THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

FOUNDED BY EDWARD ROSEWATER VICTOR ROSEWATER, EDITOR.

Entered at Omaha postoffice as second-

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: Bee and Buneay, one year DELIVERED BY CARRIER.

Evening Bee (without Sunday), per mo. 25c Evening Bee (with Sunday), per month. 45c Daily Lee (including Sunday), per month. 45c Daily Bee (without Sunday), per month. 45c Address all complaints of Bregularities in delivery to City Circulation Department. OFFICES.

Omaha—The Bee Building. south Omaha—as N. Twenty-fourth St. Louncil Durfs—la recet St. Lincoln Durfs—ta recet St.

Chicago-1345 Marquette Building. Kansas City-Renance Building. New York-34 West Thirty-third St. CORRESPONDENCE.

Communications relating to news and ed-orial matter should be addressed Omaha REMITTANCES. Remit by draft, express or postal order, payable to the Bee Pholishing Company. Only 2-cent stamps received in payment of mail accounts. Personal checks except on Omaha and eastern exchange not accepted.

MARCH CIRCULATION.

48,017

bute of Netwissan, tours of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of ex,017. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Subscribed in my presence and aworn before me this list day or March, 1811.

NOTHER PUBLIC Subscribers leaving the city tempornrily should have The Bee united to them. Address will be

What ails the lame ducks is that they got no rain checks.

changed as often as requested.

Even as a giant nrecracker Senator Jenries Davis has fizzled out.

The aviators are coming. Things hereabouts should look up now.

For a man who always loved peace Mr. Taft occupies a very stormy pin-

Think of the price Senor Madero could command on the vaudeville

A busy man like the president ought not to waste time to explain or defend his religious faith.

Sky."-Headline. It will resemble an aurora borealis pretty soon.

A spelling bee in Missouri recently lasted seventeen hours. Well, what else have they to do down there?

Observe that Mexico is controlling its stray bullets much better than it did before that Agua Prieta-Douglas

lawyer will get a chance at some fat fees as a result of this dynamiter next day he abolishes the senate bebusiness.

dynamite found in a value in the St. courts the right to invalidate legisla-Louis depot ready for business was tion enacted by the house of repre-

Commercial-Appeal, "the forbidden orable Berger's term is young; give fruit ought to be onions." Yes, or him time and perhaps he will get

The Charleston News and Courier says, "One jackass stands on four feet, the other on a technicality.' Now, whose ears burn?

The millennium is dawning. The St. Louis Republic says even "Hell's Half Acre" is being cleaned up. And those who know "Hell's Half Acre" know that is going some.

Queer, if true, since Mr. Bryan confeared the election of Bailey, isn't it?

still doing business here and there, tution when one and all will indulge although supposed to be under the him and his vagaries so complacently. ban. This is a nulsance that can be stopped if the proper city authorities will only act.

The County Board of Equalization will grapple again this year with the question. What is an automobile worth that has been in use for some time? It all depends whether the person is buying or selling.

one side as "antiquated and obsolete," should be, the public will pass its Congressman Victor Berger has pro- judgment upon the results achieved. ceeded to abolish the senate. Probably he thinks this the most direct way his New York speech regarding action of unseating the Honorable Lorimer.

C) O. Pratt, who acquired a certain and "ought not to be affected in any notoriety in Omaha, seems to be still regard by other amendments to the on the job, manipulating the prelimitariff law." It ought to stand or fall naries of the Philadelphia street car on its own merits, and that is why, it strike, which he and confederates hope has seemed to us the democrats were to bring about soon.

way pedestrians and other trame in

The Richmond Times-Dispatch complains that the World "does not seem to know, Canadian reciprocity to be desirable at legislature only. on occasions, that the war is over and that this time, it seems passing strange slavery has been abolished." Of course, that they should have gone so far the organs of a republican president?-

Reapportionment.

