant.

itself the most popular branch of our snarchy, municipal government if it only will.

In another week the Washington base ball team will have to surrender the pennant which it keeps every

The \$5,000,000 interest on the Erie notes was paid on time. That's one more instance on record that the Erie has been on time

"Boston needs an administration that will keep its streets clean," says the Boston Journal. There are no such administrations.

for the Swiss navy.

"The populists never change," says Mr. Bryan's blandishments.

The revival of the divorce industry, that threaten his monarchy. with the attendant claims for liberal alimony, is another evidence of return ang confidence in New York.

President Eliot of Harvard has been invited to Hallfax, Men may enjoy being invited to Halifax but they do not like being told to go there.

to try to reduce the number of liquor licenses from 41 to 25. Those excise are already being noted. men must like to make trouble for Themselves.

Mr. Bryan can be elected and Mr. Bryan thinks Governor Johnson would powers having possessions in the far be defeated. Perhaps both are right.

A dispatch from California says that "Admirat Evans is in good spirits." As soon as he recovers from his rheumatism the good spirits will be in the admiral.

China has started a boycott on Japan, refusing to buy Japanese goods pr to allow goods to enter China in Japanese ships. The yellow giant must

Health authorities at San Francisco be a lot of men signing the total ab. taken not only to prohibit the local ptinence pledge.

Most Omaha people have a decided ppinion as to the water works pur- of the Chinese population are users of phase proposition, but few of them the drug. Realizing the futility of atcare to put their ideas into cold type. tempting an immediate abandonment The matter, however, will have to be not the use of the drug, the Chinese threshed out sooner or later and a government has decreed that the pro- been found in Berlin. It has been an

by the judicial decisions.

will no longer relieve the employer of the streets of their native cities. all responsibility, nor will the contribbe entitled to damages to the extent vice is eradicated. that he can show that his employer shares the responsibility for his injuries. The new law is narrower than the old law, as it applies only to "common carriers by railroads" operating in interstate commerce or traffic, instead of to all common carriers. The former provision, applicable to all common the invalidating of the old law, the supreme court holding that federal state commerce.

state commerce it could regulate the to the regulation of the social evil. conduct of persons and corporations court and the new law has been framed to obviate the difficulty.

The practically unanimous vote for the much needed and merited proteclegislation for the protection of ementerprises.

THE CRISIS IN PORTUGAL

When Premier Franco of Portugal whose regime ended with the assassin-A spring poet has been banished ation of King Carlos, declared that his people were not capable of exercising even the degree of self-government guaranteed them by the constitution, he appears to have drawn a fairly accurate picture of conditions in that perturbed country. The recent elections furnish convincing proof of the fact that the people of Portugal, while demanding reforms and relief, do not really know what they want and need That asphalt pepair plant can make a guiding hand to avoid drifting into

As a result of the elections, it is pparent that the disintegrating forces President Castro is amazed at the which Franco as premier succeeded in attitude of the Washington officials, suppressing have gained an ascendancy who are amused at the attitude of that threatens the overthrow of the World-Herald. monarchy. The financial and industrial reforms that he promised have opponents of the crown and the burdens of the oppressed people have been increased rather than lightened. The bad conditions that he had almost rooted out when his hand was stopped by the assassination of his monarch have been restored and emphasized. Under the circumstances, Franco has been, in a way, vindicated and some of the men most insistent upon his banishment are now appealing to him to return and become the constitutional premier of the boy king, who needs a Great Britain's negotiations for the strong hand at the helm. Although purchase of the Brazilian navy have King Emanuel has won the populace failed. Britain might make an offer by his evidence of well-meaning, he is apparently unable to carry out his

program for the welfare of the people. The very national life of Portugal from Watson. Oh, yes they do. They and the peace of that portion of Europe have changed so they can now resist apparently depend upon King Emanuel's success in securing an iron statesman to aid in solving the problems

CHINA'S WAR ON OPIUM.

