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

This is the give and take season.

Naturally, there is not much of scramble for 50-cent eggs.

It is not too early to engage your seat on the water wagon.

Christmas spirit with the Christmas for the ten months of the present spirits.

Heve it is so just because he sees it students of trade conditions. in the New York Sun.

coming good, but it is still not too late to do your shopping early.

It is a question whether Uncle Sam needs four new battleships, not whether he can afford them.

Better arrange with the alarm clock to aid you in getting into the list of near-early Christmas shoppers.

A Chicago man named Cheese wants the court to change his name. It might be switched to Crackers.

Lincoln is to be invaded by a democratic daily newspaper. This will certainly supply a long felt want.

did not stick to reformed spelling in his annual message to congress.

The Christmas shopper would like a guaranty that his bank deposit will hold out for a couple more weeks.

France asked Castro to move on until the French learned that he had a fortune. Then they invited him to move in.

Complaint is made about the headlights of automobiles. That is less dangerous than light heads in automobiles.

The base ball teams are anxious for the holidays to be over, so they can begin winning pennants around the office stove.

Mr. Bryan will speak at the corn show on the last day, but that is no reason why you should defer your visit until that occasion.

The secretary of war wants 600 more officers for the army. That United States. looks like a promise of prosperity for the gold braid factories.

A Pittsburg paper says that "one girl can make 27,000 stogles a day." Still, that's one form of misdemeanor that should be prohibited.

"The democratic party does not feel cast down," says Governor Johnson of So far Governor-elect Shallenberger Minnesota. Perhaps not, but in most has shown no disposition to interfere sive fown. states it must feel cast out.

Japan and the United States have demonstrated that they can pull off a little parlor show without having

Hobson appear as interlocutor. The Indianapolis News celebrated its fortieth birthday anniversary the other day and the president thinks the

paper is old enough to know better. Nat Goodwin says he never told his wife a lie in his life. If Nat has been telling the strict truth to his wives, it is no wonder so many of them have

put away their Illinois competitors itol building for Nebraska. The preswith neatness and dispatch. When it ont structure is little short of a discomes to presenting arguments as well grace. In appearance and accommoda- Orleans Times-Democrat insist that the

MR. TAFT ON DISFRANCHISEMENT.

pect of the southern people by talking of certain political and social condi- years or four years, it is equally cer- a member of the Ku-Klux clan. tions peculiar to the section south of tain that the new building must come. Mason and Dixon's line. In his tour This will be the greatest duty, perof the south before election he was haps, that will devolve on the new legbluntly frank in his suggestion that islature. the southern people seek a divorce course of his address Mr. Taft said:

fications for the suffrage which square with the fifteenth amendment, and which shall be equally administered as between taining suitable quarters. Governor tirely the possibility of a domination of favorable to the erection of armory rnments by an ignorant electorate, white or black. * * * The sooner such laws. better for the moral tone of state and needs aside from the requirements of community concerned.

This is a clear recognition of the right of each state to fix its own qualifications for voters. On this proposition there is no room for ar-37,310 gument, but Mr. Taft makes it plain that he is not in favor of the repeal of the fifteenth amendment and is a bill at the present session of conagainst the negro solely because he is 37,140 a negro. If the south wants to keep 28.......36,890 | the illiterate negro from voting, it may do so by applying an educational test that would make ignorance, rather dent Roosevelt has recommended it than color, a bar to the franchise and that Mr. Taft is strongly in favor privilege. The election laws now on the statute books of many of the ton that if the statehood bills are not southern states make a pretense of such a test now, but they are invariably framed to operate as a discrimination in favor of the illiterate in March. white voters, who are practically as numerous as illiterate negro voters in some of the southern states. Every state has the right to make laws that New England states. It will mark will proscribe the venal and the illiterate, provided that all venal and dominating part in senate affairs. For illiterate are placed on the same foot-

THE COLONIAL TRADE. gratifying increase in the trade between the United States and its colocalendar year and indicate a volume of business much larger than had Evidently the president does not be- been expected or thought possible by