and blocked in the senate. It in- it is reciprocity now or never. creases the membership from 391 to 433, exclusive of Arizona and New Mexico, which, when admitted, with one representative each, will bring the become fully aware of it, our late Ne-

total to 435. will save every state from loss in its ate should pass the bill and the president sign it, making it a law. Many states, however, will not gain additional members under the rearrangement. Twelve, or more than one-Jersey and Pennsylvania. The New England states will gain three, the Pacific coast states six and the southern states seven. These twenty-one states will make no gain nor loss; Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Of course, one of the chief effects of reapportionment will be its resultant enlargement of the electoral college. Those states making gains naturally are looking to that and the democrats are not indifferent to the advantages they will reap from this, particularly in the south though some of the newspapers down there contended when the Crumpacker bill was pending last winter that owing to states had made but nominal population increases and that, therefore, the fish motives in the matter of reappor-

One of the arguments against a larger house is that it will make it toward a centralizing of power in hand, accidental explosions mean losses to some states and consequent extinction of present members from public life.

A Socialistic Sample.

The lone socialist member of congress, Victor Berger, who represents Milwaukee in the house, is finding his "Further Clearing of the Mexican new role a gay life. No man, not even Uncle Joe sprinkling tacks in front of Champ Clark's automobile, is getting more real amusement out of it. He is a free lance, and as such may, like the court jester, do as he pleases with perfect impunity, knowing the more radical he becomes the bigger hit he will make at home.

But Congressman Berger is not going after small game. He aims only at the big birds. One day he knocks At any rate, the poor, downtrodden out the federal constitution because it is "antiquated and obsolete," and the cause it is a useless functionary, strikes from the hand of the president It will hardly be denied that that the veto power and takes from the sentatives. The house and the president, shorn of authority, thus far es-"To a barber," says the Memphis cape with their lives. But the Honaround to them.

This evidently is socialism in its highest form and expression, for Mr. Berger is the arch-apostle of the creed, the reputed boss of Milwaukee, sharing with another exciting influence, credit for making that city famous. Now is the wisdom of the Milwaukee voters apparent. It affords the country a harmless taste of novel political nostrums. Having sampled them it is not likely to put in an order for a consignment of the goods. siders Senator Martin a tool of the Berger, himself, must admit one thing, trusts and all that, that he ever picked however, namely, that with all its him out as senate leader when he drawbacks and delinquencies the constitution is a very tolerant document and congress is a very patient body The sleve-bottomed dirt wagons are and the nation a very powerful insti-

President and Senate.

Evidently President Taft is none too certain of the senate's attitude toward his reciprocity measure, for he has taken the stump in the hope of 'moulding sentiment" for the bill. This must be more with the idea of subdivisions, it will in the long run influencing the senate than the people at large at this time, for after the bill Having shoved the constitution to is enacted into law by congress, if it

The president makes one point in

on the reciprocity measure which seems to us eminently fair and that It is worth noting in passing that that reciprocity should stand alone wrong in seeking to embarrass its passage, if not, indeed, to compass its If the paving contractors had their actual defeat, by submitting their the specific performance case which "farmers' free list" at this time. is set for May 12. But the Water streets undergoing reconstruction Their action in this regard amacks of board knew all the time that this apwould have no rights whatever they partisan politics, of an attempt to preare bound to respect. And the pay- tend to do something they really do not be heard before the middle of ing contractors seem to have their not want to do. Irrespective of the May, The hurry-up bond talk two merits or demerits, if the democratic months ago was plainly indulged at majority in the house really believes that particular time for effect on the

endanger its success.

scarcely be able to do that, but it is he will have an unusual opportunity The house has passed the Houston not a foregone conclusion that it will to make himself especially serviceable reapportionment bill, which, in the pass the bill unamended even under to his Nebraska constituents. Wonmain, is identical with the Crum- the pressure of the president's per- der if he would have gotten a better packer bill passed by the last house sonal influence and declaration that place if he had lined up with the ma-

Three New Days.

