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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, as, Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The See Fublishing Company, being dilly sworn, says that the average daily circu-lation, less spoiled, unused and returned spoiled, unused and returned the month of March, 1911, was DWIGHT WILLIAMS, 48,017.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this list day of March, 1911. (Seal.) Notary Public.

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This is the open season for doves of peace in Mexico.

Boost for Omaha. Boosting beats knocking, every time.

Thirty states have thus far come in be comin'

Well, we are nearly out of the reach of the coal man for a brief breathing spell, anyway.

Hooray! Hooray! We are just about to build the Platte river power canal again for the 'steenth time.

These million-dollar rains will all the form of golden grain nuggets.

inees and issues he proposes to select.

"What is success?" asks the inquisitive Boston Post. Respectfully Of course, during coronation week the everything to look forward to. referred to Colonel Boosevelt and Mr.

shall a diva dress?" Give it up, but tions, will be calculated to get on the appointments are not nonpartisan call a \$5.000 pitcher a "mutt." we know how she will dress-as she

Uncle H. Gassaway Davis is some political prognosticator. He predicts even months, putting horses through jected just as vociferously. The only as the next democratic ticket, Harmon and Wilson.

"Dick" Croker prefers to be in Ireland on \$5 a week to this country on \$25. So does this country prefer to have him there.

That solar eclipse proved to be invisible in Omaha except to Councilman Funkhouser, who saw it ahead of schedule time.

Hooray again! Oscar Underwood has been nominated for vice president on the democratic teket. That leaves only one to name.

taotal of Canton has been Such meager tidings, however, convey very little information as to who has been killed.

Mrs. Belmont has shown how perverse a suffragette may become in scepters there Old Dobbin's place is having a poetic admirer arrested for safe. calling her his "Divine Goddess."

Tacoma, where they about not swapping horses crossing streams counts for nothing

Whatever else comes out of its wet

office.

A resident of Missouri claims to be 102 years old, and the only reflection on his veracity is his unnecessary addenda that he never chewed home twist or drank "licker."

One of the immigrants who recently landed at New York, when challenged clated commercial clubs of Nebraska for proof that he would not become the legislature came in for a good a public charge, produced his fifteen round scoring for failing to make an children and \$26,500 in \$100 bills appropriation of money to be used in

Either answer would have sufficed. ble investment of capital as any other warrants challenging attention to the state in the union. Nebraska cannot insistent, persistent and consistent adprosper, however, unless the sur-vertising which Nebraska enjoys and all together.

Early Adjournment Desired.

evidently voicing a popular sentiment, ing patronage. Evening Bee (without sunday), per month. So be acted on one way or the other dividual enterprise and public importants of programment. So the way there should be no need salubrious, bountiful Nebraska offers be done. The democrats are not quite west and carve a fortune. willing to forsake the opportunities ment.

is off hands it is not at all unlikely stantial support from all other busipayable to The Bee Publishing Company that the Lorimer case will be reunity 2-cent stamps received in payment of the the Lorimer case will be reunail accounts. Personal checks except on opened. If so, it probably will mean community that share in the benefits. a prolonged fight. It is generally admitted that if a vote is reached at this session Lorimer will lose his seat. so that he and his friends, knowing the present business barometer is the this, will exert all their power to accumulation of bank reserves and stave off action. The resolution call- the presence of increased funds with La Follette, will call it up. That, is decidedly tame and the condition however, might even be expedited and evidently presages a period of conblame rest for prolonged length of set all apprehensions. this session, for they have the making

The Kingly Horse.

ceedings

the auto had crowded the horse en- ton and is about to face another more actual time, there having been several then in command of the Military Departtirely off the track and, just as we are important election on which the gov- stops, seems to prove that flying long dis- ment of the Platte, and who became fapreparing a set of resolutions in sym-ernment policies will hinge. But tances is a question only of the petrol mous as the subjugator of the blood-thirsty for the income tax amendment. Must pathy of Old Dobbin, he races madly there is nothing to justify pessimism. out of his temporary retirement stall Investors seem yet dazed by the unwith a proud neigh and a new grip on settled state of politics, not knowing Vedrine could be secured, and weather con- establish for themselves homes among life. He has performed this way so certainly whether they have really en- ditions were favorable, there should be no these savages, who were hostile to any often that people have begun to look tered upon the beginning of the end and think twice before consigning him of a readjustment, or launched out to the has-been class.

