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

country."

Maine will furnish the next number

It would help some if the Hains brothers could be tried without publicity.

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner of Boston wants it understood that she is not a slave to customs. Anyway, Mr. Debs is one candidate 1904.

who is not promising to carry out the Roosevelt policies.

It is taken for granted that the airton is fish-shaped.

That's a familiar sound coming from Japan about postponing their exposition for a few years.

Mr. Shotwell is a candidate for the Missouri legislature. He ought to make a hit with the voters.

all of his paramount issues.

will be. Was that three-cornered gubernatorial fight on the square?

Folks up in Vermont evidently did not hear Mr. Bryan when he said he was heir to the Roosevelt policies.

In addition to the disastrous floods, Georgia has an extra session of its legislature. Troubles never come singly.

A 200-pound amethyst has been found in Michigan. Some minstrel southern white men. The south does not king will have it for a scarf pin before the season is over.

England must be getting an idea that there should be a limit to the enthusiasm shown in Australasia over the American battleships.

It is stated that Russell Sage never lent more than \$500,000 to any one person or firm. That's a good plan for all of us to follow.

Candidate Chafin says "a prohibitionist does not have to be a total abstainer." How can he be if he always has his face set against whisky?

Everybody can afford to go to Europe now that the Transatlantic steamship companies have positively forbidden their stewards to accept any tips.

Six thousand New York tailors are pressing their demands for higher wages and are threatening to sew up same conditions. The south applauded right mind would venture to fix a time the trade if their demands are not granted.

but he occasionally has an inspiration. ship went down.

it might have a month ago.

Visitors to the Corn show will be given an exhibition of how to make denatured alcohol. It is carnestly hoped that the farmer will not have as much trouble with the apparatus as states?

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

The ticket chosen by the republican roters of Douglas county at the primary on Tuesday will commend itself to citizens of all classes. It is the direct expression of the voters of the party, and as their choice deserves the unqualified support of the party at the coming general election. It was easily understood from the start that all who aspired to this could not be chosen. The voters have made their selection from the lists and the losers Bryan should answer the questions. should now gracefully submit to the verdict and give their hearty support to the ticket, just as they would have expected the winners to do had the result been reversed.

The spirit in which the primary campaign was carried on is the best possible evidence of the union that exists within the republican party in Douglas county and presages a handsome victory in November. This spirit should not be weakened by any bitterness of disappointment at the outcome of the primary. In this year more than in any other recently the republicans should stand firmly together and cheerfully and steadfastly support the nominees of the party. Douglas county should be registered in November for Taft and for every republican on the ticket below him.

THE MESSAGE FROM VERMONT The September elections in Vermont and Maine in presidential years always have been eagerly anticipated and 36,250 their results have been accepted as in-35..... 35,940 dicative at least of republican enthuslasm or the want of it throughout the 28...... 36,620 country. These results in the past have belied their prophetic signifi-

in Vermont.

The result of the state election in Vermont on Tuesday brings no cheer to democratic hopes. The republican 29,000 plurality, as compared with a Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this let day of September, 1998. plurality of 31,549 for President Roosevelt in 1904. The plurality for the republican candidate for governor in 1904, however, was but 21,549, or more than 7,000 less than the plurality recorded on Tuesday. All of the democratic managers, including Mr. Bryan and Chairman Mack, have admitted that the democrats would not find much encouragement in the re-Vermont is still in "the enemy's turns from Vermont unless the reshows that the resistance to the candion the republican program of victory. dacy of Mr. Bryan has not been lessened in Vermont.

fell to 23,734. Four years later it rose

ship invented by Mr. Herring of Bos- an's attempt to secure the support of the electoral vote of the state to Taft the negro voters in the north. The and Sherman. negro is recognized by the democrats ginia and Georgia this year will conat the polls he will of necessity compel sist in something more than the mere Martini club. tion of the rewards of office, and with candidates. the political recognition established social recognition would inevitably follow. The opposition to Bryan's at-Mr. Bryan promises to revise the titude on this question is doubtless the tariff just as easily as he has revised real reason for the bolt of the demo- Water board called upon the citizens cratic national ticket by the Baltimore Sun, the oldest democratic newspaper The question with the democrats in the south. The Sun says:

