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Few improvements made in Scranton during the much-maligned "ripper" regime are more welcome and more helpful to the public convenience than the placing of street signs, just accomplished. Director Roche is entitled to

More Pay for Our Presidents.

T IS NOT creditable to the people of the United States that their president should have to pay out of his pocket the expenses of the social functions which custom calls upon him to observe. In the case of President Roosevelt it happens, fortunately, that the chief executive has some private means upon which he can draw when his salary is exhausted. Although not a rich man as riches are estimated in these multi-millionaire days, Mr. Roosevelt has a larger private income than any president we have had since Millard Fillmore. But it is not consoling to national pride to think that if it were not for this fact the white house would necessarily be deprived of a good deal of the gayety' which it now manifests in a social way-gayety which not only serves a useful purpose in lightening the burdens of the executive by affording him congenial relief but also is a direct aid to the performance of his more serious duties A number of foreign countries pay

their ambassadors in salary and allowances a good deal more than we payour president. There is no head of another important nation who is paid so poorly. Even little Cuba, beginning amidst economic stress, pays her president a salary half that of the president of the United States and makes allowances for entertaining which bring the total up to that which we allow. When private corporations can pay for executive service double and quadruple the pay of our president it should be evident that the latter is underpaid. Of nor should seek it for the money there is in it; but we might at least enable our presidents to give their whole thought to the duties of their office instead of compelling them to use part of their energies in planning how to make straightened ends meet. In this era of high prices a twenty per cent. advance in the executive income would hardly more than keep pace with private industry and a hundred per cent. "raise" would be no more than fair in view of the presidency's increased duties and responsibilities.

All that is now needed to make the Fahey movement a Democratic love feast is for former City Treasurer Robinson to lie down and let himself be stepped on.

Not Deteriorating.

NVARIABLY the part looks prei tier than the present, because we do not see its passions and prejudices and do see only its glories. Yet those who study history in detail and who estimate each generation by its own standards do not feel uncomfortable because their lot has been cast in the present. If "there were giants In those days," there are giants now and many more than we step to enumerate. As Senator Platt, of Connectiout, said the other day to the New England society of Pennsylvania:

"It is fashionable nowadays to speak of the decadence of the senate, and compare its present with the days of Webster and his compatriots; and yet. I think when I first entered the senate from Connecticut there was as much average ability in the senate as at any time in its previous history. No man of the present can tower above his fellows as Webster towered above his fellows of those days, because the average ability and the average strength and the average power of the senete today is greater than it was in those early times. They might have been great leaders in our history, but I venture to say that ne single man today can be such a great leader because the average standard of our whole people has so wonderfully increased and advanced. We can have no great leaders in the senate because there are se many men there fitted to be leaders.

"How was it when I first came into the senate? From the state of Massachasetts, the old original state of the Pilgrim and the Puritan, there were the distinguished senator who sits at my right (Senator Hour), and I had almost said his equally distinguished colleague and peer, Henry L. Dawes. From the state of Rhode Island there were Anthony and Burnside, two men each of whom was fitted by education and by his lifework to grace not only the United State senate but any legislative body of the world. And, from Maine there was that prince of senators, James G, Blaine. From Vermont, there was that great man, great lawyer and great senator, George Edmunds, and his colleague, equally distinguished in forms of federated enterprise. If it is the business world, Mr. Morrill, Who shall say that such men were not entitled to exercise a great and powerful States it should not be deemed imposinfluence, not only in the senate, but sible, before trial, to effect a similar in the United States? Who shall say

tioned were not the peers of even Webotor bismoter

Senator Platt did not attempt to pass indement upon the senators of today: but had he done so and had modesty not intervened, he might fairly have pointed to the present junior senator from Connecticut as representing in a peculiarly high degree the practical wisdom and uncontaminated patriotism combined with ripe experience which go to make up the best statesmanship. His record for doing things; and for doing difficult things sanely, notwithstanding the confusion so common in half-informed circles outside the senate, compares favorably with that of Daniel Webster or any other "giant" of add that he is only one of perhaps twoscore senators of which the same may be said with equal truthfulness.

