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Notary Public.

Some lobsters are not fit to eat,

Senator Works of California abould prove an industrious statesman.

though.

A revolt is being started against "Boss" Murphy, A blind man can see its finish.

Those deadlocks have gone past the place where they can be opened by a skeleton key.

If you do not believe the office seeks "Billy" Sheehan.

worse looking things.

Next question to be answered-What action will the United States Civil Service commission take:

the homing pigeon's the wings work petitions and letters of endorsement. only one way-going, never coming.

Still, when a man goes to the

trouble of buying an office he cannot be expected to give it up without resistance.

is it not about time that the country's mind was being refreshed on the "Fall of the Alamo?" Come, Mr. Balley, to arms, sir!

It will not be long now before "Joe" Hartley will think he has a right to aspire to some good lucrative cites some fairly good circumstantial federal appointment,

New York makes Rev. Dr. Aked cisco as an alternative?

is not such a new thing after all.

By the appointment of Cadet Taylor Mr. Resewater has suffered another crushing and humiliating defeat.-World-Herald. eous cause.

\$8 a week where he works, which is tified against such aggression. probably six-bits more than many could really earn.

various cities to boost the 1915 exposionded the motion.

It seems almost sacreligious for Houston to dispute the claim to pretty women with either Baltimore or Louisville. Soon it will be claiming supremecy in mint juieps.

Although the Oregon plan of choosing United senators was swallowed whole by our democratic friends, they are gagging on the Oregon plan for the initiative and referendum.

Mr. Carnegie pleads with girls not to reject a suitor simply because he happens to have a million dollars. isn't it pitiful, the way these millionaires have to beg girls to marry them?

Nebraska will continue to inflict capital punishment on red-handed murderers unless an executive like Governor Shallenberger opens the pensation of paroles and pardons.

ex 15 up to serve as our experimental surance man to run the insurance bus-

A Disgraceful Appointment. Under insistent pressure from Sen- tician. ator Norris Brown, with concurrence

surveyor of customs at Omaha. 15.00 political and financial bankrupt for such a position of honor and trust cannot fail to degrade the standard of public office and discredit republican professions for public servants with elean records.

The main facts about Cadet Taylor's official record.

As chief clerk of the government printing office before he came to Omaha, he involved the office in scandal that brought down upon him the most scathing denunciation ever contained in a report by a congressional invertigating committee.

With others inveigled into his schemes, he later started a nest of shaky speculative concerns, including a trust company and a bank, described at the time by the bank examiner as "a sifting n.achine for negotiating the loans of the trust company."

When this bubble bank, of which Taylor was chief factotum, finally burst he and other bankrupt officers of the bankrupt institution put up a straw bond by which a receivership was avoided on promise to pay all the depositors in full within three years. Cadet Taylor himself received and receipted for the assets of the bank, which he up to four years later insisted were of sufficient value to pay all claims, but never to this day paid a dollar out in dividends to the poor workingmen, school children, widows and orphans whose savings had been thus absorbed. When a few depositors undertook to assert their rights in court Cadet Taylor brazenly denied his own bond, declaring it invalid because he had receipted for the assets individually instead of as an officer of

the bank. Finally, when the supreme court made short work of this flimsy plea and judgments became inevitable, Cadet Taylor waited the exact time necessary to permit him to hide behind the man in this country, ask Blue-eyed the statute of limitation and went through voluntary bankruptcy, scheduling just \$440 of personal property. Why should men protest on the all exempt, and leaving his creditors trousers skirt? They have stood for to hold the sack, including all the taxpayers of Nebraska, to the tune of over \$13,000 of missing money belonging to the state school fund.

The only thing that can be held up in favor of Cadet Taylor is his persistent pursuit of public office and his Money may have wings, but unlike industry in collecting autographs on

What could have possessed Senator Brown to link his fortunes with a po-That senatorial fight in New York litical derelict like Cadet Taylor when is said to be costing the taxpayers

Strength of the Lumber Barons.

It seems rather unfortunate that Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith has been unable to verify by long and patient investigation the declaration of certain immense lumber interests that they are not engaged in a combine. Mr. Smith does not specifically declare that they are, but in his report to congress he evidence to suggest the possibility of such a thing.

