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Dully Average ..

Subscribers tenving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

What is the autonym of mailman? Bill collector.

dickens with Tammany.

Keep your eye on the coming Land show to be held in Omaha this month.

It is gratifying to know that the mercury escaped the late cold wave unfrozen.

must be the stand-patters.

Mayor "Jim's" absence from the at Lincoln could not but be noted.

A vagrant balloon is reported to have passed over Sweden, but no but-

tinsky sleuth took after it in its flight. Perhaps ex-Governor Shallenberger be persuaded to start a ginger ale fac-

tory in Omaha. Dr. Wiley's discovery that some shoe leather is chemically unsound may be a vindication of Senator

to a hammer-lock.

Stone's gumshoes.

Nat C. Goodwin, they say, will soon! enter vaudeville. What is this in must have been a young man and poswhich he has been so long, burlesque sibly time extends back far enough to or merely matrimony?

Of course, if Mayor "Jim" had been elected governor the World-Herald would have pronounced his cowboy inaugural a literary gem.

county. Ohio, were too deeply imbued with the old idea that voting is the business of every citizen.

It seems that those voters in Adams

but later found \$60,000 in his pock- ways of getting rid of their wealth. ets. A case where he who steals the purse does not steal trash.

Year," on January 1, 1911, with Old thing like falling heir to \$2,000,000 such facts as it is possible to bring to a woman reliceman attached to the board such as rails, cars and locomotives, will Boreas cutting up as he was.

believes Senator Holstlaw told the Joe" will still have a crust of bread truth when he confessed to accepting to fall back on and help soften the a bribe, for it fired him out.

If the wool men will only send thel convention to Omaha next time they can count on having a reception here all wool and a yard wide.

cold winter.

the "old-fashioned people" must have merchant marine can be so main- raised by taxation of \$1.250,000 to the departments at the national capital been delighted when he road the ac- tained or not train robbery.

by the outgoing and incoming gov- nation or conspiracy." ernors are in sharp contrast in form

and length. branches of state government in which fic between Europe and the United he has had participation as chief ex- States, making it practically impossiecutive, coupling advice as to legisla- ble for lines not in the combine to do tion on many subjects which he thinks business on a paying basis. While the desirable. A large part of his docu- government's evidence appears to be ment is devoted to self-exultation over definite and convincing, it probably is the validity of the deposit guaranty none too effective for the exigencies law upheld by the United States su- of this case. It will be interesting to preme court and the 8 o'clock closing see just how far, if at all, the antilaw, for which he vacillates between trust law may be applied to a combine apologizing and justifying. The pin- or monopoly formed in a foreign counnacle of glory achieved by his one try and partly maintained by foreign term in the governor's office is capital and citizens. It would seem started the ouster suit against the ment could deny entrance and clearchief of police of Omaha "the lid has age rights at its ports to these ships been screwed down so tight that gin- it could bring the offenders to time. ger ale is now considered a strong That, of course, will be one of the drink in the metropolis after vital points for determination. 8 o'clock.'

Governor Shallenberger laments having helped procure the enactment of his public service by renominating as well as in Indiana. and re-electing him, and an illy-disguised doubt as to whether the direct acted in many states, but their influprimary and the initiative and reference can scarcely be more than reendum can, under any conditions, be strictive; it is not prohibitive. The made to work out satisfactorily in individual member is, after all, left pursue just the opposite plan. practical operation.

Governor Dix may yet raise the ter as the people want. He also offers kite." some other salutary suggestions. The Already we have our reform avia- habits, occupations and interests, all within the last biennium. tors. Those who have been killed entitled to have the benefit of Nebraska's motto, "Equality before the law."

The particular subjects discussed in gubernatorial inaugural ceremonies these two messages will be dealt with in their different aspects in these columns from time to time.

"Uncle Joe's" Legacy.

