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## Battle on For Control of Missouri Pacific.

### STANDARD OIL IS IN FIGHT.

Attorney Representing Kuhn & Loeb, New York Brokers, Demands Addresses of Stockholders-Annual Meeting Next Month.

St. Louis, Feb. 15 .- A financial battle to gain control of the Missouri Pacific railroad began in St. Louis, it is reported, when a New York lawyer representing the Kuhn & Loeb-Standard Oil interests made a demand for the railroad's stock books, that the names and addresses of the stockholders might be obtained. The New York lawyers, accompanied by Attorneys F. J. Judson and Judge H. S. Priest of St. Louis, went to the office of Martin books be surrendered.

The prime object for this movement, it was reported, was to get the stock- tion of the Oregon plan of popular holders' proxies for use in the election government. of March 14, at which the allied financial interests hope to wrest control of locks now in force to show why the the system from the Goulds. Clardy proposed was not in his office, but his assistants spoke for him. After the three attorneys had departed Assistant Solicitor Merriam hastily sent a telegram telling of the demand that had been made on his office.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who have made big loans on Missouri Facific and have held large blocks of its stocks, are said to be dissatisfied with the management Moreover, the night session cuts off of the road and to be displeased by any opportunity for going to dinners the company's failure to resume the 5 and otherwise enjoying the social side per cent dividend on common stock of life. which was suspended in 1907.

stock ledger was turned over to the lawyer, but they found on inspecting it that it did not contain the addresses of stockholders. They therefore returned with a demand for other records from which they could get the addresses. Merriam declined to discuss the purpose of the visit.

The Missouri Pacific proper controls 3.883 miles of road, with principal termini at St. Louis and Denver. It also controls the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern and its subsidiaries and leased lines, 3,288 miles running southwest and south to El Paso, Galveston and New Orleans. It owns 40 per cent of the stock of the Denver and Rio Grande, which not only controls 2,598 miles of road, but owns all the capital stock of the Western Pacific. with 927 miles more. The total of 10,696 miles of road, even though some of it is poorly equipped, makes a pretty stake to fight for entirely apart from the advantage derivable from alliance of the system with the Union Pacific

Mr. Gould would say nothing about the reports of a contest at the stockholders' meeting.

New York, Feb. 15 .- Of the outstanding \$83,000,000 stock of the Missouri Pacific Railway company approxicent, is owned by members of the Gould family and their close adherents and controlled by George J. Gould. oldest son of Jay Gould, who has been president of the company since his father's death. John D. Rockefeller. a heavy holder of Missouri Pacific securities from Jay Gould's time, is said to control a block of the stock as large as that of the Goulds. The important international banking house of Kuhn Loeb & Co. controls a large block both through direct ownership and through the syndicate which took over the holdings of the fantastical Pearson-Farquhar syndicate last July.

## AUTO SMASH KILLS ONE.

Car In Detroit Skidded on an loy Pavement.

Detroit, Feb. 15 .- One man was killed, one possibly fatally injured and three men and two women were hurt when a touring car, going at a high rate of speed, skidded on the icy pavement and crashed into a telephone pole near the eastern city limits. The man killed was Harry Nederlander, agent of an automobile company, driver of the car. The injured were: Paul R. McKenny, Allan M. Gray, John C. Barber, David Nederlander, Madge Tripp, a chorus girl, and Dora Thomas. Two other persons who were in the auto and escaped disappeared after

Jamaica to Lower Duties. Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 15.-Governor Sir Sydney Olivier announces that he is considering the matter of making a 50 per cent reduction in the duties on flour and crackers coming from the United States. He also announces that the government had joined with Canada in asking tenders for the establishment of a fast line of steamers between the Dominion and Jamaica.

T. C. Hoge, Lawyer, Dead. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15.-Thomas Courtney Hoge, Sr., a retired lawyer of New York, is dead at his home here. He was sixty-nine years old and a member of the New York firm of Mann, Hoge and Parsons.

Weather Probabilities. Snow, followed by clearing in the afternoon; Thursday, fair and warmer with brisk northeast to east winds,

### novovovovovovo SENATOR NORRIS BROWN.

Nebraskan Favors Popular Vote Elections Amendment.



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Washington, Feb. 15,-Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska spoke in favor of Clardy, general solicitor for the Mis- the popular election of senators in the souri Pacific, and asked that the stock senate. In a speech in support of the popular election of senators. Senator Bourne of Oregon also gave an exposi-

Both Brown and Bourne cited deadamendment should

### NIGHT SESSION FOR SENATE.

of Business Makes Them

Necessary, Leaders Say. Washington, Feb. 15.-Night sessions are just ahead in the senate, which the average senator does not like.

