Nuckolls County One of Southern Nebraska's Richest Garden Spots

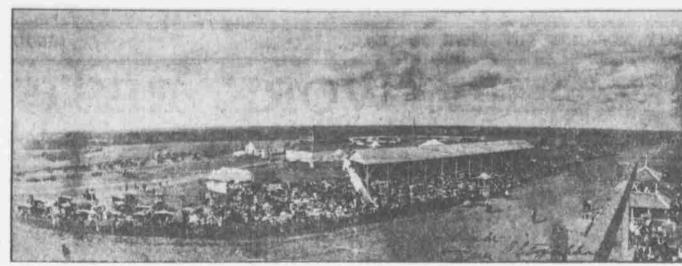
commenced with the great trail period for the overland routs from St. Joe, Mo., to Californ's The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to the farmers of Nuckotts county. For instance, a large plane dealer of Lincoln declares that he is selling fewer planes to the city people than he sold last year, but that the farmers are buying nearly twice as many as they bought the year before. The center of this business is swinging away from the cities and into the rural communities. The farmer had good crops last year; he sold them at the best prices on record; and he seems likely to have the same experience this year.

The Nebraska farmer's first duty is to feed the American people. But one-eighth of his products are sent abroad. The yearly consumption of agricultural products, is \$40 per capita. The average acre produces but \$11 a year. Opportunity in Nuckolla county yet keeps its door open. all previous human experience.

watered by the Republican and Little Blue county. rivers, Elk, Beaver, Ox Bow and Spring Fruits, such as apples, pears, peaches, creeks. The Little Blue is especially noted plums, grapes and berries, are of the finest for its water power. It furnishes power flavor. for fifteen flouring mills in the state. The There are six flouring mills in Nuckoils valleys of the Republican and Little Blue county, the combined capacity of which

Hmlted extent in all parts of the state, the soil in Nuckolls county is peculiarly adapted to the requirements of this wonderful grass. Alfalfa grows in this county on the upland and lowland, rough land and smooth land, in fact anywhere it is planted, which is evidence there is no be raised that will produce the quantity not chew his cud. and quality of roughness as alfalfa. Three or four heavy crops of hay are cut from is the banner county of Kansas in the pro- the government. In 1869, Butterfield started Superior pays about one-fourth the eneach alfaifa field each season. Anaylais duction of corn and alfaifa. It was un- the pony express over this road, which, tire tax that goes into the county treasury, and experiments have proved that aifalfs fortunate for Nuckolls county that much considering the time and route, was a haz- and is the first city of the county, has much the same feeding value and fat of its land was taken in an early day ardous enterprise. The same year, Ru sell A few short years ago nothing but producing qualities as corn. No hay can for speculation by the shopmen of the and Waddell started the overland stage wooden buildings could be seen and they re raised that has the fattening qualities Union Pacific railroad shops at Omaha. of alfalfa, as it contains 90 per cent of Nuckolis county is pretty well timbered fat producing elements. As corn, the king with natural forests along the streams, was Oak Grove. In 1867, during the Indian builded of brick and stone and occupied of grains, alfalfa does not wear out the while on the uplands the handiwork of soil, but tends to fertilize it. The im- the frugal husbandman is everywhere in portant advantage Nuckolls county has evidence and the level expanse of farm name of John Loritrer, who could not be teen years. The brick used in the conover other alfalfa districts, is that it is land is studded with young bearing ora good corn and wheat country. Alfalfa chards and numerous groves of shade and corn will grow in adjoining fields, and trees. it is a great advantage to the feeder to. The artificial timber consists of maple, be able to raise both hay and grain, as elm, boxelder, ash and catalpa, while along The first permanent settler in the county be able to raise both hay and grain, as elm, boxelder, ash and catalpa, while along Was B. L. Comstock, locating at Oak as possible old board walks are being replaced by new brick ones. The boom days his corn with his neighbor.