When the Philippines came under the control of the United States ten The Christmas shopping game is years ago, it was predicted that it concern. It was this same spirit that, The postmaster general's recent report would be half a century before the when the admission of Oklahoma and considerable amount of such goods as Mexico and Arizona by insisting that paid to surety companies by postal emwould be naturally expected to be im- they come in as one state. The bill ported from the United States. The progress of the Filipinos has been demonstrated by the fact that, although several years were required to restore order in the islands, the exports of that country now amount to prevent the admission of New Mexico almost \$1,000,000 a month, being in excess of \$8,000,000 for the ten months, and growing larger every month. Hawaii, while the smallest of tor Platt of Connecticut robbed the the colonies, has been the most liberal clique of two of its strongest membuyer of American products, our ex- bers, and its force was further seriports for the ten months amounting to It may be noticed that the president \$40,500,000, as compared with \$22,-665,000 to Porto Rico, \$10,500,000

The American exports to Hawaii comprised breadstuffs, iron, steel, cot- last five or six years have added ton cloth, mineral oils and manufac- greatly to the prestige and power of tured wood and tobacco, in return for the west. The younger men have which we bought a fair share of the taken a more active part and the old Hawaiian sugar crop. We bought sugar, tobacco and fruits from Porto not been replaced with forceful con-Rico and sent that country rice, pro- servatives. On this account, while the iron and steel. We imported sugar statehood may be opposed, it cannot and hemp from the Philippines and be long postponed. Politically, the adsold them iron, breadstuffs, cotton mission of the territories would proband mineral oil. Alaska sent salmon, ably add two democrats and two recopper and furs to the United States publicans to the senate, thus not disand bought liberally of cottons, woolen goods, manufactured iron and steel, body, but it would be of importance and wines

Altogether, the trade with our non- of special interest to the west. contigueus territories is increasing most rapidly and promises, with the cial industrial enterprises of the ing the corn exposition, for he is fa

THE NEBRASKA BUDGET.

Just at present the incoming admin- really are. istration is concerning itself very largely with the needs of the institutions in Nebraska and is planning for the continuation of the careful management that has effected marked economies during the last two years. seriously with the control of the several institutions maintained at the state expense, and it is reasonable to presume that whatever step he takes in this direction will be carefully considered before it is made. Giving the governor and the legislature credit in advance with a desire, at least, to direct the affairs of the state of Nebraska in such a way as will secure the maximum of efficiency with a minimum of expense, it may not be out of place to suggest some of the extraordinary expenditures the incoming leg-

The University of Nebraska debaters more commodious and appropriate cap- in best sellers. as substance Nebraska is always there. | tions it is not fit to house the govern-

Another extraordinary expense will from the old question of race preju- be the making of proper provision for dice and begin planning to vote in ac- the National Guard of Nebraska. The cordance with their judgment and amount of money now expended by their best political interests. He re- the state on its citizen soldiers is pitipeated this advice in an address at a fully inadequate. Only by the most reunion of North Carolinians in New strenuous effort and the greatest of York the other night, when he clearly personal sacrifices on the part of offidefined his attitude on the plans being | cers and men has the guard been maintried in southern states to secure the tained at a point where it would pass disfranchisement of the negro. In the muster and come within the purview of the national law. In Omaha and In all the southern states it is possible Lincoln the work of keeping up the y election laws prescribing proper quali- guard has been especially difficult, owing to the great expense for mainthe black and white races, to prevent en- Sheldon has expressed himself as being southern state, county or municipal gov- buildings throughout the state, but especially in the larger cities, where they when adopted, are applied with exact are so greatly needed. These two the established institutions, and deserve the earnest consideration of Governor-elect Shallenberger and the legislature.