Where will such an alliance lead the south? If we succeed with the aid of the and the next for their support, until we of the color line in many other particulars, would be extremely offensive to the south, and would be indignantly repudiated by uation? posed or indorsed. This alliance with the

price they demand? cidedly embarrassing position by the the property at the upset price and asrefusal of the southern democrats to sume the financial obligations, or it quietly watch his attempted flirtation must reach a compromise of some sort with the negro voters in the north, with the water company. While he has persistently talked about placing the man above the dollar, he the supreme court the annulment of the south that the man must be a carry with it an order for the appoint- carry South Carolina. white man. In his speech at Cooper ment of a new set of engineers and a Union hall, New York, last April Mr. reappraisement, equivalent to starting Bryan declared that the southern dem- the parties out where they first began would adopt a similar course under the more than five years, no one in his that utterance, but changed its ap- limit for a new appraisement short of because he had ceased to be interested Big Joe Butler may not be astute, effort to win the negro vote on account to the alternative of getting along with He is very likely priding himself on furore over the question was started of water service indefinitely pending service. the acumen to desert just before the Mr. Bryan has declined to discuss it, reappraisement or seeking a short way asserting that it was not his place to out by some sort of compromise. discuss any issues that were not men-Between the show window, the tioned in the Denver platform. While now exactly as repeatedly outlined by theater and the ball room Omaha has Mr. Bryan is refusing to discuss the The Bee from time to time from the been fairly introduced to the sheath negro question, it is always a live issue outset. If we finally buy the water after the Des Moines pattern. The city lined up against the wall if she had ever erly is here. sown, and its appearance on the street in the southern states and democrats plant by election under the purchase now will acarcely excite the comment in that section are keeping it before clause of the franchise instead of by a committee of leading citizens to draw up of them had been.

> questions, addressed to Mr. Bryan: you attempt any interference with the con-

country because of the affair at Browns- service under stipulated terms.

ville, Tex? Third-Will you appoint negroes to offiial places in the federal service? Fourth-In the selection and appointment United States judges for the supreme, controlled by political or factional consider-

ations or regard these offices as rewards for assistance given to you and the party In all fairness to the negro voters of the northern and border states, Mr.

TWO DOUBTFUL STATES.

politicians are hesitating to predict the breaking up of the solld south at the may result in an unusual political

Georgia has a candidate for the pres-Tom Watson, the populist nominee for president, has a remarkably strong following in the state. He was a he joined the populist movement and Bryan most bitterly, and is securing ablest attorneys in the country. a support that is causing the democratic leaders of the state much concern. John Temple Graves, for many years an Atlanta editor and one of the most forceful writers and eloquent speakers of Georgia, is a candidate for vice president on the independent league ticket and is making an eloquent appeal for support. The voters that these two Georgians will attract will not be drawn from the republican ticket but will come almost entirely from the democratic ranks. In addition to this, many prominent business men of Georgia are declaring their intenfour-ticket combination the usual of which he is an active member. candidate for governor was elected by Georgia democratic majority will be

very much reduced. The Virgina situation is another ilroost. In the scheme to disfranchise that he is doing something unusual. of Virginia passed a law making a poll tax receipt one of the qualifications of a voter. The poor whites were provided with these receipts, while the negroes were practically prohibited from voting, as but a small proportion publican plurality was less than of them would pay a poll tax for the 25,000. On that basis, the record privilege. It was the custom of the democratic committee to use the campaign funds for the payment of these taxes, sending the receipts to the in-The republican plurality in Ver- dividual voters. A court decision remont was 26,603 in 1880; in 1884 it cently rendered holds that these taxes It reached the high water mark of franchise about half of the vote which 38,389 in 1896, falling in 1900 to is usually cast for the democratic publicans of the state are better organized than ever before and apparmains for the interested parties to cul-31,312 and increasing to 31,549 in candidates. At the same time, the re-The southern democrats are still that they will elect two or three con- for returns to come. showing their disapproval of Mr. Bry- gressmen and may be able to swing

southern leaders declare that if the In any event, the elections in Virthem to recognize him in the distribu- counting of the vote for the democratic

WATER WORKS POSSIBILITIES. A frenzied appeal issued by the selfconstituted newspaper organ of the of Omaha to vote for two particular fat men get all the good things of life. candidates for Water board nomina- The Chronicle must not know Mr. tions at the recent primary in order Rockefeller. "to prevent any compromise" with the negroes this time we must pay them with water company. Inasmuch as The offices for their votes if we want to retain Bee had already commended the same their support next time. In that event we two candidates because of their busimust bid even higher at the next election ness experience and reputed possession become thoroughly identified with them of common sense, the effort to inject politically and are unable to succeed with- this issue, of course, could not be sucout their help. Such political amalgama- cessful, but it makes pertinent, at any tion, involving as it would the wiping out rate, the question, What are the possibilities of our present water works sit-