Nuckolls county is situated in the south- profusion. ern tier of counties, the fourth county In the northern part of the county small



COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS AT NELSON

the magnitude of this great industry.

and scalping knife.

in 1861.

the well-being of the people-would surpass depth, underlaid with spongy day sub- ricks. Nuckolis County was organized as a adapted to the growing of alfalfa, the wonderful degree in the last few years, marrying people, I pronounce you man and by the laying out, grading and keeping As a rule the people do not read school county in 1871, has an area of 576 square greatest hay-producing grass in the world- and it is no uncommon thing to find 799 wife." miles, a population of 20,000, ninety-three. Horses, cattle and hogs are produced lib- and 800 cattle being fed on one ranch and. The first sermon in the county

public schools, seven high schools, 170 erally in Nuckolis county and with profit- fitted for the market. miles telephone, 137.84 miles of telegraph. Wheat, corn, oats and ryc, vegetables 141.59 miles of railroad, three free libraries, and fruits yield abundantly and drouth and profitable scale along the Republican The Elkton Sunday school was organized free gural mail delivery. This county is has never caused a total failure in Nuckolis valley. Within a radius of eighteen to June 12, 1872, being the first in the county, day.

are noted for fertility and productiveness, is 1,000 barrels dally. These mills are in can excel Nuckolls county in the raising of alfalfa. While alfalfa is raised to a cle of wheat. This wheat is, of course, sections, are scarcely known. No county in the state of Nebraska operation the year around, and when runels of wheat. This wheat is, of course, About 20,000 head are shipped yearly from there were only two houses in the town. vators in the county in connection with price of \$55 per head, so you can grasp of a horsethlef. the railroads.

Three-year-old steers fed on alfaira meal and ground corn will gain about four and is first election June 27, 1871. The Mormons tions than any county in southern Neone-half pounds a day for sixty days. The passed through the country along the brasks. In the great Indian raid of August planted, which is evidence there is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted, which is evidence there is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted, which is evidence there is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted, which is evidence there is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is no one-nair pounds a day for sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not sixty days are planted in the planted is not sixty days. The planted is not six

oak, cottonwood, cim, ash, etc. in great

east of the center of the state and but a grain crops prevail and in the southern county was performed March 6, 1872, by all as firm as ever in their determination little more than 100 miles west of the Mis- half along the bottoms, corn is king, as Judge E. A. Davis, it being about the first

soil, which makes this land especially The cattle industry has developed to a there is no prescribed law in Nebraska for to attract trade to this city is best done they have been elected to fill.

This industry is conducted on a large Mr. Penny of the Presbyterian church. twenty miles of Superior, there are on an composed of four members, R. Hollingaverage of 40 000 to 60,000 head of cattle Worth, C. C. Fletcher, Joseph Carlon and grazing and fattening for the market. The Maggie Follmer.

cattle business is made especially profit. The last buffalo was killed on the Reable here by reason of the dry, open publican bottom, just below Superior, in winters and quality of the grasses. The 1875, by William Crable. The first Fourth per cent of loss is extremely light and the of July celebration was held at Oak

milling industry there are twenty-six ele. Superior to eastern markets, at an average One of the first cases to be tried was that

Nuckolls county was organized and held fered more from Indian raids and depreda-Nuckolis county, which was, in 1858 Mr. Comstock, was the only place in Jewel county, on the south of Nuckolis, adopted, straightened, bridged and used by Nuckolis that held out against the Indians,

line and established stations along the were small and inadequate. Today we find route in Nuckolls, the most noted of which a city of business houses substantially raids, the country was abandoned by the by enterprising business men. Superior has induced to go. In less than two weeks he struction of these blocks was produced by fell a victim to the merciless tomahawk its own brick plants and is as good as can be produced anywhere. Its sidewalks Grove, on the Little Blue, with his family placed by new brick ones. The boom days are now past and Superior has come out The first marriage coremony in the smiling and prosperous and its citizens are to push the town. The growth now is is readily seen from the many long cribs official act. The contracting parties were steady and substantial. The onward march of Superior is backed up by the country good farmers tilling good farms, more cattle grazing and being fed for market and more fat hogs going to market to fill the is second in size, with a population

> The experience of nearly all business men twenty-five miles from a trading point like Nelson is about the geographical center mercial club is a live body of business building, as is also the high school,

desired to show dispetch and said. "Since in this section, and know that the way qualified for the positions of trust which

Santa Fe system is harvested at Superior stantial and along right lines.

is conducted on a very primitive plan, tions for the education of our children. management and in the judicious display substantial and along right lines. ern merchants are nothing if not progresspective places of business, but in their C. W. Devall was the teacher. methods of advertising and extending their

No such splendid railroad facilities can be found in any town in Nebraska threefold the size of Superior.

