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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this let day of February, 1811. (Seal.) ROBERT HUNTER,

Notary Public. Subscribers leaving the city tem-

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matted to them. Address will be

At last! J. Ham Lewis is for Harmon

changed as often as requested.

insurgents.

Those trouser skirts probably will look all right on some.

Joe Bailey is what might be called an obviously incorruptible man.

The Hope diamond ought by now to draw fairly well at the box office.

It's up to Mr. Groundhog to prove himself again a true weather prophet.

Steel earnings shrink to \$25,990,-000."-Headline. Think of it, men!

A good many people kick about upper berths who never ride in a lower.

Louis Brandels now saves the railroads a million a day by force of habit

It is hard for New Orleans to see the hand of the Lord in that exposition deal.

The anti-Lorimer forces in the senate have at least escaped the handicap of Jeff Davis' support.

political rights for women

in King Manuel's fix that the con- campaign-for other men, of course. stitution follows the flag.

it does seem a little far-fetched or any other state, about corruption in politics.

Judge Alton B. Parker says there are too many leaders in the country. Yes, at least one too many, just as there was in 1904.

for a more liberal municipal government for Lincoln? Surely there must be some mistake somewhere.

with the power of the prosecutor?

It would be a boon to the public if the Schenks would settle their trouble out of court.-Pittsburg Post. Yes, but the poor lawyer has to

Thaw. If W. A. Clark, erstwhile of Montana, were still in the senate Joe Bailey would have another ardent supporter of his pien to pass up all investi-

A Chicago girl pines for her Indian suitor, desigring she cannot love a white man. Well, there ought to be a lot of good Indiana around Chicago, open to love.

gations.

Now it ought to be safe for our amiable democratic contemporary to be for or against parcels post without letting anyone know how its ownersenator is going to vote on it.

The Chicago News suggests as a motto for the Illinois legislature, "Do shrewd not to appreciate the splendid it now." Several eminent members advertising qualities of such an event who were in the 1909 session might as this will be. They may be relied retort, "We already done it."

Staving Off the Inevitable.

Sentiment for the popular election that small group of senators in the your symkhana completely eclipsed. present congress attempting to block favor the direct election plan, but, then, it will not make a great deal other similar exhibition. of difference one way of the other, for most of them are approaching the end of their official terms and the sooner than they might otherwise.

The direct election of senators is medicine mixers were endeavoring to not a reform that can by any construc- use to foment discontent and manu- he stands exactly where Mr. McKinley list, in which the deaths were originally tion be credited up to what is called facture political capital are being ad- did, and his party must take its choice insurgency or to any other recent justed and redressed by the officials propagranda, but rather it is due to a of the service so far as these comconviction born in the breasts of men plaints were well founded and legitilong before the days of this recent mate. The vacancies have been filled movement in the republican party, and the promotions are being made, These latter men certainly have pro- relieving the men who had been remoted its progress but men before quired temporarily to do full work eral good. Are there no medals for the their political heyday conceived the with short crews. The readjustment wisdom and desirability of such a of runs to take up the slack by equalsystem and urged it in spite of tre- izing the time of all the clerks oper-State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, as:
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of
The Bee Publishing company, being duly circulation, less spoiled, unused and returned copies, for the menth of January, 1911, was 45,808.

Mendous adverse sentiment. It has ates, however, as all such reorganization operates, to exact more work from those who had easy hours and less from those who had long hours.

To this no just objection can be made, and we believe the majority have now To this no just objection can be made, The minority of today will be the majorarrived at such a view. It has been for, after all, the real purpose in view ity of tomorrow. a work of education. What is done must be to secure the most efficient has not been accomplished in a day, and economical administration of this by any means

in hand. All that is tangible is vant- estimated. age ground from which the advocates of the system believe they can see its perfection within the course of a very becomes necessary to bring about a short time. But the view is all too reform for the benefit of public servdistinct and promising to warrant the ice employes who cannot help themopponents in believing that their pres- selves, but in this case the uproar ent antagonism is of any account. Men seems to have been too much in the "has gone democratic" in the reciprocity election to the people are now in the majority.

