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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Sabscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The fice mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

The increased tariff on lemons does not apply to the political variety.

Who wants to run for police commissioner? Don't all speak at once.

Try to imagine that Bryan birthday dinner without Mayor Jim there, if you can.

Reports from Georgia indicate that Jack Frost is indulging his appetite for

The author of "Tara-ra-ra Boom-deay" is dead, but the evil that men do lives after them.

It is appounced that the weather is still unfit for hostilities in the Balkans. It is always cloudy in the Balkans.

a population of 4,422,000, including a few direct lineage Knickerbockers.

perfumeries and fancy soaps. It should be made prohibitive on some of them.

New York is now preparing to witness a finish contest between the Hand.

A New Jersey janitor has petitioned the school board to reduce his salary. School janitors are subject to insanity the same as other persons.

Mr. Roosevelt might get good and even by publishing some "memoirs" telling the real facts about his relations with some of his critics.

It is never so dull in Washington but the correspondents can predict the resignation of Chief Justice Fuller and two or three of his associates.

profits were larger in 1908 than in 1907. Folks do not economize on matches even in panicky times.

The Baltimore American is discussing "Why Cannon Won." It is best explained by the fact that he got more abroad in the land, in the hope of retotes than were cast for Champ Clark.

Mr. Carnegie has sent a diplodocus to the King of Italy. Mr. Carnegie may run short of libraries occasionally, but his supply of diplodocuses seems unlimited.

The new tariff bill provides that tence posts shall be admitted free. That should be good news to the democrats who have lots of fences that need repairing.

George Gould has been saying a lot of complimentary things about Mr. Harriman. The country may know what to expect if these men get real

"What is the difference between the Irishman of today and the Irishman of tifty years ago?" asks the Detroit News. Well, for one thing, he is fifty rears older.

The democratic World-Herald says 'the infamy of Cannonism" was 'thanks to Tammany Hall." Is this pear that Castro had worn out his he same Tammany Hall met by Bryan it the Lincoln railway station with hanks for his Denver nomination?

The constitutionality of the deposit cuaranty law that is to go on the Nerasks statute book was questioned by good lawyers while in legislative ransit. Perhaps the belief that the ill may be declared unconstitutional the precedent of former South Ameri-

The White House.

ressage to congress has done, besides ficial title of the official executive residence will remain "The White House." taken for granted that the same desigernment. This puts at rest all the talk President Roosevelt in preference for their host. "The White House." By the time this designation is carried through two or three administrations, it will doubtless structure shall stand.

with the royal palaces and imperial ing the dreams of every loyal Briton. castles that house the monarchs of the House.

Omaha's Charter.

By the passage of the charter houses, with the emergency clause and changes from the present legislature.

From the standpoint of the adminisprincipal results will be simply by way may be expended for different purposes and raising the limit of bond indebtedness in a few directions. The franchised corporations are tenderly treated and the railroads get the titles to the streets, which they have gobbled perfected.

Politically the charter bill adds five offices to the list of elective city officlais. Four police commissioners, formerly appointed by the governor, are to be elected without restriction as to all affiliating with the same political party. The city engineer, formerly appointed by the mayor, is likewise to be elected. The charter bill, however, does not amend the primary law, and the consequence being newly-made elective offices are barred of choosing public officers without city offices must file their papers signed by 200 voters not later than fifteen days before the election, so The new tariff increases the rates on there need be no great hurry to get

into the scramble that is sure to come. So far as working any reform in the management of police or fire departments, or in effective control of public works, we doubt very much whether "Black Hand" and the law's "Strong making police commissioners and city engineer elective will bring any beneficial results, but that, on the contrary, it will throw them more into chores around the house. Perhaps politics and make for disorganization and demoralization.

The Nerve of Castro.