Superior in 1879 and have given this entire new building. valley sasy access to eastern and western

with the main line of their great system, the building. Superior has made a remarkable and substantial growth in the quarter of a century since it sprang into existence. It has thirteen railroad postoffices, each of which 1905, fourteen girls and four boys. has grain markets and general merchandise stores.

Deweese and Edgar are just over the that surrounds it. Every year sees more county line on the north and Davenpert, on two railroads, just over the line east. Nelson, the capital of Nuckolls county, coffers of hustling stockmen. To visit 1,200. It has two railroads, two substantial Superior and the valley tributary is to at banks, a flouring mill of 100 barrels capaconce desire to make a home with this peo- ity. Besides numerous retail establishstores, each occupying three large store teaches that well graded and improved rooms, 25x100 feet, elegant high school wagon roads for a distance of five to building, churches, court house and hotels.

Superior add more to its business inter- of the county. It is a well-built little ests and permanent growth than any other city and has some very pretty residences. one thing that can be done. The Com- The court house is a well-constructed



NUCKOLLS COUNTY FARM VIEW,

in strict repair the main roads leading journals and do not study school plans to the city. Every farmer who is looking and measures, and are left to estimate their preached in the summer of 1872 by Rev. for a market and trade center, has his eyes value and progress from the several local on Superior, and the action of the Com- conditions. The inestimable value of mercial club will boar fruit at no distant schools is a sufficient reason to ask and secure the attention of their patrons with-One of the big industries of the winter out apologizing for doing so. As an inseason is the ice crop, harvested from the stitution it is the result of many years mill race by the Santa Fe railway and local of evolution. Its growth, though, not reerns. Nearly all the ice for the great markably rapid, has been steady, sub-

and shipped to various points along the As an institution it is the chief cornerstone of our glorious republic. We do not We hear a great deal of talk of the "wild prize it so supremely because we have wooly west," and way down east, millions invested in wood, brick, stone and many people seem to have an idea that marble in the form of magnificent build- sold and shipped out of the county, last business out in this section of the country ings, but because our schools are institu-

but the fact is, that even way out in Ne- The present state of efficiency of the brasks the retail merchants are fifty years. Nelson public schools is the result of many at least in advance of the retailers of New Years of evolution. Its growth, though England and the middle states in stors not remarkably rapid, has been steady,

and arrangement of their stocks. West- Going as far back as the year of 1881-2 we find the school in charge of W. H. sive. They are constantly introducing new Gerdts as teacher, with an enrollment of feed, ideas into their business, and not only forty-five pupils. The next year the enin the interior arrangement of their re- rollment was increased to fifty-four and

In the spring of 1890 the first commencement exercises were held, when a class of two boys graduated.

It was now becoming evident to many of the citizens that the old school building The Burlington & Missouri River railroad was inadequate to accommodate the school. is the Chicago. Burlington & Quincy's Kan. In the spring of 1891 a petition was circusas City-Denver main line and carries eight lated asking for a special election to con- 84,000 dozens of eggs and 250,000 pounds of to ten trains daily. They built through sider the question of voting bonds for a dressed poultry. During the last summer,

in January, 1892. The school had scarcely Superior is the terminus of the Santa gotten located in the new building when in the production of alfalfa, as they pro-Fe from Strong City, Kan., connecting on the 30th of March a tornado wrecked duced last season over 21,000 acres, besides

> nine girls and seven boys, the class of 1904, produced 108,000 acres of corn. 43,000 acres four girls and six boys and the class of of wheat and 19,000 acres of oats. The

> ninety-one school districts, with ninety- They have at present, growing and in full three school buildings, where 3,170 students bearing, 45,900 apple trees, 107,000 peach, are taught by 130 teachers, who draw \$50,547 8,900 plum and 12,000 cherry trees. annual salary. The school property of the Taking the county as a whole, and from county is valued at \$170,290.

> with twelve grades, Nelson and Superior. brasks, but with any county in any state Superior has just moved into their new in the Mississippi valley,

The soil of Nuckolis county is a rich, filled with golden cars and the thousands Mr. J. E. Bunker and Miss Martha John- men, who appreciate the fact that their The officials of Nuckolis county are an school building costing \$10,000 and modern If they could only shut the door of waste, fertile, black loam, one to four feet in of bushels piled upon the ground in great ston. Being his first attempt, Mr. Davis success iles in securing the trade of farmers efficient and obliging set of men, well in every respect. Both of these schools give the normal training course.

