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mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested. Christmas buying is really more im-

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portant than Christmas shopping. Venezuela is having an illustration of how the Dutch act on the high

seize. As J. Pierpont Morgan sees it, no

bully country. plain that Castro showed wisdom in

professional bear can prosper in a

going abroad for his health. American women are said to be more extravagant than their English

sisters. They can afford to be, Arizona and New Mexico have ro-

bench just outside the statehood door. HALL. The only consoling fact about the epidemic of bank robberies is that the

thieves are working from the outside. Many base ball fans will be surprised, if not pained, to learn that umpires may be bought as well as

It is probable that Mr. Arcabold will formally resolve not to write any letters to congressmen in the glad New Year.

> A Berlin professor declares that Chicago is "a great but ugly city." It needed no professor to come from Germany to tell us that.

a member of Mr. Taft's cabinet. It is understood that Mr. Taft agrees be done to raise the standard of con- big donations that made up the camwith him on that point.

health greatly improved.

that more can be accomplished by per- exchanges themselves. An enlight- plied by republican administrations. suasion than by litigation. The lawyers will file their demurrers.

The state of Washington has exiled Emma Goldman to Canada. Otherwise very friendly relations exist between Washington and Canada.

King Ak-Sar-Ben's chancellor of the exchequer has a surplus in the strong box. King Ak-Sar-Ben is a monarch unique in more respects than one.

The report of the bank clearings for the last week would indicate that Omaha people have been doing their Christmas shopping both early and

The supreme court of the United States has decided that Mr. Harriman may keep silence, and in this case Mr. Harriman knows that silence golden.

Congress will have some difficulty in explaining why it objects to the use of secret service men in running down criminals and prosecuting violators of the law.

Those bank robbers might have been a little more considerate and have waited until the democrats shall have delivered that promised deposit guaranty law before invading Nebraska.

the scheme for a municipal court for ever viewpoint it is loked at. It is asto pieces on bumping up against the of a similar law enacted in another

THE TURBULENT SHORT SESSION. taliatory tactics are by no means distinctive characteristics of the last sestrary, it is but an emphasized repetition of the incidents usually enacted the coming legislature. at the short session which precedes a change in the incumbency of the presidential chair.

By the very nature of things a short sion. The president's position is peculiar, in that his work has been practically finished, or as nearly so as possible, and he can not hope or expect to offer any new policies or important new measures that will command the attention or consideration of congress. Communications relating to news and edi-orial matter should be addressed: Omaha and can do little more than use his best efforts to put his house in order while congress and the public generally turn attention from him to the new tenant. Many members of conpublic life for other reasons and chief executive, whose power for bestowing rewards or inflicting punish-

fairs. Mr. Cleveland went out of the White House twice with a quarrel with congress prominently in evi-..37,090 dence. Mr. Harrison had a similar experience and Mr. Roosevelt is havsession beyond the appropriation bills and action upon minor matters, the ministration.

> THE REFORMING OF WALL STREET. Governor Hughes has appointed a ommittee to collate facts, receive suggestions and make recommendations as to "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the state of New York bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities, or relating to the protection of investors, or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing with securities or commodities which are the subject of speculation." In other words, the governor has decided to loss ensuing from such accidents, the have Wall street probed, preparatory to legislation designed to correct financial and other abuses that may be dis- accidents will be reduced to a very covered to exist in the great speculative center.