Unless somebody has perpetrated a monumental joke on "Uncle Joe" Cannon he has become sole heir to and ex-Attorney General Mullen might \$2,500,000. That amount is reported to have been left with a representative in true bills. firm in Bombay, India, by a woman who has just died, to be transmitted to the Eage of Danville. According to the story the money was willed to her by a man who died many years ago, with instructions that upon her It seems Senator Aldrich was op- death it was to go to Joseph G. Canerated on for twisted ligaments in his non in recognition of some favor he arm. Knockers might say it was due once did this man, then poor, at

Washington. But "Uncle Joe" cannot account for the thing, at all. Many years ago Joseph G. Cannon find when he was a poor man, needing the money to give him a start in life. What a splendid principle is there involved! Not alone the beautiful tribute of thus recognizing a debt of gratitude, all too little practiced today, but alas, also, the fine example of endowing budding genius, ambitious youth! Perhaps it may be a hint to philanthropically-inclined rich of this country, who are meeting with A New York man lost his memory, some difficulty in devising adequate

The reports say that "Uncle Joe" did not faint from the shock when this glad tiding was broken to him-It required a complacent man not No. "Uncle Joe" has long since got will shock him. The pleasing conso- light. lation of it all is that in the event it The Illinois legislature evidently proves to be a New Year's joke "Uncle force of the disappointment.

Combines on Sea and Land.

If the charges of combination in restraint of trade preferred by the federal government against thirteen Whether William E. Corey was great steamship lines prove true, we forced to resign as president of the would have a conspiracy on the high city and the general industrial situa- ing paintuity numerous and annoying. Steel trust or not, he probably will leas about as formidable in its propornot suffer for the want of a job this tions as any of those on land. Evidently it is possible to carry on a | In the table of charter limits on the its acquaintance with truth. The Wasnthriving passenger business at sea on various municipal funds printed in lington record of civil service employee The man who is always pining for its own resources whether a strong The Bee the proposed total to be inclusive, of whom 34.694 were employed

counts of that recent Southern Pacific The government's petition indicates clusive of the interest fund of \$250, of Missouri and Connecticut that they have Lincoln, Neb., to the men in Baltimore a powerful sir-tight frust, but if its 000 and the sinking fund of from abolished their section of the legislative who are arranging for the big democratic lobby for this winter at least, and will let celebration the orator of the Platte says; charges are sustained and penalties \$50,000 to \$100,000. The grand to- the tawmakers worry along without the "it will be impossible for me to be present With the lilitons legislature and the enforced it would seem to be easy tal of taxes which the charter revision wisdom and superior skill of old pards. The and I healtate to send a letter to be read United States senate both investi- enough to break the combine or some committee now proposes to authorize third house will be very ionesome, per- at the celebration, test it misht prove a gating the Lorimer case, it looks as if or all of the companies in it. For one the city council to lavy for city pur-

Ican port of any of these thirteen com- years ago, and without counting roy-As most usual, the two messages panies, continuing to "operate under alties paid to lighting companies presented to the Nebraska legislature the aforesaid alleged unlawful combi- amounting to about \$45,000 and the

The combine is said to have been ward of \$125,000. formed in London and rigidly Governor Shailenberger reviews in squeezes the life out of competition protracted detail the work of various by simply prorating the steerage trafsummed up in the boast that since he however, that if the federal govern-

Beware of the Good Time.

of the open primary, which proved his not dealing with unrealities in warn- Herald, Governor Shallenberger's mesundoing. He advocates restoration ing the Indiana legislators against the sage is "A Genuine State Paper," of the closed feature of the primary fellow insisting on showing them a while that of his successor is "The and also pleads for the initiative and good time soon after being introduced Aldrich Harangue." Governor Shalreferendum. But all through his dis- to them. This good fellow is one of lenberger is a democrat and Governor cussion of this needed legislation "to the stern realities about every state Aldrich is a republican. Enough let the people rule" he exhibits resent- house when the legislature is in ses- said. ment at the ingratitude of the people sion, so the warning may well be who failed to show their appreciation heeded in Nebraska and other states,