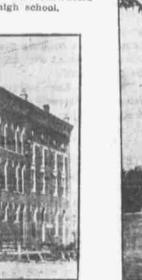
There are two large Catholic parochial schools in the county, one in Laurence, and one near Mt. Clare. School interest is excellent all over the county. At a teachers' meeting in October, nearly every teacher was present. Fifty of the Nuckolls' county teachers attended the state teachers' meeting at Lincoln November 5-6.

Nuckolis county is one of the rich counties of Nebraska. Its entire valuation amounts to \$26,000,000. The productiveness of the county can best be expressed and appreciated, by using a few figures, not many, just a few. The farms of the county contain 223,000 acres, with 207,000 acres under cultivation. From these farms were year, 32,900 fat cattle and 65,950 fat hogs, Also 900 horses and 200 head of sheep. This county also shipped out 1,580,000 bushels of corn, 513,000 bushels of wheat and 280,000 bushels of oats. Nuckolis is one of the prominent counties in the state in the milling business. Last year the flour mills of this county sold and shipped out 7,410,000 pounds of flour and 7,000 pounds of mill

The splendid crops of alfalfa that are being grown, are fast bringing this county, to the front as one of the prominent dairy section of the state. More and more each year, the farmers, or the farmers' wives, are turning their attention to the poultry industry. Last year they sold and shipped out 187,369 pounds of butter and 948,390 gallons of cream. They also sent to market these farmers used 400 hand separators and The building was ready to be occupied kept 6,800 head of cows on their farms.

Nuckolls county stands third in the state 1,900 acres of timothy and 1,000 acres of The graduating class of 1902 consisted of clover. During the last season they also county is also producing a liberal amount At the present time Nuckolls county has of fruit, largely for home consumption.

every standpoint, it will compare favor-The county has two accredited schools ably, not only with any county in Na-



COURT HOUSE AT NELSON

GRAND ARMY VETERANS OF NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

In the Field of Electrical Experiment

news dispatches for the St. Louis and Indianapolis. Louis Republic were handled on the lines with great speed and accuracy.

Many startling claims are made for the wires, it is said, will do the work of sixty- tween Newark and South Paterson. The few road officials and several newspaper a minute and in this case the very best eight quadruplex-worked wires of the operators talked without interruption with men. They crowded into the engine cab. Morse system.

them from their owners. A system of results. The inventor, Fred Lecroix, said phone attachments on the side of the cab. luminous are headlight which will throw prises which he financed. coils enables the telephone wires to carry his system when perfected will permit of Close by were the dials and attachments a beam of light for many yards on either "In addition to this. Mr. Kennedy was both telephone messages and telegraph conversation from a train running at can- of the device for sounding the warning of side of the track for a distance of nearly a benefactor of education, an organizer messages at the same time. The astonishing rapidity with which mes- miles.

last night. An operator, using an ordinary implicitly by the officials who witnessed ers at either end of the line and received animals or persons. Many of the cities, slone in foreign lands. For many years telegraph key, perforates holes in a tape the test. The wireless telephone was oper- messages in response. The train was run- however, do not allow these blinding lights he was a member and trustee of the Fifth which is run by a motor. These holes are ated from the engine cab. The electric ning at twenty miles an hour; and then within the city limits. Fortunately this avenue Presbyterian church when Dr. John in duplicate and represent the ordinary current is taken up from a small third rail the speed was increased five miles, and new lamp can be dimmed by a simple throw. Hall was "its paster and even before that dots and dashes of the Morse code.

chine. At the other end of the line is a zero the possibilities of train accidents by even as the amount of speed was increased receiving machine. The operator puts his attachments in the cab that show when a To make the test severe the speed was "We had a county judge down my way a perforated tape into the first and touches train is stalled ahead and indicate how dis- increased quickly, so that the cab shook few years ago whose love for biblical love a button. It is whirled through so rapidly tant it is. Another device operates the air and the cars wabbled, but there was no wa so pronounced that he couldn't resist the eye can scarcely follow it. At the re- brake attachments the instant the recorder interruption of the talk. ceiving end another tape, chemically pre- shows there is a stalled or derailed train. The wireless telephone having been sion," said Congressman Henry D. Clayton pared, is whizzing with equal rapidity.

his machine when the message is com- There was a short test of the invention strated. The train was run in close upon mountain district under suspicion of mainboard in front of the typist, who reads the test. The test yesterday was on a train having his grip on the lever, the airmessage and writes it. The claim is made running on schedule, and the efficiency of brake attachment was operated automatthat the transmitting machine will carry the invention was proved. from 800 to 1,000 words a minute.