The storm king's Christmas present was strong if not fancy.

Cheaper Telegraph Tolls.

KEPTICISM has greeted every new development in science, hence we are not unprepared which the sub-marine cable people are pouring out upon Marconi's feat in spanning the Atlantic by wireless communication. But it is safe to assume that the skill which has achieved what Marconi has done will prove adequate to improve the details so as to render wireless telegraphy commercially expedient. It is high time that telegraph tolls came down. As the World's Work aptly says: "One of the crimes of our time is the successful prevention of such an increase in telegraphic convenlence as we now suffer. It costs twenty-five cents to send a ten-word telegram from one town to the next, but a letter can be sent to inland Alaska and drawn hundreds of miles on a dogsled for two cents."

When we consider the economies nost other forms of public service which have been accomplished during the past decade it is remarkable that there should have been no material decline in the cost of sending ordinary telegrams. From the mechanical side telegraphy in this period has been wonderfully improved. Processes of duplication have been introduced whereby one wire is enabled to do the work that five and six wires used to do at a speed twice to thrice that formerly in vogue, yet so far as can be observed the public has shared little, if at all, in the benefits. Instead of profiting by the experience of the post office department, which has taught that every reduction in what may be called the retail price of service has been followed immediately by an immensely increased volume of business and revenue, the telegraph companies appear to have set themselves athwart the prevalent tendency and it is high time that they had a shaking up. If the Marconi system shall have this effect proachable gallantry. it will, indeed, prove a benefaction.

seeks the presidency, Odeli and bodes ill for those Republicans who tried at the last election to the glasses of lemonade to send him to the junk heap. It is another sign that Odell is it.

The United Farmers of America.

THE ferment of organization, which has permeated capital Frenchman in his part and started him and industrial labor, seems out with the tray. destined to have for its next field of activity the farms of the country. It has been observed that these things move in cycles. The last general movement among the farmers, aside from the Grangs, was the Populistic political movement, which recently went his interview with his obliging instructor prise for the amelioration of rural conditions, in its prospectus the most comprehensive of all. It is called the "National Society of Equity of North America," and these are its declared

1. To promote and encourage organization and co-operation among farmers, stockmen, horticulturists, gardeners and men of kindred vocations by the establishment of a national society, with such branches and such local societies as may be necessary to carry out such objects.

2. To obtain profitable prices for all products of the farm and garden and

i. To encourage the building of cold storage houses and warehouses in the principal market cities, or in all the localities where necessary, so that farm produce may be held for advantageous

4. To encourage prohibition of the adul-

of agriculture, horticulture, stock rais-

ing and gardening.
6. To secure equitable rates of transportation. open un new markets and en-

7. To open large old on a. 8. To secure new seeds, grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., from foreign countries, disseminate the same, with a view of improvement of present crops and giving a greater variety.

9. To report crops, crop conditions, an

market reports in this and foreign coun-tries, so that farmers may operate intelligently in planting and marketing.

10. To encourage the establishment of institutions of learning, so that farmers and their sons and daughters may be educated in scientific farming, and for the general advancement of agriculture.

To encourage the improvement of 12. To encourage the irrigation of land.
13. To promote social intercourse.
14. To encourage the settlement of disutes without recourse to law. 15. To establish similar societies in for-

eign countries. The president of this enterprise, E. A. Everett, of Indianapol's, says in further explanation: "We expect to organize the millions engaged in agriculture. A complete system of crop reporting will be maintained through an official organ. Knowing the amount of crops produced and the consumption from past experience, an equitable minimum price will be fixed by the directors of the national body and reported at once to all parts of the country. Once fixed the price will rule on that crop for the year." On its face this ambition is not more illogical than some that animates other possible from Indianapolis to guide the fuel producing labor of the United

control of the crop-producing labor

conditions of employment and social ife. But in doing it Mr. Everett will be kept busy.