The eminent nerve specialist amons statesmen, Cipriano Castro, late dictator of Venezuela and later a temporary resident of Berlin, has thrown matic camp of the world by announcing that he will take the steamer sailing from Bordeaux on March 28 for a westward voyage, with his ultimate The Match trust reports that its destination as Caracas, the Venezuelan capital. As wily as a fox when spring chickens are ripe, Castro is not going direct to Venezuela. He will land at some West Indies port and await his opportunity to make a dash into Venegaining his lost prestige and position as "the Wasp of the Andes," the stormy petrel of South American poli-

> People with a moderate claim to civilization do not possess a fondness for Castro, but they can not withhold their admiration for the sheer nerve of the man. He worked his way from the position of bull whacker to the head of the Venezuelan government and for eleven years exercised a dictatorship that was a model of its kind. He quarreled with all of the civilized nations of the world, narrowly escaped war with France and Germany and ruled things with a high hand until a inauguration. few months ago when the condition of his "health" demanded his sudden departure for Germany. He gave up everything but his bank account of \$60,000,000 and hurried off to see the doctors. After his departure, the populace of Venezuela tore down his statues in the public places, burned his palaces, sent most of his relatives to exile and made it apwelcome on Venezulean spil and that they would be delighted to hang him should he venture to return. Another man was elected president; peace was restored with the civilized nations of more popular by prescribing summer the world, and, so far as Castro was resort trips for his patients who can concerned, everybody in Venezuela afford them. joined the "Forget It" club.

Castro, however, refuses to follow can rulers. He is unwilling to take his and another retorting with a charge of ment of vandals."

One thing which President Taft's luxury in some European capital. He is going back to Venezuela. At least he is directing attention to the need of 'ariff going to locate in some neutral island revision, is to give notice that the ot- and hatch his plots against the time when he may be able to march into Caracas at the head of a victorious in-The message is so dated alongside of surgent army and start the trouble all the president's signature and it may be over again. So while the nations of the the services of husbands are called into world may desire to support President ration will be retained and used in all Gomez in the new regime, Castro will the official communications while Mr. be scheming and lying in wait for op-Taft remains at the head of the gov. portunity's knock and those who have been congratulating themselves upon about the supposed intention of the having gotten rid of the most trouble- case throwing it out of the court on the new president to emphasize his ad- some character in South American vent by going back to the "Executive politics may awake some morning to Mansion," which was discarded by find that they have reckoned without exact science.

Britain's Naval Scare.

England has another "national become a fixture that will cling to the crisis" and John Bull is indulging in historic building that serves as the the luxury of another war scare, all beabode of our presidents as long as the cause it has developed that King Edward's warlike nephew, the German As already stated "The White kaiser, has been rushing naval con-House" appeals to us as being more struction in such way that Germany distinctive and characteristic as a promises to have by the end of another name for the official residence of the year as many new and powerful ships chief executive of a great republic, be- as Great Britain. Since the British Adcause there are executive mansions in miralty, has made this humiliating hearly every state capital and its sim- confesson, "The German Peril" is displicity also contrasts more strongly turbing the waking hours and haunt-

It has been for years England's aim old world. The president of the to maintain a two-power navy, that is, United States Aives in "The White a navy equal to that of any other two foreign nations. The discovery that the "blundering lords of the Admiralty" have allowed the Germans to steal a march in naval construction amendment bill through the two has aroused a storm of indignation which threatens to overwhelm the the assured approval of it by the gov- radical party. A direct vote of censure what it gets in the way of charter quith in the Parliament and business men are calling mass meetings to protest against this risking of the safety tration of city affairs the charter bill of the nation. The protest has focused makes few material changes. The in a demand for eight "Dreadnoughts" in place of the four provided in the of increasing the salaries of certain year's estimates and it may be taken officials and employes, making higher for granted that the shipbuilders are limits on the amount of money that doing nothing to quiet the people ale ng that line.