There is some prospect, but not Conditions in Venezuela make it much hope, that the proposed inquiry will result in putting an end to specsumed their places on the waiting the Stock exchange is simply a comoften flood the market with bogus se- ganization. curities, while those who have large holdings in corporations frequently of the money raised in Nebraska for use their power to dominate financial the national campaign, or to be more institutions and thus manipulate the exact, \$2,362, was contributed by reprices of their securities, to the hurt publicans in Omaha and Douglas of investors and the impairment of the county, while only \$26 was contribu-

money market. Morse case and in many others but made most creditable contributions little less sensational, that various and the results, considering the condiabuses, which urgently demand re- tions under which the money was form, have grown up in connection raised, prove beyond doubt that the in the New York market. The action be successfully financed on a basis of Mr. Bonaparte says he will not be of Governor Hughes reflects a preva- popular subscriptions without dependlent feeling that something needs to ing on the corporation hand-outs and duct in financial dealings generally, paign funds in former presidential The greatest benefit to be expected contests. Senator Tillman brings convincing from the inquiries of the probing comevidence that he behaved himself mittee is such an exposure of existing while in Paris. He returns with his evils and such suggestions for im- penses of a political campaign and provement as will force reforms, want nothing in return except the aseither through legislative action or surance of the benefits which all en-An eminent New York minister says the adoption of corrective rules by the joy alike under republican policies apened public \*pinion which will class men who decraud others in the willful manipulation of stocks in the same category with burglars, pickpockets any laws to elevate and purify Wall

AN UNFORTUNATE DECISION.

street standards.

state and other states. It is, there- says: fore, held to be a class of legislation prohibited by both the state and federal constitutions.

It happens that the particular case in which this decision is rendered ness of service, also how suddenly they discame up on a successful attempt by a Lincoln lawyer to extort money from a saloon keeper and, as we all know, the line of demarcation between straight and crooked transactions dis- of the "hours of service law" the 4th of guised as lawyer's fees has always been very hazy. Had the law been tested in a case involving some rank outsider caught red-handed in a blackmailing plot instead of a professional gentleman pretending to demand money for a client, the judicial per-

spective might have been clearer. The overturning of Nebraska's criminal law against extortion and a matter of fact, the 'phones have proven An effort is to be made to resurrect blackmail is unfortunate from what-Omaha, which when tried before went serted that this law is an exact copy many ways. constitution. It remains to be seen state, where it has been enforced and road managers cite the Burlington, whether greater success will crown upheld in the courts. Be that as it which has been operating its Chicago

THE DESCRIPTION AND A PROPERTY OF

and made clearer by the escape of the

INDUSTRIAL WASTE. Statistics just compiled show that it shall not be inefficient. more than 30,000 persons were killed session is one of turmoil and dissen- and more than 2,000,000 injured in

He is preparing to retire from office the list as given is probably much over 10,000 men have been killed in the steel industries and the fatal acgress have either been defeated for cidents among the anthracite miners re-election or are about to retire from in Pennsylvania have averaged nearly four to every 1,000 men employed. are either indifferent or possibly The death roll from industrial acciopenly hostile to the wishes of the dents for the year amounts to the equal of thirty full regiments of soldiers while the roll of the injured is ments is marked for early disappear- larger than the number of men enance as a factor in congressional af- gaged in the civil war. The bureau charges that reckless disregard of ordinary safeguards, the violation of safety appliance laws and the protective principles of everyday life have made the laborer's share in this tremendous sacrifice of human life a very ing his. Under the circumstances, lit- heavy one. "While many of our intle may be expected from the present dustrial accidents," says the report, braska. Just imagine what the cele-"may be the result of ignorance, reckless indifference or carelessness (of disposition of which will have little the victim), the fact remains that an or no bearing upon the incoming ad- immense amount of human life is wasted."

Two important problems present themselves as the result of this showing-one relating to the needed reforms for lessening accidents in industrial establishments, the other having to do with ways and means by which suitable insurance can be afforded to workers in the industries. President Roosevelt has urged the general extension of the employer's liability laws for the benefit of the injured employe, but preventive laws are also needed. When industrial establishments are made to bear the financial responsible heads may be expected to devise measures by which industrial marked extent.

