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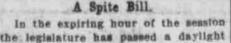
To yeto, or not to yeto--- that is the question that is up to Governor Shallepherger.

For a man who is trying to avoid publicity, Mr. Roosevelt is succeeding mighty-well.

No brass band at the station when Douglas county's demo-pop law-makers come sneaking home.

If Nebraska has any hopes born in the glad springtime, the late legislasure can niead an alibi.

One can but marvel how Crazy Snake's parents selected such an ap-



saloon bill particularly aimed at Omaha as reprisal for the obnoxious is along the same line as the question performances of the law-makers sent down to Lincoln with commissions to

represent this city and county. The daylight saloon was not an issue of the campaign and the only motive behind the action of the legislature in this case is that of spite and revenge. strings were, just as well as he knows Ostensibly the bill is in answer to a

demand of the temperance element, voiced by the Anti-Saloon league, but even here it concedes more than the anti-saloon people have been asking. In the recent primary just held in league propounded questions to candi- fight. dates for the city council, that re-

lating to the closing of saloons being: Will you, if elected, vote for an ordinance losing saloons at 11 o'clock?

In Omaha, therefore, the ultimate goal which the Anti-Saloon league had hoped to reach for the present was 11 o'clock closing and not 8 o'clock closing, although, of course, it would doubtless prefer the latter as a little closer to total prohibition.

The only way a bill legally passed by the two houses of the legislature can be headed off after adjournment is by gubernatorial veto. Assuming that the daylight saloon bill has properly gone through the legislative stages, of which there is much question, it devolves on the governor to say whether or not it shall be law with or without his signature, or whether he shall interpose his official disapproval, which would be final.

The Insurgents' Demands.

The house republican insurgents have formulated a series of demands, and presented them to the ways and means committee in the shape of amendments to the tariff bill, which they want submitted when the Payne bill comes up for action. To these demands the signatures of some thirty members have already been attached, with the prospects that they will be reenforced altogether by fifty or sixty members.

The demands of the insurgents cover sevelal points, including the coal and iron schedules and the restoration of a duty on hides, proposed to be put on the free list. If these items are submitted to separate votes, it is quite

possible that the house may make a few changes in the bill, as agreed on by the ways and means committee. but the chances all are that the tariff bill will pass the house substantially unchanged and undergo whatever modification is in store after it reaches

the senate. To venture a prediction as to how the tariff bill will look after the senators get through with it would be a rash undertaking. It is certain that the final form will have to be brought

about by a compromise and reconciliof conflicting interests through the conference committee. The demands of the house insurgents may do some good in focusing the fight at certain points, but to make sure that anything they may gain now The Waters-Pierce Oil company is not lost later, they should insist as wants a re-hearing. Those lawyers will well upon representation on the con-

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should have let it be known last sumabuse the privilege and they respect th confidence

mer when he was circulating some Fitzgerald speeches as campaign documents to catch votes. This parting shot

which The Bee asked a little while age as to why, if Mr. Fitzgerald and the rest of the twenty-three were all that Mr. Bryan now says they are, he did not denounce them prior to election, knowing then that their corporation

them now. All of which furnishes convincing evidence in support of Mr. Bryan's assertion that the democratic party was never stronger and more harmonious than it is today and never had brighter Omaha the officers of the Anti-Saloon prospects for a victory in the next big

> Revenues and Retrenchment. Recent intimations that the senate

leaders propose to solve the government's perplexing fiscal problem by cutting down expenditures instead of levying new taxes indicate a welcome reversion to an old time honored policy. Always providing the senate carries its proposed reform into execu-

tion. The first step toward that end has been taken by the creation of a new senate committee on public expenditures, whose duty will be to

scrutinize carefully the estimates of the heads of the executive powers for guidance of the senate in making appropriations.

