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

"I am not discouraged," says Mr. Bryan. Can the democratic party say as much?

Arizona and New Mexico will have to wait for statehood, but they are trained waiters.

"Geronimo was the worst Indian in Oklahoma," says the New York Journal, Worse than Haskell?

Our old friend Edgar Howard may have forgiven that checkbook campaign, but he has not forgotten it.

D'Annunzio has just produced Greek tragedy in verse. It should have a good sale in South Omaha.

Germany's call for 1,000,000 eggs

Two-Cent Fares Profitable. The principal trunk lines operating in the state of Missouri, according to the report of the State Railroad commission, earned more money per mile in 1908 under the 2-cent-fare law than they earned in the previous year when

they charged 3 cents. The report is only partial and does not cover the earnings on some of the smaller roads. but the data offers encouragement to the state authorities who have been fighting in the courts to uphold the

2-cent fare. It is notorious that 1908 was one of the poor years in the transportation line, while the first ten months of 1907 were the most prosperous in railroad history. In spite of the general business depression throughout the country the earnings of the big lines doing business in Missouri showed a handsome increase over the previous year. The showing is particularly important, as the ruling of the federal courts on the validity of the 2-cent fare law was reserved, pending a trial and a report by the railroad companies of their earnings

under the new law.

# Hetty Green's Good Sense.

Humorists and -near-humorists of the American press who have written a total of volumes about Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, and her blunt way of refusing to live up to the standards set by smart society folks, should suppress their fun-making propensities long enough to give her credit for another display of her cold, common sense in

the conduct of her daughter's wed-

The newspapers have made a brilliant effort to create something of a sensation of the event. Engagement rumors were created and then denied, coupled with stories to the effect that Mrs. Green opposed the match, because of the young man's poverty, he being worth only a few millions. All the time Mrs. Green was planning the event in her own way, outwitting the newspaper men, as she had often done before. She told them frankly that she liked the young man, but wanted to get better acquainted with him and would make the proper announcements when the time came. The announcement comes in the fact of the

wedding. Mrs. Green and her daughter left their modest apartments in Hoboken, dodged a gang of curlous society folks and hoodlums, took a train for a New Jersey point, where the marriage was consummated.

"Is not that better than a mob fighting the police at the church and many. a champagne drunk afterwards?" asked Mrs. Green. "Isn't it better for my daughter and I to be attending to our own affairs and duties than to be playing bridge and wearing our lives and health away as they do in society?" Mrs. Green has scored on society again and her daughter's happiness is probably the better assured for it. /

hem for the purpose of giving and re- bill was valiantly championed and deceiving information and the expression fended by the supersensitive, Worldof opinions concerning trade conditions Herald. will not be abandoned.

The greatest corporation in the country has finally decided that it can not nullify the law of supply and demand.

> International Conservation. Americans interested in the future

development of the country must feel gratified at the enthusiasm shown by Canada and Mexico over the plans suggested by President Roosevelt for conserving the natural resources of the continent. The "representative men of Canada to the north and Mexico to the south fully realize that nature recognizes no natural boundary lines and the protection of the resources of the continent must benefit all three of the countries. Neither of the three countries can prosper greatly without the others

showing the benefit and neither can continue its devastation of natural resources without injuring its neighbors. The United States is still a young nation, but it has burned timber, wasted water supplies and destroyed enough other natural resources to make an ordinary world reasonably rich. The union of the three govern-

ments of North America in this work is certain to set the pace for a world conference on the subject, which is one of President Roosevelt's ideas, to the end that there may be some fixed international agreement to prevent the waste of natural wealth and save it to its most economical use,