After receiving this report two aveache for dear old Lunnon, but how nues are open to congress. One is to can he reconcile himself to San Fran- ascertain for itself whether the antitrust laws are being violated by these dealers and the other is to amend the One egg, estimated to be 400 years laws by which timber land may be acold, was recently found in Madagascar, quired. This would protect governwhich must prove that cold storage ment property from pre-emption for private monopoly in the future, even though it would not restore to the government any of the land now held by these interests. It is important Possibly. But, if so, defeat has no that prompt action along both lines be terrors for anyone fighting in a right- taken; it is wrong to leave the door open to private spoliation of national resources. The timber in the states, The husband of Marjorle Gould gets Alaska and the islands should be for-

Whether or not the existence of a titled husbands of our millionairesacs lumber trust can be established, this country has unquestionably paid exorbitant prices for building its homes The proposal emanates from Denver and places of business. Some power for forming San Francisco cluba in stronger than the ordinary influence of supply and demand has controlled tion. New Orleans has not yet sec- prices and consequently hindered development and imposed hardships on individuals. It is not enough to rely upon a Canadian reciprocity with its free lumber clause for complete relief. If Canadian reciprocity becomes a fact and offers some comfort to the situation, it will be welcome, but it will not in any adequate degree free us from the grip of the concert of lumber interests, be they trust, combine or what

Experience or Prestige.

While the selection of a successor to the late Paul Morton as head of the Equitable Life Assurance society has been deferred, it is given out from reliable sources that the new president will come by way of promotion of one of the men now high up in the official staff. Such a promotion would not ordinarily be specially noteworthy except for the fact that in this instance prison doors to them by the lavish dis- it indicates a returning swing of the pendulum by which more emphasis is to be placed on actual experience in The agitation for a commission the management of big insurance comform of government for Lincoln seems panies than on the prestige a name has to have missed fire, and Lincoln's new acquired in other professions or fields charter bill runs along the old lines of industry. In a word, those who are of mayor and council. Still, we would responsible have come to the concluhave been willing to have had Lincoln sion that it is better to employ an in-

rallway magnate or successful poll- to listen to the speeches of the win-

of his colleague. Senator Burkett, stress on practical experience and honor that has just been thrust upon President Taft has sent to the senate demonstrated fitness, is not confined me." the nomination of Cadet Taylor for to the big insurance companies, but is cropping out in all directions. Once increase profits, but as a general rule incubating. what counts is efficiency that comes well as of little business.

The Plight of Bailey.

motive. Why should the democratic crime. senator from Texas go so strong for the republican senator from Illinoia? Bailey is only one member of the committee that reported in favor of Lorimer. He is not the whole committee.

more clearly than others why he should exert himself to defend his position. He has all but crowded the Illinois senator out of the limelight and had the calcium shifted upon himself. He has even wept on the ther delay, if it is going to whip China. senate floor in his defense of the "majority of the committee's report;" wept when he referred to certain details in the Lorimer election that were condemned by all but this committee majority, and by it palliated or justifled. Well, it is not such a strange the world rolls on. thing to weep over after all. But it is strange that it does not upset the lachrymal glands of other senators who voted as Bailey voted.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth;" also. "a guilty conscience needs no reproof." Bailey has been held in high esteem in the past. He s o'clock p. m., and found that they has been ranked as a deep constitu- weren't. tional student, a powerful orator, an effective logician and a resourceful tactician. He has played all these strings for more than they were worth in this effort. But he has come out this time with a new distinction, burying the senate under a flood of dis-Bailey, the hair-splitter," Seldom in patches of protest. Mr. Depew says he made such a fight for a republican, or vice versa. But what is politics between friends at such times? It may be but a queer turn of circumstances that it is not Lorimer defending

Balley. Bailey on trial presents, after all, a spectacle of pity. Here is a compar- democrats over the prospects of an eratively young man fallen from the high estate of public esteem into a frame up and press for enactment the platskill or strategem that he possesses dential fight of next year. If they are splendid powers nature gave him can never be used for the best interests so many deserving republicans who of his country, because they have too would not only prevent the opposition from only \$2,500 a day. Why should they pay their debts and keep out of the long served other purposes and other acquiring such an advantage, but would bankruptcy court are available passes interests. The Texas spell-binder is take a lot of wind out of the democratic doing more than defending his action on the committee—he is making a stand for his own waning influence.