It goes without saying that either intend to solve the negro problem in this the city or the water company will get way, no matter by whom it may be pro- the decision in the compulsory purnegroes is bad in point of policy and prin- chase litigation now in the United ciple and will in time inevitably produce States supreme court. If the water conditions dangerous to the highest and company wins it will secure a decree most sacred interests of the south. The of specific performance commanding flagration." First thing he knows somedemocratic party cannot get the negro the city to take possession of the water tion is. Can the south afford to pay the plant and pay over the \$6,243,000. In that event there will be only two possi-Mr. Bryan is being placed in a de- bilities-the city must either acquire

If the city wins the decision from ocrats were justified in disfranchising Inasmuch as the present appraisement the negro and that northern states proceedings have lasted only a little some of the northern democrats in an court, therefore, would put the city up

The water works possibilities are the people. The Charleston News and eminent domain, as we should have Courier is printing and repeating these done, we will have to pay a price satisfactory to the owners of the water Omaha and Memphis. Meantime the Des ager. First-If elected president, Mr. Bryan, will company, and if the price at which the Moines Register and Leader says of the water company is willing to sell does ditions of negro suffrage in the southern not appeal to our citizens the city and the Agricultural department has had. store the negro soldiers who were dis- gether upon some mutually acceptable elimination of red tape.

missed from the military service of the arrangement for a continuance of the

The controversy that has arisen over the destruction of a condemned building merely emphasizes the need for an circuit or district benches would you be intelligent and comprehensive building ordinance and its rigid enforcement in Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt of Brooklyn borough Omaha. Under present conditions the observed the 108th anniversary of her bir.h building ordinance that exists is made a farce by the action of the city council, which never fails to grant to the property owner or prospective con- of young-old age she seized her left to structor privileges denied by the building inspector. Property owners and business men are more interested in for her remarkable age and activity by While the most sanguine republican this matter than the general public, the fact that she takes a cold plunge every for the insurance rate depends entirely on the qualities of buildings existing coming election, peculiar conditions in the city, and so long as the pro- Hunt. exist in both Georgia and Virginia that visions of the ordinance are ignored, either by the building inspector's office or by the city council, in overriding the city officials' decisions, just so lor z idency and for the vice presidency. insurance rates will remain high in

Wade Ellis of Ohio, who wrote the leader of the democratic party until original draft of the republican platform, has accepted a position as assistwas a vice presidential candidate on ant attorney general under Mr. Bonathe Bryan ticket. He is now fighting parte. He is ranked as one of the

> sting of ingratitude feels like, but he and his cohorts will meekly submit and enroll themselves among the loudest shouters for Bryan and Hitchcock.

> Having got the primary election and registration off your mind, now make your plans to attend the State fair on host, and the visit will pay you.

General Manderson's letter proves that he is consistent on the tariff question. In this regard the tion to support Mr. Taft, so that in a general is in line with the great party

John D. Rockefeller has been telling lustration of the truth of the old passes their jokes off as his own. He adage about chickens coming home to should disabuse himself of the notion

> A St. Louis man has offered his wife their young baby, of which he is jealous. She should be glad to get rid of one so unworthy so easily.

> Castro has assessed another fine of \$5,000,000 against a French asphalt company in Venezuela. The way of the asphalt company is not smooth when Castro is on guard.

must be paid in person and in cash. August, just after Senator Smith pre- nounced that they had agreed to adjust to 28,992 and in 1892 it fell to 19,702. The effect of this threatens to dis-dicted the state would certainly go democratic in November.

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE NEGROES ently have some reason for their claim tivate a little patience while waiting club in New York. No telling how far

> The New York minister who suggests that every married woman should be tattoed on the chin is due to get

The London Chronicle says that the | said:

A Winning Combination.

New York Sun. The present indications point to a large crop to be moved and to fairly easy money conditions under which to move it.

> Vain Assumption. Kansas City Times.

The assumption that Bryan will certainly retire as a candidate after the present cam- the fact just brought out that when the paign is based upon the theory, of course, executors took hold of the estate after his that there will be no more new "paramount issues" to discover.