Personal Part in Politics.

Samuel R. Van Sant, twice governor of Minnesota, when asked if he were out of politics replied with characteristic vigor, "No, not out of politics; just out of office." The former governor explained that he was not seeking any further political preferment, still in politics because he felt that was the place for any virile American his duty to his country and he de- nations or checks to our order. clared that he proposed to stay in politics as long as he lived.

Captain Van Sant, now commanderpart in the institution and prosecution of the suit which resulted suc- Commercial club. cessfully in the divorcement of the always been a militant figure in what- goat for Senator-elect Hitchcock. would be pulling off the same stunt some I hope I drown meself a special committee on equal civil and ever he was engaged. He is committed Whenever the senatorial newspaper three jungles away. And that was the beto the kind of politics that led to disruption of this combine. In the It is poor consolation to tell a man last election he was quite active in the

It is a good rule Governor Van Sant lays down. It should be the rule of That New England girl who makes every man in this country-to take \$100 a month growing pop corn would an active, personal part in politics and be a good one to pop the question to. thereby make himself really count as an integral factor in the life of his It is to be hoped all our spring nation. In no other way can a man poets observed that the sun reflected perform his full duty or avail himself the groundhog's shadow on the 2d fully of the opportunities his citizenship accords him. It is the man who does not take an active part in politics, who is not "in politics," that we have for Montana to chide Massachusetts, chiefly to reckon with. He often defeats more good government by his inactivity, his stay-at-home policy, than the fellow who casts his influence on the wrong side in politics. It is this silent negative element with which political parties have their chief difficulty. Governor Van Sant's rule What's this? A popular movement | would be a good one for young men just coming into their majority to take up. Let every one make the most of his electoral franchise and soon we shall not have to complain vainly Does Senator Lorimer also believe about so much evil in our public life. that the "tremendous power" of a When every man gets to doing his newspaper should not be combined own thinking and acting and keeping at it we are likely to experience many material improvements in conditions.

Boxing Matches at Weddings.

Society and pugilism have something in common to look forward to in the marriage of Miss Vivien Gould to from that of the prosecutor of Harry lenge and acceptance. It is to form one of the distinguishing features of the attending ceremonies. It is unique twentieth century ethics and law have dropped it. Who knows? True, the gentlemen who are to spar are not professional prize fighters, but one of them is the champion amateur boxer Governor Wilson incorporate this boom of England and the other an all-round | under the laws of New Jersey. athlete.

Fads and fashions have been suspended from much more siender threads of excuse or spology. Pugilism anxious to retain his seat if he is willing ta grasping at every straw today in its desperate effort to save itself from total extinction under the law in this land and its votaries are entirely too on to make the most of it. And as for society, it is always ready to try At any rate, several members of the out something new that offers the least Nebraska legislature representing promise of reward in the way of fasrural constituencies will have learned | cinating or entertaining. What could a lot more about elections and election be more dear or cute than a boxing

fight as the central attraction at a society wedding. Why, the thought is although it was not always the fashion to of senators is fast crystalizing and just too smart for anything. It has

Of course there is nothing in a boxthe progress of the movement cannot lng match that would add to the solreally hope to do more than stave off emnity of the marriage vow, necesthe inevitable. Among this group are sarily, but then that is probably not life in a morgue the other day. men who cannot ever be expected to the motive behind this present in novation or that would actuate any

Relief for Bailway Mail Clerks. It transpires that the grievances of others are liable to come to their's the railway mail clerks in this division which trouble-breeders and political branch of the postal service, whose Of course the victory is not yet importance is by no means under-

were trying their best to devise and apply the remedy.

An Appeal for Help.