The erratic methods of District Attorney Jerome, of New York, in breaking into houses on the suspicion that they conceal gambling are to be reviewed in court, as they should be. Gambling is a vice which should be suppressed if possible, but there are ways to do it which would be far worse than the state of things which they are supposed to correct, and Jerome seems to have adopted there.

During the year more than six, thousand miles of new railway track were old; and we are happy to be able to laid in the United States, the largest new mileage laid in any year during the past decade. During the year 162,-600 new cars were built, almost enough to make a train that would reach from New York to Chicago and back to Buffalo. A pretty good index to prosperity.

The fear seems to be growing that President Roosevelt shall arbitrate the Venezuelan muss, Uncle Sam will wind up as debt collector for South America Well, it clearly needs one. And it is for the deluge of cold water difficult to see how Uncle Sam can pocket the gains of the Monroe doctrine without at the same time shouldering ts responsibilities.

> On an average h baby is born in New York city every ten minutes. And the problem which this fact presents is how to make good citizens of the extremely poor bables and also the extremely rich.

Truly this is an age of innovation It is announced that beginning with the January number the North American Review is to admit fletion into its

In his desire to discredit the army in he Philippines General Miles should hereafter avoid General Franklin Bell Bell is loaded for bear.

cuperative power. Has the vatican fountain of perpetual youth? The decision at Washington to corl

Pope Leo is certainly a marvel of re

up the Venezuelan news scems a triff

Outline Studies of Human Nature

"Please Wet Your Whistle."

Although it is well known that Gen-Fellx Agnus, the editor of the Baltimor-American, is a native-born Frenchman those who have listened to his fluent con versation or finely finished oratory find it diffiult to believe that when the genial general was winning his honors in the Union ranks during our civil war, he Union ranks during our civil war, he could speak little and understand less of the English language. There is one quality, however, for which the general has always been noted, and that is irre- Leather and pro-

This quality was very apparent on one occasion during the early sixtles, when the company to which the general be-The political significance in the ap- longed-he was then a lieutenant-plan-pointment of General Greene as police ned to give a reception to the fair damsels of the neighborhood where they were in camp. Cake and lemonade were commissioner of New York is that it in camp. Cake and lemonade were strengthens the hands of Governor served, and the then Lieutenant Agnus

act, the young soldier inquired of one of his comrades the proper speech to make when offering the beverage. This military beau saw in the situation the germ of a joke, but, keeping his idea to him-self, carefully instructed the young

Smiles and giggies followed in the lieu-tenant's path until some one kinder than the others informed the gallant soldier that it was not exactly the correct thing in America to request a young lady to "please wet your whistle."

to smash. Now comes another enter- -is as yet an unpublished chapter.-New

Her Husband's Sentiment.

Not long ago a small luncheon was planned by the wife of Rev. Dr. McCon-nell for a few friends, all ladies. She had suggested to her husband that possibly ne would enjoy lunching at the club that

But on that day he was so absorbed in as work that he forgot to lunch at the club, but came into the house about 1 o'clock, saying. "My dear, just give me a bite and let me go back to my work." This of course she did, taking him into the basement and giving him what she could gather hastily togethey.

As the ladies were taking their departure after a delightful luncheon, one

of them turned and said:
"Oh, I must not forget my esta" with its little sentiment.' There is no sontiaient written on it.'

ald her hostens. "But I am quite aure I saw something, e.
To secure legislation in the interest read: "I, the master of this house, am agriculture, horticulture, stock rais-eating scraps in the cellur."-Somerset

It Won. Senator Depow, while acting as pres-ident of the New York Central road, was approached for a pass to Symouse three years in succession by a man with the pitiful tale of a mother's illness and the strong desire of the applicant to see her once again. Through his sympathetic nature he had yielded each year, but upon the last occasion with an admonition ion that the application should never be renewed. Much to his surprise, upon en-tering his office one morning the follow-in year he found the applicant with idencally the same recital "How dare you come here again with

"Why, Mr. Depew," blandly replied the applicant, "I thought that you were ond of old stories."