The excitement aroused by the presdoubtless result in the addition of another burden to the British people In the form of an increase of the already excessive tax rate. There is a big deficit already and the millions that are being demanded for the payment of the "old age" pensions have bankrupted the treasury and placed the government in a most embarrassing plight. If the party in power refuses to grant the proposed naval increases it will probably be defeated at the pells. If it provides for additional naval expenses and the demanded increases of the army budgets, the reapparently that candidates for these Euit will be the imposition of such heavy taxes that the taxpayers may be from filing for primary hominations forced to revolt and drive the party and must this time come before the from power on the charge of extravavoters at the election as petition candi- gance. The entire situation may prove dates. If that is the case, we will beneficial by directing the attention of have an experiment on a small scale the big powers of the world to the fact that there must some day be a halt New York announces that it now has party labels. Petition candidates for in naval expansion and a lessening of the appropriations for militarism.

> Mr. Bryan has been defeated three times for the presidency. No other man has ever achieved this record, but instead of being content with the unique distinction, Mr. Bryan seems

A Missouri judge has decided that a man is not working when he is doing that's the reason the average man insists on doing the work and allowing his wife the recreation of doing the

The democratic congressman from tee to formulate rules for the demosomething of a scare into the diplo- cratic caucus. His constituents should be duly thankful for this great service certain to bring them untold benefits.

> A leading theatrical star in New York has started a campaign to induce congress to provide for raising the battleship Maine. Congress should act as the Maine has been used long enough for advertising purposes.

Speaker Cannon declares that the house can change its rules whenever it wants to do so. It appears, however, that the house does not change its rules very much because Speaker Cannon won't let it.

It is announced that the differences between the United States and Venezuela have been "settled forever. Down Venezuela way "forever" means any time more than two weeks and less than a month.

John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee caught such a cold at the inaugural that he has not been able to talk any since. That's one argument against the proposed change in the date of the

If the present democratic mayor and record as they claim, why isn't the World-Herald boosting for the renomination of Mayor Jim?

The Illinois legislature has decided that Uncle Adlai Stevenson was not elected governor of that state last November. Uncle Adlai will now try to look surprised.

Still, it will be but a few weeks until

All in the Air. Baltimore American. With one member calling another a fake

gains, well or ill gotten, and live in paresis, it is to be feared that gentle courtesy and brotherly love in the house this session of congress are going to "step lively.

> The Irony of Fashion. New York World.

The irony of naming the 500-button dresses ecclestastical gowns will become evident, from the remarks prevalent, when requisition to button them. Law as an "Exact Science."

Louisville Courier-Journal.

When we see one judge inflicting a fir

of \$29,000,000 and another judge in the same

ground of insufficiency of evidence, it is

not strange that there is still some skepticism as to the claim that the law is an

Thus We Stumble Along. Philadelphia Record Flatterers will be flatterers. A little while ago they were fulsome in their laudations of the eloquence, wisdom and literary style of the vast and voluminous message of President Roosevelt. Now they congratulate President Taft on his brevity and declare that long messages are never read.

A New Regime.

New York Sun. The president has inaugurated a new regime which cannot be developed in haste or without deep thought. It promises much to the south and much to the administration. It points to the extinction of ancient resentments and asperitles and gives hostages for a lasting peace between the sec-

Innecuracies of Jingoism. Pittsburg Dispatch

Admiral Tirpitz of Germany denies there has been any acceleration of the German more armament appears no better founded than Secretary Birrell's trepidation over President Taft's inaugural.

> Discrediting Its Works. New York Tribune.

The Simplified Spelling board is sending in their correspondence, as far as is praccards, the board ignores its own recommendations and sticks to the old style spellent crusade for a bigger navy will ing which it professes to regard as cumbersome and unworthy of an enlightened people.

> Will Edward Stand Corrected! Boston Herald.

Eighty million people have stopped spending money and are now busily engaged in making it and saving it, says Mr. Harriman. That is putting It too sweepingly. Were 80,000,000 of our people to stop spending money, business would come to an abrupt and widespread standstill, including that on Mr. Harriman's railroads. What the eminent railroad man and financier probably means is that the people are making and saving more than they are spending. That is salutary and helpful.