Mule is in His Heyday.

Do not waste any sympathy on the nor a candidate for that class. He, no doubt that every member of congress like the horse, is not suffering any who voted for the resolution is glad that ant at \$2,500. The postmaster draws \$4,000 a rallways challenged those who made such set-back as a result of the advent of Mr. Taft took the responsibility of stopping the automobile. The long-eared animal seems only to have come into the the market. Evidently his prosperity to drive a span of Missouri mules up Pennsylvania avenue. It rests upon something more substantial.

The mule is more in demand today than it has been at any time since the Boer war, when the demand surpassed day than they have been in ten years, war for from \$70 to \$105 today brings from \$185 to \$210. Evidently the automobile, popular as it has become for hauling purposes, and the motor, popular as it is for propelling farm machinery heretofore driven or | The housemaids of Boston have formed not have increased it, but something

the tremendous expansion of business. There are certain kinds of service which the mule will always perform feat was done on a wager. better than any other animal or machine and these kinds of service have gone on multiplying along with the general increase in the volume of business. It is not merely a saying, which affects his right side. The unhappy within the revenues, and as this bill adde but a fact, that the value of horses inference is that his working days are some \$45,009,000 to the annual outgo at onand mules keeps pace with the amax- over. ing multiplicity of automobiles and motors for various purposes.

Omaha and South Omaha have not yet been annexed, but South Omaha's former city attorney has just been annexed as assistant city attorney for Omaha. If all the present South Omaha city officials would be taken care of in the same way annexation would doubtless come easier.

What induced Senator Brown to champion Taylor in the face of his record is a puzzling mystery, but it will probably be disclosed in due time, and will not be particularly creditable to senatorial dignity.

The worst thing about those senstation for new ideas in government. | incre than to call in a bix banker, | all risk delibers is last we have yet the afterwords makes into pies, or see-

ners, telling us bow they appreciate This tendency, too, to lay greater "this unbidden and wholly unsought

The Omaha Real Estate exchange This is a disgraceful appointment, in a while the advertising and added has usually been vigilant against 21.50 This is a disgraceful appointment, public confidence that comes from threatened inflation of the tax rate, having a celebrity at the head of an but it has aparently been asleep at the your life! We demand every crumb on the institution may help up business and switch while the charter changes were bill of fare!" The words smote the ear-

from knowing the business from the "There's no king I can't talk to," career that should unfit him for high all departments. This factor applies prize that an ex-president would talk kings?

> The suggestion is made by a con-Somehow this Joe Bailey "doth pro- tributor that every time the jury disahas raised the question of his own for those who make a profession of

Senator Bailey may be able to see Ballinger investigating committee.

Tempting Another Licking! Chicago Record-Herald.

Russia is threatening to make a military demonstration against China. Perhaps Russia thinks it had better do it without fur-

Jarring Loose the Old Guard. Baltimore Sun.

High financiering, it appears, is not hereditary, George J. Gould lost the Western Union and now is to lose the Missouri Paific, while August Belmont was pried loose from the Louisville & Nashville, But still

> Ah, Forget It! Sioux City Journal.

The Nebraska legislature moved over to Imaha for the evening, and on the following day there were forty absentees from the house and eight from the senate. inference is that the legislators tried to find out whether all the places were closed after

A Spectacle Worth Watching.

Springfield Republican. That increased postal rate for the magaines is for the moment adding to the revenues of the telegraph companies. The magazine publishers and their friends are be interesting to see how the victims of the muck rake vote.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican

One very strong influence working upon he republicans in congress to act favorably on the reciprocity agreement at this session is the evident c

session. They are now saying that they party unity, this would give them an early start and a great advantage. By enacting sails in respect to the tariff-reform issue. clerk at \$4,000, two reading clerks at \$4,000 of bookkeeping.

HAZERS MUST GO.