### INTERESTING.

The report of John C. Wharton as financial agent for the republican naulative gambling in securities and tional committee for Nebraska is incommodities, but much good may be teresting. Mr. Wharton raised and accomplished if the investigation shall turned over to the assistant treasurer result in exposing the methods by at Chicago a little over \$4,000 in a sons together and burned his money and experience-in each case the successwhich markets are "manipulated" and period of scarcely four weeks and un- in their presence. Vik was unnecessary, ful governor of a state. If the party canworthless stocks unloaded upon an der restrictions that prohibited him as the boys would have taken pleasure not develop such a man before the next uninformed public. In the abstract, from soliciting corporations, officeholders and candidates for office. The mon center where men buy and sell amount raised by Mr. Wharton and ownership in the obligations of cor- put into the national campaign fund furnish dress suits for its patrons at must be evolved and grow to the requisite porations, just as other men trade in is properly to be deducted from the dinner. This will not help the man boots and shoes and sugar. In prac- amount which was given over by the tice, however, shrewd stock gamblers national committee to the state or- price of the dinner.

It is to be noted that more than half ted from Lincoln and Lancaster It is notorious, as illustrated in the county. Some of the smaller counties with the buying and selling of stocks national campaigns of the future can

The rank and file of the republicans are willing to pay the legitimate ex-

TELEPHONES AND TRAIN DISPATCHING The announcement that a number of railroads contemplate the adoption and lesser thieves will do more than of telephones to replace the telegraph in the dispatching of trains brings the charge from the telegraphers that the movement is designed to evade compliance with the federal law re-By decision of the state supreme lating to the hours of telegraph court, the law making extortion and operators and signalmen and that the blackmailing a crime in Nebraska has new plan, while it may be cheaper for been declared unconstitutional and in- the railroads, will increase the risks valid. The reason given by the court of travel. A railroad telegrapher, in for its conclusion is that the law dis- a letter to the Interstate Commerce criminates between citizens of this commission discussing the new plan,

It would be ludicrous, if it were not for the seriousness of the matter, to see how suddenly the railroads woke up to the fact that the telephone is so much superior to the telegraph in the safety and promptcovered the superiority of the inexperienced \$35 to \$40 telephone operator to the experi-

enced \$60 to \$65 telegraph operator. As a matter of fact, the awakening in mediately followed the going into effect last March, which compelled the roads to employ three operators at some stations nstead of two, as formerly. By putting in three 'phone operators at about \$35 each hey save the salary of a third operator at \$65 and save \$29 or \$25 from the original expense of the two men at \$65 each. This is a fair average. This is the secret of the such-boasted success of the telephone service that they claim has been achieved where it has been experimented with, As to be far from successful. The 'phones on ong distance currents are nolsy, difficult to keep adjusted and unsatisfactory in

In opposition to this view, the railmay, the need of such a law is clear, division train by telephone for some to know the reason why.

time, reports satisfactory results. The The attempt of congress to "rebuke blackmalling lawyer who has gotten public will not be particularly conthe president" and the president's re- away from his just deserts through cerned in the matter except to demand judicial technicalities. If there is any that the safety of travelers be guarded way of reconstructing this law so as to the utmost. Competent train dission of congress, now on the last lap to make it air-tight and burglar-proof, patchers, whether telephone operators of its official existence. On the con- it should be done and put back on the or telegraphers, are just as important statute books in a perfected form by to the traveler as the airbrake and other safety appliances. However the

As chief of the army signal corps, industrial work in this country last General Allen makes earnest recomyear, making an appalling list of mendations for improvement and encasualties, nearly one-half of which, it largement of that branch of the miliis contended, might have been avoided. tary service. Omaha is specially in-The federal bureau of labor, which terested in the signal corps branch of Omaha, and General Allen may count smaller than the actual number of on the moral support of our people in deaths or injuries in such accidents. his desire to make the signal corps The report shows that in five years grow more efficient and more serviceable.

> The South Omaha live stock market shows up a far greater per cent of infigures for the last ten years than any of the three largest live stock markets. Throw a bouquet at South Omaha.

Editor Bryan agrees with Editor Pulitzer about President Roosevelt. but he will probably be slow to agree with Editor Pulitzer that the demoitself of the incubus of Bryanism.