Keep the Hose in Order. Washington Post.

Debs declares that his campaign "will throb with the spirit of revolution, slong its track the scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conbody will be turning the hose on Eugene

Celerity in Seeing Things.

Brooklyn Eagle. No railroad train can be nough to carry a man out of the territory of his own mind. Every traveler throughout the United States discovers great fortune. They have been two years only the political indications which he in settling it and receive \$905,636 for their wishes to be true. Were Mr. Bryan in Montpeller, two hours, he would believe for that period that he would carry Vermont, and were Mr. Taft to spend thirty It is enough to make the thrifty "Uncle has openly endorsed the contention of the appraisement may be expected to minutes in Charleston, he would hope to

> Old School Democrats. Philadelphia Ledger.

The death of William F. Vilas directs attention once more to the disappearance sentative democrats of the old regime.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. is receiving favorable attention in a good a charter of the same model. Sioux Falls,

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. York "points with pride" to two giddy young centenarians whose capers

on Monday last by skipping up and down hree flights of stairs, walking a mile for the exercise and putting away three square To further prove the suppleness with her right hand and hopped nimbly back and forth through the loop. "Wasn" that awful, Mabel?" Mrs. Hunt accounts norning and never wore corsets.

"Cold water and no corsots will keep inyone alive for a century," declared Mrs "I always sleep with my window open at night in the coldest days in winter and no matter how cold it is I sleep with light bed clothing.

"Corsets are an abomination. Young women ruin themselves by wearing such devices. I dare say corsets cut twenty ears from every woman's life."

Two laps behind Mrs. Hunt is Rabb Barnet Wolinsky, aged 10s, who took to his much to the surprise and indignation of five generations of descendants. The rab bi's latest wife was Mrs. Shinney R. Shinsky, widow of a former friend of the old gentleman. About one year ago Mr. Shin-Mayor Jim knows now what the sky died and his widow went to the rabbi's cient reason for his declaration that he home to keep house for him. She was 70 would not be a candidate again. ears old, but in the eyes of the rabbi she courtship he won her for his bride

As soon as his proposal of marriage was ried to the marriage license bureau and at a speed of seventy miles an hour. procured the necessary papers.

It is asserted by some of the rabbi's closest friends that he had given his age Omaha day. Nebraska will be the as @ when obtaining the license, but h says that he never was ashamed of his

The old gentleman has somewhere in the neighborhood of 175 living descendants in Russia and the United States.

After having forced a rear window and the American press humorists that he an impromptu performance of a cat on a plano in the parlor.

Mr. Witzell was awakened from a sound ing excitedly up and down the keyboard the alternative of parting from him or of the plane. He drove the cat off, closed he had far outgrown the measurement the piano and went back to bed.

In the morning he found a bundle con- wooden overcoat had to be purchased. taining silverware on the dining room floor. A gold pencil had been taken from Yung Wing, former Chinese commissioner the plano? had scared the intruder away.

for nearly three months the question of 1902, when he made some effort to revive fixing a basis for the adjustment of the loss occasioned by the disastrous fire on Will Mr. Bryan please note that it June 9 in the fur storage plant of Abraham snowed in Maryland on the last day of & Straus' department store, Brooklyn, anthe loss of stored furs at \$636,668.92, although the actual damage to stored furs amounts to \$925, 250.95. The firm's loss by the fire amounts to \$10,000. It will be fully

column editorial from the Manhattan their garments in order to save a portion

he would go if he was to move to the amused at a story that is being told about him. A short time ago he was assigned to look after peddlers in an East Side strec. One peddler was very troublesome. He is fused to keep in line, although warned in more married women's chin than he a gentle way. The policeman, who is noted projects of the government affect only for his cheerful and genial disposition, finally had his good nature ruffled, and

> The peddler went, and the policeman with him. When he was arraigned the lieutenant and detectives who lounged around noticed that the big policeman, whom they all knew, could not control his mirth. 'What's the joke?" asked the lieutenant

'I told this fellow to go to the station and he went. Sure, I never saw the place before myself and didn't know how to get

How Russell Sage made his money, a teast the later accumulations, is shown by death they found that no less than \$29,000,-000 was due it from loans made to stock exchange houses on call. This was a branch of the money market of which he made a specialty and for which he carried a huge amount of cash. In times of severe money stress, when call rates would rise to 20, 60 and even 100 per cent, it would be possible for him to reap a fortune in a brief time, and it was noticeable that he would be exceptionally long of cash when such times came on, and he charged all the traffic would bear. Meantime the execuors of the estate. Dr. John P. Munn and Charles W. Osborn, have helped themselves or been helped to a generous share of the services, while Mr. Sage left \$25,000 each to his nephews and nieces. That is a scandalously extravagant compensation, of course Russell" turn in his grave.