Although the people have not yet braska legislature has written labels On the basis of the last census, this for three new days on our calendar. By statute duly enacted October 12

congressional membership, if the sen- is henceforth to be known as "Columbus day," in honor of the discovered of America, and to be a legal holiday By the same warrant of law the first Friday in November of each year is to be set apart as "Fire day," on fourth of the new members, will come which fire drills are required in all from three states, New York, New public, private and parochial schools. According to the same authority,

> too, the birthday of John Howard, which occurs on September 2, is to be a legal holiday in all penal and reformatory institutions of the state and so observed. We have here, therefore, two holidays of fixed date and one of movable

coincidently with Labor day, which is the first Monday in September. It devolves upon all of us residing in Nebraska to revise our calendars to conform with these legislative

Human Slaughter.

The country is indignant, and rightly so, at such appalling and wan- grading of streets where sufficient ton destruction of life as that which occurred in the blowing up of the Los to be able to find the money to pay for Angeles newspaper plant last autumn, city jail expenses, and by thus relievnegro emigration some southern and every man who loves justice ing the police fund permit the procraves the capture and conviction of posed increase of the police force. the outlaws who commit such depresouth could not be charged with sel- dations. But, though there have been many dynamite explosions in the last year, the Los Angeles affair is exceptional in the scope of its fatalities. We hear of few such outrages unwieldy and less efficient, tending in a lifetime. On the other committees and the speaker. But that fires in mines and other industrial has not outweighed the fact that if plants occur with frightful frequency. left at its present number it would sniffing out human lives by the scores. and yet reports of these catastrophies occasion scarcely a passing protest from the average person, who has become callous to such things.

No law-abiding citizen can afford to condone or palliate wanton murder. but neither should we longer wink at criminal negligence. those responsible for safe operation of mines and other industries of a hazardous character intend to safeguard the lives of their employes, but the ghastly records of a hundred explosions and more show they too often negligently fail to do so. Perhaps we have been too squeamish in dealing with horrors such as have occurred within the last few weeks in mines and factories. Maybe if the public's attitude were changed the prohibition and mandates of the law would have more effect. As it is, when a mine explosion or a factory lives, a formal and perfunctory investigation is held and nothing comes of it, except, possibly, a meaningless verdict to the effect that the blame cannot be fixed.

Loss or Gain?

State Treasurer George has completed the sale of several blocks of state bonds held for the permanent school fund, the proceeds to be reinvested in bonds issued by Nebraska counties, cities or school districts. The treasurer offered for sale all the holdings of the school fund consisting of bonds issued by other states, and received bids equal to or more than par and accrued interest for only a comparatively small part of them. It hope soon to have a public statement showing exactly what these financial transactions stand the state.

These securities were bought mostly from brokers on a basis computed to yield a certain stipulated rate of interest, which rate was presumably the current rate. The sales of these bonds have been to brokers bidding with a view of disposing of them again at current rates, and how much the state is loser or gainer should be easily figured out. It does not follow, of course, that, although the school fund may be at a sacrifice in the conversion of its holdings from the bonds of other states to those of its own suffer, for the rate of interest on the new investments should be materially higher than what was received on the old ones.

The costliness of the straight-jacket which has hampered and prevented the businesslike management of the school fund heretofore should emphasize the importance of now getting these trust funds so placed that they will yield the best returns for the schools commensurate with absolutely safe and sound investments.

Now it is intimated that the Water board will not formulate its bond proposition until after it hears from its appeal from the order entered in

Our junior United States senator we know the war is over. Hasn't the with a scheme obviously calculated to from Nebraska has been assigned to a position of overshadowing impor-The last senate let reciprocity die tance on the committee on foreign Go it, Deacon, we'll hold your coat. for want of action. This senate may relations, where it goes without saying chase.

jority of his party behind Senator Martin for democratic leader instead of with the minority behind "Gum-Shoe Bill" Stone.

The letters which The Bee has printed giving information as to rates harged by auditoriums in other cities indicate that they are governed by no invariable rule, but that consideration is given the public or private use for which the building is desired. These big auditoriums have been erected as a rule largely as public enterprises and for gatherings of a purely public character calculated to bring attendance of crowds from outside without exacting an admission, concessions are often made. The management of the Omaha Auditorium, which was erected by subscription in response to general solicitation, is also expected to discriminate between public and private ise of the structure.

date, one of which, the birthday of The new commission to codify the John Howard, may occasionally fall laws of Nebraska is made up of three members entitled to compensation each at the rate of \$3,000 a year. The commission has an appropriation of \$20,000 at its disposal. Puzzle-Figure out how long it will take to complete the work.