NEW STATES AND THE SENATE. The effort that will be made to pass zona to statehood is scheduled for very considerable opposition, despite the fact that the party is pledged by its platform to such legislation, that Presiof it. It is reported from Washingpassed at this session, Mr. Taft will ask for statehood in the message he will send to extra session to convene

The opposition to the proposed legislation is personal and political on the their final stand against loss of their many years a coterie of New England and eastern senators has practically directed the work of that body. Their domination was largely responsible for Figures furnished the federal bureau the delay in the admission of Oklaof trade statistics show a marked and homa and Indian Territory and their final admission as one state, instead separate states, as that would add four western senators to the body and increase the power of the western members who were fighting, against eastern opposition, for forest reserves, irrigation and the advancement of inproviding for such joint statehood was passed by congress, but the territories dertake its own bonding. both rejected it

It is hardly probable that the eastern members will be able to longer and Arizona. The combination has lost its dominating control. The deaths of Senator Hoar and of Senaously impaired by the retirement of natural resources. With an immense pop Senator Spooner and the death of Senator Allison, both western men to Alaska and \$8,450,000 to the Philp- who worked with the "conservatives" leaders, from the eastern states, have turbing the political complexion of the tobacco, breadstuffs, meats, liquors to the west by adding four votes to the support of measures and policies

Secretary Mellor of the State Agridevelopment of those countries, to cultural society will be pardoned for have a potent effect on the commer-, the enthusiasm he indulges in concernmiliar with conditions in Nebraska and knows just how wondrous the farm achievements of the Antelope state

The prospect for another year of building in Omaha is more than encouraging. The buildings already provided for and certain to be constructed to constitute a boom in a less progres-

The World-Herald refuses to be comforted by President Roosevelt's message. That is one thing that has really endeared the president to the American people. He has so far been unable to satisfy his democratic critics.

It is more difficult than ever to inderstand why boys leave the farm and move to cities for the privilege of paying 50 cents a dozen for nearfresh eggs.

"The south pays more attention to islature will be asked to provide for. | booze than it does to literature," says The most important of these is the a Kentucky paper. In other words, it

The Atlanta Georgian and the New "night-riding movement in the south

ment of a great and wealthy state, and bears no analogous relationship to the President-elect Taft has won the re- while it may be possible to stow away old Ku-Klux movement." Still, the the several departments of state gov. innocent planter who is killed has no ery plainly to them in the discussion ernment under its roof for another two choice between a "Night Rider" and

> Congressman Simms of Tennessee has introduced a bill making it unlawful to carry concealed weapons in the District of Columbia. He wants to feel safer in Washington than he does in Tennessee.

Judge Sullivan would have none of the supreme judgeship at the hands of Governor Sheldon, but there are others. The present list of aspirants for the place is so formidable as to be really impressing.

Mr. Bryan protests against the election of Mr. Root to the United States senate from New York. The members of the New York legislature will govern themselves accordingly.

Foot Ball Fatalities.

Boston Herald. The most consoling feature about the ball season is that no two of them agree, either in their totals or in their particulars. equality and justice to the two races the items will constitute the most pressing This shows that they are largely guesswork, with a leaning against the game.

An Impressive Warning.

New York Tribune. Forty miles of troiley lines put out of ler things, ommission and 10,000 men in danger of western Pennsylvania. On the whole, Governor Guild of Massachusetts is probably not a bit too strenuous in his characterization of the worse than fatuous policy vision for forest reservations for the reguwater supply.

In the Eye Every Time. New York Post. The Smithsonian authorities know that sure to hit 'em in the eye every time, and cessor. so avoid mutilating the skins.

> Provoking Publicity. Kansas City Times.

President Roosevelt said some things in his message that congress doesn't like. A sure way to gain the widest possible publicity to these portions of the message part of the senators from some of the is for congress to undertake to "expunge" them.

Perjury in the Courts.

Philadelphia Record. Whether the fading belief in a place of future torment be responsible for it of two. This eastern clique objected perjured himself. We must stop perjury the more necessity of making them fear the penitentiary.

Profits of Bounding Business,

Boston Transcript. Either the bonding business is exremely profitable or postal employes are terests in which the west has a deep more honest than the average of mortals. showed that the average annual collecployes aggregate annually \$200,000. Such showing ought to reduce the rates, even if it does not induce the government to un-

Another Great Republic.