A long line of New Yorkers, prompted either by a desire to exchange bad money for good or to help the government run down counterfeiters, files into the subtreasury building in Wall street with innumerable counterfeit pieces every day. In each case a receipt for the counterfeit Mr. Vilas had quite retired from politics handed to the person who brings it and the long before his death, but that was not unlawful money is turned over to the secret service bureau. The rule of the Treasury plause to censure when joined with several years. Success in the supreme in public affairs, but because he had been department that slightly damaged money left without a party. He was a type of of the United States coinage may be exthe sincere and capable men who sur- changed for good currency seems to be rounded President Cleveland and who misinterpreted and persons who have counof the Brownsville incident. Since the the present unsatisfactory conditions ought to have been retained in the public terfeit coins given them frequently demand that the clerks return them the bogus coin or a good one in its place. Most of the Commission Plan of City Government. counterfeit is in coins of small denomina-

> many places. A charter commission for a servant the manager of a New York em. government of Portland, Ore., has created been employed in a minister's family. None

> "May I ask why you are particularly anx S. D., is headed the same way, and the jous to know if these girls have had an enplan is under serious consideration at gagement of that kind?" asked the man-

"Because we are very hard up just now working of the plan there. "There are the woman replied, "and I must have a very few if any in Des Moines now who girl who is economical. I have found that doubt the efficiency of the commission of all servants those who have worked in Second-Will you make any effort to re- the water company will have to get to- plan, with its fixed responsibility and ministers families know best how to economize."

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PERSONAL NOTES.

President Diaz of Mexico will be 80 years old when his present presidential term expires, two years hence. That is a suffi-

In his first accident in more than a coked to be only a girl and after a short half century of railroading "Sandy" Pollard, veteran of the Big Four, was hurled to death in the yards at Berea, O., by the eccepted Wollnaky and the bride-to-be hur- Big Four "Fiyer" as it swept through

Miss Elaine Golding, who is the champion woman swimmer of America, competed and won in a three-mile swimming race last week, beating Miss Thiel. Miss any Golding, who lives at Pierpont, N. Y., is anxious to meet Miss Kellerman, the Austrian champion, now in this country.

Mrs. George B. Custer, widow of the general who lost his life at the Little Big Horn battle, has returned from an automobile tour of Europe. She received while entered the home of James Witzell, 197 away a letter telling of the acceptance of Van Horne street, Jersey City, a burglar William C. Potter's design for an equeswas frightened away without his swag by trian statue of the general to be put up at his home in Monroe, Mich.

Since Cincinnati achieved a full-moon spot on the newspaper map, evidence of sleep at 3 o'clock by discordant sounds local growth are cropping out. When the from his piano. He went into the parlor, time came for C. C. Brewer, an eccentric struck a light and saw his pet cat walk- Cincinnati capitalist, to occupy the coffin he had already purchased, it was found given two years ago, and an expande

It may not be generally known that Dr. writing desk that had been pried open. of education and now a resident of Hart-The cat, by jumping on the keyboard of ford, is interdicted from returning to China. "He is a proscribed man, with a bounty of 150,000 taels upon his head," says the Five insurance adjusters, after arguing Hartford Courant, "His last visit was in the liberal movements which were attended with such success earlier in his career. but it was an utter failure."

VANISHING PUBLIC LANDS.

Few Million Remain of the Former

Vant Area. Chicago Record-Herald.

great as that of Texas. But it would be And Jones and Great they had placed upon their furs when they an error to conclude that this vast domain placed them in storage, but they will sus- is available for settlement. Nearly one-half tain a loss of \$285,562.00, because of having the area is in Alaska, and much the greater Editor Watterson has written a five- placed a lower value than the actual upon part of what remains is in the mountain states of the west-Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico. Oregon and Utah. Mure than 60,000,000 The friends of a young Irish policeman acres are in Nevada, where there are scemwho is a champion athlete are much ingly endiess stretches of rock and sand.