Who Called the Militia? It is due to Sheriff Brailey and to

Chief of Police Briggs of South Omaha that the public should know that they had nothing whatever to do with the recent summoning of the militia after the riot at South Omaha had all ceased. The notice to a company of militia to assemble and stand in readiness for service at South Omaha came from the governor without any request or demand whatever from any local authority, and if the state finds itself with an expense bill for militia service, which it turned out was not needed, the responsibility will rest on the governor and his adjutant general. What seventy militiamen would have done in a mob of 3,000 or 4,000 is problematical, and it is doubtless fortunate that they made no appearance on the scene. For future emergencies we venture to

suggest that before issuing orders to the local authorities and ascertain if troops are needed and, if so, how

No Answer. A few days ago The Bee called atention to the fact that under the "immediate and compulsory" purchase act passed six years ago the Water board will have no option except to buy the plant under the proceedings already

begun, unless some further legislation several years. is had giving the board or some other

Around New York Mipples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American It is said that Governor Willson of Kentucky will pardon all of the men Metropolis from Day to Day. charged with complicity in the Goebel

murder case. This is of real political significance, as it will rob the Kengrowth of New York in population, based tucky democrats of the only issue they on past record of growth, makes the inhave had for eleven years. teresting assertion that Manhattan borough will reach its maximum growth between

The district court bailiffs are now asking for \$1,200 a year for eight tion will decrease, because business houses months' hard work at sitting in the will steadily crowd out the residential court room looking wise. Only a few quarters, a process of elimination quite years ago the balliffs were glad to serve for \$2 a day, and only for the days that they worked.

carries his estimates to 1950, basing them on the accurate figures furnished by the The backers of that teachers' pengovernment. Thus he estimates that in sion bill are invited to inspect Mr. 1910 the population of the entire city will Bryan's Commoner, in which he makes be 4,810,000. This increases by decades to room for a contributor to declare that 7,000,000 in 1920, to 9,500,000 in 1930, to 13,700.-000 in 1940, and to the enormous population 'teachers have no more right to penof 19,250,000 in 1950. In this latter year he sions than their washerwoman." estimates that Manhattan will have a

Proprietors of Washington restaurants announce that they will charge only the usual prices during inaugura tion week. The usual prices are just enough to enable the restaurant own- son and wife, supplied another strong arguers to live for another four years.

Talking about home rule reminds us that South Omaha's parks are still by giving a timely alarm of fire one mornadministered by a park board aping last week. When Mrs. Simpson was pointed by seven district judges, but awakened by Laura calling her name, one of whom lives in South Omaha.

A Washington dispatch announces Laura proved her quality. that "Attorney General Bonaparte favors straight whisky." No objection rot shrieked. The Simpsons were so imto him having preference so long as pressed by the statement that they got up he keeps out of prohibition states.

Supervisor Coffee of San Francisco has been arrested on a charge of accepting a \$4,000 bribe. Still, it seems only natural that Coffee should want a little of the cream and sugar. got her to safety.

Will the Water board give us a guaranty that if we vote that \$6,500,-000 mortgage on our property it will sition. "How funny!" she chuckled when cut off the salaries and perquisites she saw the tiny bodies. of those high-priced lawyers?

The Sugar trust is charged with having cheated the federal government by using false weights and the testimony shows that it carried on its five miles to his home. The following day

operations on a large scale. The German town of Freudenstadt, population 7,000, collects no taxes, because its revenues from 6,000 acres of the militia the governor consult with timber are sufficient for all municipal the patient with the ether cone he calmly purposes. Forestry pays.

Trust Styles.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, While the Sugar trust may have had seven ways of weighing sugar it has only one way of charging for it.

Avoiding a Flareback. Chicago Tribune. But South Omaha may consider itself

tion. Alexander the Great has been dead

Planting Congressional Se



Royal is equally valuable in the preparation of plain, substantial, every-day foods, for all occasions.

Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar -made from grapes-

## PERSONAL NOTES.

W. Bayard Cutting, jr., just appointed secretary of legislation at Tangier, has been vice-consul at Milan, and is a son-inlaw of Hamilton John Agmondesham Cuffe, fifth earl of Desart.