Great Britain's final, if reluctant, agreement to join in plans to restrict the opium traffic in China will be welcome news throughout the world. The agreement has been rendered effective by an imperial decree from Peking and The excisa board in Lincoln is going reports from consular agents and missionaries are that beneficial results

Credit for this concession on the part of Great Britain must go largely to the United States. Nearly a year Governor Johnson does not believe ago Secretary Root, with the consent of President Roosevelt, invited all the coming to Omaha for some of his piceast to participate in an international tions that for artistic beauty will hold conference to devise means for the their own with any in the country. suppression or restriction of the use of opium. The date of the conference was not fixed, but the enthusiasm with which the suggestion was welcomed evidently spurred the British govern-

ment to action. Great Britain's interest in the opium traffle was commercial. India is the home of the opium poppy and its trade in that drug has exceeded \$35,000,000 annually, Great Britain deriving a large revenue from it. The British propose to dye a lot of rate red and have, however, agreed to restrict the green and turn them loose to note the shipment of the drug into China and results. The first result will probably the Chinese government has under-

It is estimated that at least 100,000

manufacture, but to also prevent its

Congress has been commendably quired to register and be subject to are sure to be discovered. crompt in complying with the presi-rigid official inspection. Dispensaries dent's recommendation for the enact- are to be established where medicines ment of an employers' liability law to which counteract the appetite for why more money is not given to the replace the act of 1906, declared in- oplum will be given to the people free support of such educational institutions ralld by the federal supreme court. of cost. At the end of ten years all as that of which he is the head. Other The new measure appears to give all officials continuing to smoke opium people can see why, without glasses. the protection possible to railroad em- will be removed from office, governplayes under the restrictions outlined ment graduates will be deprived of their degrees and the common people Under the new law the fellow serv- who use the drug will be excluded from ant principle has been modified so public meetings and social gatherings that the negligence of another employe and will have their names posted on

The program provides a severe test, utory negligence of an employe destroy but if it fails there is no doubt China his entire claim for damages. He will will keep at it until the monstrous

IS A GRAND JURY NEEDED! The judges of the district court have called another grand jury for the comthat the last grand jury adjourned its sessions only a few weeks ago. As the carriers, was the clause which caused on the heels of the grand jury just applejack lightning will continue to held we are given to understand that representations have been made to the authority extended to common carriers Judges by outside parties that evidence only while actually engaged in inter- is at hand to show something further In the earlier law congress took the of the recomendations of the last agement. It relates to winter wheat prinbroad stand that in regulating inter- grand jury, presumably with reference cipally and shows the crop to be in the

engaging in it, but the majority of the are all that they purport to be, we large harvests and a revival of agriculsupreme court held that the power of still fall to see why the county should tural prosperity. regulation extended only to actual be put to the expense of two grand interstate traffic and did not extend to juries within two months when we the conduct of enterprises engaged have a county attorney whose duty it 920 partly in intrastate and partly in inter- is to prosecute all criminals and who state transportation. This distinction has, for the purpose of filing informawas clearly drawn by the supreme tions, practically all the powers and California transactions, he was roundly authority possessed by a grand jury for bringing in a true bill. It seems to us that the repetition of grand jury tice of the charge, but also as to the perthe new law in both senate and house calls savors very much of a reflection tinence of his reference to it in addressing indicates the entire willingness of con- upon the county attorney and his office gress to go as far as possible to accord as if he were not willing to act upon the evidence, which is expected to tion to railway employes. It leaves to bring about grand jury indictments. the states the duty and power to adopt Douglas county's experience, as a whole, has been that money invested ployes engaged wholly in intrastate in grand juries has been money wasted and that they have accomplished little tion being made concerning conditions in Mississippi 2 that could not have been done just as

> county attorney's office. The Nebraska supreme court seems to view the county comptroller legislation very much the same as did The Bee when it was up for discussion. If retired from the warpath and settled on a Porto Rico partments is defective it can and should be remedied by the coming legislature in time to bring about the consolidation at the expiration of the term of the present city comptroller next spring, as originally contemplated.

well and much cheaper through the

vsical force and actually do battle with can no longer be open to question --

wrestlers like Gotch. To stand the best soon be the first essential among dem-

Editor Pulitzer of the New York World persists in asking Mr. Bryan what states he expects to carry this year that he did not carry in 1896 or 1900 and Mr. Bryan frankly enswers the question by asking Mr. Pulitzer how much stock he owns in ing to find democrats meeting issues without evasion or hesitancy.

What about those stop-overs for Omaha on excursion tickets for the Chicago and Denver conventions? A destroy it. great many travelers would be glad to break their trip at this point if the conditions of their railroad tickets were favorable and it is to Omaha's interest to be personally inspected by as many strangers from abroad as

Express rates on shipments between the enforcement of the Sibley act, but, unfortunately, the express business subject to state jurisdiction is only a life. But others will see in it a tendency express company extortion will have to come from congress or the Interstate Commerce commission.