The Bee has received from the Seatfully give space as follows:

Account crop failure million people stary. ing in China. Seattle merchants forwardthat he was not a candidate, active ing thousand barrels flour by first steamer or receptive, for any office, but he was and more later. Each two dollars subscription will save one life., We earnestly appeal to your readers for immediate assistance. Steamships here co-operating. Expect army citizen with the proper conception of transport. Seattle shortest route. Send do-

SEATTLE COMMERCIAL CLUB. Those of our readers who are sympathetic and in position to respond to in-chief of the Grand Army of the this appeal in the name of suffering Republic, was governor of Minnesota humanity-humanity which is the when the Northern Securities case was same the world over no matter under instituted, and, indeed, had an active what skin color-are urged to communicate directly with the Scattle

Congratulations to Mr. Newbranch ducted as joint companies. He has high and honorable position of official ord and votes of its owner in the senknow that it is the editor who is al-

> of the logical point," exclaims the New Louisiana, if not several southern states in 1912.

WAYS WITCHE

Italians berded in Omaha pool halls and employment agencies for the last election were legally entitled to vote. Some of them are doubtless voting in Greece and Italy right now.

Mayor "Jim" wants it distinctly unwould not have a certificate of election as governor procured by the help of a single illegal vote. And he didn't get it.

Mr. Bryan reinforces The Bee's suggestion that there is work for a National Progressive Democratic league. It won't do for any one political party to establish a monopoly on progres-

Whatever percentage is adopted by our legislature at Lincoln as necessary William Travers Jerome's attitude Lord Decles of London. It is nothing to invoke the initiative, it is reasonatoward alienists, as the attorney for a more than a boxing match between two bie to surmise that no fence will be bank defaulter, is radicially different skillful boxers, the result of a chal- too high for the capital removers to climb

> The Texas senate has invited Bryan. enough to catch on, so to speak, with Bailey, Haskell, Poindexter and Cone society and may possibly become the Johnson to address it. Evidently promeans of resurrecting pugilism from pose to disprove Champ Clark's statethe low estate into which the frown of ment that oratory is dead in this coun-

> > A Possible Peril. Cleveland Leader. Governor Harmon should beware lest

> > > Can't Feare Htm.

St. Paul Pioneer Press

Senator Lorimer must be particularly to sit and listen to all the speeches against Unique Rooster. Kansas City Times.

Another earthquake in Manila shook the natives out of hed. The Philippine earthpuake may yet take rank as a public

Value of Public Good Will.

Baltimore American.

hat among nearly 50,000,000 passengers carled during the year there were only fifty plaints the president giving as the regmethods in a great metropolitan city | match or even a gentlemanly prize | decently. The good will of the public is the revealed as the same individual

most valuable asset to any corporation think mo.

Cheer Up! Washington Herald. Politically speaking. Mr. Bryan may e somewhat interested to know that an Hinois man given up for dead came to

Triumphs Hang on Trifles.

Baltimore American For want of a horse a kingdom was ost-and for want of a bit more oil Aviator McCurdy falled to make the record he set out to make. Thus triumphs hang on trifles.

> A Pair to Draw To. Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Taft has no trouble in showing that of following him or repudiating Mr. Mc-Kinley. Medals Are in Order.

Light has been let into the match trus by the friction of competition and it has yielded its claim to a patent for the genwas nerousm thrust upon

Brooklyn Eagle.

Colonel Young's Rallying Cry.

Des Moines Capital Why should the standpat forces waver The sign of the times never gave a police patrol and metercycle. learer indication than this, that so far as

> The Last Straw. Kansas City Times

It is feared Mr. Warren, the socialist editor of Girard, Kan., will now disapprove of the government more strongly than There may be occasions when the when a man can't go to jall, even after the pressure of aroused public sentiment United States supreme court has ordered him there!

> Lament of the "Has Been." New York World.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Lesie M. Shaw regrets that the republican party very time the officials of the service ception. It may be added, is the chief in the past.

Straightforward Politics. Pittsburg Dispatch

Those politicians who have been deplorpeal for help for the starving famine sized him up correctly since that recicould understand.

The Best Yet. New York World

President Taft's speech before the Ohio society in behalf of reciprocity with Canada is easily the most eloquent and forceful utterance he has yet made. There is much in having a good subject and a grand in spiration, such as McKinley's last speech, to achieve success in cratory

HOW THE GAME STARTED.