Laura, the pet macaw of William Simp-The Amherat (N. H.) farm on which Horace Greeley was born is now owned ment against the enrollment of nature by John A. Hanson. An old cradle in story tellers in the Ananias club when she which Horace Greeley may have been saved the lives of her master and mistress rocked was sold not long ago for \$10 to and Mrs. Simpson's sister, Miss Hoolman, Rev. Dr. F. M. Clendinen, his son-in-law. Pat Crow bobs up occasionally in Chicago as a reformed kidnaper in the role of preacher and exemplar for derelict boys. "Ora! Ora!" at 2 s. m., she though Laura At a recent exhibition of the reformed rewas becoming a nuisance and she comformer. Pat divided ornitorical honors with manded the bird to be quiet. It was then Fannie Woodmansee, who is given credit by the newspapers with having "rescued "Oh, my! There's another fire!" the par-

Pat Crow.' to investigate. Sure enough, smoke was pouring into their bedroom over and under tour in Illinois with Stephen A. Douglas. the door. They aroused Miss Hoolman, It is a plain box split in two and covered and the three clambered to the roof. Bewith black cowhide leather, with thin fore the firemen came Simpson remembered iron bands thickly studded with largethe trusty Laura and went back to get her. headed tacks like buttons. Laura, made peeviah by the smoke, clawed and pecked her master severely before he Tuesday of lust week was election day

in Berwick, Pa. It was also Peter Keck's Twenty-five canaries Miss Hoolman was hundredth birthday. He went to the polls raising were killed by the smoke. Laura in an automobile (his first ride of the betrayed the workings of a jealous disposort) and voted the straight republican

ticket. "His eldest daughter is 80," says the dispatch, "and there are living seven children, twenty-four grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and four great-great-Dr. Edward J. Robbins, a veterinary sur-

geon of Bayshope, L. I., refused to take grandchildren. ether when he had his appendix removed. Once when Thomas B. Reed was with He remained quiet throughout the operathe late Senator Wolcott of Colorado, and tion, and just four days after it he drove Joseph Choate, Mr. Choate, when asked to take a drink, said that he never drank,

he was attending to his practice. The case never smoked to excess, and never gamis believed to be without a parallel. bled in his life. Wolcott, who was a sin-Dr. Robbins drove over to the sanitarium ner in every one of these lines, looked paat Brentwood, five miles from his own thetically at Reed and said: "I wish I

home. Dr. Ross and Dr. Haven prepared could say that." "Say it," said Reed, to operate, and as the nurse approached "Choate did." "There's nothing the matter with your

A statistical compliation on the future

the years of 1900 and 1900 with a total of

2,500,000 people. From 1930 on the popula

marked at present. What Manhattan island

will lose other boroughs of the greater

city-principally Brooklyn-will absorb.

total population of 2,000,000, Brooklyn of

7,000,000, Bronx of 4,000,000, Queens of 6,000,-

000, and Richmond of 250,000.

The statistician, a consulting engineer

heart, old man." Dr. Ross, who is an old friend, assured him. "I know it; but I'm going to cut the

ether out because I want to see the operation," said Dr. Robbins. "You may paint on a little cocaine, if you wish." This was done, and the operation proceeded steadily, without interruption from the patjent, whose head was propped up

THE PRESIDENT'S ROUNDUP.

operate with other nations in such inter national policies as may be helpful to all without being injurious to any. In such a meeting the nations may leavn much from one another. The United States will be an especial beneficiary, for it may learn much more than it can hope to teach. It is the richest and the most wasteful of nations. It has much to learn from those people who

have had to conserve their natural wealth. Incidentally, though scarcely less potentially, the good of the world would be promoted by such a conference through the mere fact of meeting, conferring and co-operating; for whatever brings nations into common undertakings makes for international tolerance, peace and security.

# MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

She-Is it true that Miss Blank is going Pat Crow." Among the Lincoln relics in Tacoma, Wash., is a value carried by Lincoln more than fifty years ago on his debating

"Pa, will you please tell me what a financial genius is?" A financial genius, my child, is a man who can spend money that he has never had and which people who think they are getting will never see."-Chicago Record-Heraid.

"James," protested the father,

do you mean by boring holes into that big tree?" "Father, I'm a benefactor," said the boy giving his augur a few more victous turns. "I'm making knot holes in base ball fences for poor boys."-Puck.

Nero had just ordered the burning of Rome.

Rome. "I got my idea from the janitor," he explained. "He always gives us plenty of steam the first warm days." Thus did he humbly follow in the foot-steps of the great tyrant.-Lippincotts

Magazine. He (pedantically)-Can you think of any large body or class of men with uniform

She (flippantly)-Certainly. There's the army,-Baltimore American.

The rising statesman on his wedding tour was resisting the scenes of his child-hood. "This, my dear," he said to his bride, "is the old homestead where I was born. Do President Obaldia of the republic of Panama, has a unique record of adventure

and romance. A brakeman on the Panama the old nomestead where I was born. Do you see that ancient log cabin?" "Yes." "You have no idea what strange emotions fill me when I look at that little cabin. Myrtilla. I-I wasn't born in it, you know." railroad, in the days when the fever and the scorpions of the jungle were piling up an annual death list of one man in every

-Chicago Tribuns "Use the side door," roared the guard of the New York subway train. "All right, young feller," replied the stranger from the west of Hoboken. "I kin use it all right-I'm from a 'dry', town."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Since Maud's engagement had bright and happy she looks." "Yes, it takes a match to light up a girls face."-Boston Transcript.

waved her aside.

so he could see every move of the sursafe from the vengeance of the Greek nageons.

An interesting feature of the March "Century" is a discussion by Frederick

five from the company's payroll; a cowboy on a Mexican ranch, where he who shot best and shot first was the victor in all points of dispute; these were the early

stepping stones of his career, leading finally through the fortunes of revolution to the governorship of the province of Panama.

may indicate that the Germans are expecting a visit from Carrie Nation.

The designers of the pictures on is unquestionably the most significant the seed catalogues are eligible to membership in the nature fakirs' club.

It's Boston's turn to howl. A member of the ways and means committee wants to increase the duty on beans.

Other nations may have a bigget navy, but the United States surely has the greatest all-around navy in the world.

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buainess.

The Department of Justice at Washington is said to be collecting some concrete facts to hurl against the new Cement trust.

"What is the longest road in the world?" asks a correspondent. From Fairview, Neb., to the White House at Washington, D. C.

Some of the battleships may be sent to the Pacific coast, but the de- to order new cars and new equipment partment should leave the mesquite fleet down New Jersey way.

The South Dakota legislature has the independent companies began passed an anti-treating law, but South shaving prices and were promptly re-Dakotans, visiting this section of the country will be treated right.

A Kentucky court has held that shecks given in payment of a poker fiebt are valid. Why not use poker chips for emergency currency?

Of course, Jerry Howard never said a word about the Greeks. If you don't believe it, go down to Lincoln and read the legislative journal.

Baron Takahira says Japan never had a thought of going to war with the United States. Japan is wiser than Hobson or the Nevada legislature.

William Dean Howells declares that Poe's poems would not be accepted by any of the first-class magazines of today: That's one reason we are so fond of Poe.

Nebraska wheat growers are contemplating an organization to control prices, but Mr. Bryan will notice that they are not trying to keep wheat on have been disposed of, and the contracts a parity with silver.

Mr. Carnegie wants the tariff taken out of congress and placed in the hands of experts. The museums will offer a big price for the congressman their customers, and, for the present who does not think he is a tariff ex- least, sell at such modified prices as may pert.

Figuring the immediate obligations of the city in the event it loses its litisation with the Omaha Water company at \$7,249,959.26, is figuring it extremely low. Issuing \$6,500,000 in bonds would not take.care.of it.