"There's Many a Slip," Etc. New York Sun

With characteristic unselfishness Mr William J. Bryan hopes that some other democrat than himself will be called to succeed Senator Elmer J. Burkett, whose term expires on March 3, 1911; but if it must be, Mr. Bryan would accent a nomi-nation. This devotion to the people's cause reminds us that Mr. Bryan was of the same mind in 1904, when there was a fusion on the legislative ticket. But his hopes were blighted; the fusionists elected only nine members of the legislature-none to In a brief career of forty-nine years the senate; and Mr. Burkett, whom Mr. Bryan is willing to replace in 1911, was

VANDALISM AT THE CAPITAL. Souvenir Fiends Irreparably Bisfigure a Statue.

Washington Star. Some time during the inauguration rush a vandal attacked one of the marble statues at the main entrance on the east side of the capitol and carried away as trophles an ear and a part of the nose. The statue is irreparably disfigured, and the miscreant who did this work has now his possession two pieces of white stone which will be wholly without meaning to those beholding them until it is explained that they represent wantonness. They are souvenirs of a crime, a peculiarly despicable form of theft. Their possessor must be an abnormal person to derive pleasure from them.

Some pity is felt for the man who steals in order to sustain his own life or to provide necessities for his family. The professional thief, who makes a business of taking other people's property, commands some degree of respect, however dangerous he may be and whatever the severity of the penalty imposed upon him when he is convicted of his crime. But for the man who steals uselessly, who steals not from need or from deliberate choice of a means of livelihood, but from the mean motive of self-gratification, and who in stealing destroys historical or artistic objects beyond replacement or repair, there is the deepest contempt. He lacks the courage of the professional and the piteous inspiration of the destitute. He is an egotist without consideration for others. He is morally debased.

One ill effect of vandalism is that it necessarily lessens the pleasure of all persons who follow the thief. The museum of relics that has been looted by the souvenir "collector" is never again so interesting or instructive to the world. The work of art that has been mutilated by the loss of a member is never beautiful or inspiring. The gaps that are left in the collecion or the scars on the statue tell only too eloquently of the work of ruthless hands and teach no other lesson than the obvious one that vandalism is a crime not yet eradicated from humanity by civilizing influences,

Furthermore, vandulism continued may ompel the guardians of public art works remove them from the reach of the chippers and cutters. Enjoyment of them by the people who respect them is lessened perhaps checked altogether. The vandal give no thought to the harm he is doing countless others who know how to carry away with them mental souvenirs of their that live and inspire recitals for the pleasure of others and the spread of the fame of artistic creations.

Washington has suffered severely from istrations and the Washington monument Around New York

as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

William Loeb, jr., recently shunted from port of New York, displays at his new post three years and his traveling expenses seven years he served as secretary to the farmers and instruct them in the pro- cents. president. New York papers say he is duction of Indian corn. This Indicates One day last week a typical crowd of bug- had another fueld interval, though the The others were disposed of in rapid-fire leave his home comforts and become an interviews of an average of one man a minute. In twelve minutes fifteen men had met the collector, mumbled a word or two and slid out. "Glad to see you," said Mr. Loeb, shaking hands with the first man; and before the latter had a chance to may anything Mr. Loeb shook the hand of the second man, and continued about the room, while a one-sided dialogue was rattled off as he went by the sitters. "Glad to see ican malge. There was no particular deyou. Yes, good-bye," he said. Then Mr. sire, perhaps, to introduce corn growing Roosevelt's former secretary went back to abroad, but rather to win fresh favor his office and the room was cleared of for corn consumption. It was prepared visitors.

the pilgrimage from New York to Washing- not be successfully grown above the fifton to march through snow and slush to do tieth parallel of latitude in Europe, but honor to the new president, relates the even that limitation would give Russia Tribune, was a youthful employe of one of a great chance to develop this addition the big department stores, who went as one to its agricultural resources. of the musicians in a juventle band. John ing work to start for Washington one of his superiors said to him, by way of a final bit of chaffing, "Well, John, don't forget naval building program, as charged in the to give my regards to the president." The British Parliament. He says Germany will members of the band had the honor of have but twelve battleships of the Dread-serenading the president in the east room exceeded by two previous crops during have but twelve battleships of the Dreadnaught class instead of seventeen or twenty-one, as the British statesmen have