Progressive Strides of the Art of Getting Rich Quick. Washington Times.

circles that if all the clausourang, chim- buttons that formerly adorned them. utterances fail to fit in with the rec- ginning of the get-rich-quick scheme. It Both criticism and praise of American ate we will know whom to blame it the bodily shape of John Law or Five- economist, on the eve of his departure on. Whenever the owner and the Hundred-and-Twenty-Per-Cent Miller or today for England. Mr. Acworth has been editor of the paper are caught in op- Carsie Chadwick or the lady perfumer who making a study of American railroads dur posite or inconsistent attitudes we will more recently awar outside our ken finds ing the last two months. friends and strangers to bring him cocoa- mentions of American railway manage-

"Taft is responsible for the defeat the victims who fix in the face of human Chicago and New York. experience and copy book maxims about "I think," says Mr. Acworth, "that in Orleans Picayune, in reference to the to make a husky man feel all tuckered try, the large railway systems should have Panama exposition matter. Now, that out to see how joyously the moths seek real executive officers with the largest settles it; Taft will lose the vote of the flame year after year with the same possible discretion to deal with local ques old result. It would seem that anybody tions on the spot." Who had the saving grace and self-denial Of course, all those Greeks and that even if he worked with reckless dis- in fine woods, quoted by the Sun, "yet as and giving Harrison Lee as its author, is derstood that he did not want and Maria and stop payment on every check holes or rotten spots at the core would George. I might be mistaken in regard to

issued for a week. The good old custom of getting money log to this country and got it opened up by working for it isn't as much of a could we be certain. As a matter of fact craze as it might be. The low standard this particular log was perfect and we set by the Puritans when they "fell first cleaned up 13,000 on the deal. But it was upon their knees and then upon the abor- gambling, pure and simple. iginees" prevails all too widely even unto this day. But the little fortune raised according to the labor system acquires some complains of fads in the public schools has is in error, for there are no two factions excellent domestic habits and can usually an opera bag and a letter marked "Exbe found when wanted. Wherein it differs hibits I and 2." which she shows without board with lady financiers and the like.

People Talked About

For the first time two weeks a bunch of sunshine broke through the rain clouds in san Francisco just as the exposition victory in congress was announced. the town relebrate? All night and some the bag useful as well as ornimental."

the skies by being the first city to establish a municipal aviation landing stage, or air pler. The property man of a Chicago theater

was "held up" in the stock yards district the other night by two highwaymen who stage money and the theater was a moving picture show Alderman Dowling, in his speech against

the hatpin bill, affirmed that the whole police force and the National guard and not enforce such an ordinance. An unclaimed island has been discovered

charted officially on the records of the body was not recovered. government surveys as Island No. 23 and is located in Chariton county, Missouri. The island was occupied in 1885 by a man named John Rudoiffr, but he abandoned it becornfields.

Around New York

Ripples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

The man behind the gun displayed in creased activity in New York last year. Out of 155 homicides reported by the coroner, 106 were by abooting, an increase of forty-eight over 1909. Twenty-nine of the shooters vanished beyond reach of the po- farm) without paying for his keeping, but even faster than their population, and lice; seventy-nine were arrested, of whom thirty-eight were American born, twentytwo Italian and nine Chinese. The total death record from all causes was 5,408, and of this number 2,483 persons met death in a violent manner. The coroner's casualty charged to the acts of others, reaches a total of Mi, this being eighty-one more than in 1909. This list is a partial vindication of the automobile, which is generally credited with being responsible for more than its share of deaths by accident. The figures show that sixty-two persons were killed by automobiles, ninety-three by horse-drawn vehicles, sixty-two by surface cars, forty nine by elevator accidents, twenty-four by subway trains, seventeen sy elevated ratiroad, fourteen by New York Central trains, seven by fire apparatus, fourteen by explosions, four by base balls, two by bloycles and one each by boat collision, automobile

As a result of falling rock, timber, exthe republican party of Iowa is concerned- cavations and accidental falls, 707 persons were killed, and 245 persons died as the result of accidental burns, 132 of whom were children.