Washington Post. Basing his estimate upon the remark able progress made by Brazil since it became a republic, John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics. predicts that before the end of the pres ent century Brazil will have a population of 150,000,000 and will be one of the greatest sources of food supplies in the prudence should cause to be removed. world. The country is larger than the United States, and is wonderfully rich in ulation, a stable government and a high and varied civilization, Brazil, even be fore the end of the century, will be close to the head in the rank of the great from New England. The changes that powers. It may mean the shifting of the have been made in the senate in the balance of the world's political power to the two dominant republics of the two

Selfish Knockers in Action. Boston Herald. Opposition to the postal savings bank which is threatened in the senate, continues to stand on misrepresentation of the visions, breadstuffs and manufactured admission of the two territories to ignorance or intent, are inexcusable. The maller national banks and the savings banks are said to be opposed to the plan because they fear government competition. But the postal savings bank does not contemplate competing for funds now deposited in existing banks. A low rate of nterest on deposits is provided in order that competition may be avoided. The postal savings bank would be auxiliary to the existing system, drawing on horded funds which are now given to any depository. Such funds as it attracts will turned into existing national banks, and will increase to that extent the circulating

GENTLENESS CONQUERS WORLD.

Thoughts on the Season of Peace and Good Will. Collier's Weekly

All the old troublous questions of the origin and destination of the Galilee Carpenter have passed. All the medieval worriment in discriminating between hu man and divine has gone, all the puzzled inquiry into the miraculous. No longer is mankind stirred over the non-essential. Theories of Him fade away, dogmas or during the coming season are enough His nature lose their charm. His gentleness has conquered. His influence continues and widens. Slowly brightening. the gleam that touched Him spreads by the gain of congressional seats or of through the world. His spirit moves on the face of civilization and makes it kindlier every generation. The touch of His hand in on the grief-stricken. Nurse physician and nun are the messengers o His teaching. The vestal fires burned out, but never the fires of His spirit, which answer each other from mountain top to mountain top across the nents. And deep in the heart of the peoance and all life's incompleteness. That wonder-working personality was never so derly sure. Under a thousand forms, time. creeds and names men serve Him. And however far we go in the conquest of na ture, identifying the north pole, climbing the sky, prying open electrical forces. step that must be taken to secure a is interested more in best cellars than mapping out the subliminal, diminishing sin, disease, war, poverty, ignorance-al ways in the advance will be that gracious figure of the Sinless One, who showed love as the rule of life. One Perfect to -ardent and gentle-the race will

CURRENT POLITICAL COMMENT.

Specimens of the Tact and Sound Judgment of the President-elect. Washington Post (ind.).

The bearing of the president-elect is win-

onditions of men. In his private and public utterances Mr. Taft is displaying tact and sound judgment. In his "eloquent greens in his church this holiday season. ment of the law would be in order. The flashes of silence" his judgment is equally He even goes so far as to denounce the case in which the decision was rendered good. He seems to have a happy faculty for taking advanced ground and asserting himself without arousing antagonism. Already several questions of profound importance, affecting his forthcoming ad- heathen?" asked Dr. MacArthur. "We are trary to good public policy to have the ministration, have come up for his con- deforesting many portions of our state and use of a valuable patent withheld from sideration, and he has disposed of them in country. We ought to save the trees to the public. such manuner as to reveal elements of prevent floods and to give the proper strength which had not been disclosed dur- amount of shade. To do my share in the ing the campaign. No one who knows Mr. this strength, but his easy exercise of mastery over situations as they arise is a gratifying assurance that the next presi- around from the heathen to the forest pres- pealed-requiring the prompt developdent, like the present one, will be himself, solely, the president of the United States. One of the little incidents showing Mr. Taft's spirit was his refusal to be made an honorary member of the Red Cross sothe presidency of the society, and doubtless he will find time to serve faithfully records of the casualties of the late foot in that position to its great advantage. It and to enjoy-and why shouldn't we use would have been easy for the president- them? elect to shirk the duty which he had previously performed, and the press of greater duties would have been a sufficient exa task once assumed, nor is he so dazzled by his honors as to become blind to humb- that will wash away, and furnish a drain Every day that brings Mr. Taft nearer