At the White House, and when the music the last three or four years, but its stopped he expressed his thanks for the value, \$1.615,000,000, is the highwater which shall secure the nation's dormant value, \$1.615,000,000, is the highwater which shall secure the nation's dormant value, \$1.615,000,000, is the highwater which shall secure the nation's dormant value. out postal cards soliciting pledges from an instant. Then he recovered himself and made in the development of valuable bythose who receive them that they will use said: "You will please thank Miss Blank products and in time even a good share and say to her that the president sends her of our printing paper may be made from are Nevada and Okiahoma. These omissions ticable, the simpler spellings which have his best regards." So, on his return John corn fiber. There is little danger that been recommended by that board. And yet proudly delivered the president's message, the Russian farmer, no matter how exin its own correspondence, on those very and he insists if there is any joke in the pert the training he may receive, will incident it isn't on him.

> A thin man with some hair and a fat man with scarcely any sat opposite, each other in a subway express train. Seventy-second street the thin man poked the fat man one on the shins with a cane. "I see you've grown a new hair since we met last," he shouted. "Helps business,

> suppose." "You're a liar;" bellowed the corpulent individual, "I don't know you. We never met, and I hain't got a new-

"Oh, yes, we've met before," interrupted the other. "You tried to sell me a patent electric hair brush in 1903. You had sixteen hairs for ard and three aft then. Now you've got seventeen-

But the semihairless one had fied to the station platform A woman dressed in a close-fitting tailormade gown entered the Wall Street enuge in the building. It filled the hall of the building and extended out into Wall street far enough to interfere with traffic. The police stepped in at this stage and helped

the attendants of the Mills building to clear the hall, while the woman stayed in a telephone booth near the Exchange place entrance. After the crowd had been pushed out into Wall street it lined up on both sides of the street, men and boys, and a few women on the outskirts and waited for the reappearance of the woman. The woman who was the unwilling object of the crowd's attention did not again appear on Wall street, but escaped from the building by another entrance. Meanwhile the policemen good naturedly stood

Among those who took part in the celebration of the Irish saint's day was one under the green flag because he lost a the Purim was celebrated on St. Patrick's ing the deep convictions and carnest purday. One of his Irish neighbors agreed then to celebrate with him if he would return evils as the court prosecutions begun by on the same date. The Russian was no folly which seems incredible. match for his Irish friend in the way of get my revenge in 1913." said the loser, "for then there will be a Purlm parade all over the country-the festival falls that year on February 22."

by until the crowd dwindled away.

Announcement has been made by the editors of the Messenger that this magagine will be replaced in Easter week by a new periodical, which will be a Catholic review under the title America. The new periodical, it is announced. "proposes to preserve and expand the popular features centributors will be John J. Wynne, Prof. Francis C. Betten of St. Louis university, Lewis Drummond and Vice President Michael J. O'Connor of Creighton unj-

The latest department of health statisties give Greater New York a total popuof 4,422,685, distributed as follo In Manhattan, 2,292.894; Bronx. 327,563; Brooklyn, 1,492,970; Queens, 232,580; Richmond, 76,668. Every day during 1908 an average of 305 babies were born; 132 couples it declines to follow the parallel of the were married and 200 people died. The from foreign countries last year was 1.198,- than in the case of horses and carriage. 434. The number of new families locating First, the machine may approach closely here was 11,000.