In crossing the continent by any of the great railroads one is always impressed by such harren wastes, and it is certain that throughout much of their extent reclamation is impossible. The present reclamation 2,000,000 acres all told. There is nothing, thesefore, in the figures first given to encourage the thought of a limitless reserve for the people. It should be felt, rather, that the old opportunities are rapidly passing away and that the chances that are left should not be neglected. Conditions are such that the most earnest efforts are being made to prevent the abuses of the past, to discountenance speculation on a large scale and render all possible assist-

ance to settlers in good faith. To show how rapidly the area has diminished we shall refer to a statement pre-aread by the land office ten years ago. At sessed by their machines. pared by the land office ten years ago. At that time the acreage of the public lands vacant and subject to entry and settlement dian reservations which have been thrown

It is obvious that the time is near when there will be little arable land at the disposition of the government. But it has a great work to perform in its irrigation schemes and in the related projects for conwhen it has done all that it can do promoting the settlement of the arid ons, it must still labor at a kind of proserving the natural resources of the counin promoting the settlement of the arid regions, it must still labor at a kind of protection concerning whose main principles there is hardly a difference of opinion among the people.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

What is your favorite flower?"

"The violet."
"Why do you prefer it to others."
"For financial reasons."
"What can they be?"
"Because as long as you have a single." violet, you are never without a scent. Baltimore American. 'Say, this is straight sode,'

val at the Maine resort. "Didn't you ree to wink?" me wink?"
"Of Yourse I did," replied the clerk. I p
here when anybody winks its a sign for as
to leave the stick out."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Why do you call that lawyer friend of yours such an authority? I can't find my book in the legal library of which ie is the author."
"Of course not. He's an authority on "Of course not. He's an authority the unwritten law,"-Indianapolis News.

"Somehow," said the political manager, "I can't help wishing I could get acquainted with the chap that held up those 125 travelers in Yeliowstone park a few days ago. Wouldn't he be a dandy collector of campaign contributions!"—Chicago Tribune.

Languid Lannigan—It must be simply swful ter be afflicted wit' dis "spirit uv uniest" we read so much about lately.

Torpid Thomas—I knowed all along dat dem cookin' schools wiz de forerunners of some national calamity;—Puck. Mrs. Hayrick—The president says to sleep with the windows open.

Mrs. Cornerib—Well, I wish he would tell Hiram to sleep with his mouth shut.—New

Physician (answering telephone at 2 Phoner—Thunderation, noly Think I'd be calling you up at this unearthly hour if I was well?—Boston Transcript.

Towne-I saw Longbow talking to you oday. Browne-Yes. He tried to work off one of his tall stories on inc, but I caught

Towne—Ha! ha! he's a bird, isn't he's Browne—Yes, but I put a grain of salt on his tale.—Philadelphia Press.

UNCANNING THE SPEECHES. Chicago Post. John Jones is a republican. James Greek Each occupies Each occupies contentedly a pretty eight-room flat. Which in itself would not be of the least

invested in a campaign phonograph. is, Jones bought a phonograph, and

Green bought one as well; Each bought a bunch of records such as hustling dealers sell-The sort that brim with cloquence and tell with might and main e inner truth about the make up this campaign. Green's records bore what Bryan said, while Jones had words from Taftleaders' views were issues and the fully phonographed.

John Jones came home that evening and he dined in rare content James Green came home and dined as well, right glad that he had spent money for a phonograph, whose stri-dent, forceful tones do some missionary work upon his neighbor, Jones. Then each set up his phonograph and left the door ajar, And tapped the round of eloquence, then lit his fat cigar.

"My Fellow Citizens," boomed forth in Bryan's mellow tones; ly Countrymen," in Taftic voice came from the flat of Jones, Then intermingled and confused in their opposed duet.

Green scowled across at Jones' door, Jones

I point with pride," was countered by "I vacant and subject to entry and settlement and exclusive of Alaska was placed at 579,368,274. The public lands in Alaska were estimated at 359,529,600 acres, which gave a total of 948,897,874. This did not include into the set of t a race of slaves.

But Junes eyed Green, and Green eyed Jones with angry, baleful eyes. And Jones told Green and Green told Jones it was a pack of lies. They left the phonographs alone and mer



The Pessifinist-I hear a lot about better times. The Optimist-They're here now.

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