The Steel Corporation Weakens. ment of the controversy. The announcement of a cut in prices

by the United States Steel corporation current rumor that the members of the present Douglas delegation in the event, so far as the commercial and legislature are under pledge not to industrial worlds are concerned, that permit any bill to pass in any way has transpired since the panic of 1907. modifying the existing law relating to It comes as a recognition by the greatthe Water board's tenure, emoluments est industrial corporation that the nator power. ural cure for a panic is competitive

The fact that no measures have reduction of prices which stimulates been introduced at Lincoln either as purchases and appeals to business separate bills or as part of the charter amendments touching the law govern-

With the opening months of 1908 ing the Water board affords circumthe Steel corporation refused to make stantial evidence corroborative of the any concession in prices whatever. supposed pledge exacted from the As head of the corporation, Judge Douglas county law-makers. It is sus-Gary issued a lengthy statement in ceptible of proof, too, that emissaries which he declared that the depression speaking for members of the Water was to be short-lived and that any cut board undertook to get such a pledge of steel prices would only unsettle from republican candidates for the business and retard the return to legislature last fall. The fact, also, normal conditions. Possibly this atthat not a word of denial has come titude prevented a general breaking from a single member of the delegaup in business and industrial circles, tion constitutes additional corroborabut railroad managers simply refused tion, and there seems to be no disposition on the part of the Water board at the prices quoted and building

members to release the do-nothing operations were postponed. Beginagreement. ning with the present year, some of If silence gives consent, then no answer in this case must be taken to be admission of the charge. warded with a rush of business from all parts of the country. As a result Municipal home rule is a great sloprices on structural steel dropped gan for the democratic fakirs, who

from \$1.60 to \$1.25 a ton, steel bars want to use it as a cover to put the declined as much as \$4 a ton and all fire and police departments back into classes of steel products made by the politics. In the meanwhile they are independent companies were reduced introducing bills down at Lincoln by in price and every independent plant which the legislature would prescribe in the country was swamped with in detail for all the various minute questions of city government from

The statement of Judge Gary, in raising the salaries of the faithful on announcing the reduction in prices, the payroll to limiting the deposit of declares that the steel corporation has city money to favored banks that come done the country a good service by maintaining prices until the stocks on hand had been disposed of. To have cut prices before this time would, he

insists, "have meant bankruptcy to multitudes." It appears, however, that many of the smaller concerns have been cutting prices, and even computed interest at 4 per cent, when eral co-operation have been compelled to meet the change. Judge Gary con-

cludes: and the further fact that the stocks on hand at the time the panic occurrent

in force at that time have been con pleted or taken care of so that necessities for the maintenance of prices which formerly existed have been mod-ified, the leading manufacturers of iron and stool have determined to protect

be necessary with respect to different odities in order to retain their fair have of the business. The prices which may be determined upon and the details

oncerning the same will be given by manufacturers to their consumers direct as occasion may require. friendly relations which have existed between the principal manufacturers will a water board made up of six memminus, and the intercourse between bers appointed by the governor, which

body power to negotiate for a settle-Pittsburg Dispatch. The congressional distribution of garden

seeds is now in full blast. Those congress The Bee further made public the men who have not been re-elected feel th need of hurrying, as in a few days the job will be turned over to their successors.

> An Impressive Reminder. St. Louis Globe Democrat

Mr. Cleveland's portrait is on the tendollar gold certificate. When Mr. Bryan receives specimens in his gate money he is reminded that Mr. Cleveland is still the

most distinguished democrat of his period.

Isn't a Motor Car a Flyer? Springfield Republican.

The army signal corps is pained by the fecision of the controller of the treasury that an automobile is not a balloon, and that money spent out of the balloon fund to buy a car must be refunded. Couldn't it be shown that the car was a fiver?