If the city council can usually find money in the general fund to pay for pressure is brought to bear it ought to do it.

> Pointing His Way. Washington Star .-

With so many eminent democrats available, it doubtless occurs to Mr. Bryan that he may yet be called on as a compromise candidate for the nomination.

Let the Row Begin. Chicago Record-Herald.

Two Americans have been arrested by Japanese officials for photographing a naval station while they were passing on positively refuse, when he hears about it, to put off the war any longer.

Passing Compliments.

Senor Limantour brings the accusation against Don Madero that he is a vegetarian, a dreamer and a spiritualist. Don Madero rejoins that Senor Limantour is a the wholesale taking of human life by lickspittle, a mossback, a timeserver and horsethief. Let the armistice go on,

Friction in Coal Combine.

Springfield Republican. The stability of monopolistic conditions continues to prevail in the anthracite coal industry, but not so with the soft coal industry. That is more or less demoralized with many operators cutting prices to get usiness-not a very familiar situation of late years in coal mining. It would seem to indicate that supplies are in no immediate danger of giving out.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS

Cleveland Leader: Miss Democracy to 'Uncle Jud" Harmon: "This is so sudden!" fire happens, with its terrible toll of hangs over Oyster Bay like a funeral pall. But since the war with Russia statutory sights he wishes to see and so on from triplets. How would Initiative, Referendum and Recall do, papa?

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Mr. Bryan is pooming Champ Clark for the presidency. didn't tie a bigger can to him.

Kansas City Times: Lorimer has been made chairman of the senate committee on mines and mining, possibly in recognition of the able underground work by which his election was accomplished.

Baltimore Sun: Just because Speaker Clark has a new gavel of blackthorn, emblazoned with harp and shamrock, fear need not follow that he will be called to keep order in a Donnybrook fair in con-

Sacramento Union: If Abe Ruef is honestly trying to do some good by teaching a Bible class at San Quentin his efforts should not be scoffed at. He is not to be will be interesting to know, and we denied the right of repentence any more than is any other inmate of the prison. Certainly his attempt to interest the prisoners in the Great Book should not be the subject for jest and sarcasm.

People Talked About



R. M. Haan is one of New York's notable notel men. He holds the St. Regis metaphorically in his hand, and what he does not know about the hotel business isn't worth telling.

Representative F. H. Knight of Clarion vania to take out an annual license at a

elected on the school board in Flint, Mich Her husband was elected mayor on the same ticket. Mrs. S. M. Cantrovitz was the school board of Milwaukee on the nonpartisan ticket. Though a Jewess. Mrs. Cantrovitz was actively supported by the Catholic and Protestant women voters.

Tom L. Johnson, it is expected, will soon leave Cleveland, O., and locate permanently in the old Johnson homestead on the Shore road in Brooklyn. Mr. Johnson, about twenty-five years ago, bought 180 lots in the neighborhood of the shore road and put up a handsome residence. His estate still includes 140 lots of the original pur-

In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Mear and Par Nations of the Earth

The Imposing "road roller" of American politics has not yet appeared in the political literature of Great Britain. Other American campaign novelties have been welcomed over there. Doubtless the road roller will be introduced when its utility is fully understood. For the present the country has "something just as good." judging by the series of tests going on in the House of Commons. It is known as the "Kangaroo Closure" and is applied to minority tactics of talking a measure to death. Over 1,000 amendments have been offered to the pending bill limiting the veto power of the House of Lords. Each of these amendments, if taken up in turn and discussed without restriction, would carry the bill over into next year. The debate has been going on for over a month, the the opposition doing most of the talking. chiefly for delay and to give the country an impression of fierce oratorical fighting. As soon as the amendments reached the balloting stage the Kangaroo closure began business and worked as smoothly as Thomas Brackett Rend's system of "counting a quorum." Each amendment voted down carries into the waste basket every other amendment seeking to accomplish the same end. Thus the defeated amendment excluding Irish home rule snuffs the life out of every other amendment repetition. The deptness and agility shown in leaping from one amendment to another without the weariness of additional votes renders the Kangaroo system the most effective and picturesque of Australia's contributions to the politics of the world. The ministry is determined to send the veto bill to the Lords early in May and the majority has the Kangaroo and the votes