The cloud fell from Chauncey's face. unile overspread his features which proadened into a hearty laugh, and as soon as he could recover himself he sat down and wrote out the annual pass. New York Times.

Street Car Company's Favor.

Mark Twain was standing in a crowde street car, hanging to a strap. As the car swung around a corner the strap broke, dumping him into the lan of a well-dressed woman. The humorist arose "Madam," said he. "this is the first time the street car company ever con-ferred a favor on me."—New York Times.

In Case of the Husband's Death.

"Ah, my darling wife." said a young husband the week after he was mar-ried, "if your husband were to die what would you do?"
"I don't know, I'm sure," said his loving wife.

ng wife. "I must look in my Book of Etiquette, and read the rules for young widowd."-Woman's Home Companion

Stingy Steps.

the United States? Who shall say control of the crop-producing labor An old man was passing the house one that some of the names I have men- with a view to establishing American Sunday, taking exceedingly short steps.

A little girl watched him for several min-utes, and then said, "Mamma, don't he walk stingy?"—Woman's Home Compan-

OUR MANY-SIDED PRESIDENT.

rote the Washington Star. From the Washington Star.

Louis Michel, editor of Der DeutschAmerikaner, was introduced to President
Rooseveit last Wednesday at the white
house by Representative Frank C. Wachter and Charles R. Schirm. Mr. Michel
is much pleased with the reception accerded him and speaks in the highest
terms of the president's literary attainments, especially his knowledge of German and Dutch literature. When seen
at his home Mr. Michel spoke enthusiastically of his visit.

"President Rooseveit," he said, "is not

treally of his visit.

"President Rooseveit," he said, "is not only one of the greatest statesmen this country has ever had, but he is also a great literary man, and I don't think there is any other man in the Republican party who could have discussed German and Dutch authors as he did yester day. The fort that President Roosevel. The fact that President Roosevel gave us twenty minutes of his valuable time shows how interested he was in the question of German literature. In the course of his talk the president referred to the 'Zring.' the masterpiece of Theo-Jore Koerner, a German soldler and poet, and he recited several passages of 'Nibe-lungen Lied.' He said he admired Schilor greatly and referred to Gotthold the Wisc, who was really the founder of the realistic school of German literature. The president showed that he was conversant with these authors, and I regard him as a master mind Indeed, I was dumbfounded at his knowledge of European literature. He is a great admirer of Klopstock and Herder, and in the course of the conversation he said that the Boers are the descendants of the Frieslanders and Normans through the Dutch. He mentioned Herman, the king of the Cheruskers, as a fine specimen of the old German hero. The president spoke part of the time in German, part in Dutch and part in English, and re peated an old folk-lore song popular mong the Dutch of South Africa, "The lows Are in the Clover.' When Mr

Wachter spoke of Fritz Reuter, the principal author in Plattdeutsch, which is spoken in part of northern Germany, Denmark and Holland, the president at nce referred to the works of Reuter. "The president received us kindly and entertained us for twenty minutes, a very unusual thing when his busy life is con-sidered. He is a wonderful man; majes tle in personality, crisp in conversation firm in the expression of his ideas and one of the best-posted men in America or German affairs-not merely German poliles, but German history and literature

10 YEARS OF MANUFACTURING.

The census tells us that our manufact value of yearly product:

MIIIlions. lions Food and kindred products 1,636 2.277 Textiles Iron and steel, and products Lumber and its 1,793 manufactures ... 1.030

376 649 153 96 161 duets ... Paper and printing Liquors and bever-84 425 lied products.... Clay, glass and stone products... 172 Metals, and proiron and steel Hand trades..... 1,000

The four principal manufacturing states are, with product for 1900: Illinois 1,259,730,168 creases for 1900 over 1890, in round mil-

New York......\$434,000,000 ennsylvania Illinois 351,000,000 Massachusetts 147,000,000 While New York leads in total product, Pennsylvania leads in the ten years' in-

KIPLING'S VIEW OF IT.