New York Sun: President Taft deserved the thanks of the army for vetoing the joint resolution of congress authorizing the reinstatement of nine cadets dismissed from a practice which congress has never had

New York Sun: President Taft deserves hey-dey of his popularity, if we may the thanks of the country for vetoing the judge from the price he brings on joint resolution passed by congress for the purpose of securing the reinstatement of nine West Point cadets dismissed for haslikely to be developed.

been dismissed for hazing is a welcome information. It is the most obvious rem are from 30 to 40 per cent higher to- academy seen their efforts to maintain discipline thwarted by act of congress. In their kind in the immediate future, and, according to the Kansas City Star. and to make the future officers of the their determination to stamp out hazing a mule of fourteen and one-half hands army learn the first lesson of obedience, has seen such a complete case of the rattles quite willing to play second fiddle. that could be bought on the Kansas they ought not to be interfered with by City market during the South African a too good-natured congress too open to political influences.

## People Talked About

pulled by mules, have failed to under- a union and will insist that meals be the importance, the dignity and impressivemine the mule's stability. They may served on time, and that two Sundays off be given each month. A cold dinner will be a valuable lesson in applied ethics. Monsel Farris, an Assyrian merchant of Of course, it is simple enough to South Pittsburg, Tenn., surprised the residetermine what that factor is. It is dents of that city by carrying on his back a curbstone weighing 672 pounds a distance | terrible ordeal. of two blocks, about a quarter of a mile on the principal street of the city. The

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hooster poet, gathered from the statement of a recent

Christopher J. Lake of Bridgeport, Conn., ter home of Barnum's circus, and it is too soon to tell if the Lake machine is a real oming bird or a humbug.

Oregon for wife-besters has been vetoed by the governor. He says it is true the lash is a relic of barbarism, but that it is not a bit more barbarous than wifebeating. So brutal spouses in Oregon, owing to the common-sense stand of the governor against sentimentality, will continue the citadel of prohibitory liquor legislation to whip their wives at their own peril. If Miss Libby Scudder of Huntington L. I., is behind the times, she is unwill- February 14 the state senate, by a vote of ing to acknowledge it. She is 54 years 23 to 7, adopted a resolution for the resubold, but as active as when a school girl mission to popular vote of an amendment During the winter she saws and splits all to the constitution prohibition her firewood. In cherry time she climbs it is alleged that the house may concur

Washington Life

Some Interesting Phases and Conditions Observed at the Wation's Capital.

meal served up in fourteen years? Not on drums of democratic congressmen in caucus assembled a few weeks ago. Some distinguished democrat, one of the newlyclects, suggested applying the pruning knife ground up, and is able to give practi- retorted Theodore Roosevelt when the to the sinecures on the payroll of the house cal demonstrations to subordinates in British prize fighter expressed sur- of representatives, to the end that democratic promises might libe with performance. Instantly the indiscreet patriot was preferment are undisputed because of to the prosperity of big business as to a pugilist. But why drag in the smothered by a storm of protest. No wonder. The layout at the house end of the national capitol has not the proportions of a barbecue on a Baltimore banquet, but it is a mighty fine luncheon just the same. especially appetizing after a painfully long test too much." By his persistent and grees the accused should be given his debilitating fast. The hungry are eager overwrought anxiety for Lorimer he freedom. What a snap that would be for the feast and enthusiastically cheer the New York World's screams for an extra sezuion. Au extra sezuion means immediate relief for expectant pie-caters. Otherwise the democrats will not take charge until If that legislative committee inves- December, leaving republicans masters of tigating Omaha election conditions the "chuck wagon" for nine more long makes four different reports it will be weary months. Truly, the mind of man is taxed to picture a situation more harrowentitled to be ranked with the famous ing to the souls of famished democrats.

The patronage in sight for the democrats on taking charge of the house, as computed by the Brookiyn Eagle correspondent, amounts to over a million a year, as the salaries of secretaries of members may be added to the regular payroll of \$744,335. Exclusive of the secretaries there are 578 employes of the house. This patronage is distributed by the speaker, the sergeant-atarms, the clerk, the doorkeeper, the postmaster and the chairman of the several committees. Champ Clark, who will succeed Speaker Cannon, will have the appointment of eighteen employes, whose salarles aggregate \$66,960.