> tions for the coronation of King the time-marking tendencies of busi-George V, the horse redivivus is strik- ness will continue. city will be gorgeously arrayed, with colors and banners streaming from erves of the ordinary horse, particuhostlers have been engaged for weeks. boys wave flags and beat instruments build up the democratic machine. in front of him, on the sides of him and in the rear of him-a process repeated daily until the horse is hitched

> what becomes of the horse that proves impervious to such a course of discipline, but it may be imagined that dent." All this is plainly proof of the indispensability of the horse, particularly for the pageantry in royal lands. In democratic countries, where people first time "Columbus day" will be celmay be willing to put up with such common vehicles as autos on their most auspicious occasions, perhaps he

up and driven about the crowded city

thoroughfares. We are not advised

Industrial Peace.

There is a good old adage about not mayors over night, the old adage yelling until you are out of the woods, halls has reached the public debate while but we cannot refrain from noting the stage. That is making progress alfact that the first of May is here within prospect, in local labor circles. Of works. and dry tug-of-war, Lincoln will have course, minor friction is bound to oclearned more unpalatable truths than cur from time to time between emever before in so short a space of ployers and employes, but the whole community has a right to congratulate into the limelight just at a time when itself upon continued freedom from the debate over whiskers and bald Here is another Massachusetts man conflict between organized labor and who declares that \$12 a week is organized capital. The last experienough for a man to live on. It is ence of this kind which Omaha sufevident he has no ambition to run for fered in the guise of a street car strike inspire hope against repetition for The superintendent of the naval many years to come. The levelacademy who recently apologized to headed labor leaders must realize the lady has now resigned. But, of now, more than ever before, that they course, the two events have no con- have everything to gain through industrial peace and little to gain through industrial warfare. To have alive labor and capital co-operate harmoniously spells progress, which is what Omaha and everybody in Omaha want.

Advertising Nebraska. At a recent meeting of the asso- Dutch have come." advertising Nebraska's resources and attractions for home-seekers and in-Of course, Nebraska offers as good, vestors. We hold no defense brief to rid himself of the "disgrace" of dying if not better, opportunities for profits- for the legislature, but the occasion rich. rounding states do, too. It must be through its newspapers, daily and a pull by the west, and for the west, weekly, published as private under-

respective communities give them in Many newspapers over the country, the way of subscription and advertis-

are advising that congress wind up. We do not believe any state in the its affairs and cut short its present union has as loyal and public-spirited extra session as soon as possible. This a set of newspapers, all taken tocould doubtless be done without in- gether, as has Nebraska. With rare the extra session was to have passed city, county and state, holding up obthe Canadian reciprocity measure ject lessons of success and prosperity, of prolonging the session, although for others less favored to look upon.

Every newspaper in Nebraska is a war was \$12 a month. the session offers to lay campaign permanent publicity bureau for the plans. Their false cry of economy state. These newspapers ask no subdoes not include an early adjourn- sidies, but they are entitled to, and should receive, appreciative recogni-As soon as the reciprocity matter tion of what they are doing and sub-

Business Taking a Rest.

One of the noticeable features of ing for its revival, however, is al- investment agencies. As a rule such ready before the senate and it will a turn in finance precedes lively specstill enable congress to adjourn within servatism in all business lines. Conlittle hope that such will be the case, cellent prospects of good crops should On the democrats must the burden of lend confidence enough to all to off-