Following is the complete text of Rud-yard Kipling's stirring poem upon the Angle-Germon alliance, the echoes of

The banked oars fell an hundred strong, And backed and threshed and ground; But hitter was the rowers' sone As they brought the war boat round.

Last night ye swore our voyage was And haul and back and veer

For a year and a year and a year, There was never a shame in Christendie

And sail with them once more Look south. The gale is scarce o'er | 2

past That stripped and lay us down When we stood forth. But they stood And prayed to see us drown

The dead they mocked are scarcely cold; Our wounds are bleeding yet; And ye tell us now that our strength is

Neath all the flags of all mankind That cruise upon the seas, Was there no other fleet to find. That ye strike hands with these?

'Of evil times that men could choose On evil fate to fall, What brooding judgment let ye loose To pick the worst of all?

O'er half the world to run Vith a cheated crew to league anew With the Goth and the Shameless Hun

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Editor of The Tribune-Sir: Courting a niche in your poetic corner, I have ventured in the realms of the muse with the following result: There was a lean man from Wilkes-Barre

town.
Who had a penchant for poetic renewnHe sat at his desk, his heels in the air;
A truly great and magnificent pair.
They so wrought on his brain that the Laflin & Rand Powder Co.'s feet of his song. Recled off too unwieldy, and wearity lon-Sincercly yours. - 12. Morrifield

LABOR'S DUTY TO LABOR.

There are two things which demand, and it an early day should receive, the at-tention of labor in the United States. Wherever it is organized, its organization should be incorporated. Capital can be proceeded against under the law for any violation of its agreements, or for any damage it may inflict by any other means. But as matters now stand labor organizations are immune from prosecution. In their name and for their benefit individuals may inflict serious injuries upon cap-ital, but as those organizations have no legal existence they cannot be reached by process of law. Organized labor en-joys thus an advantage over capital which makes, one is led to believe, not for good order and fair dealing at all times, but often for violence. Responsibility under the law would undoubtedly have a restraining influence on those members of labor organizations who are too easily influenced to extreme action in times of conflict with capital.

Labor's second move should be the abandonment of the boycott as a weapon of attack. There is no weapon so un-American as the boycott. It never has been, and never can be, used with justice or the proper discrimination. Innocent persons are invariably injured by it. Spyments, and the boycott calls for con tinuous and unlimited spying. Men ar forced to do that service to whom it is thoroughly repugnant, while those to whom it is agreeable are seldom to be trusted. It is safe to say, indeed, that the true interests of organized labor have suffered rather than profited by the usof means which incite to misrepresenta-

would be a restraint against excess and that no means are employed in for

lue. Mil-

They had no heart for the raily and roar That makes the whaleback smoke When the great blades cleave and hold and leave.

As one on the racing stroke.

They sang: "What reckoning do ye keep, And steer her by what star, If we come unscathed from the Southern

To be wrecked on a Baltic bar?

the will of the breed that have wronged us most

They laid not to our door: And ye say we must take the Winter sea,

To help them press for a debt

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tion and exaggeration.

These matters, which have long been important, are of all the greater importance now by reason of two decisions which have just been delivered across the water. In England damages have been assessed against an unincorporated labor organization for injuring by "picketting" a railway company with which it was in conflict, while in Ireland, the home of the boycott, the officers of a political organization have just lost their case in which it was shown that they had employed the boycott to the injury of a man of promi-nence in the neighborhood. One obvious effect of the English case is to suggest that even if unincorporated, the labor or ganization cannot avoid legal responsibility for damages which it has in fact inflicted. These decisions are grounded in right and justice, and there is small room to doubt that the spirit of them will pres-ently find a wide indorsement. In this home of labor, therefore—for such the United States undoubtedly is—those who have its true interests at heart should see that its responsibility should be increased openly and formally to that point where warding its ends that do not square strict

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