### Can't Lose Farmer Jim. Philadelphia Press

It might be possible for an administration to get along without Secretary Wilson in the Agricultural department. But novel and untried experiments are generally to be avoided. No one is reckless enough to hint that Farmer Jim is unconstitutional.

### Big Stick Souvenirs. Boston Herald.

President Roosevelt is reported to be supplying members of his cabinet and others with whom he has been closely associated during his administration with fine walking sticks as souvenirs of their association

with him. They will be particularly appropriate tokens of remembrance, assuming that the sticks are of the big variety.

Perplexities of the Uplift. Baltimore American

The problem of the hard life of farmers wives to which President Roosevelt referred in his message may settle itself if the precedent established in Ohio is followed. The farmers' wives there are suffering no hardships for the simple reason that the farmers are complaining they can't get any wives, as the country girls won't marry

Supervision of the Wireless. Springfield Republican.

them. Here is another complication for the

commission for making country life happy

who favor a government monopoly of wircless telegraphy should take note that the first word from the fleet came from an amateur who had rigged up a mast on the coast near Boston. The way to kill development of the art is to put it into the grip of a bureau. It is noted from Washington that sentiment in the senate is strongly against the ratification of the international convention concerning wireless which would tend to bar out amateur en-

Island navy yard is inaccessible to battleships and that there is grave doubt as to the possibility of its ever being made accessible to them, the senate naval bill increased the appropriation for that sta-Senator Perkins has managed to tion. secure \$12,000,000 for the "Improvement"

and maintenance of this island naval station in the last ten years and has produced something practically useless to the nuvy, however valuable it may be as a political asset to the senator. But why mention the Mare Island navy yard espectally? There are others in like case, so

W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third Ave nue Railroad company, New York, of 'Public Morality and Street Railways,'

and the reflex effect of bribery and corsplendid and admirable way Presiruption on the public's attitude toward the dent Roosevelt is rounding up, so far as railroads. Mr. Whitridge relates that when possible, the primary policies of his adthe pay-as-you-enter cars, which make it ministration. He has set in motion great difficult to avoid payment of fares, were things that are still progressive, some of installed on Fourth avenue, there was an which will continue to progress, it is hoped. immediate increase in the travel on Lexthroughout the life of the nation. And ington avenue, supposed to be made up of now that he is about to retire from the people who resented being called on to

presidency he is doing his utmost to give pay their fares as they entered, and who these movements as much new impetus as desired their old opportunities to ride free. his influence can furnish. When a man, or a woman, of this sort The president has just submitted to conis detected, the delinquent often expresses

gress a new and special report on the great indignation, and a case is before me Panama canal, together with a message where a passenger complained of a consetting forth the present status of that ductor for having demanded his fare great project. He has received and trans-Three days afterward the same passenge mitted the report of his Farm Life comagain endeavored to beat the same conmission, together with one of the most imductor, and when the conductor was firm portant messages he has ever written. The and said for the third time, "Fare, please," first meeting and report of his national the passenger said: "Well, you seem to conservation commission will soon be folbe a good man. I don't want to beat you; lowed the report of the continental com-

I want to beat this blank company. Here's mission, composed of delegates from Meximy card; when you want a job come and co. Canada and the United States. And to see me and you shall have it." He was complete the scope of his conservation purcontractor, apparently in a large way of oses he will call an international commis business, and had not wit enough to see sion to be held at The Hague, the informal that a man whom he had tried to cheat for approval of which call he has already re 5 cents would hardly be likely to trust him ceived from the principal powers. for a week's wages. Each nation owes it to itself and to

sources. Therefore, each nation, because With the aid of seventeen husky men several length of log cabin, some strong of its obligations to civilization and humanila rope, a piece of stout scantling, and manity in general, should be ready to cotwo stone boats there was a neat little dental operation performed Friday afternoon upon Big Bill in the Bronx Zoo. Big Bill

is a crocodile, eleven feet long and weighs 500 pounds. Big Bill, about three weeks agd, had

little personal difficulty with an alligator four feet long, and, in the heat of the argument, took the alligator's head in his mouth and bit two neat, round holes into his brain. That alligator was still useful for handbags.