The author of that Century magazine illustrated article on "The Railway Beautiful" missed a chance in not tures. Omaha has two railway sta-

The Dahlmanites have set their campaign song to the tune of "Tammany." Wonder if that is intended to mollify "Boss" Murphy, the real Tamrecently poured forth upon him by the local Bryanite organ?

An English scientist has discovered smarter than the English lad of the same age. Yes, and the average American boy is smarter than his father and the rest of the family to boot.

If anything has been gained by the democratic city council by its pushcart suppression beyond depriving a few poor people of a chance to make a meager living, it has not yet appeared on the surface.

Another genuine Rembrandt has possensus of opinion had to guide the duction of it must be reduced 20 per unusually successful winter for the than now to make this a good world to didn't want the nomination if Mg. authorities in future proceedings. | cent each year. Opium smoking joints artists who are painting genuine Rem- live ta

THE NEW LIABILITY LAW. are to be abolished and all users re- brandts and hidles them where they

Chancellor Day says he cannot see

A Novice in the Game.

Chicago News, If Methuselah had been as wise as some modern financiers he would have owned Taft's. The Massachusetts state conventhe earth long before he was gathered to tion was clearly for Taft, but in deferhis fathers.

Reviving the Silver Rattle.

Washington Post. When Nebraska sends that sliver service o the battleship named after it, it ought to let Mr. Bryan make the presentation

Courts Know Their Limitations. New York Sun.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that New Jersey may not ing May term, notwithstanding the fact export its water, but no court has dared to prohibit the export of another and sweeter product of that state; and so long as other states have water enough reason for calling another grand jury to provide chasers the shafts of Jerey brighten the darkness of outlanders' lives.

Encouraging Outlook.

Springfield Republican. The first government crop report of the season is of a character to give the bustis needed to insure the carrying out ness interests of the country great encourbest condition for this time of year ever known, with only four or five exceptions. Assuming that these representations so far, therefore, there is good promise of

Rebating Admitted.

Ransas City Star. When President Roosevelt, in a recent message, called attention to what seemed to be substantial charges of rebating on the part of the Santa Fe railroad in certain abused by an official of the road, and the charge was denied. But the president has Alabama been vindicated, not alone as to the jus- Delaware been admitted by the assistant traffic lows 26 manager of the road.

Notches on His Stick.

St. Paul Pioncer-Press. Plenty Coos, chief of the Crow tribe of Massachusetts .. 4 .. Montana. He explained that his name Missouri 30 was given to him in honor of his deeds Mebrasks 18 of valor. The name comes from the "coo New Mexico .. 2 so numerous that his coo stick was scarcely Ohio 38

THE MAILS AND ANARCHY.

Regulations Needed to Safeguard the Government.

Minneapolis Journal. The president sent a message to congress asking for further legislation for the suppression of anarchy. The laws already clothe the postmantie general with ample When democrats in congress resort to power to exclude seditious printed matter rom the mails their fists in behalf of reform legislation, general circulation. This would include their zeal and whole-souled enthusiasm anarchistic periodicals and books or any other printed matter claiming the secondclass mail privilege. The government al-The thing for the democrats to do. ready has the power to inspect such matter long ago given up the fight. They admit other power to get possession of it, and, then, is to nominate for congress only and determine its admissibility to the mails. been in a measure overruled by the pugilists of the "Jim" Corbett type, or Greater protection, however, is afforded to is largely justified. Even Senator Crane possibility of the other of those results, sealed matter, and, under seal, of course a great deal of mischievous anarchistic test of rigid physical examination may stuff may be circulated, and manifestly the president wants congress to enact additional legislation which will reach seditious matter

sent under seal It is not reasonable to think that the government is bound to furnish distribution facilities for any kind of printed or written matter calculated to destroy the government, but inasmuch as its mail facilities may be employed in that way railroads and other trusts. It is pleas- The sanctity of the mails, the absolute protection of the secrecy of private comgovernment from secret enemies seeking to

RELAXING CHURCH RULES.

Removing the Ban on Cards, Dancing and the Theater.