dieness is the latest drouth news from to the presidency serves to sharpen and be exercised in cutting holly and cedar and is a real man, who is to do great things strongly opposed to discrimination gress admitting New Mexico and Ari- which has stubbornly refused to make prog in a great way. And the people do not holidays. forget that President Roosevelt preceived lation of streams and conservation of the the true quality of Mr. Taft long ago, and did his best to place him where he could serve his country the best. Hereit is probable that the historian will note with amazement the fact that Theodore Mr. Roosevelt's collection will be worth Roosevelt was criticised for preferring Wilmany thousand dollars, because he is liam H. Taft above all others for his suc-

Peril in the Ballot.

Philadelphia Press (rep.). In Iowa, at the recent election, the republican elector-at-large heading the list received 8,852 more votes than the second elector being the greatest sufferer. The candidate for elector.

With a republican majority of 75,000 this or not, there is a lamentable increase of made no difference in the result, but perjury according to the testimony of had the republican majority been only 5,000 many trial judges. Supreme Court Jus- for the highest elector of that party, the tice Hendrick of New York sent the reduction in the vote for the other electors plaintiff in a slander case to jall in de- would have let in one or more near the top fault of a bond for \$1,000, saying: "I of the list of the democratic electors. The am convinced that Moss has shamefully republican majority of 5,000, imperfectly as their grandfathers did, there is all full effect, because of badly marked ballots.

less than that counted for the highest in accordance with their opinion. democratic-elector-at-large. The question people of the islands were advanced Indian Territory could no longer be vidual bondsmen amount to less than Taft or for Bryan will probably be carried suggestion of hidden dangers, yet enough look at me and say which of us is most sufficiently to have demands for any denied, defeated the admission of New so,000, while, he believes, the premiums to congress. If the result of the election is known of the Cuban character to make exposed to the charge of getting fat." bitter controversy and a disputed succes- if the American soldiers were withdrawn sion to the presidency.

The evil of the present method is fully emonstrated at a time and in a manner

An Astonishing Confession.

New York World (dem.). Mr. Bryan in a Commoner editorial "The Growth of Socialism" warns the republicans that "they may boast of their victory," but that "just as the populist party grew until it compelled consideration of the abuses that led to its organization, so the Socialist party will grow until it forces those at the head of the government to look into the wrongs that are done and to apply remedies."

What an astonishing confession of democratic impotence under the Bryan leader-It is the democratic opposition that should compel the party in power "to look into the wrongs that are done and to apply less to do its own work.

The socialists at least do not support republican measures and pose as "heirs to my policies." They stick to their princito stick to its principles and nominate only democrats for office there will be no occasion for Mr. Bryan or anybody else to giorify socialism as the effective opposition to republican misgovernment.

> The New Political South. Boston Herald (rep.).

Mr. Taft believes in the new south polltics as well as in the industrial activity. The incongruity of the commercial aspiraits bondage to political prejudices is becoming more apparent each year of its development. The purpose of the presidentelect to shape the policies of his administration, so far as they relate to the political situation in the south, to the end that sectional divisions may be eliminated is of more than partisan interest. The passing of the solid south will be a step oward national unity and welfare, the impotence of which will not be measured electoral votes by any party.

Just Enough Harmony,

Springfield Republican (ind.), The harmony conference between Mr. Taft and Speaker Cannon looks like the prelude to another of those amazing exple they make family life sweeter and are the despair of the storm-tossed ease the bitterness of failure and ignor- and distracted democracy. Harmony-just

Democracy's Condition.

Boston Transcript (ind.). the historically minded the declarations of General Grant just where he wanted him.

COLD, UNFEELING PREACHER.

-If He Could. Baltimore Sun.