If the new policy is carried out it will necessitate a decided reform in the senate customs. Under the constioriginate in the house, but it has long

been the custom for the senate to fix finally the amount of the appropriations. The record of the upper body for years is not an argument for conservatism in the matter of spending house has been, in fact, the watch dog of the treasury and all appropriation

bills have been enlarged and increased in the senate, after they have been passed by the house. In the last three sessions of congress alone the senate has added a total of \$147,701,000 to the general appropriation bills approved by the house. It has been the custom of the senate to add liberally

ures, appropriations for public buildings, and, in short, to all money carrying measures presented by the house. This plan has become so common that it has led to complaint among the house members, who have argued that

no matter how hard they have worked record for economy their plans have been upset by the senate.

If economy is to be the order of the day and the reformatory spirit is really abroad in the senate the problem of federal revenues may be solved by saving the millions added by the senate

Airships as Targets

New York Tribune Count Zeppelin will need to go considera bly more than 5,000 feet above the surface of the earth to get out of the range of some of the Ksupp guns designed to damage alrahips. Can he do so?

Political Judges Not Wanted. Springfield Republican.

When it comes to choosing federal judges President Taft makes it clear to senators and representatives that he must be permitted to suit himself, being something of

an expert in that field. There is nothing inreasonable about this.

Graft Within the Law. Boston Herald.

The supreme court of the United States has decided as a matter of law that a congressman has no right to collect from

the federal treasury any traveling expenses which he has not incurred. The case relates to the sessions of 1908, when a special grazing country, but a busy industrial session continued until the date of the state. regular session in-December, and members had no time to return to their homes. This new agreement between law and ethics is dan are some of the most remarkable

interesting. But the fact that a formal decision of the supreme court was required to determine the point is even more suggestive.

Two-Cent Fare Law Works Well. Springfield Republican.

It appears from the report of the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse commission that the 2-cent fare law has helped and not hurt the roads. Under this law their passenger revenue was \$2,000,000 larger in the depressed year of 1908 than in the prosperous year of 1907, while freight revenue fell off heavily. Yet the companies are still threatening to take the law into the

courts on the ground of being confiscatory. This is what the Missourt railroads did with a similar law, and they won. But tution and practice all bills for raising they have no intention of putting rates of revenue and paying out the proceeds fare back to the eld level of 3 cents.

> Out for Fordney All the Time. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Representative Fordney of Michigan is to ammended at least for his consistency. Mr. Fordney is in the lumber business and he is in it for all he can get. Consequently he is a great believer in the lumber tariff, money. According to the record, the which enables him to get /a great deal more out of the lumber buyers than his lumber is worth. Of course he is opposed to any reduction of that tariff, and instead of joining the lumber lobby and moving upon congress to prevent such a reduction, he goes to congress as a member of that body, lands a place on the tariff committee, the ways and means, and stands up in the house and openly pleads for the retention of his precious lumber tariff, despite the efforts of his fellow members of the committee to reduce it. Fordney is to pension bills, river and harbor meas- for Fordney, and he doesn't care who knows it.

GOOD-BYE OR AU REVOIR!

Withdrawal of Last American Troops in Cuba. New York Sun.

The American flag came down March 31 at Camp Columbia, the headquarters of to reduce expenditures and make a the army of pacification for two years and of which to chop imposing sums. The coneral Thomas H. Barry at the palace in Havana President Gomes said:

"I pray you, general, to express to your valiant soldiers the extreme gratitude and admiration which the government and the people of Cubs have for them."

to the appropriation bills as passed by bearing of the American soldiers during political graft, for the maintenance of the revenues," will be welcome to the Brazil and must come from Brazil, this



Elisworth E. Lounsbaugh of Sheridan Wyo., while in Washington last week. worked off on the local papers a boostful interview for state and city. Wyoming is looking forward to a great influx of people for the next year or two," he said. "Not only have we wonderful natural resources, but the federal government, by its irrigation, has alded materially in the development of the state. The Shoshone dam, which has just been completed, will irrigate 100,000 acres of land that heretofore

has been absolutely arid. Other irrigation works in process of construction will open up approximately an area of 600,000 acres. and this vast territory will prove a magnet for many persons. We expect to make

of Wyoming not a mere agricultural and

"Sheridan undoubtedly is the best city in the state. Within a few miles of Sheri-