Philadelphia Record. It is a striking event in the history of the several churches in the United States when the New York Methodist conference memorializes the general conference in favor of removing the ban from cards, Nebraska points are to go down with dancing and the theater. To the older people of religious habits this will probably seem overwhelming evidence of the inroads of the world upon domain of the spiritual drop in the bucket. Real relief from to differentiate between the essential and vital elements of religion and the outward paraphernalia of religious custom which must necessarily vary from age to age.

The attitude of the Methodist church was generation or two ago, that of all the denominations commonly described as evangelical. But the Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Baptists have a much looser discipline, and their restrictions upon what the older generation stigmatized as "worldliness" were relaxed some time ago. July. The Methodists live under a "method" or rule of conduct, and whatever departures individuals may have made from the practices of seventy-five years, or even fifty years, ago, the denomination has not changed its position. The rural Methodists will be largely represented in the general conference, and the proposal of the metromany chieftain, for the hard names politan Methodists may not prevail, but the whole course of modern thought is working against the restriction, and they will yield soon, if not next month.

Fifty years ago novel-reading was almost as sternly condemned by the evangelical that the average American boy is denominations as cards. Art in the church and the home was barely tolerated, and in one of them the struggle for music in worship is still going on. There is less disposition to regard religion as a dogma; atili less to look upon it as a code of dress or deportment. There is an increasing disposition to regard it as the life of love to God and man, of mutual helpfulness and selfsacrifice, of clean and wholesome, but of broad and general, development in all directions. Literature and art and music are encouraged. The utility of wholesome amusements is recognised. And with all this the churches have never shown more interest than now in the unfortunate at home and the benighted in heathen lands.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE. Aspects of the Preliminary Campaign In Various States.

Chicago Record-Herald. Governor Hughes' failure to obtain a easily the feature of the week. While New York's "big four" are counted solid for the executive, Taft has two outspoken delegates, many of the nominally instructed Hughes men are considered lukewarm and the uninstructed may land in various camps-mostly, it is believed, in ence to party tradition chose four uninstructed delegates-at-large. Two of these are known to be for the secretary. Senator La Follette's name appears for the first time in the table. Pennsylvania also held primaries and endorsed Senator Knox. Illineis gave Cannon ten more, although the other Chicago district withheld instruc- effectiveness in insular governments. tions, but the delegates probably will give

trict Tailed to instruct. Total number of delegates to Chicago Instructed for Pairbanks..... Instructed for La Pollette 25 home government of the Island, Uninstructed (mostly for Taft) 60

STATE, ETC. Plorida 8 .. Illinois 2 .. 46 Kansas 30 Kentucky 1 1 .. Louisiana Maryland ****** ** ** ** ** ** Indians, testified before the senate com- Michigan 3 .. 2 mittee on Indian affairs in the investiga- Minnesots 2 stick" on which notches are cut or scalps Hew York 2 40 are nailed. His trophles of battle became | Worth Carolina. 2 Plenty Coos. He explained that he has Philippines 2 that part of the law relating to the farm and now confines hit attention to merger of city and county auditing descalping alfalfs. Tennessee 18 Virginia 14 10 a revolution. West Virginia ... 4 Wisconsin 1 25 .. Totals 223 68 50 40 32 25 60

Taft's Overshadowing Strength. David S. Barry in Providence (R. I.) Jour-

One reason why the anti-Taft figures have no confessed sponsor is found in the fact that some of the most influential of the anti-Roosevelt republicans, and they of course, are the ones from whom anti-Taft forces must be recruited, have privately that Mr. Hitchcock's confidence of Massachusetts is not anxious now to be heralded as an anti-Taft man. He prefers to be known merely as the advocate of an uninstructed delegation.

Manager Hitchcock has all along contended that the trend was so unmistakably in favor of Secretary Taft that it would be impossible to defeat him now, even if the opposition leaders should be able to combine on a candidate, which, of course, they originally hoped to do. According to Mr. Hitchcock, New England, which early in the fight was conceded under existing laws, the situation would to the opposition, will be practically solid seem to require modification of the laws in favor of Mr. Taft's nomination. He to meet the urgent necessities of the case. points to the state of Maine, whose twelve votes, he claims, are assured now, as significant of what will happen in the other munications by mail, is an important states. Maine was originally set down matter, but the protection of the privilege as an anti-Taft state, but John F. Hill, cannot outweigh the necessity of such who will control the delegation, has anrestrictions as will thoroughly protect the nounced himself for Taft, and has the situation in such absolute control that the other day, when the son of a very prominent and influential United States ing is now clearer to my mind than that senator expressed his desire to be a delegate he was forced to pledge himself to Mr. Taft before his name was put on the

slate. To sum it all up, those in charge of Mr. Taft's campaign, from the president down very long outlast the exit of the proto the humblest worker, now express confidence that there will be but one ballot erally, with the exception of those mysterious persons who give out anonymously anti-Taft figures, and Senator Jonathan Bourne, jr., are about ready to concede that they are right.