The Dahlmanites have finally pulled off their final ratification of the election of a democratic governor in Nebration would have been if Mayor Jim had lariated the job for himself.

If all the corn grown in the corn belt could be marketed at the prices brought by the prize ears put up at the corn show auction the western farmer would soon leave all the other multi-millionaires in the rear.

Venezuela would be helpless in var with Holland on sea and Holland could do nothing in the way of a land invasion of Venezuela, so it really makes little difference whether either of the powers declares war.

Des Moines would like to get the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri away from Omaha. Of course it would. But Omaha is not likely to be a passive onlooker if the attempt is made.

Our "only democratic congressman from Nebraska" will be the only Nebraska congressman to come home for the Christmas holidays. This democratic demand for economy applies to the government only.

A Russian millionaire called his n burning it for him

A New York hotel has decided to who has a dress suit but is short on the

The last democratic legislature in Nebraska set the record for the introduction of holdup bills. Will the coming democratic legislature beat that record?

Carrie Nation was greeted with a chorus of Scotch boos when she spoke at Glasgow. Carrie is accustomed to fighting Scotch as well as other kinds

A Harvard professor says that the black eyes. Some of the Americans of the present have them, natural or point. acquired.

#### Most Accommodating Man. Washington Post.

If congress insists on more talk from the president, there is nothing in that gentleman's past life we can recall at the moment that would indicate congress' probable disappointment

Rare Contentment,

Indianapolis News. The report that Hawaii is entirely satisfied with the appropriations that have been made for the islands, creates a suspicion that the Hawaiians are still lacking in the true American spirit.

New York World.

are only middle-aged in whose boyhood buffalo skins were a drug on the St. Louis market, bringing \$3 to \$5 each. Hunters then slaughtered buffalo by the thousand for their hides and left the meat to rot. Now, two fine fresh robes are offered in New York at \$1,000 each,

## Taft Likened to McKinley.

Hartford Courant. It isn't merely in his way of looking at things-the duty laid upon us in the Philippines, the wisdom of using common-sense about tariff matters, etc.-that William H. Taft is like William McKinley. There are constant suggestions of McKinley in his way of doing and saying things. The resemblance will grow upon a country from year to year.

> Cromwell and His Fee. San Francisco Chronicle.

discussion of the matter of the sale of the Panama canal recalls the interesting fact that the largest fee ever paid to a lawyer for a single piece of work was probably paid by the French government to William Nelson Cromwell, who prepared the papers in the case, in general, negotiated the terms of the sale. It has been understood that Cromwell received a fee of \$2,000,000, or 5 per cent of the \$40,000,000 paid for the property.

#### An Unwarranted Squeeze. Philadelphia Record.

The contemplated raise in railway freight rates, which will go into effect January 1 will be sure to meet with a roaring protest when it becomes operative and shippers suddenly find out "where they are at." Already there is presage of discontent on the Pacific coast. The action of the railway managers is equivalent to a widening of the continent for trading purposes. West ern shippers find thuselves suddenly placed farther off from eastern markets and want

CURRENT POLITICAL COMMENT.

Some New and Old Voting.

Philadelphia Press (rep.) Our elections have come to exhibit a variety and inconsistency in the voting which were entirely unknown to our fathers who used the single party poster ballot. probably will prove to be in the public in- the kaiser's whole army maintenance and In voting that ticket it was necessary to terest. Certainly if its effect is what it leave a surplus annually of \$30,000,000 for a vote for all the candidates of the party should be good will come of it. service may be changed or cheapened, unless the voters made erasures or covered discrepancies in the total vote of the sevballot has brought upon us. Only two states, New Jersey and Con-

its stickers. This is true, even when the single square or circle at the head of the ticket facilitates straight party voting. The Massachusetts plan, by which all candidates' names are listed alphabetically and the voter has to select and mark each separate candidate for whom he desires to vote, shows the widest discrepancies between the vote for the important and the inimportant offices. It is the fairest plan, crease in business in the comparative as no votes are cast by it except those the voter wants to cast and for just those persons he wishes to support. Considera-