Probably the most effective vindication coal mines on the continent. It is not necessary to go below the level to mine coal. All that has to be done is to dig into the hills. Recently I went into one of these mines, and, looking up, I could see tons and tons of coal. The hills about a rainy day. This is the main proof of the mine were nothing but coal. It is true,

it is not the best grade of coal. It is a lignite-geologists call it semibituminous coal-but it is a first class domestic fuel, and the railroads use it in their engines. "Sheridan is a city of about 12,000 people, set in the curve of a horseshoe formed by mountain range. It has an altitude of 3,500 feet, and the mountains surrounding it would be a good thing for everybody it rise to a height of 13,000 feet. The coun- if they were) they would immediately betry surrounding Sheridan is watered by twenty-four streams, flowing down from ments, especially in standardizing the weak the matter under consideration. the mountainside, and the city itself lies lines. in a junction of two of these streams."

The preliminary stages of a movement

projected by the executive department and put in prison, if we tried it." the senate for greater national economy provokes discussion among observers on the spot. "Assuming that congress has the all the railways it is practically certain courage to cut deep." writes the Washing- he would at once begin spending \$500.000,000 ton correspondent of the New York Sun. where should the cuts be made. The pension bill calls for \$161,000,000. Millions could and should be saved by the elimination of unworthy claims. Are there those who believe such an elimination possible? What would the country say to a deep cut in \$101,000,000 for the army, in \$137,000,000 for the navy, \$5,000,000 for fortifications and \$2,500,000 for the Milltary academy? Leaving out the postal account, which includes interest on debt, etc., the appropriations for this year are approximately \$650,000,000. The pension, war and navy accounts call for about \$410,000,000. The Department of Agriculture receives \$13,000,000. The diplomatic and consular service costs \$3,500,000. The Indian bill is \$10,634,925. Announce that there will be no money for rivers and harbors, for public buildings, and the coun-

try will announce its purpose to elect a congress that will be more liberal. "With these accounts taken out of the consideration there is not much left out

a haif. In bidding farewell to Major Gen- greas is the agent of the people. Any effective economy can come only in response to a public demand for a halt or

> people do not wish to pay, they must cease rule of co-operation between the departor modify their demands. Congress is ments to reduce expenditures and esti- try of origin, will pay 1% cents a pound.

If the Cuban people are not grateful, if responsible for sundry millions of dollars mates, and to "bring about a responsible when coming from Brazil which taxes cof-they have not admired the conduct and which go for what comes very near to relationship between the expenditures and fee at export. As most coffee comes from

Vale to the Legislature

Edgar Howard in Columbus Telegram (Dem.)

The legislative session is dying-dying to brand of shame, never to be effaced. En the dirges of sorrow chanted by common joy while you may the fruits of a victory. democrats who believe in redeeming party There will be other legislatures in Nepledges-dying to hot-time music of the brasks, and the people will elect to those corporation creeks, who are filled with legislatures men who will know in advance gies while pointing to the wreck of demo- that a betrayal of a party piedge will be cratic hopes and democratic promises. So an invitation to return not again to the constituency which is disgraced by a legis let it die.

But he not too glad in your temporary later who betrays a party pledge. They triumph, ye corporation handlts. Your joy will elect men who will held personal honor shall not be for long. You have shown so high that they will regard the advances your hand in your latest triumph, and that of a corporation lobbyist as a good man hand will be known and recognized in the regards an invitation to burgiarize his days to come. You have blasted the good neighbor's home-and a legislature com names of men whom you seduced from the posed of that brand of men will regard a path of party virtue. You have placed fellow member in the pay of the corpora upon the foreheads of some legislators a tions just as a woman regards a enake.

money.

open.