The Illinois 'legislature has a bill that it is said, has a fair prospect to become a law, which prohibits any drunkard from ontact with beautiful things, memories marrying in this state. It amends the other track to see if any trains were general marriage law by declaring a habitual drunkard incapable of contracting mar riage. A "habitual drunkard" is defined to be a person who becomes intoxicated the vandals who have visited the city at twice a year or oftener. It is also protimes of great congestion. The capitol vided that applicants for marriage licenses bears many marks of their malevolent min- shall make affidavit that they have not only endangered his own life and that of year. ber of such descerating enterprises. The materially reduce the number of marriages one well worth the remembering by autolocal courts always deal severely with the in that state. There are many respectable mobilists. They are classed with trolley offenders when they are caught. Perhaps men in good society and connected with cars and other heavy mechanical con-it may be necessary to post placards con-fashionable clubs who are not drunkards, trivances, and must share with railroads in spicuously at the points of public interest but an affidavit that they had not been in- taking precautions against accident. They reciting the law provided for the punish- toxicated in a year might stagger many

CORN GROWING IN RUSSIA.

American Expert Wanted to Show Farmers the Way: Boston Transcript.

It is reported that Leonard B. Clore of Indiana, the corn king of the west. prizes he has taken at world's fairs and an average of about 3 cents for France evanget of industrial prosperity for agricultural Russia. It is not surprising that the attention of foreign countries should be attracted to a staple that has done so much for the United States. The wonder rather is that it has not made greater headway in Enrope, where many sections are favorable to its cultivation. At the latest Paris exposition a special effort was made to popularize our Amerin the most appetizing style by 'aunties' from the south and by experts Among the Taft enthusiasts who made from the west. It is said that corn can-

At the beginning of the present cenhad left no one in his department in ignor- tury the annual corn crop of the world \$6,000 and a charge of only \$50,000 for the ance of the part he was to play in the in- was estimated at about 2,000,000,000 auguration ceremonies, and as he was leav- bushels, this country being credited with an average of 2,000,000,000 bushels. But several times since then we have run is quite as important as the conservation far ahead of those figures, large as they of the country's undeveloped natural reare. During the year recently closed sources. Educational and legislative prothere were produced 2,643,000,000 bushels. Even that yield has been slightly for existing property created by human compliment. Then out stepped John from mark, leading the average for the last the ranks and said, with only one or two five years by over 42 per cent. There is quavers in his voice: "Mr. President, Miss no other crop in this country or in any Blank asked me to remember her to you." other country in the world that is worth "Miss Blank?" said the president. "Who is so much. It nearly equals the combined Miss Blank?" "Why," said John, "she is value of our cotton, hay and wheat. Not employes to quit smoking while on duty. the head dresamaker at Blank & Blank's." only the grain itself is the cornerstone If the prohibition could only be extended Even the president's gravity was upset for of our prosperity, but advance is being so as to include the locomotives! ever be able to strike the pace of the Gridiron club's question to Senator Gorready flxing his gaze on the \$,000,000,000 bushel mark

A CRISIS FOR TRUSTS.

Combines Tempt Fate by Defying Public Sentiment.

Cleveland Leader. Critical situations for individuals or cor porations do not always come heralded with trumpets. Sometimes they approach when there is least to cause apprehensionon the surface. In one vital sense that is the situation now with respect to the great companies known as trusts, and also, in like manner, with regard to the railroads and other common carriers.

Things seem to be going well with these powerful corporations. They are ready to profit, like other business interests, by the revival of prosperity. They will be carried trance to the Mills building, a little after along on the full tide of trade and indus-3 o'clock Thursday afternoon followed by trial growth. They have won some note- Josie was loaded with jewels and could a large crowd, attracted by the cry of a worthy victories in the courts against state have fortunes for the asking and she was street gamin that the woman was wearing governments and against the nation. It is not backward about asking, Now-ring a sheath gown. The crowd continued to easy for short-sighted trust magnates to down the curtain, for charity's sake grow long after the woman had found ref-

> Such conditions create a real crisis which endangers the existence of the trusts and the independence of the railroads, because it may lead these corporations into suicidal disregard of public sentiment and hostility to the will of the people. It threatens injustice and arrogance, and that combination would spell disaster for all corporations guilty of such folly.