But things have reached a stage in The first demand for the records the senate where night sessions must was made Monday, and at that time a be held to pass the appropriation bills, The leaders have therefore decided to begin them in a short time

> lowa Adopts Oregon Plan. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.-The Iowa legislature adopted the Oregon plan for the election of United States senstors. The bill passed the house last week. It is believed that Governor Carroll will veto the bill as it is known that he looks upon the plan as demoralizing to party organization and not representative government.

> > Timber Wolves In Alabama.

Chattanooga, Tena., Feb. 15.-One of the wild animals that have been terrorizing people in the vicinity of Lanyan, Ala., was killed by Cicero Waldon, nineteen years old, with a shotgun. It proved to be a timber wolf and weighed 200 pounds. The animal was pursuing Waldon when he shot it.

Why She Quit Her Job.

A lady of my acquaintance in Tokyo, says a writer in the World Wide Magazine, possessed a valuable servant of somewhat mature years who rejoiced in the poetic name of Oharu San-'The Honorable Miss Spring."

One day Miss Spring brought in luncheon as usual. All seemed serene: there was not a shadow of a cloud in the domestic sky. But at teatime no tea appeared; neither, in answer to calls at first patient and afterward impatient, did Oharu. After awhile the lady went herself to the back regions and found-desolation. The charcoal box was filled with gray ashes, the kettle cold. Half the luncheon plates lay immersed in a bowl of soapy water: the other half stood on the sink ready to be put away. Oharu herself simply was not.

The next morning, however, she reappeared, very much on her company manners, with a clean kimono and her hair done in a shining bun to denote the state of a matron, demanding the fragment of wages due to her since the beginning of the month. The lady expostulated and asked why the servant was leaving thus suddenly.

"Oh," replied Oharu, "just as I was washing the plates yesterday I remembered that Saito San, the pawnbroker, wanted a wife. Therefore I went out and married him."

Unjustly Accused. Andrew Carnegie, when talking about the Scotch dialect once, said: "Scotch dialect is a lingo hard to un derstand, and it often causes awkward mistakes. Once an American divine spent Christmas in a highland inn. On Christmas morning he gave the maid a tip of a sovereign, and he said, looking earnestly at her, for she was a pretty maid:

"'Do you know, Kathleen, you are a very good looking lassie?"

"Of course Kathleen was pleased, but, being modest, she blushed like a rose and answered:

"'Ah, na! Ah, na! But my kissing, sir, is beautiful!"

"The divine frowned.

"'Leave the room, you wicked young baggage!' he said sternly. "He didn't know, you see, that modest Kathleen had been simply praising in her highland dialect the superior charms of her cousin Janet of Pee-

An Old English Inn. The Seven Stars is an inn or put lic house in Manchester, England. which has held a license continuously since 1370. It served as the meeting place for the Guy Fawkes band of conspirators.

## THIEVES GET HALF MILLION.

Two Mail Pouches Stolen In Georgia Contained Valuable Letters.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 15. - Two mail pouches which contained checks and other bank paper valued at \$500,000 were recently stolen at Thalman, Ga., where the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway crosses the Seaboard Air line. The pouches were dropped to be picked up by the Seaboard, and some one made off with them. One pouch was stolen Jan. 19 and the other

The pouches were made up in Brunswick and contained checks, drafts and registered letters destined for northern and western banks. Inquiries among tle banks and corporations, all of whom lost more or less in the thefts. place the loss at \$500,000. Much of the paper is negotiable. There was also a large amount of cash and valuables in the registered 'etters. The postal inspectors believe the pouches were stolen by persons who had knowledge of their contents,

### NEGRO IN MAYORALTY RACE.

Chicago Waiter Files Petition to Run on Republican Ticket.

Chicago, Feb. 15.-What is said to be a joke placed Charles Caston, a negro waiter, in the race for the Republican nomination for mayor at the primaries Feb. 28. Incidentally, the filing of Caston's petition deprived John F. Smulski of the coveted place on the ballot. The Smulski petition was filed six minutes before midnight, when it was thought there were no other candidates in sight, midnight being the time limit for filing nomina-

The Caston petition was filed two minutes later by a negro who gave his name as Joseph Snowden.

### BARS THE CIGARETTES.

But Syracuse University Head Says Love Sickness Isn't Harmful.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb 15.-Chancellor James R. Day strongly lectured the men students of Syracuse university on the use of tobacco. He said the rule against students smoking on the campus would be stricly enforced.