of Shiloh

ASKING TOO MUCH. Why the Country Cannot Give Harri-

man His Way. St. Louis Tines,

for awhile. of Mr. Harriman's theories is Mr. Harriman's success. He and the men who have accepted his financial guidance have acquired, it is populariy believed, some substantial savings with which to tide over

the Harriman pudding. When, therefore, one master railroad director announces startling general policies concerning rallway management, he is entitled to wholly respectful and considerate attention. Mr. Harriman announces that if all the railroads of the country were under one control (and he asseverates that gin to expend \$800,000,000 or so in improve-

"This would be done openly," declares the wizard of railways, "but it abould he done immediately. Tet we would all be

This concluding deduction probably is sound. Also if Mr. Harriman controlled dollars for betterments. His policies always have favored spending money for betterments. Unlike his predecessor in Wall street and railwaying, who also was known he has been lecturing. He is also occupied as the "Wigird." Harriman is not a with an important plece of Hierary work. wrecker; he is a builder. Some of the streaks of rust he has taken over in his time are now great properties in every physical respect. And when this \$500,000,000 began to flow out the country would be immensely benefited. The steel industry, for example, would leap to its feet.

Why not, then, call off the dogs, and le Mr. Harriman have his way without fearing Mr. Wickersham's police?

Simply because the man who became the unquestioned dictator of all our railways could in time become the overlord of all the rest of us, and ours, and we are not sufficiently convinced of the purity of purpose of any person now engaged in fortune building to put him on the job

EXECUTIVE ECONOMY.

Move to Bring Expenditures and Rev. ennes Closer Together. Pittsburg Dispatch. The announcement that President Taft

a reduction. The people demand, congress appropriates, and the people pay. If the has laid down for his administration the

of dictating.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Philadelphia bride was presented with an automobile and a check for \$100,000. The check will enable her to run the machine

Former Representative Joseph W. Babock of Wisconsin is seriously ill from an attack of liver trouble at his residence in Washington and his condition is causing his friends considerable anxiety.

In the opinion of an Iowa congressman

mokers are in the easy mark class. He

thinks forty million dollars have been

filched from them by the tobacco trust in

seven years, but they didn't miss the

President Frost of Beres college has in-

vitad President Taft to be at the Lincoln

farm, Lexington, Ky., May 30, to take part

In honor of Lincoln. President Taft has

n the memorial services and plant a tree

The mayor of Honolulu carries a goodly

part of his family tree around with hin

He is using two eye testh that belonged

in her lifetime to his grandmother, wears

a heart watch charm made from the knee-

cap of his great-great-grandmother and the

polished white buttons on his coat are from

F. Hopkinson Smith, author, artist and

lecturer, divides his year, among these

three callings. For the last few months

Toward the end of June he will sail for

Europe, and for five months most of his

time will be devoted to sketching in the

The death at Decatur recently of Captain

M. F. Kanan leaves but one survivor o

the original members of Post No. 1, Grand

Army of the Republic. That one survivor

is Captain Christian Riebsome of Bloom

rgton, Ill., who in speaking of the initial

post recalls that it was organized on April

6, 1866, the fourth anniversary of the battle

GOOD POLICY TO PURSUE

No Taxes on the Necessaries of

Life.

Philadelphia Press

revenue, when the same revenue can be

raised more easily and more equitably by a

Ten has a tax of 8 cents a pound. Cof-

fee. under a clause levying a duty here

where an export tax is levied in the coun-

Discussion shows a general opposition to

both these taxes on tea and coffee. The

tax on wealth in one shape or another.

The Payne bill ought not to tax food for

he bones of others of his ancestors.

propriate name for him

Now that the legislature has adjourned, the Water board and its highpriced attorneys will again rest easier.

never get tired of tapping the oil bar- ference committee when it shall be aprel.

We suggest that Governor Shallenberger read over each morning for the next few days that part of his inaugural message about too many new laws.

It is an ill wind that plows nobody good. At least the telegraph companies are reaping their profit from the action of the legislature in putting the daylight saloon bill up to the governor.