In the end the country will have its way

always subject, of course, to the limitaetta has promised that as soon as she gets tions of justice. In the end the trusts and the common carriers will be absolutely compelled to wipe out every trace of discriminations in rates or other service by common carriers. Their only safety lies in equity and righteousness. To deny fair play is to invite destruction.

Despite occasional manifestations of the haughty spirit which goeth before a fall it is impossible to believe that the men in control of great combinations of capital can be blind enough to tempt fate by defying the deep convictions and earnest purious the deep convictions are detailed to the deep convictions and deep convictions are detailed to the deep convicti resident of the East side, who marched is impossible to believe that the men in wager a year ago, when the Jewish feast can be blind enough to tempt fate by defyposes of the people, in respect to such the compliment, and the man who got the Roosevelt administration were intended "tired" first was to join the other this to uproot and prevent. That policy would year, when the festival days did not come imply a degree of shortsightedness and

The trust victories in the courts have celebrating, and, anticipating his appear-brought on a crisis in which the position anything. Maggie," was the despairing ut-celebrating, and, anticipating his appear-ance in the parade he received for some of corporations that defy or disregard the domestic. "Don't you know that you should time before all kinds of St. Patrick's day spirit of just laws is in peril-not the always hand decorations, some of which he wore. "I'll strength or efficiency of the United States salver? government.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Rule of the Road Laid Down Auto Guides. Pittsburg Disputch A very interesting decision is that of the

United States circuit court, opinion of Judge Buffington, in the case of damages resulting from the collision of an automobile and a train in New Jersey. of the Messenger." Among the editors and question turned upon contributory negligence. The plaint of the auto owner followed closely the lines of the case of the farmer in Winston Churchill's novel, "Mr. Crewe's Career." The track was curved at the crossing where the damage was done; it was obscured by trees and brush alongside; the road approach was down a sharp grade, and so on. The auto owner claimed that he had to take a chance.

The court agrees with the man injured about the character of the crossing. But story book case. It holds that different number of persons arriving in New York rules apply in the case of an automobile to the tracks without danger of the horses taking fright and running away. Second, the driver may leave the machine and go forward to reconnoiter. In this case the auto could have been stopped on the eastbound track, after the freight train had pa.med, while its occupants looked up the

It is found the driver neglected all the precautions so dearly set forth; that he preferred to take a chance to taking precautious and so he met disaster held to have been negligent. And he not been intoxicated twice in the preceding his companion, but he endangered the lives This is a rigid restriction, and will of persons on the train. This decision is trivances, and must share with railroads in are not on the plane with pedestrians and drivers of horses.

DO WE BUILD TO BURN! An Economic Problem in National

Fire Lonnes. Wall Street Journal It might almost be said that we build only to burn. Our losses by fire in 1908. who has distanced all competitors in the amounted to \$2.72 per carita, as against other expositions for his success in this Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and the White House to the collectorship of the crop, has been offered \$4,000 a year for Denmark combined. In Germany also the per capita never rises above 49 cents and the habits of action acquired during the by the cgar to go among the Russian in some years has fallen as low as 12

Some striking figures bearing on this strictly Rooseveltian in disposing of callers. that the autocrat of all the Russias has subject are presented by an insurance expert in the Popular Science Monthly zers filled the lobby benches. Only a compensation offered is hardly so princely According to his statistics the new build favored few got as far as his private office. as to tempt a king of corn growers to ings erected, together with improvements and repairs to old once in the United States during the year 1908, cost \$510,000,-000, while buildings destroyed by fire in the same period were valued at \$218,000,000. The maintenance of fire departments, high pressure apparatus, etc., for the year cost \$500,000,000. In the country at large during the month of January, 1908, the outlay for new buildings and improvements on old ones amounted to \$16,000,000, while the losses on buildings destroyed by fire aggregated more than \$24,000,000.