Anti-lobbying laws have been enupon his own honor. He can be ap-Governor Aldrich's salutatory is proached in a hotel lobby just as brief and breezy. He reiterates prin- easily as in a legislative lobby. It is stump during the campaign and urges form laws dealing with the agents of redemption of the promises, which he special interests are to be observed or is convinced put him in the governor's violated. It is not necessary to deny chair. While Governor Shallenberger legitimate rights of business concerns boasts what a good and moral city he to fair hearings before committees, to has made of Omaha, Governor Aldrich appreciate the subtle influence and tells how the "Brewery trust" keeps motives of this fellow who insists on it in the depths of degradation, from showing the members a good timewhich the legislature must rescue it As Governor Marshall says, "This felby new laws. For this he immediately low has an axe to grind and intends atones, however, by advocating "real to chop his own wood with it. There municipal home rule," making it pos- is no money in honest public service and other towns to adopt such a char- has someone holding the string to his

Many a public official has sacrificed only comment we would make at this reputation by blinding his eyes to this time is that Governor Aldrich should fact and trying to deceive himself with realize and remember that he is no the notion that people did not underlonger the candidate of any party or stand him. The ways of the good felelement, but the chief executive of a low, dark and devious as they may be, great state with a population of nearly are yet not impenetrable. Proof of entirely in vain. 1,200,000 people of varied views, this has come forth in several states

The Los Angeles Mystery.

Los Angeles has a problem on its hands large enough to call for all the which that city is noted. It is the ought to be able to cut into their comproblem of the recent explosions, in petitors without much difficulty. connection with which twenty-two indictments have been returned by a grand jury. At the outset it is admitted that probably not more than three or four of those accused are named

Manifestly the city is still at sea as der for that amount to the cause and responsibility of the catastrophies, beginning with the Times explosion, which killed so many innocent employes of that newspaper. Not only have all the aggressive agencies employed in the sweeping investi- band valuables in their trunks? gations thus far failed, apparently, to identify anyone conclusively with the perpetration of the deeds, but they have not entirely succeeded in establishing the fact of a murderous conspiracy. Of course, it seems unlikely, as maintained by some, that all this upon them. series of explosions in this city should be purely accidental, due to defective gas systems, nor should those making such claims wish to obstruct any effort to determine the exact cause. thing to gain from such an attitude.

it is a remarkable situation, for no matter what the cause may have been in the appalling Times building disaster, gas or dynamite, it should be brought out and, if possible, dealt with to the best of the law's power. In either case there is a responsibility too grave to be overlooked. The city of Los Angeles and the state of Call- the fakirs of India are a cheap lot. fornia have all to gain by insisting

Unfortunately, an Industrial warfare has existed in Los Angeles for the judges are republicans. Missouri is years, which is being used now to going some lawful hearing and, above all things. prejudice and partisan rancor should tions netted only \$2,800. already has had too much freedom on tion over the country.

new occupation taxes producing up-

Wymore police authorities are indignant at the charge that they have been lax in apprehending bank robcome back at the chief of police of be and his men fought with themtions and get at the facts.

in order.

According to our amiable demo-Governor Marshall of Indiana was cratic contemporary, the World-

> sending out circulars to its consumers, purporting to tell them how to and probably cannot be blamed if they

The thing seems to have resolved itself down merely to a contest of who shall fire the first gun at Senator Lorimer, Senator Beveridge or Senator 1,544,000,000. In Argentina no less than Owen, it being evidently determined that he is a legitimate target to

no necessity for autoists to splash all foreign countries is 1,638,000,000 pounds, the streets were intended only for United States. those who ride.

sible for cities like Omaha, Lincoln and the man who flies high in office the recommendation made by our out- of the disaster, laid the cornerstone of the going governor two years ago for marriage licenses.

> reappearance of the street cleaning gang on our thoroughfares

> Still, Lawyer Brandels should not hard just because the railroads declined to accept his services free.