Oxford has cleaned up Cambridge in the annual boat race. If it were Yale beating Harvard here would be a jubilee celebration in the White House.

It is decidedly appropriate that the a courtly gentleman and a sailor, who Optimist club should have a dinner did his fighting only when there was whenever it meets. A man is not in- fighting to do. clined to be optimistic on an empty stomach.

should always know what he was talking about.

aise in the union on which the fire- superior to defeat, while others genermen's double shift is imposed by

contagious. An Ohio man seeks a divorce be cause his wife marched in a temperance procession. Possibly the man might help smooth over the matrimonial difficulties if he would ride on the water wagon.

The refusal to extradite Jan Pouren again serves notice on foreign countries that political refugees can find a safe haven in the United States. The subterfuge of extradition on trumped up criminal charges will not suffice.

Nebraska need not lose any sleep over that bill to require the states that shared in the \$28,000,000 distributed by congress in 1836 to put it back. Nebraska did not even aspire to statehood until thirty years after that fa- to call himself a democrat as has Mr. mous grab-bag was pulled off.

The Baltimore clerk, who was dis- who is elected by his constituents covered to be a defaulter to the ex- should have more to say about it than tent of \$100,000, is said to have forty another democrat who has been three suits and ten overcoats in his ward- times defeated. He further suggests robe and now he must go where he that if Mr. Bryan does not think Mr. will not need them for the state will Fitzgerald's brand of democracy is furnish him all the necessary clothing. good enough to pass muster, he dent trusts the newspaper men not to bables die

Worth Draws Its Tribute.

Nothing that the American people have done in recent years is more to their credit than the high tributes they paid Admiral Cervera, who has just

pointed.

died in his Spanish home. In the midst of war, when passions ran high and it paused long enough in the jubilations to do honor to the defeated leader of the enemy. Admiral Cervera clause of the pension scheme.

had taken the fighting man's chance and did the best he could, but, even in defeat, commanded respect. No childish whimperings, no exhibition of a great moral uplift. What will they impotent rage, no idle vaporings, such | say about getting a bill through the as characterized the brutal Weyler, but

During his detention in this country

as a nominal prisoner of war, he grew upon the country and when the time Congressman Fitzgerald says Bryan | came for him to return home he left does not know what he is talking behind him many truc friends and adabout. It could not be expected that mirers. Since then he has so conducted one who talks as much as Bryan himself as to heighten the regard in which he was held and at his bier there will be no more sincere mourn-

ers in his own land than in this. Some Omaha is still the only city of its characters are strong enough to rise ally esteemed great, display great litstatute. In other words, the experi- tieness when shorn of the glamour of ment in Omaha has not yet proved victory.

> Of Cervera's abilities as a naval commander probably only those trained in the service are capable of accurately judging. It was Cervera the man whom the world, and the American public in particular, honored. No technical training was necessary to detect these qualities in him.

The Fitzgerald Incident. Mr. Fitzgerald pays his compliments to Mr. Bryan in acknowledgment of the excoriation given him in to run for police commissioner. The Commoner, and pays Mr. Bryan back with some of his own coin. Mr. Fitzgerald not only revives the old question, "What is a democrat?" but insists that if he led the ignoble twenty-three in the tie-up with the for her money.

Cannon forces for the organization of the house, he has just as much a right Bryan. In fact, he does not hesitate to declare that he thinks a democrat

iministration is the admirsion of reporters

house. We are yearly spending a vast amount of money, not more than we can afford and not so much, perhaps, as might be intelligently used, but it is being spent without any definite policy for the enterprises that are the big absorbers of money. A nation with an income of about \$3,000.000 a day should not have much difficulty in living within its means if a general

plan were adopted by which all the money really needed may be appropriated and a bar put against the expenditure of a penny for waste.

To get a retirement pension an Omaha school teacher will have to show up a record of continuous service the country was flushed with victory. that would put her past the Oslerizing age. But she is not required to tell how old she is. This is the saving

> The anti-saloon preachers like to talk about their movement as a part of legislature by doctoring the records? Will they fall back on the excuse that the end justifies the means?