On the whole, it seems but natural of its program and the key to its pro- that the country should be a little timid about reaching out just now, inasmuch as last autumn it passed through one political campaign which rine's achievement in traveling over the circuit used for telegraph purposes. The Every now and then it looks as if effected decided changes at Washingupon a new and long line of changes. Over in London, where they are it is difficult for anyone to attempt making all sorts of elaborate prepara- precise forecasts or to say how long

ingly manifest. In such great de- In the meantime, it may help conbe cashed in by Nebraska in the fall in mand is he as to bring \$2,500 for a siderably if the present status of busi-day they may know almost as much as good carriage span. Thousands of ness activity is referred to merely as fine horses have been bought up all a "rest cure"-a recuperation rather Colonel Bryan is keeping his party over the city and trained to partici-than a depression. It is, as it were, unduly in saspense as to what nom- pate in the historic event. This train- taking breath for a new statrt. With in France and helped to smash a few miling process, according to reports of plenty of money in reserve and boun-British newspapers and photographic tiful crops coming on, the country testimony, is a most interesting one, has nothing actually to fear and

Our amiable democratic contemenough to suit it. When the governor Houston Post: If the lord permits us to larly the one brought in from the appointed the defeated democratic harvest bumper crops this year and siam farm for the occasion. Therefore, nominee for state superintendent to the everlasting lights out of the republican be pure food inspector the W.-H. obregular drills to overcome their tim- kind of nonpartisanship that appeals idity and get them used to the gay to the local democratic organ is that life. For instance, one animal is pic- exercised by the democratic pie-cuttured tied to a post, while men and ters feeding hungry democrats to

> The Springfield Union cartoons Governor Foss as saying, "I would rather be writing than president." It might be paraphrased and applied to another great statesman nearer here, "I would rather be talking than presi-

> The Bee offers the suggestion right now to our native Italian residents to lead off for a good, big demonstration for October 12 next, which will be the ebrated as a legal holiday in Nebraska

It is to be noted that the court may not have as secure a footing, but house explosion at Omaha is not in wherever they crown kings and wield the list to which the dynamiters are alleged to have confessed. Apparently no one seems to want to claim credit for such a small job.

The movement to regulate the pool most as fast as the "immediate and out any serious troubles, on hand or compulsory" purchase of the water

It is to be noted that Gneral Reves. a man with patriarchal beard, comes heads is about to break loose.

St. Louis Republic. New Jersey has just passed the most and is said to need it more than any other. Overcoming a Handicap. Louisville Courier-Journal

Reform Where Needed.

ning recognition from Diaz, who eats 'em Where Are the Jingoes? Philadelphia Bulletin. Now that the Hollanders have seized an

Trouble Hangs On.

Philadelphia Bulletin. "The way of the philanthropist is hard indeed," sighs Andrew Carnegie, commenting upon his trouble in the Carnegie Trust company. The old laird seems to have rather an unhappy time of it in his great effort

Disagreeable Publicity.

Lorimer also says it is none of the pub-He's husiness how and for what purpose

sion of publicity into any of his affairs is

eresumptuous and intolerable A Philanthropic Hend-Liner.

San Francisco Chronicis The report that Wu Ting Fang may re urn as Chinese minister to the United trates pught to have an interest for the omen of this country, since his crusade jury to any legitimate interest. The exceptions every one of them is con- for the removal of queues from Chinese so president's prime purpose in calling stantly sounding the praises of its heads resulted in cheapening rats for the adornment of fair Americans.

Patriotism and Pay.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. It is suggested that President Diaz might soldler in the union army during the civil

High Levels of Scholarship,

Baltimore American. President Faunce of Brown university paying tribute to the literary quality of the King James version of the Bible declares that in English literature the style of this imperishable translation is only matched by the "Pilgrim's Progress" of Bunyan and Lincoln's second inaugural and Gettysburg address. One reason is that the direct inspiration of the tinker and the rail splitter was the English Bible.

Did You Know About It?

Philadelphia Ledger. It is proper to acknowledge the courtesy from the proposed historical pageant a reasonable time, but we have very ditions of money centers with the ex- in the cinematograph. We only remember the naval successes in that curious war: the land operations we have preferred to forget except the battle of New Orleans, which happened after the war was over.

Progress of Aviation

Prier's continuous flight of 300 miles from difficulty in flying from New York to San thing that meant peace and order. Francisco.