"A savage, unsmiling twrant, who has chopped off seven heads in a day without a twings of remorse, who lives in the shadow of death, but is unafraid" are the broad outlines of a sketch of M. Stolypin. Russian prime minister, drawn by Francis McCullough, London correspondent of the New York Post. A tall, powerfully built man of great physical strength, he is a fitting representative of a ruthless autocracy and a masterly outer guard for s weak autocrat. This explains why Em peror Nicholas induced the premier to recall his resignation and remain at his post "M. Stolypin never smiles," the correspondent continues. "Watching him as he addressed the Douma I found myself rea steamship. Congressman Hobson will minded of the hard, bearded stone faces of inscrutable Babylonian kings. This impression became very strong when Stolypin, who rarely indulges in gestures, made with a brawny right arm a single, swift, decisive sweep. One could almost hear the whizz and see the gleam of an imaginary sabre. This may seem an exaggeration. It is not. For at that very in reaching those 2,000,000 users of the inperiod Stolypin's arm smote off its seven ternational "lingo." heads a day, and never once signed a reprieve. Ghengis Khan may have committed greater slaughter in his fits of passion, but I do not know of any dim Oriental potentate whose rage was so cold and so systematically deadly as that of the czar's dresses of Esperantists all over the world president of council. The voice was deep, and there is also published and sent to reasonant and powerful. In moments of every member a "jar libro" (year book), passion it roughened like that of a growing which contains the names of delegates in lion, and there was an angry inflection in every corner of the "monda," even farit at all times. Menace, contempt, de- away New Zealand, Australia, Siberia, fiance; these were the only chords that Africa, etc. orator cared to touch."

Japan, which was signed in London April he has written, telling of his intention to 3. the former secured marked tariff concessions for British goods. No tariff con-St. Louis Republic: We would again call cessions were mentioned in the old treaty, attention to the portentous silence which because Japan did not then tax imports. Washington Post: The president has duties are levied to meet the enormous been asked to name a bunch of Kentucky war debt. On British goods, which are imported up to a value of \$20,000,000 a year, has been secured. Great Britain supplies 80 per cent of Japan's imports; hence the No wonder the democrats are sorry they reduction gives a decided advantage to the object" usually sent is the reproduction continue to be admitted free of duty" into the United Kingdom-a favor open to all nations. No trade concession was exacted from Japan in the American treaty recently ratified.

Premier Von Bienerth of Austria is traveling on a rocky road. In spite of his efforts to conciliate the Slavs in forming his ministry a few weeks ago, he had to secure a royal decree dissolving the Reichrath to prevent the Slav combination from driving him out of office. Of course, the device is only temporary. The prorogation is definite, but the Reichsrath must be convened again in a few months, and it is hardly to be doubted that the opposition to the premier will be more bitter than be gathered together hundreds of them ever. It is said that the emperor and his immediate advisers will try to bring the Slav leaders to reason by private conference and argument. Should this fail, as it probably will, there will be a dissolution and a new election. In the end Baron Von Bienerth will probably have to go.

That the Irish, in spite of the more favorable outlook for home rule, are emigrating to this country in as large numbers as ever is shown by the fact that during last year \$4,000 emigrants left Ireland. In 1909 the number was about 30,000. It would be a mistake to conclude, however, that the Irish are dissatisfied with the prospect at home. Of the 34,000 who left in 1910 nearly half were under the age of 25. The young of every land are venturesome and America is still the land of opportunity.