Congressman Fitzgerald thinks Mr. Bryan should be silent "out of obligation of gratitude to his party." Congressman Fitzgerald does not know Mr. Bryan as well as another democratic congressman or he would not have mentioned gratitude.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company is asking that the \$1,500,000 fine imposed upon it by the Texas courts be set aside as excessive. This thing of protesting against fines running up into the millions is becoming chronic with the oil companies.

The daylight saloon was not in any platform put before the people of Nebrasks in the last campaign. Here is a chance to apply Mr. Bryan's rule of deaths. interpretation that a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains. not peculiar to the United States.

Just because anyone in Omaha may run for police commissioner under the countries, all industrial nations, is toward new dispensation is no good reason the cities. Agricultural industries are dor why everyone in Omaha should want

The chorus girl generally has a kick coming, but she cannot consistently denser population must work with complain of the proposed tariff on chinery to produce a subsistence. stockings-she gets something to show

The first of the month brought an of very sparsely settled Australia as well mainstay. unusual number of bills to Governor as of the United States, in large portions Shallenberger. By the time he has settled for them he will be politically bankrupt.

Reporters at the White House Boston Herald. Among the other good habits of the Tafe

they must be abnormally insensible to a spectacie of discipline and unobtrusive serviceableness such as, we believe, the world has never seen before under similar conditions.

UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES. people." Conspicuous States Give Out Mislead-

ing Impressions. Chicago Tribune.

It will be difficult to convince innoce Europeans that the west is not still in its one-time celebrated condition of being wild and woolly if such carryings on as have been heard in ages. Mr. Brownlow has was to maintain through the representative agitated Oklahoma and Nebraska conbroken the long silence only because his branch a check on royal lavishness or the

search for a certain telephone girl in Wash-What becomes of the pleasant merriment ington has been unsuccessful and he wants enjoyed by Americans at the expense of assistance. He desires to get her a place gentlemen from abroad who expect to hunt in the government service as a reward for bison in Illinois and who fear that their the best exhibition of repartes he has ever hair may not be safe in Kansas when heard. Chief Crasy Snake manages at this late

date to plunge Okiahoma into the horrors closing days of the Cleveland administra-Indian war and a lone bandit holds tion he was persons grata at the White up a passenger train a few miles out of House. There was a federal job in Tennesthe celebrated town of Lincoln, home of see which he wanted for a constituent. A the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, three democratic colleague also wanted the place, times candidate for the presidency of the

United States? one day to clinch matters. Brownlow heard It would not be so staggering if the one of it. He knew he could not overtake his state were not that of the Hon. Charles political enemy, so he endeavored to beat Haskell and the other that of the Hon. him to it on the telephone. He gave the Mr. Bryan. Europeans are apt to pause White House number several timas, when they consider that the latter comcould not get a connection. He finally lost monwealth has aspired to give the nation his patience with the telephone operator its president and the former that presi and said things which were not nice and Indian

in his anger got all mixed up. "Well, what is it you want, anyway?" murmured the hello girl.

"Give me some one who is my equal in intelligence," roared Brownlow. There was a pause, a click, then a gveet voice which said: 'Hello, what is it?'

"Who's this?" shouted Mr. Brownlow, still out of patience. The answer came back: "St. Elizabeth's

Insane asylum."