The number of persons who committed suicide was 448, practically the same as in 1909. The favorite methods are shown by these figures: One hundred and forty-two persons chose gas, 183 adopted shooting ever. Affairs have come to a pretty pass fifty leaped from windows and roofs, thirty six hanged themselves, twenty-eight took poison, twenty-four cut themselves to death, moving trains.

The tolling of the Jose house bells in Mott street sounded with peculiar mournfulness Even the suffragette party has ints who are not afraid to submit their nature of a tempest in a teapot at the matter. Mr. Shaw's lack of political per- in the ears of Chuck Connurs one night last week. He pulled his flat-crowned derby reason why his political future is largely far down over his rugged brow and said; "Wot t'ell!" and again with increasing sadness: "Aw-wot t'ell!"

A New York World reporter asked him of his woe. "I ain't fer lookin' youse ner no other tle Commercial club a telegraphic ap- ties are beginning to doubt whether they Connors. "Der disgrace is fierce, I'm licked

> It'll last me dat way to me grave." Lung Sing, a youthful Chinese, is at enmity with the former mayor of Chinatown, whenever Chuck found sightseers patronizing Lung Sing's chop sucy parlors he'd argue that if they are there they'd be polsoned and they'd better come away. And they would.

"He burn Mellican man; he try lick me first. I soak him!" the Chinaman said in the night court last night. "G'wan, judge," said Connors, "He's a gun man; he packs a machine barker fer

der Hip Sing Tong .. When they had been discharged with primeyal reprimands Chuck went slowly back to cocoanut tree, too lazy to work, and too Chinatown, a sorry figure, his shabby nice to beg. Firculated a rumor in simian clothes stripped of the hundreds of pear panzers, apes, baboons, etc., in the neigh- | "I used to be kink o' dis walk," he said, borhood would deposit their cocoanuts with with the throw of a thumb toward the railroads which Mr. Hill had con- on his well-earned promotion to the him for twelve months he would give them Chinese district. "and here I am licked be end of the year, before which time he a high dive into a big scuttle o' suds, an'

> may be older, but certainly it isn't any railways are embodied in a statement made younger. And yet the little marmoset, in by W. M. Acworth the English railway

it as easy as ever to induce confiding. The principal defect that Mr. Acworth ment lies in "the centralization of admin One is inclined to feel a little sorry for istrative power in headquarters offices in

"small and steady gains," but it is enough various important sections of your coun-

to accumulate as much as an entire \$100. "To most people my business would seem peared in The Bee of February 3 and at one time would be wise enough to know to be devoid of chances," said a dealer credited to Leslie's Weekly of February 2 regard of union rules all the year round a matter of fact I know of nothing that is not an original piece. As it appears in could not care in any high grade end more of a gamble. On every log of wood the Weekly, it bears the air of originalployment the returns which the Mulberry we buy we take a chance that the inside ity; yet it may be that this paper does Sellerses in pants and petticoats promise of it is as good as the outside. At a rewith such cheerful assurance. It oughtn't cent auction of the woods in London my to take any great amount of what the partner and I paid \$9,000 for a mahogany years ago, and I wrote it down and comhighbrows call acumen to figure out that log that looked all right so far as we mitted it to memory. I have repeated it a when one of these propositions is presented could tell. If the inside was sound we few hundred times since. My opinion was it's pretty near time to hall the Black stood to make a good profit; but worm that it was composed by Beatrice St. mean a heavy loss. Not until we got the this.

An old-fashioned woman who sometimes from the nest egg which is put out to comment to defenders of the system. The opera bag is made of soft burned leather, of Crook, he must certainly had but little cintorately monogrammed and befringed, since he has been in congress.

The letter reads; to see you during the holidays but was dis- but it would be a difficult matter at pressapointed. This is my secon year in High ent to make any of our citizens believe School and am literaly rushed to death. The opera bag I am sending you for a in his accounts, unless, perhaps, an uninbirthday present I made myself. I made tentional error in calculations or footings. it at school. We devote an hour every day to artistic work of this kind. It is ex-

ictory in congress was announced. Did treamly interesting I hope you will find town celebrate? All night and some the town celebrate? All night and some the bag useful as well as ornimental."