Wireless Telephone on Trains.

new service by its supporters. They say ephony on the Eric railroad are pro- for the Lecroix system of wireless tele- incandescent lamps were used for headthe telepost can transmit sixty messages nounced by the New York Press as "a phony, is not "deadly," as a person may lights. Today it is nothing unusual for the over a single wire in the same time the notable success." The tests were made on walk upon it without receiving the slight- large interurban cars, carrying over 100 Morse system requires for one. Four a train running thirty miles an hour be- est shock. The test was watched by a passengers, to hit a speed of nearly a mile The company uses ordinary telephone officials of the Eric who participated in one time. They found a receiver and by the engineers of the General Electric a banker and his railroad connections were wires for its service, getting leases upon the demonstration were delighted with the transmitter much like the ordinary tele- company they immediately designed a developed from his relations to the enternon ball speed within a radius of 1,000 danger ahead.

at the side of the track. Perfection of the then to thirty miles. There was not the of a switch, making it available for both time; but at his death he belonged to the The tape is put into a transmitting ma- system, it is said, will reduce almost to slightest interruption of the conversation city and interurban service.

plete. He takes it to a typewriter, where on a section of Erie track several months a passenger train, and the moment the taining an illicit still. There was no real two small motors pull it across the key- ago. This section was set apart for the danger zone was reached, the engineer evidence against blundered in force of the control o

The Indianapolis office was opened but a a youth. He is 24 years old and looks hour. There was no sudden jar: it came "Joshua, eh" said the judge, as he rub. Children. He made learning, humanity and how he recently nonplussed a practical ber of the court of appeals of New York. short time ago. It is a new link in the younger. He learned electrical engineer to a standstill gradually. There will be a bed his hands. Joshua, you say? Are you uplift take the place of children in his joker who sent out a number of invita- as his father had been before him. chain which is to connect the middle west ing in Texas, and is said to have a remarkpublic test of this device on Wednesday that same Joshua spoken of in Holy Writ—
heart and mind, and, while he would not thought the new Engable comprehension of the broad subject.

In the last transfer of the broad subject of the broad division of the service with the New Eng. able comprehension of the broad subject of next week on the same stretch of track, the Joshua who made the sun stand still? Let his left hand know what his right dinner at Clemenceau's house. Some days politics, and he met with no objection.

to be connected with New York and the sleeper may be aroused from slumber to tric cars now used in interurban service CCESSFUL tests were made New England link will be supplied by a answer a call and talk to his mother, between cities and large towns, make it scently of the new tele- line from New York to Boston. The con- wife, sweetheart or business friend 1,000 extremely dangerous to run after dark post system between Indianap- cern now has offices open in Sedalia, Mo.; miles away. It is predicted the invention without a good headlight. In the beginlis and St. Louis. A batch of Springfield, Ill.; Terro Haute, Ind.; St. will be as wonderful in its development ning of electric railway service small oil as wireless telegraphy; and its accompani- lamps were thought to be good enough ment, the device to prevent rallroad acci- for headlight purposes, but when the cars the financial world whose deeds escaped the a strong and lovable man, he will be pany of the distinguished statesman, but dents, makes it the more remarkable.

operators on either end of the run, and as many as could find standing room at its flood of mellow light, was produced Mainly, however, he was in business as

The members of the party first talked great assistance to motormen in taking of hospitals, a lover of art and a promoter sages can be transmitted was illustrated. His confident statement was relied upon through the transmitter to train dispatch- curves or avoiding collisions with vehicles, of civilization and learning through mis-

ically and the train stopped within fifty man. Indianapolis to Chicago. Chicago is then tion means that a man in a Pullman directions at full speed. Lecroix says he moon shine."-National Monthly,

WHEELER, SPURCK & WHEELER BUILDING, NELSON. will be in one of the engines and will prove that collisions can be made impossible by

Luminous Arc Headlights.

his system.

The increased size and speed of the elecwere made larger and geared to go faster The recent experiments with wireless tel- The third rail, which carries the power the small old-fashioned are lamps or large

2,000 feet shead. Such illumination is of of charities, a student of history, a friend

the deairs to air it on every possible occawithin two miles ahead. The road offi- tested to the satisfaction of the officials, of Alabama a few days since. "One day The receiving operator removes this from clais pronounce it a marvelous invention. the train-atopping device was demon- an old darkey was brought in from the

Gossip and Stories About Noted People

the most successful and wise of his genera- seif." tion, yet the least ostentatious and the When the new luminous are lamp, with least oppressive of all that great class.