Ex-Senator T. M. Patterson of Colorado. interviewed in Wastington, expresses the belief that Mr. Bryan will never again be a candidate for the presidency. "Mr. Bryan was at my house in Denver a few weeks ago, and while the subject was not mentioned. I am inclined to believe that he would not permit himself to be placed in the attitude of even being a receptive candidate. He will always be found ready to serve the party, however." Mr. Patterson's to the movement of population toward the cities or not, certain general facts are common to the civilized world. They are

The difficulties encountered by mant during a great part of the year: urban industries go on continuously. the Bouth Pole prove that in spite of very sparse population may subsist on hunting and fishing. A little denser population is obliged to till the soil. A much 111.6 In all civilized countries the birth rate is decreasing. This is true of England as well as of France, and it is true, though in a less degree, of Germany, and it is true But legs are always the good old reliable was \$11,822,614,651 in ordinary companies

Paying the Rebate Penalty. Philadelphia Record.

proximating to those of Europe. But in all these countries the death rate is de The New York Central has pleaded creasing. The slaughter of the innocents guilty to ten counts of rebating and paid is checked. Not so many babies are born, \$1,000 for each. The offenses were combut more that are born have a chance to mitted some years ago. It is pretty safe to \$1,422,000,000, and it has increased \$552,000,000 reach adult years, in a general way it is say that there is not much rebating at in the industrial companies. The premiums present, which means that the railroads true of the European countries that those received in 1906 were only \$10.000.000 more are getting their schedule rates instead of which have the lowest birth rate have the than in 1997, but the payments to policy by appointment, and after statement of the lowest death rate, and, conversely, where giving up considerable fractions thereof holders increased \$30,000,000. Insurance is nature of information desired. The presi- the most hables are born, there the most to the big shippers who threaten to ship a virtue, and the amount of it is highly over sorns other lis creditable to the nation.

es which are little short of sincoures, plain people. It is the overlocking of that is a tax of about a fifth of the and for many quite needless purposes, yet common-sense economy that has been the importation. if any heavy inroad were made in all or greatest weakness of our government of any of these the proceeding would excite late years.

a roar that would shake the capitol. Con-The much-needed change to an older tax on tea protects nothing. The tax on gress can and should save dimes, but the fashion is also remarkable in its shift from coffee, if larger, might lead to the growth order to save dollars must come from the the original theory of representative gov- of coffee in our insular possessions, but it

ernment. That theory, developed as royalty is not large enough for that. It would only began to call on the people to pay taxation raise the price of coffee and bring no ben After a silence of twelve years Congress- for the government's support, was that as

waste of public funds on royal favorites.

The principle of the people holding the

purse strings is the foundation of all con-

stitutional power. It was the crucial issue

was the leverage by which republicanism

originate in the lower house, and that no

public money can be expended except by

theoretic professions of

This devolves on the administration the

the estimates of the coming fiscal year.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Enormous Volume of Business in the

United States.

Philadelphia Record

The annual compilation of life insurance

selves and their families against death and

other catastrophes by weekly or monthly

and annual payments entitling themselves

one of the most interesting facts in life

insurance, and that is the number of

policy holders. The latest compliation at

hand covering this item shows that at the

beginning of 1968 there were in force very

nearly 15,000,000 policies, including industrial

insurance. There are not over 20,000,000

families in the country, so that there is

more than one policy to a family on an

average. In 1906 there were 5,792,966 or-

dinary life policies, averageing nearly \$2,000,

Turning now to the tables of The Spec-

tator, which are dated the first of this

and \$2,667.387,667 in industrial companies.

as to prove a national habit.

a little less thun \$140.

authority of an appropriation.

appropriated for its use.

even

efits from protection. man Brownlow of Tennessee has told some the people yield the support their repre-After thirty-four years of free tea and of his friends in congress a joke on him- sentatives should have the exclusive right coffee it is unwise to levy a revenue duty self which is looked upon around the capi- to authorize, and therefore to place a limit on food. The amount these duties will tol corridors as the best thing that has on taxation and expenditure. The purpose raise in revenue can be better obtained by

levied at the time of the Spanish war.

SPRINGTIME SMILES.

reviving some of the internal taxation

"Which do you favor, protection or free

trade?" "Well." answered the orator. "It depends on the audience I am addressing. In most cases I find it advisable to compromise on the humorous anecdote."-Washington between Parliament and Charles I. and overthrew the Bourbon monarchy. It was copied in our constitutional enactments that taxing and expenditure measures must Star.