## PEPPERY PARAGRAPHS.

Denver Republican: Evidently ex-Senator Lafe Young means to go right on running the nation even if Iowa did stop his pay. proposes to educate parents, so that some their children.

Sacramento Union: What a giorious time ion bottles of wine Wall Street Journal: Statistics can prove

anything. Unmarried lady dean of Chicago university asked the girl students if they were planning to get maarried. Only 3 per cent of them admitted it. Minneapolis Journal: One chief joy

every pinnacle, and this dress-parade porary, the World-Herald, finds fault the bleachers is that the man who couldn't The question has been raised, "How attire, with all attending demonstra- with Governor Aldrich because his hit a harn with a harmer, nor throw a tance. Demonstrations of a like character the glories of his achievements as governor fit, is able from that point of vantage to

party next year, the millennium can come right along in so far as we are concerned. Indianapolis News: The theory that women have an extra layer of fat that protects them from cold sufficiently to enable them to wear fashionable clothes may be correct enough, but, really, you know, some of them don't look it.

## People Talked About



George C. Boldt is known to fame as the manager of the Walderf-Astoria hotel in New York, but his success in that line is not his only distinction. He is the boss Chantecler of a chicken ranch on an Island n the St. Lawrence river.

The exchange of American and English ble exhibit of what the people of both countries will stand for the sake of international peace.

Governor Foss has sent twenty special messages to the Massachusetts legislature since the session opened. The legislature was sufficiently costly and annoying to drastic corrupt practice act of any state is ready to admit his literary ability if he will agree to quit.

Charles A. Wallace, 23 years old, of Friendship, Me., is being acclaimed the champion clam digger of that locality. They are slightingly saying that Madero. On one tide this year he dug seventeen and the Mexican rebel leader, is a vegetarian, but that hasn't prevented him from winone-half bushels of clams, which he sold for 40 cents a bushel Mrs. Mary M. Emery has presented to

the University of Cincinnati what is said to be the only municipal bird reserve in the world. This reserve comprises a large area of wooded land within the limits of island in the Pacific and pulled down the Cincinnati, surrounded by an iron fence, and advantage to the public from the very American flag, someone might revive the which is as nearly cat and boy proof as old song about the "big bass drum and the possible.

In reply to a request by a Syrian pries for protection against indignities offered to his luxuriant whiskers, Mayor Gaynor solemnly quotes the Scriptures: "We shall not round the corners of your heads. neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard." Clearly the promoters of the boardand-hald-head debate overlooked an expert

It will be Prof. George B. McClelland. sity, after September 1, next. The one time ning away from work to find peace. Harrimayor of New York has cabled from Rome man knew a lot about rolling stock, but to the trustees of the institution his ac- he evidently did not know that he could ceptance of their offer, sent through Moses with inherent power, stop the wheels whir he uses public money to send some scores Taylor Pyne, of this much discussed pro- ring in his busy head. The relation of metaof telegrams per day. Indeed. Lorimer | feasurship, for the foundation of which physics to efficiency in railroading is a takings, with only such help as their appears fully convinced that the intru- funds have been solicited for a year.

Telephony in Omaha

Recollections of the Infant Days of the 'Phone and the Interest the Invention Excited.

The first direct inkling of the birth of people of Omaha when a toy device, conthe Paxton now stands, to the intersection ave better success in recruiting his armies of Fourteenth and Douglas streets, along as much trouble with their policemen as the f he raised the pay of volunteers from 50 about 1876. At each end of the string was small ones. The Omaha papers are coments a day to 60. But does it seem right a piece of tin shaped like the cover of a plaining because the police of that great make a dime the margin between reluc- small sods can, both serving as receiver city seem unable to capture a dozen or the indications threaten that it will and to accept as an invitation to come tant loyalty and cheerful greed? Nor should and transmitter. The curlosity was operbe forgotten that the pay of a private ated free for a day or two, then the 5-cent | inal records so far. oughly satisfied.