Helpless and Hopeless.

Washington Post (ind.). When, to all seeming, it is too late the party are suddenly become somewhat brave and more or less active. Had the leaders of the democratic party discovered the force and independence of character that we see in the followers of Cannon, of mongreis, who know not what they Fairbanks, Foraker, Knox and Hughes, it want. would have been assurance of some degree of sagacious deliberation at Denver next

There was never before such a situation as the democratic party is now in the middie of. The weakest understanding must president this year at least 1,000,000 recruits must be mustered from the republican ranks in the states east of the Mississippi and north of Mason and Dixon line that cast their electoral votes for the democratic ticket in 1892.

Those voters-and they are more than

1,000,000-are now holding out their hands in appeal to the democratic party and beseeching it to give them a chance to vote the democratic ticket in 1908. But if the now expected should happen at Denver, the democratic party will spurn

their petition with a "To Halifax wid ye; there's no room in the democratic party for the likes of you." Thus we may expect to see the democratic party resolve itself into a thoroughly se-

lect company of cranks and impracticable.

Activities of Johnson.

hopeless and helpless.

New York Tribune. The Johnson boom for the democratic mination, now that it is openly anti-Bryan, begins to look as if it were actuated by common sense. There really was no room for a democratic candidate who wanted it.

MAGGON'S WORK IN CUBA.

Practical Results Flow from a Practical Administration.

Baltimore American. The one essential and profoundly necessolid delegation from his home state was sary service which the United States is performing in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico is in the teaching of the real meaning of government to peoples who have not hitherto understood the significance of right government. Government is power concentrated in certain people; everybody understands that. But it is not everybody seemingly, even in this land, where "government of the people, by the people and for the people" has been an applied theory for more than a century, who clearly apprehends that power concentrated in certain people is yet to be used to promote the welfare of all the people. That, however, is the fundamental principle of retwo men in the Galesburg district were publican government, and it is a principle not actually instructed and are expected which, as has just been remarked, the to go to Taft after a ballot or two. An- United States is illustrating with convincing As the second government of occupation

the speaker a compilmentaly vote and then in Cuba draws toward the close it is grat- feet the disposition of those which have join the Taft forces. Delaware chose un- ifying to know that leading Cubana are passed into private hands. What particular instructed delegates and South Dakota practically of one mind concerning the pronounced for Taft. Virginia added eight value of the service which has been rento the secretary's list and West Virginia dered by Governor Magoon. Already one two. Alabama and Ohio give him four of the leading parties under which politmore. In the Alabama case, as usual, ical sentiment is organized in the Island grazing domain? From what sources there is a contest. Another Alabama dis- has placed a presidential candidate in nomination. The impending change in the government of the island is regarded very Seconsary to a nomination 491 took place in 1902. Cuban eagerness for For Enox, as result of primaries ... 68 gard the prospects for successful au-Instructed for Hughes 40 hopeful now than they were immediately 32 preceding the organization of the first

A valuable work of preparation for the Contested (four by Taft) 36 governmental system which is to be inaugurated has been accomplished under the civil administration of Governor Magoon. The new government will start with a code of carefully drafted laws, statutes which have been made by commissions appointed by the American governor, but which, none the less, are wise and necessary regulative measures. The original government came into power under a constitution, but without a general code of laws, and in spite of President Palma's urging the Cuban congress failed to pass needful legislation. To the absence of regulative laws many Cubans now ascribe the failure of the original attempt at govern- way company discovered that \$5,000,000 was

To a degree, at least, the activities of the | The amount actually spent he found to be masses of Cubans have been diverted from \$25,000. politics to industrialism. This is a consummation replete with hopeful promise. And it is of significant interest that the chief method by which this wonderful transformation has been brought about is the construction of good roads. In the province of Pinar del Rio, for instance, which the temporary governor is said to have "gridfroned with good roads," the people have found agriculture rendered so attractive and profitable thereby that they have largely quit the pursuit of politics and turned their energies to growing sugar cane

THE FUTURE OF CUBA.