"I don't understand the use of tobacco," he said. "They used to roll up sugar in cloth and give it to bables. and now the young men in college roll tobacco in paper to calm their nerves. I will stand for the little love sicknesses of the students, but smoking I will not stand for."

Not Stealing.

David Belasco delicately dissected a certain playwright one evening at a dinner given by the former to some of his friends of the theatrical profession. This playwright is successful and produces many plays, but, it is admitted, owes nearly all his best ideas to oth-

"One night the playwright imagined that he heard a noise in his house,' said Mr. Belasco, "He lighted a lamp, went downstairs, searched his library, parlor, dining room and kitchen, then went to the butler's pantry and there discovered a masked man kneeling over the chest of silverware.

"'Aha!' said he huskily. 'Stealing?' "'Oh, no,' replied the burglar calmly. 'I'm only adapting.' "

Time to Make a Change.

Massachusetts Bay in 1692. During evening, so of course I couldn't resist his administration the terrible war against witchcraft raged for some sixteen months. When his own wife, Lady Phips, was named as having exercised the powers of witchcraft Sir William began to view this whole terrible madness in a new light, and he put a stop to all trials and discharged the prisoners then awaiting trial.

The Way It Happened. Brother Lobstock-How did yo' all got yo' nose busted? Brother Tump-I done slipped down an' plumb lit on

my back. Brother Lobstock - But, name o' goodness, sah, yo' nose isn't located on yo' back! Brother Tump-No, sah, an' needer was Brudder Wack.-Puck.

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Where tears have traced the lines of care, to find Rest in the hollowed cheeks, made so by bitter strife.

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It tells a story, which can never Of strength and purpose, knowing no defeat.

In childhood his soul sought regions, high and fair, Accompanied by a mind of equal worth, No thought of greatness marred

the sweetest prayer, That ever in a cabin found its prayer for worthy greatness. not for gain, For strength to dare and do the

rightful things. For hope to live, though crushed. to rise again, soar forever on unbroken And wings.

The story of his life will live and shine, Through all the ages, perpetual

and bright, Glorifying a face, where every rugged line Must show the way to eternal hope and light.

A hero, of God's own pure type and style, Still casting a shining light upon the earth, In victory, too nobly saddened, he,

to smile, Who but God could understand his worth? IDA M. LAMBERT,

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## **WOULD BE JOKER BECAME THE BUTT**

## Musical Critic Put One Over on Signor Puccini.

Signor Puccini, the composer of "The Girl of the Golden West," was responding, in excellent French, to a toast on music at a dinner in New

"One of my strangest musical reminiscences," he said, "relates to Milan. Visiting Milan on a rainy winter day, I dined in the arcade near the cathedral, and then I strolled, cigar in mouth, in the direction of La Scala. Sir William Phips was appointed Lo and behold, my own opera of "Tos-governor in chief of the province of was billed at La Scala for that

" 'La Tosca' was received warmly by a crowded house. The applause was almost frantic. In fact, a young lady seated on my left got so annoyed because I didn't clap and shout that she rebuked me, a frown wrinkling her pretty brow.

"'Why don't you applaud this masterpiece? she said.

"'Masterpiece?' said I, and I laughed arcastically. 'Masterpiece? Oh, dear!' "'Don't you like the music?' she demanded in amazement.

"'No,' said i. 'It's the work of an amateur.'

"'You know nothing of art,' she cried, 'or you wouldn't talk like that.' "'Oh, don't I?' said I. And then I proceeded to prove to her, according to the laws of thoroughbass and counterpoint, how poor a work 'La Tosca' was. I told her this aria suggested Verdi, that chorus was a reminiscence of Bizet. In a word, I knocked my own music into a cocked hat.

"When I had finished the young lady said:

" 'Is that your real opinion-your sincere conviction?

"'Absolutely,' said I.
"'Very well,' she said, with an odd little laugh, and at breakfast the next morning the first thing I saw in my newspaper was the headline, 'Puccini on "Tosca." And there I read, word for word, my remarks of the night before. The young lady, a musical critic, had recognized me. When I thought I was gulling her she was gulling me."

Crutches or Biers. Richard Croker at a dinner in New

York expressed a distrust for aeroplanes. "There's nothing underneath them," he said. "If the least thing goes

wrong, down they drop. "I said to a Londoner the other day: "'How is your son getting on since he bought a flying machine? "On crutches, like the rest of them, the Londoner replied."

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