The coming of the real telephone to of yesterday into the giant of today is told in a paper read before the Telephone society of Dallas, Tex., by Frank B. McKnight manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city from 1876 to 1880. Mr. McKnight says:

"It was during the early part of the year 1878, I think, that the first Bell magneto receivers reached Omaha, these having been procured by J. J. Dickey, at that time superintendent of telegraph of the Union Pacific ratiroad, and who afterwards assof the London committee in cutting out clated with himself a few other venture some spirits and organized the Nebraska Telephone company. not be long until its author, Senator ulation. Now, however, speculation Americans in the war of 1812. This is out to hear of the Blake transmitter, but none of consideration for the feelings of Ameri- of us had yet seen one of these instrucan spectators. We wonder how many ments, although we were pretty well in-Americans ever heard of the affair at formed as to its reported marvelous per-Chatcauguay or would have recognized it formances and the promise it gave of revo lutionizing the telephone industry, which promise was shortly afterwards realized.

> "Soon after these Bell receivers came into Mr. Dickey's possession I assisted him in making some interesting experiments-be tween Omaha and Fort Omaha, the United States army post, a distance of three and ondon to Paris in an aeroplane and Ved- one-half miles, where was an iron grounded circuitous course from Paris to Pau, 500 city end of this circuit was carried into miles, in six hours and fifty-five minutes the residence of General George Crook, supply and the endurance of aviators. The and warlike Indians who infested that relays of experienced airmen like Prier and men and women who were seeking to

the exhibition

There were ten of the receivers at eithe Washington Post: The Mothers' Congress with these simple magneto devices conversation was carried on and music transmitted with the utmost facility. The event | meeting will bear good fruit for Nebraska. was considered of such importance that the band at the post was ordered out to Carrie Nation would have had could she furnish the music at that terminal and have participated in those champagne riots the music, softened and modulated in its Journey over the wire, floated in in a most pleasing manner. Pianos were also employed with satisfactory results. It is my impression that this was the first publi

which indicated that it was regarded by them as one of more than ordinary impor-, stumping tour through the west before were continued over greater distances but have a chance to fade. Already he has a successfully until the limit was reached.

"Several years before the time of which I am speaking, while employed as an operator for the Western Union at Cheyenne. on the Union Passific railroad, I met Mr. Vail, then a young man, who was filling plainly to be seen and from talks I had of republican policy. with him afterwards, it was quite apparent common knowledge as he heads today two for himself designation as a progressive Telegraph company and the Western Union Telegraph company, the affairs of which he is conducting with such consummate have become a full-fledged radical. sagacity and skill that he is regarded as one of the real great captains of industry and his achievements are the admiration of financial and industrial circles in all

"That his confidence in himself was justified is best illustrated by the fact that at the age of 27 he became general superin tendent of the railway mail service of the United States, a most responsible position at that time because the service was in a formative state and it required the his adaptability to a wide variety of conkeenest intelligence and the hardest sort ditions. of work to solve the intricate problems which if wisely and properly done meant the permanent success of the system.

company of Missouri, which office he held denied democracy when the dinner until his recent death, for the purpose of rings after the next election. offering to me the right under the Bell patents, to develop the states of Nebrasks and Kansas. This I was ursed to accept and, of course, I knew I was indebted to preachers and sermons is esteemed a nota- Mr. Vali for the opportunity offered. How ever, circumstances were such that I could not see my way clear to avail myself of it, to my everlasting regret, for in No vember of that year an agreement was made whereby the Western Union retired from the field, having become convinced that their contentions could not be maintained and my obligations to the Western Union were thus canceled, but it was too

"Early in 1880 I received a letter from Mr. Vall tendering me a position with the Bell company, and in May of that year entered its service.

"It is probably due to Theodore N. Vail the first general manager of the American Bell Telephone company of Boston, more than to any other individual, that the telephone service of the country was placed on a developing basis of such importance beginning.

> "Thinking in Bed." Brooklyn Eagle.

65 to avoid thinking in bed, the thing that killed Harriman, he says. Mr. Stubbs will find just as many farmers and retired persons in the lunatic agylums ridden by their devils. As we go on perfecting the human race, we shall be amazed to look back chair of public affairs. Princeton univer- and find men of power in high places run-

subject that must be taken up next.

HANDOUTS FOR OMAHA.