feels no interest. The voting machines in use in fourteen states introduce another variety in voting. There are some who see evil in this and which now seems desirable. The first legisthink there should be legislation to compel lation in this new field has proved defecuniformity in voting in all the states. There | tive in many respects, as is inevitable in a cratic party must die unless it relieves is no merit in this suggestion. Each state is guaranteed a republican form of govern- nate in the assurance that the experience which each state is free to make its own be made permanently profitable under the Mass., last election day, experiments with. We are just now ex- guidance of a legal knowledge so sound perimenting on a large scale with blanket and a progressiveness so enlightened as and Prof. William M. Davis of Harvard ballots and in some states with the voting machines. Neither are free from objections. Uniformity may be desirable, but it is far better than uniformity that each state should have a voting system which suits it and is suited to it, and this system it must work out for itself.

### Wanted, a Man.

New York Sun. Advice to the democratic party is now pouring forth from every after dinner proessor of government. One says that the party is too radical and runs after false gods, and another that it cannot get on without the radicals; they agree that there must be reorganization, stability in its councils and a sane, progressive Mr. Bryan must walk the plank. Mr. Bryan must be conciliated, and so on. One healer, at his wits' ends, suggests a good government trust of prominent democrats to watch the republican administration, and secure the confidence of the people for the democratic party.

It is true that stability, sanity and character are the need of the aimless and wandering democracy. Leaders it must forced upon it. Leadership must grow out the words with the glibness that permits of of the political conditions of the coming the proper patriotic emphasis. four years; the occasion must produce the man, and the man must be worthy of the whom the party can follow with spirit, 1912 with any hope of success.

Since 1873 the democratic party has put its best foot forward and achieved the most satisfactory results when it nominated for the president a man of executive ability national convention its chances of obtaining posession of the government will be slim indeed. Reorganization cannot make such a man or after dinner speeches; he stature.

# The Solid South Melting.

New York World (dem.). Analysis of the official election returns taken from advance sheets of The World Almanac for 1909, shows clearly the trend of political sentiment in the states composing the solid south. Some of the striking changes apparent are the following: The industrial states of the new south gave a greatly decreased vote for Bryan us compared with his vote of 1900.

The agricultural states of the south remain almost unchanged in their political allegiance. Both the Bryan vote and the democratic pluralities decreased notably in a majority

of the southern states as compared with One state, Missouri, has broken away American of the future will have from the ranks of the solid south, and several others are approaching the turning-

> Even in those states which have voted total prohibition of the liquor traffic, the republican party vote was extremely small, a year to see that the outworking is gramaking a pitiful comparison with northern states where prohibition is not in force. Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Missouri and Maryland have made remarkable advances in industrialism during the last eight years. In these states there has been also an almost complete disfranchisement of the negro. is the assurance of a great peace. The trend of political sentiment in them

#### population. Stay-at-Home Citizens. Boston Transcript (rep.).

is therefore, the sentiment of the white

Though the popular vote thrown in Noputation-assuming that the United States making allowance for disfranchisement, and unnaturalized aliens. The popular vote does not keep pace with the increase of population, and to this circumstance ! due the fact that the total last month was but \$93,000 in excess of that cast in November, 1900. In 1904 the popular vote was but little in excess of 13,511,708,

Getting Close to Farmers.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican (ind.),

Hustling public men are seeking to get

near to the farmers, as witness the recent projects set on foot by President Roosevelt and the governors of New England states, Governor Charles S, Dencen of Illinois is not to be outdone in this line of effort. He recently attended a state corn show in the Illinois Springfield, and gave out that he had become so much impressed by all that he had beheld that he would become a member of the class taking the short course in agriculture at the State university this winter. "The exhibit convinced him that corn and cattle contribute largely to the prosperity of the state, and

of Saul of Tarsus. "Next!" A Democratic Tariff.

he believes its governor should be an ex-

pert in the best methods of promoting the

industry." Here was a conversion like that

Philadelphia Press (rep.). The report from Washington that the democrats will present a tariff bill of their own has a certain amount of interest If they can agree upon what they want it will give the country some idea of what of a high order. The country will gladly the democratic position on the tariff really is, and that is something the country doesn't know now, and it is not certain not to assume the burden of his prodeces the democratic party knows it.