The completed census of the inhabitants grand total of \$15,000,000, an increase of 7 per cent over the census of 1961. To the total British territory in India contributes 244 172 381, an increase of 5.4 per cent, and the native states and agencies 70,828,728, an increase of 12.9 per cent. The relatively greater increase in the native states is due partly to the fact that the decade was one of recovery from the famines of 1897 and 1900, when many of the native states sufcounty, Pennsylvania, is drafting a bill re- fered far more than British territory, and quiring every man and woman who desires partly to the fact that they are still comto drink wine, beer or whisky in Pennsyl- paratively sparsely inhabited and have more room for expansion.

American Consul General Gunsaulus, stationed at Johannesberg, South Africa, reports that in twenty-five years the mines of the Transvaal have yielded more than elected on the same date for a long term on \$1,400,000,000 worth of gold. This is about \$150,000,000 less than the gold output of the United States in the same time. At present, however, the Transvaal yield exceeds that of this country by about 70 per cent. The family of the late former Mayor The output of the South African mines last year was valued at \$155,735,000.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Even in the highest literary circles of Boston it is admitted that the men who translated the English Bible 300 years ago were greater masters of language than any of the present-day scholars.

That Peculiar Lightness and Flavor

Found in the finest biscuit, rolls, cake, etc., is due to the absolute purity, fitness, and accurate combination

of the ingredients of the Royal Baking Powder. The best things in cookery are always made with the Royal Baking Powder. Hence its use is universal -in the most celebrated restaurants, in the homes of the people, wherever delicious, wholesome food is appreciated.



Royal Baking Powder

is sold in every civilized country, the world over.

It is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Royal Cook Book—800 Receipts—Free. Send Name and Address. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

The Bee's Letter Box

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

Advertising in Esperanto. OMAHA, April 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Indeed, Los Angeles will get a lot of advertising out of the trip to be made by her enthusiastic Esperantist and let me explain why he will have no trouble

At Genoa, Switzerland, the headquarters of the Universal Esperanto association is located, and "Esperanto," the organ of the association, is published bi-monthly, each issue contains many names and ad-

These correspondents and the 1,000 or more delegates will gladly render him all By the new treaty of commerce and the assistance in their power. When he navigation between Great Britain and lands in their country the one to whom visit the "La midianoi." will meet him at boat or train, direct him to a good hotel and introduce him to those whom he wishes to meet and show him the

one point to another. The writer is "delegate" for Omaha and has received requests for Omaha views, a reduction of from one-fifth to one-third general information and when an exposition was to be held, a "small art object" has been requested. The "small art British exporter and clinches Britain's mo- of the prize ear of corn exhibited at the nopoly of Japan's trade. In return Great land show, the "Omaha folder" is also Britain agrees that Japanese goods "will sent and The Sunday Bee, when English can be read and to people in Germany the Saengerfest program.

Oregon has recently been extensively advertised in foreign Esperanto periodicals, of which there are 100 or more, and the secretary of the Portland Commercial club has received many letters of inquiry in vertised in foreign Esperanto periodicals, of which there are 100 or more, and the secretary of the Portland Commercial club has received many letters of inquiry in Esperanto concerning the state. These people, it is unnecessary to say, are people of means and education, far different from the hordes of immigrants landing on our shores in such large numbers. At Antwerp in August of this summer the Los Angeles gentleman will have an

excellent opportunity for meeting Esperantists, for the seventh international congress will be held there and there will from the orient and the occident.

There is no question but that Los Angeles will "have her faith sufficiently rewarded" by a large amount of advertising AN OMAHA ESPERANTIST.

An Outrage on the Community. OMAHA, April 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I am glad to see you call attention the way the paving contractors have torn up and taken possession of Sixteenth street without providing any temporary accommodation for traffic. It is an outrage on the community. I wish I had control of our public works for a little while. J. W. J.

One Voice for Lorimer. KEARNEY, April 25 .- To the Editor The Bee: I notice that you continue to use The Bee to belittle or beamirch Senator Lorimer. I don't believe any unprejudiced mind can read the senator's of Britian's great eastern empire shows a speech made in the United States senate and believe he is a corrupt or bad man. Even his enemies concede that he is one of the most exemplary men in congress. Many of the prominent politicians who accuse Lorimer of being corrupt have been mixed up for years with huge campaign funds, which are believed by many to be more or less corruption funds.