"Abolish the Christmas tree," advises Dr. ought to be discontinued.

coming holidays.' So the doctor in his reasoning works ervation-abolish the Christmas trees and For every tree that is cut down to make Christmas greens the ax of the lumberman slays a thousand. The holly with its pretty ciety. He is an active member, and he berries, the cedar with its rich green leaves, intends to remain active. He has accepted must, of course, be preserved to give pleasure to the future generations as they have to ours. But they are here for us to use

are not the Christmas tree hunters. They are the greedy lumber speculators, who cuse. But it was not in his nature to shirk sweep a tract clean of big trees, and in place of the forest leave denuded lands to feed the floods that carry destruction down the rivers. Perhaps more care should genius by patent protection. solidify the impression he makes upon mistletoe, in order that the growth may the public mind. The people are more and not be destroyed; but this is so small a more impressed with the fact that here part of forest destruction that it does seem we might be allowed our evergreens for the

Abolish the Christmas tree? Not while the houses hold troops of merry children that look forward with eager eyes to the little tree in the parlor that, with its hunafter, when the account is reckoned up, dred lights and gifts, looks like a bit of the fact understood that the evil day would fairyland. Not while the oldest of us al- be made remote by judicious investment in most hear the stamping of the reindeers the lands of the northwest. and the fingle of the sleighbells. Abolish tapers; not so long as it is the sign and and got a large majority over both the sybol of the season of good cheer and democratic and republican candidates. merriment; not so long as bright-faced children stand around it with glowing faces, radiant with the happiness it brings.

Abolish the Christmas tree? You might elector-at-large, and the district electors as well stop the sleigh, unharness the reinshowed a still further falling off, the last deers, confiscate the toys, shave off Santa Claus' beard, and send him back home to vote for the democratic electors was on a lead the lonely life of a crusty old bachelor. similar sliding scale, the first on the list Parson, spare that tree; it would be well to \$195,000 to secure renomination at the prireceiving 6.246 more votes than the second pause before you fight the million friends maries. If he lives to serve out the term of Mr. Santa Claus,

AMERICAN TROOPS IN CUBA.

Gradual Withdrawal Considered a Wise One. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There will be general concurrence in the wisdom of the plan announced at Washing- 1837, and his biographics accord with this recorded under the complexities of the Auston for the gradual, instead of instant, statement. And yet Mr. Carnegle says It is always a mistake to mix the nial possessions. The statistics are to the admission of the territories as in our courts." If men do not fear hell trallan ballot, would not have been given withdrawal of American troops from Cuba at the expiration of the American occupa- born in 1835, How old is Andy? This is what happened in Maryland, and tion. It had been known for some time Taft loses six electoral votes there be- that both Provisional Governor Magoon and cause the ballots were not marked so as President-elect Gomez thought it wise that to give the republican majority its full some of the troops should remain on the weight. It has caused the election of one island after the new government assumed republican elector to be challenged in Mis- control, but each for obvious reasons hessouri. His vote, though greater than the itated to make the overt suggestion. Now democratic elector for the same district, is the authorities at Washington have acted

Conditions on the island appear at the that one vote the conditions this seeming quiet no adequate indication would be present for an acrimonious and of what might transpire within a few weeks from the island when the new president assumes office. Gomez has reason to sus pect the loyalty of some of his more promwhich makes its cure possible without rais- inent followers, even of some of those who ng any partisan questions. The voting of for the sake of policy went upon his ticket both parties is confused and falsified by and were carried into office with him. A the present method. The majority does not brand new revolution following the inaugurule when accurate marking and not plain ration of the new government would be intention determines the election. There regrettable from every worthy standpoint is danger in the present method, which and if the continued presence of the Amerelementary statesmanship and common ican soldiers will discourage such an unhappy development the precaution would

In the adoption of the new policy of withdrawing the troops President Roosevelt recedes from his former position of insisting that the work of the United States on nounced his intention of thus withdrawing completely from Cuba before the end of really his term objections were raised that the time was too short. It was supposed, however, that he would persist.

WHAT CAUSES CRIME. Supposed Wise Men Conjure Up

Variety.