The clerk of the house-and it is practically settled that former Congressman South Trimble of Kentucky, will land that job-will have seventy-five appointees, who will draw a total of \$32,990 in salaries each

The patronage of the sergeant-at-arms amounts to \$84,665 annually, divided among sixty-four employes. Former Congressman Ryan of Buffalo, is generally picked as the winner of this prize, although Stokes Jackson, chairman of the Indiana democratic state committee, is making a hard fight for the place.

Joe Sinnott of Virginia, who will be the doorkeeper of the next house, will have the appointment of 211 employes, not including special minority messengers and messengers on the soldiers' roll. Their salaries will aggregate \$203,905.25 annually.

The postmaster of the house will have the history of congress has a democrat averages one telegram a minute. It will thirty employes under him, with annual salaries amounting to \$28,720, while the slice of paironage that will go to the auperintendent of the capitol building and grounds will amount to \$46,640, divided mong forty-one employes.

There are thirty-nine committee clerks, twenty-three assistant clerks, twenty-three sension clerks, three official committee stenographers and forty-seven janitors and will amount to \$178,275.

pit of popular distrust from which no form on which they will make the prest- \$4,000, the speaker has the appointment of Besides his secretary, whose salary is a parliamentarian at \$3,800, a messenger at the railways of \$22,243,623. or can command could lift him. The ready to submit such a program in full \$1,440, six official reporters of the proceedings of the house at \$5,000 each, an assist ant reporter at \$2,500, an assistant stenographer to committees at \$2,000 and several enlarged earnings and shrewd management lobs of minor importance. The clerk of the house has the appoint-

each and a number of other employes of bookkeeping in use on railways engaged whose salaries range from \$2.000 to \$3.000. In Interstate commerce, and that is the The sergeant-at-arms names an assistant system prescribed by the Interstate Comat \$2,500, a cashier at \$3,400, a financial clerk merce commission. It was repeatedly imat \$2,700. arms both draw salaries of \$6,500 them- advances in freight rates that the roads poor mule. He is neither a has-been the military academy for hazing. We have nor a candidate for that class. He, no doubt that every member of congress and the best job under him is that of assist-

> The chairmen of the more important committees of the house will have the distribu- forthcoming. The managers of the railtion of from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in annual ways are charged with the duty of raising patronage.

There are places galore created for the enefit of members who are importuned will not depend for artificial support ing. The hazers had their fun and paid for for patronage. The employes of the house on the advertising he might derive it. They were fairly convicted of insubordi- and the senate have the sinecures of the from Champ Clark's heralded promise nation and the army was well rid of them. government service. Being political and that the properties are prosperous, and Cadeis who defy the laws which they have having the backing of the men who make every imputation that they have or may taken an oath to obey are plainly not of the laws, no questions are asked of the so juggle the accounts as to make it aptaken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken an oath to obey are plainty not of the taken and taken and the taken and ta scores of names on the rolls for such post- less. New York Post: President Taft's veto of tions as folders in the document room who the joint resolution of congress reinstating never go near the capitol except to sign the foregoing as was given to the state. Is satisfied looks wise says. "Well, I at West Point the nine cadets who had their vouchers. This is a matter of general ments in the editorial in question. all records. But in price he has far check to a very bad practice. Again and nant of the old spoils system to be found outstripped the Boer war days. Mules again have the authorities of the military in government service today. These are the people who are to be changed for others of

> It has been a long time since the senate of train wrecks. This is where we are as was presented by the baby senator, Clarence W. Watson of West Virginia, on Sataday a week ago. He made his malden speech. Mr. Watson will never crowd Mr. Bailey, Mr. Beveridge, Mr. Cummins and the others in the race for oratorical honors. He had only about 400 words to say, and these had been prudently typed. Yet on ising at his seat it was plain that the newcomer was overwhelmed with a sense of ness of the United States senate. He loss his voice, and clung to his desk for support. He swallowed at the rate of fifteen to the minute, and his words carried not farther than thirty feet. It was plain to everyone that the young man was going through a

Congressional Cowardies. Philadelphia Ledger,

Senators are cheerfully considering the on the serious invalid list at his home Sulloway pension bill with a view to "pass in Indianapolis. As nearly as can be ing it up" to the president. As the president is known to be particularly auxious to visitor. Mr. Biley has suffered a shock bring the expenditures of government blow, it is assumed that he will necessarily veto it. The house has already paged the promises a flying machine that will stand bill on the same assumption, and though a without hitching and be as obedient as a majority of the senators know that it ought peddler's horse. Bridgeport was the win- not to be passed, they are quite willing to please the "soldier vote" by throwing the responsibility of preventing its enactmen on the president's broad shoulders. The The bill to abolish the whipping post in president probably will not shirk, but cowardice of this kind ought to win nothing bu contempt.