Big Bill showed his dislike for another small alligator and sent him with one crue crunch to the satchel factory. Friday morning he grew a bit peevish in a misunderstanding with a six-foot alligator, and bit holes in his brain also, despite the efforts of Keepers Snyder and Twomey to make him desist.

Curator of Reptiles Raymond L. Ditmars was notified, and to save the lives of the alligators he decided to shorten Big Bill's front teeth. So the seventeen husky men were called it. Big Bill was roped, yanked out of the tank, chained to the heavy stone boats, and rendered helpless.

His jaws were pried open with a piece of cantling, and Dr. Ditmats got at his front teeth with a cold chisel, a mallet, and a file. He knocked all the points off Big Bill's front teeth and then filled a few cavities in other teeth with Portland cement. Then Big Bill was put back in the tank and all his comrades stood around and laughed at him.

### Why the Price Tumbled Indianapolis News.

As near as it can be figured out the Steel trust proposes to protect its customers by reducing prices because the customers say they will buy elsewhere if it doesn't.

## Kansas City Burglars Shot.

KANSAS CITY. Mo. Feb. 24-Caught in the act of burg'arising the Kanass Mor-cantile company's downtown store here early today two robbers were shot by H. M. Graddock, the proprietor. John Sterner was captured mortally wounded. Another man said to have been one of Steiner's companions, was located at a hospital toale-

Closing Impetus to the Square Deal "Are you the proprietor of this restau-Policies. 'I am." Kansas City Star.

civilization to safeguard its natural re-

"Well, I want to make a complaint A against my waiter. He spilled a plate of soup all over my wife's dress." "And did he want to charge you for the full portion, sir?"-Yonkers Statesman.

# THE COUNTRY UPLIFT.

Arthur Chapman in Denver Republican Sence the Country Life commission calle-upon our rival town There's a heap of old-time notions that'?

There is a heap of old-time holions that, nevermore go down; Wo've cut out the type of rancher—and ot all types he's the worst— Who thinks that irrigatin' means a-quenchin' of his thirst.

We have told our shootin' sheriff of our back-to-natur' needs. And he's used the hoe, promisc'us, or our growth of human weeds: We have closed the gamblin' places, and the goodbyc sign we slips To the youth whose springtime fancy lightly turns to poker chips.

We have had a hoss thief raisin', and the

We have had a hoss thiet raisin', and the neighbors all agree
That a more upliftin' seasion this here place will never see;
And we've painted, sence we started, sev'ral pairs of high-heeled bogts.
All the pairs containin' Tribles of our gun-fightin' galoots.

So we've put our hid in heavy for free seeds from Uncle Sam. And we're goin' to have a college and an

irrigatin' dam; trigatin' dam; We'll show 'em that for farmin' that is scienced and way up Caotus Center's got the deadwood on that measley Spotted Pup.

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	YOUR DOLLARS DOUBLE at the Hospe Piano Sale
	Your Down Payment on Planes Boubles REDUCED PLANO PRICES
	\$250 NEW PIANO
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tioning occupation taxes foregone. Having thoroughly established the blamelessness of its own members who

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South Omaha of the necessity of footing the bills for its cruel fun.

Talking about home rule also reminds us that the law for the "immediate and compulsory" purchase of The the Omaha water works provided for that "comparisons are odorous" and

up to prescription. This is letting the people rule. In computing the annual interest and tax burden, which the Water board would throw on the taxpayers of Omaha at \$359,998.37. The Bee has

those that have been in favor of gen- the probabilities are that the city would have to pay nearer to 4 % per cent. One-half per cent interest would

add \$36.000 a year and bring the to-In view of the circumstances stated tal tax and interest burden up to nearly \$400,000 a year, without men-

terprise.

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