The bag useful as well as ornimental."

"One hour a day." sighed the old-fash-loned person, "to make opera bags and he skies by being the first city to established the bag useful as well as ornimental."

This constitution in the mirror. "Geoffey," she said, "do you think a litt down on a girls lip diafigures her? "Unless it's of her own reliefing, it's a go deal out of piace."

The bag useful as well as ornimental."

The bag useful as well as ornime similar handleraft, and then a second-year high school pupil produced an ill-spelled

deaths in New York last Tuesday night: relieved him of \$250,000. Fortunately it was An Italian laborer was blown from a narrow sidewalk across a park gully in the The house will concur and Governor Mar-Brons and landed nineteen feet below on shall committed himself to the proposition while standing on the deck of a municipal all the battleships of the country could ferryboat was caught by a piece of canvas blown across the deck by the wind. The force of onslaught toppled him over the in the Mississippi river. The island is rall and he tumbled into the river. The

Advice Worth Heeding. Hoston Transcript.

mystery since one of his paintings was the facts. If the road is blocked, prompthy ishingly amenable to decent treatment."

The Bee's Letter Box

Contributions on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Eundred Words Are Invited from Our Benders.

Case of Victor Schmidt. OMAHA, Feb. 6.-To the Editor of The Tour editorial comment might lead many to believe that Victor Schmidt was two millions more of population than housed at the county hospital (county poor 1900; their product and industry have gro

such is not the case. Arrangements were movement of through freight and pass made with the county commissioners to gers has risen in almost equal measure pay therefor, and immediately after his is this remarkable industrial growth wa death I notified the superintendent to make brought such railway companies as out the bill and it would be paid. There Union and Northern Pacific from their are other people there, paying for being solvency of 1896 to their exceptionally no taken care of, for lack of any other place perous condition of today. where an old man in his declining years may retire to.

We boast of our civilization. Omaha has many churches. Toung Men's Christian doubtless no little apprehension as to association, Salvation Army, Old Peoples' Home. Visiting Nurses' association and that vast and complicated system an Anti-Saloon league. We spend \$800,000 a he had built up and controlled. But year to educate the youth, but there is no of the tests of business genius is to place in Omaha where an old man afflicted perfect organization that it shall not with senile-dementia (childishness) can go. dependent upon a single personality, a If he is without a home or leved ones his apparently that was done in this case. habitation is either with maniacs in the present management seems to have lunatic asylum at Lincoln or the aims house none of the courage and confidence was of his county, where one may pay for the keeping. We have an Old Peoples' Home in Omaha, but one afflicted in old age with senility or partial dementia finds no home

Our boasted civilisation made it necessary o remove Victor Schmidt to the county hospital and pay for his keeping or send bined lines to the Pacific coast. The Pehim to a mad house at Lincoln with a lot of lunatics and insane people. Yet his mental condition was not such as to warrant confinement in such a place. In the county hospital Victor Schmidt was well taken care of by the doctors and nurses and attendants. It was the best we could Harriman lines decide to provide facility twenty-one swallowed carbolic acid, nine do for him. I know you did not intend to for doing the business thrust upon the drowned themselves and five jumped from do any injury to his memory, but our unlicensed beggars have not yet established a home for old men, notwithstanding one in willing to pay therefor.