Shades of Neal Dow!

Surely this is a time of political upheaval. The state of Maine has been for a lifetime Prohibition has been for many years bedded fast in the state constitution. Yet or the trees with the agility of a school boy by the necessary two-thirds vote. The roll and proceeds to pick the cherries, which call will be awaited with doubting interest

The Bee's Letter Box

Contributions on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Mundred Words Are Invited from Our Beaders.

Railway Revenues. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.-To the Editor of

The Bee: I beg to call your attention to apt to mislead the very large constituency which reads your excellent paper. You the United States in the year 1909 'showed ceding year." I assume that you refer to not true that the earnings of the fiscal breeches, pantaloons, trousers or pants Gross earnings were a little larger, but meantime there were some in- brother.

You state that gross carnings in 1919 and cards! were larger than in 1906. This is true. And even now, there are some gay ex-\$11.383 in 1907 and \$11,660 in 1910. You furt the senate, such as brilliantine. hair dya, are still showing increases and if they hold tendants. up for the rest of the year proportionately | But Tracewell has no control of the conwill outstrip the records of 1910." This gressional expenditures, and what a pity statement, if it refers to gross earnings, he hasn't so as to emancipate congress ls correct. But gross earnings considered from the petty forms of extravagance alone are unimportant. It is the amount which have become firmly established on of net earnings that determines how large Capitol Hill. a return shall be received by the capital invested in railways and how much money the railways will have with which to make permanent improvements. Now, it is not true that net earnings are increasing. Net earnings in 1907 were \$3,696 per mile

In 1908 they were \$3,171 per mile and in 1909 they were \$3,506. The increase in 1909 over 1908 was entirely due to enormous reductions in operating expenses. The extent of these reductions is indicated by the fact that in 1907 operating expenses were \$7,687 per mile, in 1908 \$7,330 and in 1909 only \$6,851. The reductions in operating expenses during these years were made necessary by the hard times. They represented the withholding of expenditures which were needful to keep the properties up to the physical condition that they were in when the panic of 1907 came. The large increase in gross earnings in the fiscal year 1910 prompted the railway man- the jury or the improper admission or reagements to begin making the expenditures necessary to restore the roads to matter of pleading or procedure, unless, in the physical condition that they were in the opinion of the court to which applicain 1907. The result was a rise in operating expenses to \$7,727 per mile. In spite of this entire cause, it shall appear that the error increase in operating expenses, net earnings in 1910 were \$5,503 per mile. Unfor- substantial rights of the parties." tunately for the railways late in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, and during the succeeding months up to the present time many increases in operating expenses have taken place, these consisting principally of advances in wages, which have been causing heavy reductions in net earnings. In the four months ending October 31 1916-these being the latest months for which official figures for all the railways of the country are available-gross earnessengers to committees. Their salaries expenses increased \$44.07,365, while operating expenses increased \$63,551,278, which caused ings increased \$44.047.589, while operating decrease in net earnings as compared with the same months of last year of \$19. 503,709. Meantime taxes increased \$2,738,913, causing a reduction in the net income of

You say in your editorial "There are systems of bookkeeping, of course, that may effect appearances, but swollen traffic. ought to produce a healthy condition and satisfactory profits." You are incorrect ment of a chief clerk at \$4,500, a journal in your statement that "there are systems There is only one system The clerk and the sergeant-at- piled in the recent hearings involving inifinations to introduce facts to substantiate them no facts of that sort were capital for the development of these properties, and for them to so juggle the accounts as to make the properties appear less prosperous than they actually were would tend to drive capital away. The managements have a stronger reason than anyone else for trying to make it appear

I hope you will give as wide publicity to D. MILLER. President.

Not a Bit Envious.

Washington Herald. cific says Europe beats us in the number

WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY.