> If there be anything in a name, the

Blocking a Copper Halo, New York World. Those Kansas socialists who are trying to raise 170,000 I-cent pieces to pay a \$1.700

fine of one of their leaders have apparently forgotten that copper isn't legal ten-Resenting an Insuit.

Collector Loeb has been barred from one then what could Mr. Loeb expect after

insulting its members by finding contra-Clear Docket for Action. The United States supreme court clears

Now come the great trust and corporation second thought, of having received money income tax cases, with a full bench to sit from him. Thereupon Francis Kossuth ad-Novel New Departure. Some American cities in which the spirit

of insurgency is abroad are trying to realze a different ideal of a city in which citizens support themselves by their own Nobody with respect for law has any- efforts and not at the municipal crib. It is a new departure in municipal government for this country, one contrary to the traditions, and the progress of the experiment is being watched with interest.

People Talked About

Speaker Cannon will be forced to rule that

For the first time in the history of the

heighten the perplexities of this prob- One of the grafting councilmen of Pittslem. Every good interest demands a burg who fled from home during last year's storm, returned the other day and paid a fine of \$5,000. His grafting opera-

he set aside at present to make way | Speaking of the efforts of Jimmy Smith.

that "few die and none resign," has out shows 20,001 resignations from 1902 to 1940. should have been made to read ex- Announcement is made by the ratiroads

In Other Lands

Side Lights on W .: Is Transpirin, Among the Wear and Far Nations of the Eastl.

military and naval excesses do not in the bench and thrown out the Roosevelt libel bers nesting under their eyes and least check the puce of militarism among suit against the New York World. It that, the powers which can borrow or squeeze would have been sad news had the lower Lincoln with the charge that his boast French economist, Edmond Thery, com- case upheld. the coin out of the people. of having nearly captured the robber putes the cost of Europe's armed peace band is based on a sham battle which for the last twenty-five years at \$25,000,000. 000, an average of \$1,100,000,000 a year. This enormous drain on the productive resources selves. We suggest a few ouster of the nations was not drawn directly by suits, with a referee to take deposi- taxation. Four-fifths of it is represented in the public debt of the nations, which has increased from \$21,000,000,000 to \$20,300,000,000 in a quarter of a century. Besides the The attention of Governor Shallen- direct money cost of armament, M. Thery berger's brass-buttoned adjutant and shows that the war craze excluded from gold-inced colonels is directed to the productive industry 195,000 officers and tional issue involved in the Roosevelt liber 3,800,000 men. By far the greatest part of proceeding against the World is settled indictment brought by Congressman the increase has been incurred within the for all time. The freedom of the press is Hitchcock's paper that the inaugural last ten years, caused chiefly by the huge established beyond the power of federal reception was "the usual ill-managed cost of modern warships. In the United usurpation. As for the Panama matter affair." A drum-head court-martial the appropriations committee of the house sent the evidence in its possession to the of the editorial military staff will be of representatives, the cost of the army and congress of the United States and renew navy has increased in eleven years from its demand for a searching investigation 15.1 per cent of the total revenue appropriated to 36.1 per cent, and the increase in Europe has been proportionately greater.