DEFECTS IN CORPORATION LAWS Methods of The Harriman Decision Sugests the

Need of Overhauling.

Chicago Tribune. The somewhat strict construction of the interstate commerce act by the supreme about Germany's burden of militarism. court in the case of the Harriman inquiry Well, our national boatire would pay for

the public has a right to demand that names with "stickers." This was done to as well as the legal necessity of legislation pressed by wars and the rumors of wars. some extent, but it never created the wide which shall empower the commission or another body to exercise a broad but defieral candidates that the Australian blanket nite surveillance over combinations and con- it. And the worst of it is that this loss, solidations among carriers, intercorporate in great part is superfluous; incredibly stock purchases, and similar operations of and idiotically stupid and shortsighted. sectiont, retain the old style of ballot the directing talent at work with public The ballot that has to be marked allows service corporations. If proper legislation but would be appalledby at such a fire bill the voter to vote for the candidates he is of this character is obtained it is greatly to of Europe there is less than one fire anhe wishes to vote a split ticket he can do tion of the inquisitorial powers of the commakes the report, admits that the data the army because of the signal corps so much more easily by the bisnket ballot mission under the present interstate comhas been difficult to secure and that post and training school at Fort than with the old single party ticket, and merce act, a process of great uncertainty, unjust to the individual and unsatisfactory from the point of view of the public interest. The president's proposals for removing

carriers from the operations of the Sherman law and for new legislation which shall provide for publicity and regulation tions of convenience do not make him vote for those in whose political success he It is during Mr. Taft's adminsitration, in us for combustion. fact, we must look for that intelligent overhauling of the laws affecting corporations period of transition. The nation is fortu- ferson was reported as doing. Mr. Taft's.

### WOBBLY ON THE WORDS. Battlefieet Crews Break Down on National Anthem.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Here is fresh proof of the unhappy fact that our country is still in need of a national anthem. Whenever the battleship rived recently in Seattle. fleet reached a stopping place the natives the second the singers wobbled and at the our most promising young men. third they went vocally broke. A few were tried, but the men showed but little improvement. The fact is, the air does not have, but they cannot be appointed or ordinary voices. Nor is it possible to sing simple pathos.

Perhaps this picture of our sailormen strangers in a strange land, wrestling with summons. Else there will be no leader an air that is beyond the compass of their voices, and endeavoring to repeat words and it will be idle to make a campaign in that seem to defy memorizing, will rouse some pitying song writer to renewed efforts. The additional picture of the natives gazing in open mouthed astonishment at the battleship chorus and wondering if the Americans can be as terrible in fight as they are in song, should emphasize these determined efforts.

## SEASON OF GLADNESS.

Deeper Mood of Christmas Quieting to the Perturbed Spirit." Collier's Weekly.

The holiday spirit inheres in the merriment of children, a religious glow for all participants, a burst of genorosity for those less favored, and a sense of universal peace. Stated more concretely, the deep concerns of the day are the child, the family, the church and the poor. Its active celebration consists in releasing the goodwill of each heart through unselfish action or gratitude. Its atmosphere derives from the old-time attractive belief that at a certain season of the year there was a peace of God, with a laying down of arms and a cessation of strife. The hope of the day is that there shall be an exten sion of the area and time-limit of that peace until it gathers in the nations and interpenetrates the daily struggle of the individual. A holiday season offers us the chance to step out and look at our work, and the spirit and purpose of the work. It is a seventh day affirmation of the worth of the six days of headlong creatice activity. Like the Gobelin tapestry weavers, we are mostly on the wrong side of our own pattern. It is profoundly good once clous and progressive. The deeper mood of Christmas is quieting to the perturbed spirit of us. We are permitted to glimpse the eternal order-to know that the near foreground is torn and swaying with blind struggle and muddy turmoil, but that behind it, for all the reaches of space, there