Real Acticle Shows Up with Monthful of Creased Transcra. Houston Post

The controller of the treasury, Mr. Trackwell, is a rude man. A distinguished architect in the government's services submitted a traveling expense account, which included \$4 for evensing his trousers. It was a part of a hotel bill, of course, and the auchitect thought that it was a legitimate traveling expense. But Tracewell said no, and what ertain statements in the editorial entitled Tracewell says goes in the Treasury de How Business Holds Up." published in partment. Tracewell believes that a maj your issue of February 15, 1911, which are can travel an entire year without finding It necessary to have his breeches canta loons, trousers or pants creased. So Mr. state that the earnings of the rallways of Architect must dig for the four simoleons We are inclined to the Tracewell view of a vast increase over those of the pre- the situation, but at the same time we are not without sympathy for the architect. the flucal year, as complete figures for The government pays many bills fost as calendar years are not obtainable. It is had as that for creasing the architect's year showed a "vast increase" over those For instance, take a look at a congressional committee on a launt to bury a deceased The expense account includes creases in mileage and the result was that champagne, cigars, magazines, and incidengross earnings per mile in 1900 were actu- tals galore. In some instances, it has cost ally smaller than they were in 1908, being thousands upon thousands of dollars to \$10,358 in 1909, as compared with \$10.491 in bury a dead senator, and at one time the government had to pay for poker chips

But the gross earnings per mile in 1810 penses, as may be ascertained by a perusal were only a little more than in 1907, being of the annual report of the secretary of ther state "that earnings thus far in 1911 flowers, pocket cutlery, pills and bath al-

GOOD BILL TO COPY.

Proposed Federal Law to Unhorse General Technicality. Chicago Tribune.

Before President Taft was elected ha contributed an article to a law fournal in which he said: "No judgment of the court below should be reversed for an error which the court, after hearing the entire evidence. can affirmatively may would not have led to a different verdict." Last week the house of representatives passed a bill conformable to the president's ideas. It provides:

"That no judgment shall be set aside or reversed or new trial granted by any court of the United States in any case, civil or criminal, on the ground of misdirection of jection of evidence, or for error as to any tion is made, after an examination of the complained of has injuriously affected the

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

First Anarchist-Don't you would be a good idea to throw bombs all the time to terrorize the public? Second Ditto-No: throwing bombs is an Second Ditto-No: throwing bombs is an exploded theory.—Haltimore American.

Mrs. Leeder, whose comparatively well preserved face had just received another coat of enamel, regarded herself critically in the mirror.

"I can see well enough," she said, "that I won't dare to crack a smile,"—Chicag.

"Lightning blazed the way to glory for him." says a Georgia philosopher, "but we trust the blaze didn't keep up after he got there!"—Atlantic Constitution. "Annabell always uses such dangerously

ong hatping."
"Yes, but she's careful to sterlike them."
"Cleveland Plain-Desier. Briggs—is it true that you have broken off your engagement to that girl who lives in the suburbs? Griggs—Yes, they raised the commuta-

they raised the commutaand I have transferred o a town girl.-Life, He-I wonder what the meaning of that picture is? The youth and maiden are in picture is? The y a tender attitude. a tender attitude.
She-Oh, don't you see? He has hist
asked her to marry him, and she is accepting him. How sweet! What does the
attist call the picture?
He (looking about)—Oh, I see. It's written on a card at the bottom—"Sold,"—Lipnect!'s Margarine.

pincott's Magazine "There are a lot of girls who don't ever itend to get married."
"How do you know?"
"I've proposed to several."—Cleveland

"Farms are becoming valuable now."
"Yep," replied Mr. Corntossel, "I'll bet
it won't be long before these city foka are
sorry they covered up all their good land
with houses."—Washington Star.

A FUNNY FEBRUARY.

Of snow and ice there's none to be seen; Grass in meadowland turned a little green. Ice man feeling and looking rather glum— Coal man grumbles, "This is mighty bum!"

The farmer strolls across his greening Crows debate the question in pasture near. "Can it be true that spring is really here?"

Upon my word, I heard a croaking frog-Weather man has surely slipped at least The general manager of the Union Pa- Ground hog, as usual, played his solliary But Welch, he lagged behind and couldn't keep the pace.

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