Brooklyn Times. That wily purveyor to the whims and remedies." That is what an opposition is humors of the times, Minister Wu Tingfor. Yet Mr. Bryan surrenders this func- fang, originally of China, but at present of tion to the socialists, apparently convinced all creation, says that meat causes crime. that the great democratic party is power- The governor of this state is assured that it is horse racing that makes the trouble. have Defeated Candidate Swallow will have it that demon rum is the author and finisher of most improved brands of crime. Dr. When the democratic party begins Parkhurst places crime upon a feminine foundation, and Commodore Gerry finds youth full of opportunity. Anthony Comstock holds all nature as a crime and human nature as the crimest crime of the lot. Every man to his own choice, although it appears that Minister Wu, with his simple declarative, meat, is perhaps nearer sad the fundamentality of crime in the abstract than any of the American specialists.

Meat may cause crime. But it is lamentably on record that the lack of meat causes tions of that section of the country and crime also. Not a great deal of crime is committed on a full stomach, and when stockings."-Judge. prices are high, prosperity low, soup WORRIES OF THE EARLY SHOPPER kitchens are plentiful and honest work scarce we usually enjoy what the pseudo therapetistic psychologists call a "crime wave." Personally we incline to the opinion that more than anything else, opportunity causes crime.

The South and the Party.

Charleston News and Courier (dem.). Has it occurred to our friends in the south who are making such a stir about the fallure of the democratic party in recent years how much they have had to do in fact with this failure? Take the last four presidential elections, for example. Is the southern democracy less responsible for the failures which have attended the party conhibitions of "get together" which the re- tests than their northern confederates? It publican party has grown fat on, and which seems to us that the first thing the south ought to try to do is to save itself from itself. We would have been in a sorry conenough, but not too much-has become the dition, indeed, during all the years of our finest of the political fine arts, as practiced material uplift if it had not been for our potent as today-so insistent and ten- by the national republican party of our political friends on the other side of the old sectional line.

> Rensuuring Compliments. Baltimore American,

All the other powers are lining up to Governor Johnson's ussertion that the say how much they are pleased with the emocratic party's condition is today bet- agreement between the United States and ter than before the campaign will recall to Japan. This is reassuring, as under any circumstances they would be pleased in the Richmond newspapers, in the early the same way the philosophical old lady spring of 1865, that General Lee had got was resigned to die-because they have to be.

SUPPRESSED PATENTS.

He Would Abolish the Christmas Tree Amendment of Present Law in the Interest of Progress. Pittsburg Dispatch

Since the United States supreme court ing golden opinions from all classes and Robert S. MacArthur in an address to his has decided that under our patent laws parishioners. The reverend doctor says a valuable invention may be suppressed he has forbidden the use of trees or ever- by the owner of the patent an amenduse of these as a beathen custom that was an action to restrain infringement. The defendants pleaded willingness to "How came we to adopt this custom, pay a proper royalty on production of the which is one of the many taken from the patent article, but contended it was con-

While the supreme court did not pass upon the public policy of such suppreswork, I have forbidden the purchase of sion it ruled that it was the obvious pur-Taft was in doubt as to his possession of evergreen trees by this church for the pose of congress to confer that power. In support of this reasoning it cited the clause of the original law-since rement of foreign patents. In the opinion save the forests. This is rather farfetched, of the court if such development of domestic patents had been desired it would have been as specifically enacted.

The point now is that if the American people desire development, instead of suppression of valuable improvements, they must demand of congress the enactment of a provision similar to that of the original law affecting foreign patents. There is ample reason, now, The forces that are destroying our forests why there should be such provision Great corporations have arisen which monopolize certain fields. They buy new patents merely to prevent better devices from superseding those in which they deal. It is an abuse of the broad principle of the encouragement of inventive

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Des Moines man wrote farewell letter: to a pair of wives, saying: "This is all the reparation I can make," and turned on the gas. Then he was rescued in time to spoll the reparation

J. J. Hill views with alarm the prospect that the nation may starve, but he wants

Mrs. Kate Stannard of Casper, Wyo., has the Christmas tree? Not while it lights been elected county superintendent of up the happy home with its glowing schools. She ran on the independent ticket

> In a talk before a Baptist club in Boston the secretary of the Rhode Island State Board of Health said: "Kissing is all right if indulged in with Judgment." This should relieve much apprehension on the banks of the Charles.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin spent and draw the six years' salary he will get \$45,000 of it back, and \$61,000 will be for the honor of being a United States senator.