There were, in round numbers, 14,000 fires in the city of New York in the year 1908 making a loss of \$7,250,000, while the maintenance of the fire department cost \$7,000. 000. In St. Louis there were 3,200 ffres, involving losses of \$1,298,000, and the cost of the fire department was \$1.018,000. To compare these with foreign conditions, we may take the city of Rome, which with a population approximately that of St. Louis. had 270 fires in 1908, with a total loss of fire department.

Here, then, is an economic problem which, to the living generation at least, cesses which shall afford greater security wealth to generations yet unborn.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Another railroad company ordering its

The only states for which battleships will soon be corrected in the interest of peace in the family.

cratic leader?" Answer: "I should like it better if I had somebody to follow!" Edwin A. Brown, a rich Denver man, who is devoting his time and fortune to the investigation of the conditions of the poor, says Washington has the worst

man: "How do you like being the demo-

municipal lodging house in the United States. Friedrich Theil, a peasant of Rauda, to Saxony, whose leisure hours have been devoted to the study of Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Sanscrit, Arabic and Gaelic, recently celebrated his 75th birthday by beginning

to study the English language. Josie Mansfield, old and helpless, is living in a Dakota town, an object of charity. It is nearly forty years since Edward S. Stokes shot Jim Fisk in New York. They were both in love with Josie who was then one of the most beautiful women of the stage, and the crime was the outcome of their jealousy. In those days

HOMELIKE HA-HA'S.

"Doesn't she ever stop talking?"
"Oh, yes, when she is breaking in a fresh piece of gum."—Kansas City Journal. "There is one admirable thing about the

present style of feminine hat."
"Eh! What's that?"
"It conceals the present style of feminine hair."—Cleveland Flain Dealer.

into politics she'll introduce legislatic make spring hats less expensive.' "Do you believe in love at first sight?"
"Of course I do. What do you suppose

would happen about people's getting mar-ried if there was any second-sight business about it?"—Baltimore American.

"Pop, isn't air travel called aviation?"
"Yes, son." "And a man who goes up in the air an

"Yes, son."
"Then is the place where they keep airships an aviary?' - Baltimore American. "I'm afraid I'll never be able to teach you me notes and cards on a

Nell-Those women in the corner talking so busily and now and then looking side-ways at us, are criticizing the way I have my hair fixed. my hair fixed.

Bess-Oh, I guess not.

Nell-Yes, they are. I can tell by the way they're looking that the old cats are going for my "rats."—Baltimore American.

"Sure, mum. I knew," answered Maggie, "but I didn't know you did."-Harper's

"I've just been reading about the power of the will. It's a wonderful thing." "Yes. I know of a will that makes seven children and thirty-two grandchildren b

PASSING OF THE ROUGH RIDERS

J. W. Foley in New York Times. The boys are disgusted, the gang's on the prod.
For things are all going dead wrong;
Bill Buffler was consul at Passamequed,
But now they have shoved him along.
He fit with Rough Riders and bled at San

More gore than would fill up a pail, His job came from Teddy, but Bill is To make room for a felier from Yale. And Cactusmilk Charley who came on the

plains
Before the Apaches and such
Was marshal at Redeye and many's the
brains
Been aired at his quick trigger touch.
But Cactusmilk Charley's no longer on pay,
His notice just came by this mail,
His job came from Teddy, but Teddy's

And they've put in a feller from Yale. And Leatherieg Luther, who fit grizzly And wrastled wildcats with his teeth, Thus fittin' himself without splittin' no

for any biamed office beneath.

The blue sky of heaven to out of his place.

As Guvv'nor of Wahoo—the trail.

Got too hot for him and they've turned. Luther's face To the wall for a feller from Yale.

They've got us stampeded since Teddy is And bowles and pistols don't go Tve got my discharge from the bunch at San Jush,
But it's come down to par or below.
The Fly-the-Creek Folls and Crooked-Neck Jones,
And Swearloud and Death-on-the-Trail

Have gone on the dumpground to mingle Say-where in the devil is Yale?