## Danger of Jughandle Decisions.

Kansas City Times. All such inquiries as that of the Missouri rate case, in progress in Kansas City, il lustrate the wisdom of enlarging the powers of commissions to find out the facts convember was the largest in our history, and cerning corporations. These commissions came within 147,000 of touching the 15,000,000 can be provided with expert investigators, mark, it illustrates the indifference of and such a thing as a one-sided inquiry many voters to the exercise of the free- will no longer place the people at a disman's privilege. There must be more than advantage. Great advances have been made 1,000,000 stay-at-homes at the lowest com- in the last few years in this regard. The frequency of injunction against legislation has approximately 90,000,000 inhabitants, and has shown to the public that the lawmaking power will really rest with the export statisticians of the special interests unless the people employ some skilled accountants of their own.

#### Detractors Effectively Scored. Washingon Herald.

The duty of public officers in respect to falsehoods about their acts is to tell the truth about them, leaving to the people the pusiness of passing judgment upon and punishing the falsifiers. Mr. Roosevelt has erformed this duty with his accustomed vigor, and in a most convincing way. We believe the American people will be perfectly satisfied with his explicit and overwhelming confutation of his detractors,

## Some Knocks for the Trusts.

Philadelphia Record. The Oil trust is managing pretty well to fight off the Landis fine, but the Tobacco rust has received a judicial solar plexus blow, and the Sugar trust is likely to go down deep into its pockets and pay for the suppression of a refinery in this city. It looks as though Mr. Earle would gather in a few more millions for the Real Estate Trust company, which financed the refinery that was not allowed to earn anything.

#### Tact and Diplomacy. Springfield Republican.

The fact that Mr. Gompers and Mr. Taft have buried the hatchet and will let bygones be bygones reveals Mr. Compers as a tactician and Mr. Taft as a diplomatiat take note of the incident as indicative of a purpose on the part of the president to-be sor's quarrels

OUR NATIONAL HOLOCAUST,

Burn Enough Property to Pay Cost of

Mighty Army. Samuel Hopkins Adams in Everybody's. We hear much in this peaceful country. fireworks fund wherewith to appears our The decision emphasizes the public need pyromaniac appetite. If Germany is ophow much more sorely is the United States oppressed by fire and the svils that attend

Europe proves so much. No nation there nually (.86, to be exact) to every 1,000 inhabitants. In this country we maintain a general average of four and one-half fires per 1,000 persons. The per capita loss by flames in Italy is 12 cents yearly; in Germany, 49 cents; in thirty of the largest European cities, 61 cents; and in 252 American cities the per capita destruction averages \$3.10. Boston, in many respects the most scientifically administered and municias to their capitalisation, combination and a yearly bill of \$1,500,000 from loss by burnpally progressive city in this country, has management undoubtedly has directed and ing. The European city of equal size gets crystallized public opinion along these lines. along with one-tenth of that sacrifice. Our The president-elect is in general accord debit side of the fire ledger sums up a with these policies and undoubtedly will heavier total than the combined losses of exercise his great influence toward their any other six civilized nations in the enactment on safely constitutional lines. world. Nothing this side of the sun equals

### PERSONAL NOTES.

Governor-elect Harmon of Ohlo will ride to his inauguration on horseback, as Jef-

Five members of the Smith family landed ment, but the manner of voting is a detail of the last few epoch-making years is to in the board of aldermen of Somerville,