The old conundrum, how old is Ann? is ow superseded by how old is Andrew Carnegie? It is recorded in the records of the parish of Dunfermline where he first saw the light, that he was bern in these records are wrong, and that he was

Sir Wilfred Laurier, whose twelve years of continuous power in Canada has now received a further extension, is generally considered to be the thinnest of prime ministers. And yet a big, burly conservative M. P. was once maiadroit enough to charge him with "fattening at the expense of the poor, deluded people of this country." Sir Wilfred genially retorted: "I ask the House to look at the honorable gentleman opposite and then

Newspapers have trebled in Constanti tople since the young Turks took hold of the empire and the editors are indulging in a liberty of expression as has not appeared in print in that locality for centuries. They are telling the sultan he is back number, a dead one, an old fogy who lacks the courage to go out of sight and lose himself. One of the reasons suggested for Abdul's continuance in office by the liberal regime is the belief that he has hypothecated large sums of public money. To trace this emergency fertune, it is expedient to retain the suitan in the spotlight while the search proceeds be-

LAUGHING LINES.

hind the scenes.

"It has always seemed to the island should be completed before he leaves office in March. When he first anto Ananias cluba. It isn't quite fair to Ananias. He didn't actually after any lies; he only lied by implication. eligible an Ananias club."-Chicago Tribune

"Does your wife ever tell you she has "Worse than that."
"What could be worse than that?"
"She tells me she hasn't enough clothes in which to do a Salome dance."—Houston

"You have eliminated competition!" said the student of economics." "Nothing of the sort!" rejoined Mr. Dustin Stax: "when we effected our latest merger you ought to have seen the com-petition to get situations in our officea!"— Washington Star.

Washington Star. Sculptor's Wife—My dear, you should not have asked Mr. Billyuns if he did not prefer a bust.

Sculptor—Why not?
Sculptor's Wife—Didn't it occur to you that anything of the kind would be in the nature of a trust bust?—Baltimore American.

Algy-Myrtle, what are your objections o marrying me?
Myrtle-I have only one objection, Algy, d have to live with you.-Chicago Tri-

"What makes the tattooed man look so ad?" asks the albino of the ossified party. "He's worried because Christmas is comgets good money and hasn't

any friends."
"That's true; but he is sweet on the "That's true; but he is sweet on the aree-legged girl, and she told him this aree-legged girl, and she to have up her

J. M. Lewis, in Houston Past, took this shopping early hunch To heart this year, and went From street to street, and store to store Till all mycash was spent; bought two dolls, two buggles, too, Two phonographs to sing— h, I am wise, I bave learned to Buy two of everything;

I had a spinerola, and

A gyroscopic top

That spun and spun and spun and spun.
As if 'twould never stop;
I had a large projectoscope,
I had a four-wheeled cart, was the goods, was the wise The big noise! I was smart!

And then I started home with them pockets, arms and paws, ould have shamed a Christmas tree, r frightened Santa Claus; ir blocks from home a thought cam-Four bloc Bing!"

Into the mind of me,
'd got to sneak that load insideThe babies mustn't see!

If they should run to meet their dad
What would their daddy do?
I fairly tiptoed from there on,
And slow my foosteps grew.
And far my eyes bulged out to see,
And gee! but I was glad
To sneak those things safely inside!
Darn this year's "shop now!" fad!

For now I've got the things at home Stacked full are all the shelves. Whenever the babe looks around We scarce can hold ourselves. For fear she may espy some thing From its concealment poke! Oh, we have got our shopping done, But life now is no joke.