York News: If young Mr. Smyth of Smaha is indeed guilty of writing the black hand letters received at his home and of kidnaping himself in accordance with the have his talents cultivated:

Plattsmouth Journal: The courts of Omalia are after the short-weight fellows. the telephone infant was imparted to the It would be a good thing for some in this nected by a string, was operated from the snatched up when they least expect to be roof of the old Grand Central hotel, where We just want to give them timely warning

Nebraska City Press: The big towns have more criminals who have successful crim-

rate was put in by the owners, and the | Hastings Tribune: Judging from the line was kept busy afternoons and even- numerous accounts in the papers the memings until the town's curiosity was ther- bers of the Omaha Commercial club do nothing else but wine and dine. But regardless of that the club certainly is com-Omaha and the development of the infant posed of a bunch of boosters who know how to go out and get what they go after.

> Auburn Granger: A number of promi nent clergymen of Omaha are not real sure whether there is a hell or not, or whether the Bible so teaches, and what is wonderfully strange about the matter here are some of them with enough moral ourage to hint that they are doubtful in the matter but there are others ready to raise the club and caution them against making any admission as to lack of faith. or expressing doubt as to the torrid place. York Times: In Omaha they are listing

their automobiles for assessment at \$200 to \$300, some even going as high as \$500. They must be basing their valuation on the cos of manufacture rather than on the selling price. It is estimated that the average selling price of automobiles is more than \$1.000, but it is fair to presume the aver age is considerably higher in Omaha, where so many high-priced machines are sold. When they assess them at the value of a good horse it is getting off pretty easy. Columbus Telegram: It cannot be well for Nebraska if there must always be a spirit of either political or commercial enmity between Omaha, our great metropolis, and all the other towns and cities of that state. There should be planned, in the wisdom of the strong men of the state, a program under which the powers which control in Omaha will cease to treat the balance of the state contemptuously and under which Nebraskans outside of Omaha will cease to regard that great city aeroplane will stand the strain. Thus, if region and made life a burden to the brave as hell's headquarters. I am of the opinion that a good work in that direction has been started. In June all the editors in Nebraska will assemble in Omaha at th annual meeting of the State Press associa-"On the night of our first demonstration | tion. Strong men in Omaha-men who de the Crooks invited in several members of sire that the country editors may have the general's staff with their wives, like- and hold better impressions of that city, wise a few of the towns-people to witness are planning to make the June meeting very interesting to the writing visitors, and the officers of the editorial fraternity end of the line, connected up in series and are doing all possible to draw to the city on that occasion practically every newspaper writer in the state. I believe the I believe it will give the yokels a better

WILSON IN THE FIELD.

opinion of Omaha, and give Omaha a better

opinion of the yokels.

New Jersey's Governor "Swinging Around the Circle." Philadelphia Bulletin. exhibition of the telephone in Omaha.

The favorite son of the New Jersey democrats evidently appreciates the adprinted extended notices of the happening.

The favorite son of the New Jersey democrats of the newspapers on the day following democrats evidently appreciates the advise Guy, again admitting that he didn't know everything.

in the presidential race and announces a lap the advantage over Governor Harmon of Ohio, his leading opponent, for the latter still has a rebellious legislature on his hands and a handicap in the shape of a state liquor question which he does not

seem able to shake off. This trip through the west is not, how a position as a railway mail clerk on that ever, without its perils, some of them road. I was immediately attracted toward quite as serious as those attending the him because of his clean, wholesome and management of a state legislature. This vigorous personality, but little did I dream is a big country, and there are quite as of the remarkable career that awaited him. many variations of democracy from one That he was aggressively ambitious was side of it to the other as there are shades

Mr. Wilson was classed as a conservative that he had set a high mark which he when he became a candidate for governor confidently expected to attain. That he of New Jersey. During the few months accomplished his purpose is a matter of that he has been in office he has earned of the greatest public utility corporations By the time he gets back from his trip in the world—the American Telephone and to the Pacific coast, including his pilgrimage to the shrine of Nebraska, he may have taken the succeeding degree and

Nothing untoward has happened to disturb the success of the Wilson stride, but the period and field of observation have been very limited. It is the longer distance and the peculiarities of the full course that will tell. The presidential race is not a hundred yards' dash to be won by a spectacular sprint, although Bryan won his first nomination by such an effort, but is rather a cross-country run, in which a contestant must prove

> Whoops of a Pie Biter. Houston Post.

The postmaster general tells us that over "In 1879 there came to Omaha two rep- 3,000 postoffices were established last year esentatives of the Bell company, H. H. and that postmasters' salaries were raised Eldred and George F. Durant, the \$11,000,000. The significance of this gratifylatter becoming afterwards the vice presi- ing announcement is that it will mean comdent and general manager of the Bell fort, cash and peace to a hungry and long PROSPERITY ON THE PARM.

Record-Breaking Decade in History of American Agriculture. New York World.

One of the most interesting disclosures plan outlined he is a genius and should of the census of 1910 is the great gain in farm values made in the last decade That gain has been distributed over the whole country, extending into states where agriculture has been supposed to city to look a little out or they may be be declining and "abandoned farms" were much in evidence as well as into states where agriculture has long been the chief source of wealth. Thus in Massachusetts an increase of il per cent is reported in the value of farm land and buildings, of 30 per cent in the value of implements and machinery and of 32 per cent in the value of farm land an acre. The figures for Connecticut are to, 33 and 63 per cent, respectively, while in the middle west the increases have ranged well up to 100 cent. Kansas has much more than doubled the value of land and buildings and the average value to the acre, while in Colorado the gains are 263 per cent for the land and buildings and 170 per cent for the average acre price.

prosperous in the whole history of Amer-Ican agriculture. It saw the prices of agricultural products reach unprecedented figures and hold firm for several sea-The owners of farms lifted their mortgages and improved their property and land values advanced all along the line. That advance was not due, moreover, to an inflow of population into the farming districts, creating a greater demand for land. In states like Indiana and Missouri, in which between 1900 and 1910 there was practically no increase in the population outside the cities, lands rose steadily in price. The average value to the acre increased 104 per cent in Mis-

souri and 93 per cent in Indiana. Land values were kept low for many years by the excessive supply of cheap undeveloped land in the sparsely settled west. That supply has been pretty well exhausted, and the upward movement long artificially stayed, is now in full swing. High prices for most commodities, and especially high prices for farm products, accelerated the gain of the last decade, which has largely made up for the stagnation so persistent between 1889 and 1900. The farmer's industry has left behind it the abnormal period of homesteading, and his land is acquiring new value every year. The future of agriculture in this country was never more assured or more promising, because the increase in population from now on will far outrun the possible increase in area

## TAPS ON THE FUNNYBONE.

"An expert politician nowadays," marked the cross roads ph.losopher, "is a sort of human 'vacuum cleaner.' He gets the dust and you can't see exactly how he does it."-Chicago Tribune.

"The Malays have a queer marriage cus om," remarked the traveler. "The groom tom," remarked the traveler. "The groom holds his nose against a small cylingrica object. I couldn't quite make out what I "A grindstone, probably," interposed Mr. Grouch.-Boston Transcript.

your children go to the public "Yes."
"What is the curriculum?"

"Mumps, measles, chicken pox, scarlet fever and diphtheria '-St. Louis Post Dis-patch. "People who live in glass shouldn't live within a stone's threach other," replied the Simple Philadelphia Record. glass houses

peanut man get his naturaliza-Yes; he proved to the judge right away that he was a good American at heart."
"How did he prove il?"
"In answer to a quest on he told the difference between a double play and a double-header."—Buffalo Express.

Visitor-And you always did your daring obberies single handed? Why didn't you have a pal?

Prisoner-Well, sir. I wux afrâid hemight turn out to be dishonest.-Toledo

THE FINAL VARIATIONS.

New York Sun. ty girl of long ago was sweet and she was coy.
Quite like a.
girl she bore
herself and never like a boy. She
was a thing of beauty

and a fond mysterious joy

soon the dream was broken, bo it was a sad sad blow to find our pretty maiden gown just so.

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