Are these men trying to lose sight of their own infirmities by criticising others? You know so, for the evidence is in the senator's favor. Why should you not as a republican editor and a member of the national committee stand by our friends until they are proved guilty? I had to lecture you last fall about the way you And his judgment's always bad! "Undle Joe." Thanks to the people of his own district the old veteran is still on guard, fighting like a true soldler to save his country.

For more than thirty years I have been reading The Bee. During the time your father had charge, except for about three months it was my political bible. But recently about half the time a republican might just as well read the World-Herald. Permit me to suggest that one of the most important things to be accomplished in the near future is to abolish the socalled campaign fund. The taxpayers fur-

nish sufficient means to enable every voter to properly cast his ballot and have it

counted. This seems all that is necessary.

but if more is needed, let the people, under

proper regulation, foot the bill. As it is

now, too many friends who donate \$5 to this fund seem to think they have a mortgage on the successful candidate, and proceed to close it. This is demoralizing. The publicity proposition will not cure this evil. If we are successful in doing away with this nuisance we will do more to make politics respectable and respectful than the result of all the investigating committees. The opposition to be overcome suggests the melancholy thought that this kind of business seems to be popular, but let us call the roll on this question and see where we are at. JOSEPH BLACK.

Taxation of Mortgage Notes. OMAHA, April 28.-To the Editor of The See: The assessor has left his blank to be filled out, but it includes a line for "all notes secured by mortgage." Has that been changed by the law to stop double taxation, to which you referred not long ago? A lot of people are interested.

Note-The new law becomes effective July 7, 1911. As the levy is made about that time, we presume it will be taken to apply to this year's assessment.

SMILING FANCIES.

"I see where they are going to have rub-ber pavements in London."
"Yes, and then I suppose everybody will have to walk with elastic steps."— Baltimore American.

Naggus-Why do you get out your book anonymously? In your case modesty is a disease.

Hokus-Then it isn't one of my natural,

"Chariey, dear," said young Mrs. Tor-kins, "what did that base ball player say to the umpire who called him out?" "He told the umpire he considered him a perfect gentleman and was sure that he would go to heaven," was the weary an-swer.—Waghington Post. a perfect gentleman and would go to heaven." we swer.—Washington Post. Nell-He swore I was the only girl he

had ever loved.

Belle—For my part I don't care for amateurs.—Philadelphia Record.

"What does the man do over there at the desk who seems to be working

"He checks the cash."
"And what does the man do who is leaning back in the easy chair smoking?"
"Oh, he cashes the checks."—Baltimore American.

"They tell me your boy Josh is very versatile."
"He is." replied Farmer Corntossel. pais," replied Farmer Corntossel, pa-"I never saw anybody who could many fool things without repeatin' "-Washington Star.

THE UMPIRE.

Carolyn Wells in Life. fool there was, who began to swear (Even as you and I)
At a shirt and a shoe and a shock of hal(We called him the umpire who wasn't
square.) But the fool he called him names for fair! (Even as you and I.)
Oh, the balls we stop and files we pop
And our beautiful clean base-hits
That are spoiled by the umpire who knows

For we had to give him fits!) A fool there was, and a ball he fouled (Even as you and I)
The umpire yelled, "Fair!" and the audience howled,

(And now he knows that he knew too

(But the umpire only glared and scowled), While the batter deeply and fiercely (Even as you and I.)
Oh, the wrath unspoken, and the swears we choke, And the excellent epithets Which belong to the umpire (who knews

it all).
And all of our games upsets! The umpire with haughty pride was filled (Even as you and I.)
But that wasn't what the audience willed (They loudly demanded his blood be spilled)!

so-some of him lived-but he mostly was (Even as you and I.) t isn't the chump and it And It gump,
That makes us so awful mad;
It's coming to know that he never can

Wholesale & Retail HAVENS-WHITE COAL CO.

1710 FARNAM ST.

Phones: D-630 Ind. A-1281