> Madison Square Presbyterian church and was the friend and adviser of Dr. Charles II. Parkhurst, the pastor of that foundation. Born in Glasgow, January 4, 1830, and one of nine children, John Kennedy was sent to school only from his fifth to the end of his twelfth year, and at 13 became a clerk and messenger in a shipping office. At 17 he was secured by an fron and coal concern and when he was 20 he became connected with its interests in the United States. When 27 years old, he became a banker in old New York, and at dollar. his death on Sunday he was probably the leading banker of the old conservative

Millionaire and Philanthropist. welfare, to religion and to civilization and thanking him most cordially. Now, OHN S. Kennedy, the deceased within this republic, and at the greatest the ex-premier is a man of wit, and in-New York millionairs whose centers of need within the world. His stead of flying into a temper, he realized equests to educational, relig- modesty was unusual. His humor was that some one had been playing a trick lous and charitable institutions dry, illuminating and ever kind. A courte- upon him, so he gave orders for a dinner, surprised the country, was one ous listener, a close and careful thinker, and it was duly held. His unknown guests of the few potential factors in a wise reasoner, a delightful companion, were highly delighted to be in the comvigilance of newspapers. "He was a Scotch- missed by those who knew him well for their ardor was somewhat dampened when, man, with humor," says the Brooklyn as long as they will live, and his memory after the banquet, their host broke the Eagle. "He was a staunch Presbyterian, will be cherished in the records and hon- news to them that their presence there was with hospitality for all sincere denomina- ored in the institutions to which he gave really due to a choice little joke which had tions. As a railroad man, he was one of his thought, his time, his means-and him-

Fink's Price of Lies.

James Fisk, jr., had been a peddler from his boyhood days through New England towns. His father was a peddler, and of Yankee notions and tinware, who were conspicuous in the early days, before mermirers wherever he went.

Fisk's standard of moral honesty. An old prevent his confirmation. The president, piece of calico sold at 12% cents a yard. think father would tell a lie for 12% cents, his rejection. Mr. Cleveland did not con-

Clemenceau and the Joker.

"No, jedge, was the hasty answer, hand gave, he gave much, thought much, afterward M. Clemenceau was surprised But if it had not been for Hill the other ranged for an extension of its lines from gine cab, the development of the inven- be started on the same ratis from opposite 'twaru't me. Ah'm de Joshua dat made de designed much and powerfully influenced to receive letters from total strangers ac- son of the elder judge would have been much which contributed to happiness, to cepting "his kind invitation to dinast," the United States justice.

been perpetrated by some person or persons unknown. Naturally the diners hastened to depart as soon as they conveniently could.

"Senatorial Courtesy,"

Justice Peckhem's death revives the al-James had been brought up in that life ab- most forgotten name of David B. Hill, to sorbing all the bluff, nerve and flashy dis- whom it was indirectly due that Rufus W. Peckham, and not his brother, Wheeler H. Peckham, became a justice of the supreme chandles had developed in a perfect sys-court. When a vacancy was caused by tem. It may be said of Fisk that he had the death of Justice Blatchford of New been a prince of peddlers, and his wagon York, in 1823, relates the Philadelphia was spectacular in appearance, being Ledger, President Cleveland nominated painted in the brightest colors and to William B. Hornblower, then and since a which he drove well groomed horses that leader of the New York bar. Mr. Hornalways attracted a large crowd of rural ad- blower had been one of the opponents of Senator Hill in New York politics, and A story of an incident of the days when Hill, regarding his nomination as an afhe was traveling with his father illustrates front, appealed to "senatorial courtesy" to woman charged Fisk's senior with having therefore, withdrew Hornblower's name misrepresented the value and quality of a and nominated Wheeler H. Peckham, a much more active and pronounced anti-Hill "Well, now," said Fisk, fr., "I don't democrat, and Hill succeeded in securing though he might tell eight of 'em for a tinue the fight, but named Senator White of Louisiana, whose nomination was promptly confirmed. Two years later, on

the death of Justice Jackson, President One of the stories concerning M. Ciem- Cleveland nominated for this vacancy