WILLIAM F. WAPPICH, Guardian,

laniah and the Hobble.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Is., Feb. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I wonder if the Prophet But much depends upon the course to Isalah had the hobble skirt and the ex- pursued by railfroad management in treme narrow skirts in mind when he future, how "the people are going to tre uttered those words, "Moreover the Lord railroad investments" in the long run. saith, Because the daughters of Zion are depends upon how the railroads treat ing the president's inability to play poll- gook in the eye-never again." said Mr. haughty and walk with stretched inth people, who are not all investors in the necks and wanton eyes, walking and mine- securities, though liable to be taxed in by a chink-yep; I'm copped in der back of ing as they go and making a tinkling with sufferers of China to which we cheer- procity deal. But then straightforward der conk and trown flat on me face in Mott their feet, therefore the Lord | will smite the character of their service. In the lo politics is the one sort that they never stret and me right ear's gone cauliflower with a scab the crown of the head of the run they will probably be treated as the daughters of Zion." Isaiah ili:16-17. Anyone wearing the extreme narrow skirts certainly cannot avoid the mincing step, and owing. Lung Sing says, to the fact that so I am wondering if she doesn't come under this version of the Scripture.

A WOMAN.

Ambassador in "Merry Widow." SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: To decide a wager will you kindly advise me the name of the man who took the part of the "ambassador" in the Chicago production of 'The Merry Widow," and, also, the name of the man who took the same part at each presenta-

tion of the same opera in Omaha?

Did Robert E. Graham ever appear as the "ambassador" in any of the productions? If so, where? G. C. SHEPARD, Oscar Figman played the part at both engagements in Omaha. Robert E. Graham opened with "The Merry Widow" in Chleago two years ago and played the part one week, when Oscar Figman took his place, finishing the engagement of twenty-six weeks. Oscar Figman played it the second year it was sent out for twenty-one weeks in Boston. He left to-Boston company to take the place of Charlie Posey in what was called the 'western' company. Mr. Figman is the only man who ever played the part in Omaha, coming west with the company just spoken of to play the part. Graham is playing the part with the company that opens at the Broadway theater Denver on Monday. Robert Payton Carter once played the part for two weeks in New York. Harry Burgess, a former understudy of Figman's, is also playing the part with another company.

About a Poem COUNCIL BLUFFS, In., Feb. 4-To the Editor of The Bee: The poem that apnot claim it to be such. This little poem. now entitled "Pluck," appeared about ten

Falls City Factions,

J. M. HOLADAY.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 4.-To the Editor of The Bee: In your lasue of February 4 your staff correspondent speaks of two factions in Palls City. In this he in the republican party as he charges. Senator Burkett never had any more trouble than he had over the appointment

Crook may not have made as efficient "Dear Aunt-I had expected to get up an officer as some other would have made. for an instant that there is any shortage W. H. KEELING.

licans stood for the maintenance of the county option law; the democrats demanded option by the smaller units of cirs and township. The democrats won a High winds were responsible for two sweeping victory, and one of the first of its fruits in the passage of a city and township option measure by the senate. a pile of rocks. He was killed instantly, on the stump. The matter is not to the An hour later a young man, unidentified, liking of the temperance people, but of the change it can be said, at least, that it is consonant with the voice of the people at the polls.

> Where Do Insurgents Stand ! Springfield Republican.

There is comparatively little danger to the reciprocity agreement on the other side of the boundary. The peril is at home Excellent advice, that given to the rail. The almost hopeless provincialism of selfcause the high water had inundated his roads by W. G. McAdoo of New York to lan interests is an obstacle difficult to his speech at the Chamber of Commerce overcome. Even our republican insurgents Pame has discovered Edward Burgess dinner. "Take the public into your confi- of the middle west, who have been so Butler of Butler Bros., millionaire phinan- dence," says he to the roads: "If a train furious for the last year and a half in thropier and leading figure in many move- is delayed, why not promptly give the pass their appeals for a tariff reduction that A street railroad in New York boasts ments for Chicago's civic betterment. He sengers information; tell them how long would benefit the people, are now said to and Edward Burgess, the landscape painter, they will have to wait. If there has been he in a cold sweat because the Canadian whose identity has been shrouded in an accident, promptly give the newspapers agreements affects the farmers of their lown states. What tariff reform to their son that the company freated the public burng in the art institute a year ago, stand inform the public. The public is aston- cases really amounts to we shall soon

WESTERN BUSINESS UPLIFT.

Springfield Republican: It is an announ ment decidedly significant of improv business sentiment which comes from Union Pacific railroad directors. They b to spend \$75,000,000 within five years in co pleting the double-tracking of the line fr the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean.