Kentucky Editor Thinks We Should Have Annexed the Island. Henry Watterson in the Courier-Journal Now that the Cubans have their freedom, what have they done with it; what are they doing with it, and what are they

likely to do? I violate no confidence when I quote these words from that master of international policies and of good English, the secretary of state: "We do not want we wish it to govern itself decently and

in order." Before coming here I could not clearly apprehend the force and truth of this language. Nothing was easier after an interval of twenty-four hours. I have said in a jocular way to Mr. Root, when he was secretary of war: "Some fine morning you republicans will have to get up a Philadelphia election, and in that way amend the mistakes of the Teller resolution.,, I still think we had better have taken over Cuba along with Porto Rico and the Philippines, and in the beginning have made an end of the whole Spanish outfit. That would have saved infinite trouble. England, in our place, would not have hesitated. Sentiment is rarely a sagacious statesman, though statemanship must often consider and consult sentiment. The sturdy old senator from Colorado seems almost as big a crank about liberty as I am myself. Yet noth-Cuba will not or cannot, "govern itself decently and in order."

I have seen and talked with everybody worth seeing and talking with here to reach the conclusion that order will not visional government,

It is hard to have to say it, but it apin the convention, and republicans gen- pears true to say that there is no intelligent patriotism among the Cubans-that is, no fixed principle of nationality and enlightened sense of the responsibilities of government-each of the parties led by ambitious men having a personal following. the objective point being the spoils of possession. Graft is the conscious, or unconscious, asset of each of them. The population is divided into three classesopponents of Mr. Bryan in the democratic the taxpayers, who want stability and John scarcely expect it short of annexation, or a protectorate; the politicians, who are out after all they see, or fancy they see, in sight, and the masses, made up largely

Captain of Pessimism

Chicago News. Jim Hill insists that he doesn't want to be too optimistic. He cannot be certain as to whether that shadowy form he see at a giance that to elect a democratic sees coming down the road is prosperity or one of the neighbors approaching to borrow half a pound of tea. In seeing the Feller panic gather up its playthings and depart for parts unknown Mr. Hill would feel something akin to a personal loss, sa the panic is his private property by right of discovery. He saw it several years before it was born, and used to try to a sound in th' hall; a sound in th' hall; a sound in th' hall; a sound in the hall; a sound in the hall; and the with it if we did not walk a chalk line. Now that it must away he may not care. Now that it must away he may not care to admit that it is gone.

Not Up to Advance Notices

Ban Francisco Chronicle. There has been a great deal of talk in this city about the reformation of municipal methods, and several clubs have been formed to bring about that result. Perhans something has been accomplished, but the chances are nine out of ten of those who have constituted themselves the watchdogs of the treasury are not attending to their job.

Equal to the Pare. Washington Herald. Mr. Taff recently attended five luncheous and four dioners in a single day. hardly believ the president himself could exceed that for true atrenuosity,

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS.

It Will Possibly Become an Espech-Making Amembly.

San Francesco Chronicle. The president has called a conference of governors of the states to meet at the White House in the near future, probably under his presidency. Some recognized exports in various lines will be present to give definite information on the topics to be discussed, and on the official or acmi-official information thus supplied the conference will deliberate. It is intended, if possible, to prevent the meeting from degenerating into a mere talkfest and to have the assembly settle down to the deliberate formulation of definite policles to be promoted by executive influence, state and national.

The general subject to be discussed is the conservation of our national resources. Our natural resources are our lands. our waters, our minerals and our forests. The questions will be what shall we do with them so far as they are still in public ownership, and what policies shall we adopt as to legislation which may afsubjects will be brought up has not been publicly announced, but among those which might come up are the questions of how shall we deal with the national shall the funds come for improving our waterways and reclaiming marah lands? And as to policies affecting resources in private ownership there might be discussed. What shall the states or the nation do with respect to cut-over forests? and shall we so legislate as to promote the export of our coal and fron ores? These are but examples of the fundamental and far-reaching problems with which we must deal in some way or refuse to deal. The object of the president is to so organize and formulate public sentiment that the different sections of this great country may pull together.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Council of Empire at St. Petersburg has raised the Russian legation at Tokio to an embassy.