Dr. Felix Adler of Columbia university university, who are now lecturing at the University of Berlin, were introduced to Emperor William at Potsdam by Ambassa-

dor Hill. Crippled with sciatics and unable to make use of the once sturdy legs which for years carried him through Alaska, Jack Dalton, known in every part of the United States

Joseph H. Choate, who is 77, has been invariably saluted it with a national air. moved to remark that he does not feel as Everybody had a national air except your old as the youngest of his associates on Uncle Sam. Of course the visiting officers the commission to arrange for the celebraand men made an effort to respond with tion of New York's Lincoln centennial, who "The Star Spangled Banner." We are told is only 64. Mr. Choate is still generally rethat the first line went vigorously, but at garded in the legal profession as one of

The letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine have voices carried the melody through and still been edited by her daughter, Mrs. Harriet fewer sang the words correctly, but if we Blaine Beale, and have just been published. can believe the correspondents it was a They begin in 1871, and end in 1889, and sorry effort. It is said that after several contain many references to the political failures of this kind general rehearsals affairs in which her husband was actively engaged during all that time. Her description of the scene at the shooting of Garlend itself to the tuneful manipulations of field is most interesting, full of sweet and

### PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Sentimental Suc-After all, if you strip away our shams, what is left of the realities? Practical Penelope-Sure enough. What do these cheap pillows look like when we take the shams off?—Baltimore American.

"So you are going to send your youngest boy to college?"
"Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel. "He's too big for me to handle in the woodshed, and I guess I'll have to have him hazed."— Washington Star.

"More money is spent for frivelity than "Oh, I don't know. It's costing the Chinese \$4,000,000 to bury the emperor." Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What's the difference between valor and discretion?"
"Well, to go through Europe without tipping would be valor."
"I see."
"And to come back by a different route would be discretion."—Louisville Courier-

He-I must say, I like appropriate pres-Christmas.

She—Yes, George, dear, so do I. And can you think of a more appropriate present than an ermine set on a fir tree?—Baltimore "Lemuel," said Mrs. Finkenbinder, in an injured tone, "you said that all you wanted to read in that paper was the personal col-

"I said the personal columns, my dear," answored Mr. F.nkenbinder, without looking up. "I am reading the president's latest message,"—Chicago Tribune. up, "We have here a series of dolls representing all states in life," said the fair

of toys at the charity bazar. "Now this wife."
"That doll ain't a good one to represent
a happy wife." said the vinegar-faced
woman, pausing near.
"Why not?" asked the surprised attend-

"Because she can't shut her eyes."-Balti-Haggard Customer-My wife telephoned me a while ago that she wanted me to bring home a "Lorna Doone." I've inquired at half a dozen places and can't find it. What sort of a game is it? What sort of a game is it?
Salesman (at sporting goods counter)—I
don't think it's a game. It sounds to me
like the name of a Scotch drink. Try that
place across the way, with the screen doors

#### -Chicago Tribune. AFTER CHRISTMAS.

"Will you go with me a'calling?"
Said Mabel unto Sue.
"Why, really, dear Mabel
I'd be delignted to—
But now I am so busy, I really have no leisure walt until after Christmas And I'll go with the greatest pleasure."

"Why don't you bake some cookies, ma?
You never do, no more;
We've had no puddin' for a month,
Is it 'cause we're gettin' poor?"
"Oh, no, my son, it is not that,
But I've so much to do—
Just wait until after Christmas
And I'll bake lots for you." And I'll bake lots for you.

TII. "Will you sew a button on my vest?"
Said pa, "and mend my coat—?
But he looked at ma and the last request
Just stuck fast in his throat.
"How dare you mention—?" ma began—
Then softly shed a tear—
"Please wait until after Christmas,
Don't you think you can, my dear?"

"Will you give me your heart, dear

maiden?
Will you promise to be my wife?
I love you better than I can tell—
I love you better than life."
She stared some minutes into space,
Then suddenly spoke she—
"If you'll wait until after Christmas
I'll be yours for eternity."
Omaha.

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