George Parish, one of the editors of the London Statist, in a paper read before the Royal Statistical society last month, computed the total amount of British capital inested in the colonies and foreign countries veterate plea of the railroads for higher at 3,500,000,000 pounds sterling. Multiply rates is furnished by the summaries that sum by five and you get the amount of railroad statistics made up for the in dollars. In the last three years the in- year 1916 by the Railway Age Gazette. vestments, outside of the "tight little isle" amounted to 515,000,000 pounds. Most of the an open mind the figures leave the rail-The Kansas City Gas company is new capital, as most of the old, was raised road case with absolutely nothing to stand for railway construction; but much went, and is going, into banking, telegraphs, telephones, rubber, nitrate, tea, coffee, oil and serted that without the added credit to be use natural gas without waste. The industrial ventures generally. In pounds obtained by higher rates and richer earnconsumers naturally are suspicious sterling the figures following show the ings they cannot get the capital to make vast sum of 685,000,000 is invested in the United States, nearly 600,000,000 in railway rolling stock, they have built 4,122 miles of securities. Australasia has drawn on the extension, not including sidings or new mother country for 380,050,000 and Canada second, third or fourth tracks, which is used 272,541,000 of her money; South Africa, 351,368,000; India and Ceylon, 365,399,000. The total of British capital employed in de- average yearly increase during the fifty veloping the resources of the colonies is 269,600,600 is "embarked"; in Brazil, 94,000,000; in Mexico, 87,000,000; Chile, 46,000,000; L'ruguay, 35,000,000; Peru, 32,000,000. The invest- age for the last decade and a half. Their ment in Japan is 53,765,000, of which 36,000,000 gross earnings are by far the greatest on was supplied for war purposes. China is record, and though the increase in net Reckless automobile driving has using 25,800,000, and Russia 38,000,000. Tur- earnings is much smaller than the innot yet ceased in Omaha. There is has been furnished to Egypt. The total for over operating expenses constitutes a rec key has borrowed 18,000,000 and 44,000,000 crease in gross, the excess of revenue pedestrians with slush and mud as if of which 42 per cent represents money working for British capitalists in the

Messina, the ruined metropolis of Sicily, Somebody must have overlooked on December 27, the second anniversary first permanent building of the city that is to rise above the ruins. A strange physical examination of applicants for and ominous feature of the event was an outbreak of fire among the temporary wooden shacks housing some 50,000 of the population. No great damage was wrought beyond increasing the inconvenience of the victims. The new city is to be built in acwould indicate that Street Commis- cordance with the regulations established sioner Flynn's prayers have not been by the government, and the material and method of construction are to be as earthquake-proof as modern experience shows. Height of buildings is limited to thirtyjump to the conclusion that times are are created, narrow alleys abolished, and two feet, or three stories. Wider streets many parks and open spaces established, features designed to minimize the destructive effect of future earthquakes. Official reports through American consuls place the loss of life in the disaster of two than half the victims are still in the ruins. The total places Messins at the head of the list of modern disasters, and sixth in the roster of recorded earthquake calamities

A singular public scandal, affecting s great name, is being aired by Hungarian newspapers. When Louis Kossuth died at Turin in 1894 a private subscription of \$34,000 was made to cover the expense of bringing the body to Budapest and for bur'al. M. Oetvoes, a well known Hungarian deputy, had charge of the fund and subscribed most of it. Some time after of the aristocratic New York clubs. But the funeral the deputy was asked for an accounting, but he refused, stating that none of the fund remained. Sixteen years later the matter was revived by the statement of M. Oetvoes that what was left of the fund went to pay the debts of Kossuth's two sons. An indignant denial of the statement by Francis Kossuth brought away quite a number of important cases from O. Octyoes the further statement ust as the new judges take their seats. that Francis Kossuth would not deny, on mitted having received \$10,000 from M. Octvoes, but said that the money was expended in exhuming and bringing to Budapeat for burial the ashes of his mother and sister. A local paper promptly uncarthed a municipal secord showing that the city had paid that expense itself. The whole affair is making a great sensation in Hun-

The Oriental Economic Review announces that the Japanese government has decided to rebuild the trunk line railroad extendng from Tokio to Shimonoseki, 812 miles in length, known as the Toklado & Sanyo road, changing the gauge from parrow to standard. The government is also improvng its railroad lines in other directions. and will expend a definite sum annually until the entire system is modernized in roadhed and rolling stock. The change of gauge has become necessary owing to One of the uplift New Year's resolutions the great increase in traffic, which has upon a full and fair prosecution of of Milwaukee's socialistic administration is doubled in ten years. Most of the supplies. girders and certain necessary rolling stock supreme court of Missouri a majority of will be purchased abroad. The orders will be so placed that delivery can be made

Gains and Losses in Congress. Ind anapolis News.