Congressman Cole of the Elghteenth Ohio district has twice secured his nomination by the flip of a silver dollar, but he is not a silver man for all that.

The special counsel for the New York attorney general in going over the assets and liabilities of the New York City Railcharged to "construction and equipment."

Mme. Zola, widow of Emile Zola, the famous French literary man, has published an open letter, in which she expresses regret that she cannot retain possession of the body of her husband. She declares that his labors of forty years, his part in the Dreyfus affair and the insults of the reactionaries have done more for his fame than can the Pantheon.

"American oll painters get much more encouragement from the wealthy men of the west than they do from the millionaires and tobacco. The Cubans are finding out of the east," said Henry Reinhardt of Milthat right government means peace, order waukee in New York the other day. "There and the pursuit of business. They have is more patriotism among the western men also, there is reason to hope, grasped the of means and they pay better prices for fact that an election need not necessarily be American pictures than the easterners. American works are going into the galleries

of the west." Two officers of the German army, Major Steinbrinck and Lieutenant von Hanstein, and Count Carmar of Berlin, who are in America for the purpose of reporting to the German emperor on certain subjects in which he is interested, have arrived in New York after visits to Washington, Boston, Niagara Falls and West new bridge and the subways in New York

have particularly interested the visitors. POINTED PLEASANTRIES.

"Here's this would-be critic talking about a water color in oil! Did you ever

"What kind of a water color could be in "Sea blue, couldn't it?"-Baltimore American, "Of course you won't object to me as a candidate because I'm a poor man,"
"No," answered the cautious constituent;
"not if you'll consent not to get rich quick

"You don't mean to tell me," said Mrs. Housekeep, "that you were ever a poet?"
"Yos, ma'am," replied Weary Willie,
"when I was younger. Dat was how my
feet first went astray."—Philadelphia Press.

"So many 'successful' authors ride in automobiles now."
"Yes; It's slow work getting to Oblivion
by freight train."—Atlanta Constitution. Fair Client-I want you to get a divorce I me. Lawyer-Why, I'm surprised, Mrs. Smithi

I thought that you and your husband go along so nicely together.

Fair Client-Oh, we do, but I'm the only woman in our Domestic Economy club that has not been divorced, and I don't want to be so odd .- Toledo Blade Lawyer for the Defense-The prisoner as

serts and can prove that at the time this fight was taking place in the main street, he was in an adjacent alley.

Facetious Prosecutor—I see. He wants to establish an alley-by.—Baltimere American. "No. of course. Batcheller doesn't keep

"Well, then, he doesn't know what life is.
Half the fun of going to your club is lost unless you've got a home to stay away from."—Philadelphia Press. Husband (on overland train)-You mustn't

mind it. Maria, if I take several doses of spirits during the day, from now on. It's the only thing that will cut this alkali dust that gets into one's throat.

Wife-You won't have to do it today,
John. I've been making some inquiries,
and I find we don't strike the alkali region
for 500 miles yet.—Chicago Tribune.

COMRADES.

J. W. Poley in New York Times.
Somethin' about an old sweetheart—some
dream about an old flame.
Feller named O'Reilly wrote it—don't just
remember th' name;
Heard it last night at th' lecture—girl
knew how to recite Heard it last night at the leader when how to recite
Had it committed id memory knew how bring it out right.
Some perfect stranger sat near me, back pretty well to rds the door.
Feller just dropped in I reckon I never saw him before;
Feller 'bout fifty or sixty, party well dressed I could see.
Dropped in to pass a dull evenin, an' took a seat right new I' me.

to talk right at me; Somethin' about an old sweetheart; say, but she knew how to speak.
Somethin' in her or O'Reilly made me
all wet on my thes k;
And when I looked at th' stranger, hopin'
that he didn't see,
His cheek was wet an' a tear rolled
down on th' side nex' to me,

Somethin' about an old aweetheart-I don't remember th' words.
But it brought memories to me, spring-time an flowers an birds;
Brought back th' Spring an th' June-time-thoughts that wern misty and dim. time-thoughts that wern platy and dim.

An' I looked over an' wondered what it was bringin' to him.

I saw him take out his hankchef, lookin' about sort o sly.

An' when he thought I wan't lookin' rub somethin outen his eye;

He didn't seem like a stranger you know how sympathy is—
Somethin' about an old awastheart mabbe some kindred of his

Somethin