"I think it's mean for men to write horrid

Think it's mean for men to write horrid jokes about our hats," remarked the woman under the peach basket. "Oh, I don't think so," responded the other, adjusting her coal scuttle trimmed with tomatoes. "they have to do something to buy such hats for their own wives prob-ably."-Philadelphia Ledger. But in this century, with a growth of popular government hardly dreamed of in those days, we find the function shifted. The popular chamber hardly listens to economy.

"Let's see. You were to propose to Miss Marigold last night. What was the re-sult?" necessity of caring for that principle. The She gave me the short and usly."

present proposition is for observing it in "What's that?" "No."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. But that it can be carried to a more ef-

"Was Bill much excited when he heard the news?" "Very much so, and they took a very commercial way at the store to soothe his fective degree is manifest in the fact that there is no constitutional requirement for

any administration to spend all the money gitation.

How so?" "The manager said, "Bill, collect your self." -- Baltimore American.

Collector (angrily)-You know very well, sir, that this bill has been running several years. Now, I put it up to you, what do you want me to de with it? Debtor-By George! I'd enter it in the next Marathon race if I were you.-Puck.

statistics made by The New York Spectator shows to what an enormous extent the people of this country protect them-

Dusty Rhodes-I wouldn't have to ask for help, but I've a lot of real estate on me hands that I can't get rid of. Mrs. Rurall-Try soft soap and boiling water -- Life

and their heirs to annuities or lump sums. "You look so pals and thin. Whats' got These figures are monumental evidence of prudence and self-denial on so vast a scale

"Work. From morning to night and only one-hour reat." "How long have you been at it?" "I begin tomorrow."-Success. This tabulation, however, does not show

"Isn't it too bad!" sighed Mrs. Lapsling. "I shall have to go to the dentist's again. I find I have another vicarious tooth in my upper jaw!"-Chicago Tribune.

IF ONE LIVED LONG ENOUGH.

Chicago News. If you and I could live 300 years or so. Perhaps our cherished ills we'd manag outgrow: We might cultivate the while.

We might cultivate the while. An ingratiating smile. For a scowi would surely bore us, With two centuries before us. and 17.641,306 industrial policies, averaging

Perhaps we'd be less critical if guite as

sured that we Could still cavort around here in two-thou-sand-nine A. D. of nearly \$2,500,000,000; they received last year more than \$500,000,000 their payments We might try to make amenda

to policyholders were about \$235,000,000, and To our trritating friends; We could treat their faults with levity, When we thought of our longevity. the whole amount of insurance in force

Tis said the compound int'rest on a single

dollar would. In twenty generations, put us millens the

the good! I should like to start out new, With a dollar, anyhow; But I don't know how to collar That first. fundamental dollar.

that Mr. Bryan will be chosen United States senator from Nebraska. Perils of Pole Hunting. New York World. Lieut Shackleton's party in the attempt to reach

dogs, siedges, Siberian ponies, motor cars and all mechanical appliances for progress over polar ice, it is on the human legs that the explorer must depend in the end. year, we find the companies have assets Whatever a balloon or an aeropiane may accomplish in the final dash for the North Pole, it is not likely to be useful on the blizzard-swept plateau at the South Pole.

evidence is far from conclusive. He hopes movement of population in all civilized

Mr. Brownlow is a republican, but in the

and he had started for the White House

dent's chief adviser. One has an war and the other an old-fashioned holdup. The nation must ask Oklahoma and Nebrasks to desist. These great states must be requested respectfully to consider the consequences. We shall have the innocent Europeans arming themselves again as soon as they come in sight of the statue

of Liberty. BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

Features of a Census Bulletin Worthy of Consideration. Philadelphia Record

of which the conditions of living are ap-

The census office has issued a bulletin on the decreasing size of families which will precipitate an additional flow of ill-

considered remarks on race suicide and the decadence of the present generation. Persons who are distressed over the empty cradle take no notice of the empty grave.

Fewer births are accompanied by fewer Whether a decreasing birth rate be due