New York Post: The states direc traversed by the Union Pacific's lines Portland and San Francisco new cont

Boston Transcript: When Mr. Harring that wirard of railroad development, pas away there was much speculation t effect of his death upon the interests were the upbuilding forces in the past

Philadelphia Record: This confidence the public is not misplaced, and it is not no The Union Pacific has for some time in double-tracking its line from Omaha we ward, and what is now proposed is to tinue the work of double-tracking the sylvania railroad has been spending m than \$100,000,000 in getting into Manhat Island and out on the other wide, and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has completed the extension of its lines Puget sound. The courage with which

is not without precedent. New York Journal of Commerce in roads, with their enormous capitalizati have been paying expenses, meeting fix charges and keeping up dividends, and th will probably be able to raise the necmillions for improvements which are a to add commensurately to their revenu dustries and business by their charges a deserve.

LAW MADE VIRTUE'S 11ML

Some Citizens Pail to Rise to t ideals of Lawmakers. Cleveland Leader. When the Australian example was f

lowed in America, first by one state a then by another, in the adoption of t secret ballot, it was believed by reform of all classes that honest elections we thenceforth assured. The country was co fident that vote buying would cease. The arguments used to support this bel were seemingly unanawerable. "Who w pay for a vote." it was asked, "If he co not know whether it will be delivered "Who will trust the word of a man by enough to sell his highest right of citize ship? Will candidates for office or seek

for political advantage traffic in the proises of vote-sellers?" Adams county, Ohio, and Vermi county, Illinois, are the answer. Ohio had the Australian ballot for many yea So has Illinois. Both states have done that could be done to discourage and p vent the buying and selling of votes. A both stand shamed before the nation cause of wholesale traffic in the high right an American citizen can boast. This lamentable situation does not pro

that it is futile to pass laws against c rupt and criminal practices. It does s mean that efforts to uplift and advag the country, and the world by legislat are foolish. It is not evidence of the fa ure of reform by the use of the power the state. What it does show is that la made virtue has definite and painfully ne row limits.

LAUGHING GAS.

Man in the Lower-I say, madam! Wha, he mischief— Lady in the Upper-Oh, won't you please go somewhere else? I've tried, and I simply can't sleep while there's a man under the bed.—Puck.

"That chap really has a lot of brains." I know it," replied Farmer Corntoned.
"But the trouble is that he keeps usin" em to think up new ways to act toolish. — Washington Star. "Was your brother hurt at pole vaulting

"Yes, but he hopes to get over it all right."-New York Telegraph. First Physician—Can you make anything out of the patient's trouble?
Second Ditto—I think if we manage right we can make about five hundred aplace out of it.—Baltimore American.

"Yes, young Coke handled the case manificantly. He proved beyond the possibility of a doubt that the accused man was "But he was guilty, of course."—Cler land Plain Dealer.

Plaintiff (in law suit) -So you think I w et the money, do you?

If is Counsel-I think we will get be

An enthusiastic auburbanite was showly guest about his domain, dilating one but I don't think there's mu-"Great guns, man! Money in it? Eve cent I've got and all I can borrow is in it — Lipplncott's Magazine.

Young Miss Murisl was regarding her :

You mean thing!"-Chicago Tribune WAITING.

Galloping, galloping, Over the plain. Trailing bold shadows behind. Like a gay rover Cometh my lover Swift as the wings of the wind.

Down from the mountain side Out in the west.

Proudly his courier hath sped;
Eyes brightly sleaming.

Mane lightly streaming. Spurning the soil 'nearh his cread

Hope gaily whispereth Tidings to me— He cometh to woo thee today." Of to discover Glimpse of my lover— Bithe as the sunstine of May!

Sounds soft and rythmical

Surely I hear Borne on the sweet summer Air; Coming his love to deciare.

Gently the breezes blow in from the west. Joy stir the pulse's anew. Bright eyes are beaming; Love's light is streaming; Welcome: My love; so true: