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Uneasy hangs the head (these days) that wears the tassel.

It is all over but the moving picture reproduction of the coronation.

Evidently this hot weather has started another revolutionary fire in Cuba.

Those Britons seem to have become seasick trying to settle the sailors strike.

Still, as a letter of credit, Mr. Morgan did not have to buy that Luther epistle.

Will Senator-to-Be Ollie James invite Mr. Bryan to come into or stay out of Kentucky this year?

At any rate, the weather man ought to be elected an honorary member of the Ice Barons' association.

Mr. Morgan is now a member of the Eagle order—the German kind, ment. "Birds of a feather flock together."

Only 63,000,000 barrels of beer sold in the United States during the last the people of the United States drank the chances are that it is a sham battwelve months. Oh, you schooner!

Old Sol has wrung a promised surrender from the senate, anyway. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. "Passing of Royalty" is the caption

review over in London the other day.

hot weather, some of those congress- tives of that church warned overmen will put up a tough fight against zealous reformers not to run away old Nick.

Jack Johnson might make another imaginary million by staging moving pictures of himself getting arrested for speeding.

The signal corps company formerly stationed at Fort Omaha is to be ordered back from Texas. Omaha will question by misrepresenting the facts. give the high sign. A big golf tournament and a six-

teen-inning ball game on one and the tains them declares that "prohibition" same day seems like filling the sports- is spreading. These statistics do not man's cup to overflowing. If the much vaunted Albert law

does no more than our district judge says it does, then it went through the in population. And it may be, so far the country. No man can take his less Chicago speeches, followed by the In spite of the scripture that "A

house divided against itself cannot stand," the senate has even been able to defy dissolution in a 105-tempera-

The World-Herald believes that the peo ple of this city have been taught a badly needed lesson.-World-Herald. Well then, why squeal so hard and

The new automobile law requires sponsive to these influences. auto owners to pay registration fee in the county of which they reside, which should soon give us an accurate count of the autos in our midst.

The most distressing part of it is that these water bond elections interfere with the summer excursion to Europe annually taken by the Water board's high-priced lawyer.

City Clerk Butler has figured that not less than \$3,500. But what is \$3,500 to the Water boarders when it hatched out in a day, nor the sudden comes out of other people's pockets?

by deciding to vote against reciprocity. Every senator has a problem all his tions, its wisdom and equity will, he

Mr. Bryan proposes his plan of 1894 as a compromise on which the house it it might have been more considerately heard.

Calling Coal Roads to Time.

Judging from that part of its evifence made public, the government has a strong case against the coal roads. It should have little difficulty in proving that the coal companies are dummies in the hands of the railroads that control the great anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania. One point the government makes is that the capital stock of a coal company is owned by a railroad and that since this ownership was created the coal company has and no lapse of time from the date of the paid no dividends, that the railroad has advanced it millions of dollars. none of which has ever been refunded and that the raffroad has paid the interest on the company's bonds, receiving in return earnings of transportation of coal over its lines.

Certainly this seems to be a very close community of interest, entirely thorities and teachers, on the final too close to satisfy the provisions of the Sherman law; at least too close longer to escape legal prosecution. By this road, the Lehigh Valley, is the of season the merit system for the approprietor of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the government expects to succeed in bringing its case within line nent list, which insures uninterrupted of the recent decision in the commodity clause case. If it finally succeeds tions and competency have been coal production, it ought to bring system. To get a place on a teaching about thereby tangible benefits for staff only for demonstrated ability, coal consumers. Of course, this is one and to keep the place thus secured public opinion has not been so com- responsible positions from personal pletely agreed on any similar proposition in late years as that nine rail- the permanent tenure list, too, deroads, in spite of all that has been pends the whole plan of teachers' pensaid of "divine right of ownershp," have monopolized Pennsylvania's anthracite coal output and the consequences have been severely felt by the the necessity of securing re-election people.

Everybody's Business.

It is an old saying that what is everybody's business is nobody's business. The only way to get anything tually must be merged. The merit done is for someone to take hold of it. The new law permitting Omaha to adopt the commission plan of city tually make conjunction with Omaha government, which has just gone into easier and put South Omaha teachers effect, would lie dormant on the in better position to come in on a level statute books indefinitely so far as with the teachers in the Omaha Omaha is concerned, unless some per- schools. From every point of view, son or organization took it up and set therefore, the innovation cannot but necessary to vitalize it. The Bee is the South Omaha teachers; second, in coming to the front to do this work raising the standard of teaching effifor the people. The submission of ciency, and third, in giving the school will not yet down that the only request essentially the first step, and we be- struction. lieve the service which The Bee is doing in securing these petitions will are interested in better city govern-

Statistics of Drink, According, to authentic statistics 63,000,000 barrels of beer in the welve months ending June 30 and whisky amounting to \$146,973,000 in value. The beer consumption shows and increase over the preceding year of 6.21 per cent and the whisky 5.66 of an editorial. We saw it pass-in per cent. These government statistics were anticipated in a report issued by the general assembly of the Presbyte-From the way they are standing the rian church in May, when representawith the idea that Demon Rum had been cornered and was about to throw up the sponge. The church's idea, of the city treasury during the last year. course, was that such false notions On his report no one not informed temperance work and it did not want

that.

At any rate, nothing is to be gained for or against either side of the drink Nor need we become discouraged in our efforts at temperance by these figures. The same report that conshow that intemperance is on the increase. We must remember that what increases are recorded are very slight as compared with the general growth as these figures show, that temper- place when he leaves it vacant. ance is absolutely and relatively gaining ground. Temperate use of beverages probably is steadily gaining over intemperance and when that is the case, the country has much to be thankful for. There is a very wide difference, of course, between temperance and abstinence. The one is always within reach and subject to influences steadily at work in our social and industrial life, while the other is remote and not particularly re-

Evolution of the Rule of Reason. What Attorney General Wickersham urges in his address to the Michigan State Bar association is that this rule of reason principle in dealing bowed. with large industrial organizations under the Sherman anti-trust law is the result of the evolution of years of painstaking effort on the part of the government to strike a safe and fair a special election costs the taxpayers relation between legal authority and in field service have proven thoroughly and the dismissal of Pinchot were the legitimate business. It is not a thing product of a single judicial proceeding. It has come to us by slow stages By "one fell stroke" Senator Ken- and long process and as time goes on you has pleased a lot of political op- and it is more and more applied to the poments and displeased other friends regulation and correction of these the ross, the Hily, the violet, he had his turn, the country and the president began commercial and industrial organizabelieves, become more firmly rooted in the minds of the people.

While it is true that this rule of reason does not conform with the and senate may come together in their ideas of the most radical, it seems scrap over the popular election of sen- fairly to meet the demands of the ators proposition. Perhaps if Mr. average-minded man who has thought Bryan had let somebody else propose seriously about it. Attorney General Wickersham clearly points out the failacy of supposing that every "ordinary legislative bodies.

agreement of purchase and sale, of ownership or of corporate organization" violates the Sherman law and therefore becomes an obnoxious trust. Under this rule of reason it does not, but let us look further and remember that this rule of reason is still extensive in its application. As the attor-

ney general puts it: It also is now settled that no form of corporate organization, merger or consolidation, no species of transfer of title, whether by sale, conveyance or mortgage original contract, conspiracy or combination, can bar a federal court of equity from terminating an unlawful restraint or compelling the disintegration of a monopolistic combination.

South Omaha's Step Forward.

The Bee congratulates South Omaha, and particularly its school auadoption of a permanent teachers' list modeled upon that of Omaha. From using this test case and proving that Bee has advocated in season and out pointment and promotion of teachers tenure after the teacher's qualificamance of duty, alone removes these favoritism and political pull. Upon sions, for the right of a teacher to retirement after a certain period of service is absolutely inconsistent with every year at the hands of a constantly

changing school board. Omaha is also co-relating the public schools of the two cities, which even-South Omaha public schools will even-

That story about the School Book kee of the school superintendent who tle for effect only.

Prospects are for more than three candidates filed for the supreme judge places on the democratic ticket, but that is no sign the democratic bosses. will not fix the slate. All but three will be given to understand in due time that it is their cue to withdraw

The city license inspector takes credit to himself for the collection of \$10,000 in license fees turned into city's bureaus where the deputy does nearly all the work.

The Sioux City Journal thinks Govpopularity by vigorous use of his veto power. He will not veto Murphy, though, and until he does will not regain much of his lost popularity.

Indiana had better get busy and try to raise up another to take J. Whitcomb Riley's place, or, at least, to

Washington Herald. Should Colonel Bryan get another nominmand all his enthusiasm.

Where Royalty Falls Down.

trading stamps.

An Unbending Pompadour. Chicago Tribune When Senator La Follette thinks he is obloquy nor ridicule can stop him. His

pempedeur may be rumpled, but it is un-

Veteran of Many Wars Retired. Washington Times. And so passeth the hardtack, for Major General Carter has reported that the experiments in making fresh bread for troops of excitement. The Giavis investigation home. Elpstone, in New Hartford.

Lover and Painter of Flowers.

Brooklyn Eagle.

Rescus Stations for Spiclers. St. Louis Republic.

President Who Leads

Significance of the Flanc and Folicies of the Administra-tion Now Before the Public.

Boston Transcript (Ind. rep.).

Beverly, much better pleased than ever be- out. Their policies were apparently who leads. This event and Secretary Fish- shift away from them, but he began to er's rejection of the Cunningham claims to do so very steadily just before election, the Alaskan coal lands are important news in a great many ways. Fisher's act settles moves the suspicion that these powerful claimants to this land have too much influence with the government. But the more scarcely one of his public acts since that shed upon the attitude and characteristics of President Taft. They are significant a letter of commendation that must read the day its first issue was printed The revelations of the about face which the president has executed since he came to see the changed view of the American people massive volume could be written about in the public schools, and the perma- might be compared with the tremendous change that took place in the attitude of Mr. Gladstone from his youthful conservatism of Oxford tradition to his later and in dissolving this railroad control of proved, is the backbone of the merit change came about gradually, while Mr. practically lifelong liberalism. But this Taft's has been almost sudden. Rather it should be said that the change took place when Mr. Taft became president, and that of the practical ends to which the during faithful and efficient perfor- version to his former attitude. Certainly the President Taft of today is very like the Secretary of War Taft that we knew three or four years ago in Roosevelt's cabinet.

line of politics. This seemed at first likely to be a popular attitude, as the country In taking this step forward South harmony president; but that this harmony meant taking into confidence the men who had been most antagonized by President the formation of his cabinet, this predilec system, with permanent tenure, in tion toward reactionary interests was plain. His selection of a former trust attorney for attorney general, a former railroad corporation attorney for secretary of war, and a man who was somewhat tied up in western land deals as secretary of longer can regard him as their enemy. the interior, were striking evidences of a Only the ultra-insurgents can declare that very large leaning toward the conservaorganize it became evident that the presiabout to secure the petition signatures be beneficial, first, in doing justice to dent was throwing his influennce in behalf much, and he was in a restless spirit about the question of adopting the plan is children better and more thorough in- that he made of Mr. Taft was that he would retain Garfield as secretary of the interior, and that Garfield was not informed that he was to be left out of the new cabinet until the nomination of Baibe appreciated by all our people who trust opposing re-election in Milwau- linger was sent to the senate. Moreover, the representatives of publicity newspawas the trust's trusty at the head of White House during the days of Roosethe Omaha public schools before his velt allege that they were politely or last transplanting, will go down only otherwise informed by the president's secwith the marines. If there is a battle, retary that they were not wanted there, and the most of them resolutely stayed

There followed an atmosphere of suspended judgment, which is the next thing to suspicion, regarding the president. No body believed that he was in any way inimical to good influence or to liberal interests, but the radicals believed that he was playing the harmony game on the wrong side of the line. As spring passed into summer and the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was discussed in the house and senor gracefully accept foreordained ate it became manifest that the president was not throwing the weight of his auhority in the direction of lower revision, that he was more insistent on getting through the Philippine tariff and the tariff board provisions than he was on enforcing that revision downward of the schedules which he had promised in his speeches the year before. Senator Dolliver made his might tend to interrupt or retard real would suspect that this is one of the the country applauded. Ultimately the eloquent attack upon the president and establishment of the tariff board, course, will be worth more than any other liberalizing factor in tariff legislation possible, but that was felt to be a remote ernor Dix may regain part of his lost the country, which viewed the Payne-Alaffair and made very little impression upon drich bill with loathing.

away.

Then came the president's tour to the west, the Boston speech in which he praised Senator Aldrich for his currency program, but which of course the public interpreted as laudation of the senator for his tariff program—an unjust accusation, to be sure. Next, came the Glavis dismissal, which stirred the country into succeed him as the poet laurests of almost hostility. Then followed the colorgreatest blunder of the entire administration, the Winons speech, which, to be sure was not so bad as the headlines made it out to be. He did not really "read the insurgents out of the party," as the headlines said he did, but we as a people are ation for the presidency he would have a becoming newspaper headline readers, so to celebrate that would com- that a headline now has almost more influence than the reading matter that follows it. But reviewing this Winona speech in the most friendly way, it was really a capital error and paved the way for King George and Kaiser Bill may hand the party discontents and splits which out their orders and decorations, but have since occurred. The remainder of the they will never get really strong with the western tour was a disappointment and masses until they begin to give green almost a failure. In the midst of it came the Crane resignation, a disgrace to the country and the State department. The trip down the Mississippi river dissatisfied. New York, only dodged being a musician the people there by the evident attempts by threatening when a boy to run away of the president to take a middle course, right, as he usually thinks he is, he goes and he returned to the White House with shead regardless of his enemies and neither the cloud of defeat hanging over his head.

great and memorable achievements of the near future. He will lecture on his the Roosevelt administration, the con- recollections of his father. servationists became furious over what they regarded as the president's refreat. During the following winter this topic main features of this disastrous period. The effects of these quarrels, added to the tariff bill's diagnosis came quickly. Mr. Foss was elected to congress from the Paul De Longpre stuck to his own field, Fourteenth Massachusetts district by an and in that field was absolutely first. If overwhelming majority, and when a little there are higher planes of art, he did not later a democrat was elected in the seek to enter them. In interpretation of Rochester district by as complete an overmission, and his work at all times was a to see that they were in the midst of a political revolution. President Roosevelt returned and immediately undertook his crusade for a new nationalism. It seemed In recent years men of parts have been protests against the toryism of the Paynedeterred from the pursuit of office and the Aldrich bill were overwhelming, as everyservice of the public because of the wholly body could ses. Vermont's republican ma- bicycle record of Mr. A. A. Adee, assistant inadequate return. But the Chautauqua jority shrunk. Maine went democraticis removing that obstacle. Its call is for not because of prohibition but because of this country on board the Touraine of the the man with a message, and no man of the tariff biti-and the country was brac- French line. Mr. Adee left this country talent need longer withhold his services ing itself for the storm which broke upon early in April last ond met William from the people because of the parsimony it in Noyember. The primaries that were Thackers, the United States consul at Berof taxpayers and the impecualisaity of held throughout the west in the summer in lin, and his wife, who is a daughter of which the progressive elements won by General Sherman.

overwhelming majorities, the refusal of the Iowa republicans to even mention Taft's name in the platform-all this showed that the revolution was within the party as When later in the summer the Ballinger investigating committee split and the report was delayed, the unrest in the party became more evident There was no possible way to heal this break before the election. The president had gone too far with the regulars. With-The decision of the senate to take up the out intending to do so, perhaps, he had reciprocity bill after the Fourth crowns practically made them the custodians of President Taft's work and sends him to his policies and the agents to carry them fore. It establishes him at last, as a leader policies, and it was a violent wrench to

A change had come. His famous letter the question that has been agitating the declaring that the insurgents should be country for a long time, opens the way to recognized in the distribution of patronage a forward movement to make the coal lands was an illustration of this shift of scene. of Alaska available to its people, and re- Following immediately after that came the election, and while the president was slow to show any sudden change of front, interesting, if not more important phase of election has been in the direction of the these events is the sidelight that they conservative element. He has allowed Bailinger to resign, although he gave him very curiously now in the light of his successor's rejection of the Cunningham claim. He has allowed Dickinson to resign also and thus removed another embarrass this shift of procedure and companions. It ment to his administration. The places of these two secretarys have been filled by men very close to Mr. Roosevelt, and the ultra-liberal wing of the party. These appointments are very clear evidence of the new policy. Moreover, the tenure of Secretary Knox is not regarded as secure.

But the president's most powerful mani festation of his change of plan is really seen in the negotiating of the reciprocity agreement. Because the insurgents have done the most complaining about this measure it does not follow that they are the parties that are most hurt. The president indeed has become almost as radical as they on the tariff, and even has some a After Mr. Taft was inaugurated it soon step further than they had thought posbecame evident that his associations and sible, but it must not be forgotten that affiliations were to be with men of the old the cardinal idea behind reciprocity is opposition to and a powerful blow atruck at the old citadel of the reguairs. They are was thought to be tired of the noise and the ones who are the most severely hit and fever of his predecessor, and quiet and hurt. Here is where the president, we resecurity were needed. That Mr. Taft felt peat, showed his newly acquired underthis too was plain. He meant to be a standing not only of the rights of the situation, but of its political necessity.

And nearly all of his actions, since in th reciprocity bill he first showed his liberal Roosevelt was hardly expected. Even in tendencies, have been along one line. He has apparently thrown away his old thoories, has discontinued the harmony platform with which he started out, and has squarely planted his feet upon the platform of rea progressiveness, and he is making a winning contest of it. The conservationists no he is fighting against their principles. As tive side. Then when the house began to for the old-line, standpat, reactionaries, he need have no fear of them. Whether he has learned this recently or not, the fact reof Cannon. This irked Mr. Roosevelt very mains that he has learned it. He is now experiencing all the satisfaction that comes from being a popular president, for he has become a president who leads, and leads in the right direction. His recent course has made it impolitic for the insurgents to put forward one of their number for the well join with him and strengthen his hand. Whether his change has come too late to save him and the party for 1912, no one can tell, but if the popularity of his administration grows as much in the next year as it has in the last few months, the outcome will be a splendid vindication the president in his turning to the light.

HOT STUFF.

Chicago News: Warmer winters are promised. It is a consolation to know that they cannot be warmer than the summers. Atlanta Constitution: July is not such a warm number. It's all in the way you look at the thermometer. Smoked glasses are

Baltimore American: Evidently the country want to have hot times and has been giving them.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The Atlantic ing these three years depended the symstates are new being cooled off by "re- pathies and co-operation of the outside freshing breezes from the west."

do they blow away from? out long ago that this was not to be a summer, but an athletic event. If the sporting blood of the community is what it ought to be, 1911, the Equatorial Kid, will be applauded for his clever work in knocking out records. Be a sport, even if you don't like the winner personally.

People Talked About



Florence Ziegfeld, theatrical producer from home, because his father proposed making a List or a Mozart out of him. Alfred Tennyson Dickens, eldest son of the novelist, who has lived in Australia As conservation had been one of the for forty years, will visit this country in

Mrs. Clara Louise Kellogg Strakosch who forty years ago was one of the best opera singers in the country, is writing was uppermost and Washington was full the memoirs of her life at her summer

> After having been parted eighteen years, Herbert W. Bradley, a Trenton enginee and contractor, and his sister, Muriel, or Durban, South Africa, met in New York, the means of recognition being little bows of ribbon. The young woman made the trip alone on the steamer Philadelphia.

The unusual distinction of being the only soman to handle trains in this country belongs to Mrs. Jennie Connor of Meirose Highlands, a suburb of Boston. She is employed by the Boston & Maine and is well known to thousands of railroad men sure that he would lead a great revolt. The throughout the four states in which the road operates.

Another 2,000 miles was added to the secretary of state, before he returned to In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Trans piring Among the Hear and Far Nations of the Marth

Fortunate is this nation in having the

right representative at the right time in the right place in England. Especially should Nebraska feel chesty in having its to learn that his talents shine on all needparty of American business men, numberpaper men and plain tourists, stopped a inspect some public works. The customary banquet closed the reception. Sir Bosdin Leech did the honors as speaker for the city. Having recounted the many achievements of the city and the success of municipal operation of public utilities, Sir nonest men. Right here General Howe commissioners. the kingdom. 'The officials worked for in the country? Besides the immovable love of country, and for the good of their body of inertia back of him, he confronts fellowmen." There was very little dif- a demoralized teaching staff marked for ference between the city officials of the reorganization and the delicate problem two nations. While the Americans were looking for the almighty dollar Englishtwo pence." The shot struck a vital spot. and the subsequent conversation was less boastful in tone.

Germany's determination to be within triking distance of Morocco should a division of northwest Africa be "deemed in the interest of civilization," has deeper sig nificance than is attached to the dispatch of a war vessel to the port of Agadir. Ger many is without a naval base on the At lantic or on the Mediterranean sea. Agadi is within halling distance of the Straits of Gibraltar and midway between Germany's chief naval station of Kiel and Rio Janeiro where German interests are growing by leaps and bounds. All other European powers are provided with naval bases or the Mediterranean, and Germany is no disposed to let a chance go by when the cutting of territory begins. Of course there is no intention of acting hastily in throwing the harpoon. Germany is looking ahead determined to act should France and Spain persist in extending their spheres of influence permanently. Both powers are justified by treaty rights in exercising police powers in Morocco. To France has faller the more difficult and dangerous task of invading the Moroccan capital of Fex and driving off the besiegers. The perils of the situation lie in the length of time required to suppress the warring native bands and the possibility of maintaining order with native forces. The disposition of France to emulate the British policy in Egypt ex-

China, in the eyes of the west, has been so chronically the land of vast attempts and painfully slow achievement that the story of the war against opium which is aproaching its successful close, falls little short of the marvelous. The progress of that campaign is graphically described by weather man thinks the patriots of the Rosa Pendleton Chiles in the Forum. On January 1, 1908, China began a three years' probation; upon the showing she made dur Where world. At the end of the probationary period it was estimated by the Chinese Chicago Tribune: We take no pride in government that the cultivation of the the matter, but merely note that we pointed poppy had been decreased by 80 per cent; the estimate by British consular officers in from 25 to 40 per cent; the estimate by our own consuls is about 50 per cent. Even at the lowest figure, the result is astonishing and leaves absolutely no doubt of the desire and determination of the Chinese to rid themselves of the opium plague. There have been no less than 1,000,000 closings of opium dens. The public burnings of confiscated opium and smoking apparatus are almost daily events.

the boast as a warning for a fair divide.

The mighty strides of education in Europe are strikingly shown in recent continental statistics. Twelve years ago there was only one teacher for every sixty pupils. Todday the proportion is one teacher to every forty-five pupils. This advance toward correct conditions is a remarkable one, and it is doubtful if it car be paralleled even in the United States, Germany, as is generally recognized, has the least illiteracy, returning only three illiterates to each 1,600 of population. England there are ten in every thousand: in Russia, 617.

Australia's population increased from 8,773,801 in 1901 to 4,469,495 in 1911. Australia has now passed Ireland and pulled up

close to Scotland in point of numbers. It will undoubtedly have overtaken Scotland by 1921, and will then have to fight is out with the South African Union and Canada for priority as a constituent part of the British empire with self-governing rights.

SUPT. DAVIDSON'S BIG TASK.

Nature of the Se'col Difficulties Blooming to Washington.

Washing on Post. The public school system of Washington distinguished citizen, the Hon. Church is maintained on a scale of physical ampli-Howe, on the firing line in a crisis. Those tude and at a financial outlay which ought who remember his ability, perspicacity and to give results reflecting credit on conadvoitness in speech and action as a legis. gress, the district supreme court, the board lator in bygone days will not be surprised of commissioners and the board of education-the four august bodies having to do ful occasions as American consul at Man- with the task of housing and instructing chester. Many such occasions arise, In- the 55,000 children of school age. For an exvariably General Howe is there with the tended period of years, down to the time goods. The latest happened on June 26. A when congress began studiously to curtail the time devoted to district legislation, the ing eighty, comprising city officials, news. school machinery, despite its shifting methods, made the schools something to day at Manchester to view the mights and be proud of and patterned after. And on the whole they compare favorably today with the schools of some other larger cities. But that they are losing ground is too obvious for denial.

The new superintendent is taking hold at a time when things are at sixes and nicipal operation of public utilities. Sir sevens. Congress is out of sympathy with Leech threw a shower of bouquets toward the district commissioners and the school the city officials who 'devoted their time trustees, although a committee of inquire and talents to the public good." He did not of its own choosing reported that congress know the reason why, but the fact re-mained that those who entered the city conditions, while a bitter feud between council never made a penny out of it. "If commissioners and trustees is being fought any man was found using the corporation out at heavy cost to the schools. The disas a vehicle for his own enrichment he trict supreme court, whose function is the would be drummed out." Somehow he appointment of the school trustees, has gathered the impression that city council- held aloof from the battle of cross-purmen in the United States were different, poses, but its recent appointments to the and expressed the hope they would board indicate an unshaken confidence in be banished from the sight of that body as against the attitude of the

broke into the conversation. After seven Could Superintendent Davidson have years in England he could vouch for the found a more complicated deadlock, a more honesty of the municipal governments of mixed situation generally, anywhere else of restricting the mischlevous activities of the high school "frats" which the teachers men were looking for four shillings and find subversive of discipline. What with a congress more intent upon digging into the buried past than dealing with the living present, a board of commissioners reaching out for more power, and a board of education of limited authority and time, Superintendent Davidson faces great difficulties. But he is a man of experience and address, and the public is with him. will not be lacking in strong support in his efforts to improve the school situation.

SUMMERY SMILES.

"How did you enjoy the ball game?"
"I hollered myself hoarse. One of visitin fellers got beaned and had to carried to the club house, and our belicked 'em, 19 to 18."—Chicago Tribune. the be

"There are microbes in a kiss," said the scientist.
"I don't care," replied the summer re-sort beau. "A microbe can't be a witness in a breach of promise case."—Washington

New Jarsey with dynamite."
"Bless me, is that so? Well, say, it must take a lot of patlence to get the skeeter to sit quiet 'till th' fuse is lighted."—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Ever undergo any hardships on your crulse, shipwreck or anything like that?" "Never was shipwrecked, but we went out once without a corkscrew aboard,"— Pittsburg Post.

"Why do you consult a doctor when you are so careless about taking his advice?" asked the physician.
"Well," replied the hypochondriac, "it's worth what it costs to find a man who is willing to sit down and listen to my troubles."—Washington Star.

The owner of a large library solemnly warned a friend against the practice of lending books. To punctuste his advice he showed his friend the well stocked shelves. "There," said he; "every one of these books was lent me."—Lippincott's Maga-

The doctor stood by the bedside and looked gravely down at the sick man. "I cannot hide from you the fact that you are very ill," he said. "Is there and one you would like to sea?"
"Yes," said the sufferer faintly, "Who is it?"
"Another doctor."—Judge.

"M-0-T-H-E-R !"

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Fifty times, or more, a day
Hear 'em call her that away!—
Out t' play, perhaps, or fetch
Kindling wood or mebbe ketch
Hens or shoo the turkey cocks
Out o' reach o' chicken hawks.
Somethin' in their eyes, or got
Stung by wasnups, like as not,
Fingers pinched, or gypsies nigh—
Anything that makes 'em cry
Sends 'em to the house from play—
First oddrotted thing they say
Is: ''M-o-t-h-e-r!''

"Mother" this an "mother" that
"Til she don't know where she's at
"Twixt her pans an kittles and
Younguns all around her! "Land"
She-say-she "let up on maw!
Why not go an ask your paw
Jest fer change?" an then, blame-don
Tells 'em how they're wearin' on
"Moth'rin" every whip-an'-stitch!
"Mother'rin" every whip-an'-stitch!
Talks 'em quiet, purty nigh,
"Til she's interrupted by
"M-o-t-h-a-r!"

Yit, for all her takin' on
'Bout their pesterin', blame-don,
When they went with Uncle Joe
Up t' see the circus show—
First sae' only day she jest
Railly had a chance t' rest!—
What 'd she do? She set an' set,
Handkerchief jist wringin' wet;
'Give that quarter section there'
She declared, 'throw in the mare,
Heifers, too—an' grain—an' hay—
Jist t' hear one youngun say:
'M-o-t-h-e-r!'



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