One feature of the proposed congresouse 425 members is that the states which have the largest representation will mak for a dispassionate determination of Jr., to break into the United States senate, the largest gain. New York, which now whatever issue is at stake. Passion Governor-Elect Wilson remarks that the has thirty-seven members, will gain size removal of a wart is a minor surgical and Pennsylvan a which now has thirtyoperation." In the balliwick of Jimmy, two, will gain four. Perhaps that fact is both sides there for the good of the which is Newark. Princeton yells are grow, worth the thought of the states which are afraid of losing membership by a reason The envious fling at government officials able apportionment. Though, as a mat ter of fact, it is probable that the state; do not care nearly so much about it as the politicians with congress onal aspira-

Concerning "Discordant Notes."

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

St. Louis Remblie: The decision means that, except in the District of Columbia, criminal libel must be tried in state courts. So far as this offense is concerned, there

is no twilight zone. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Little surprise will be felt that the United States supreme Prophecies of national bankruptcy through court has upheld the New York federal The noted court been reversed and the government's

> Chicago Post: There is more occasion for gratification than surprise in the decision of the federal supreme court that the power of the press shall not be abridged through terrorism of newspaper publishers by frial in a distant venue and in a judicial jurisdiction hoped to be inimical. The decision accords not only with law and justice, but with patriotism

New York World: The great constitu-

PULLS THE PROPS AWAY.

What Earnings Record Does to Railroad Argument.

Pittsburg Dispatch The most dispassionate and at the same time destructive commentary on the in-To anyone who reads those figures with

In the last year, during which they asneeded extensions and renew or increase 400 miles more than last year, 500 miles years of railroad building. Their new locomotives, freight and passenger cars run from 20 to 30 per cent more than the aver-

And still the plea continues that the

paucity of net carnings-which are the argest on record-will bring the railroads to bankruptcy unless the country consents to the boosting of the rates that yield such

LAUGHING GAS.

results.

Adam Zawfox-Pard, how does softenin' of the brain act on a teller when he's get-tin' it? that, ole scou cago Tribune.

"That reformer has a great deal to say about the government.
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "He isn't content to be an adviser. He wants to be a supervisor."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Robinson—I could have married Brown or Jones if I'd wanted to, and both of these men I refused got rich, while you are still as poor as a church mouse. Robinson—Of course. I've been support-ing you all these years; they haven't.— Boston Transcript

"What do you think of a boy only 19 becoming a drum major?" "Couldn't be.
"But I tell you he is."
I tell you he isn't. How can a minor be a major?"—Baltimore American.

Husband-1 met Hawkins today and he was very gloomy; told me he was perfectly willing to die.

Wife-Oh, John, Why didn't you ask im here to dinner?-Harper's Bazaar.

BORDER JOURNALISM

Arthur Chapman in Denver Republican. Down here in Cactus Centre we am't much on splittin' hairs;
In the fancy shades of language we are puttin' on no airs.
But we're shy one young reporter—it was strange how it occurred—
Who mussed up a brilliant future when he chose just one wrong word.

He hustled local items for the "Stockman's Weekly Star";
He was young and plum ambitious, and he made friends near and far:
He never knocked nobody, but he alius tried to boost,
And we though he'd make a wender on the journalistic roost.

But he wrote, with good intentions, as most Our townsman, Pecos Johnson, has gone south to rustle cows' He meant to say that Pecos was a-roundin'
up his brand.
For he didn't know that "rustle" meant
to thieve in Cattle Land.

When Pecos Johnson read it he put on an extry gun.

And he came to town a-frothin' with his bronco on the run;
The reporter got a warnin' and he hopped a cowboy's beast
And he started navigatin' for the calm and distant east,

We got old Pecos quiet when he'd busted and had shot holes in the sanctum and had made the type a mess;
And we'd like a bright reporter who is
broke to western slang.

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