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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

GENERAL ASSAULT ON BEEF COMBINE

Government Will Accuse All Packers.

GIVES NO IMMUNITY BATHS

None of Principals Called Before Grand Jury.

SUBPENAS BY WHOLESALE

Club Over Railroads to Extort Evidence of Rebating—Employees of Packers and Cattle Shippers Are Summoned.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Search for evidence to establish the existence of a "beef trust" clearing-house, by which evidence certain packing interests could be involved in charges of violating both the anti-rebate and anti-trust laws, is being made today by secret Service men and agents of various departments of the United States Government.

Force Railroads to Help. The Government's plan includes an attack on many of the large packing interests and not on Morris & Co. alone, and the agents are hard at work to carry out the order and secure the proof to sustain the general attack. An opportunity to strike at railroads, if only to hold a club over them to facilitate the furnishing of evidence against the packers, is also being sought by Federal officials, according to admissions made by one of the attorneys.

Mr. Sims and his assistants held numerous conferences today and prepared to continue their work all day tomorrow. Edward T. Glenn, counsel for the New York Central lines, and other railroad men were in the conferences. All deputy marshals have been ordered to be on hand on Monday morning to carry out orders which Mr. Sims and his associates will give them and to serve 150 subpoenas on witnesses in the stockyards.

Subpenas by Hundreds.

All day today batches of subpoenas were sent to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and other places for railroad and packer employees, which Federal officials in those places will serve, and to which all witnesses called must respond. The subpoenas issued today are not merely for employees of Morris & Co., but include employees both in Chicago and other cities of other packing companies.

The calling of cattle shippers from Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and other out-of-town points is a surprise to the packers and by many is taken as an indication that the inquiry by the grand jury will not be limited to the alleged violations of anti-rebate regulations.

Give No Chance of Immunity.

"The railroad rebates are the most effective weapons used by the packers to crowd out the little fellows and to maintain prices and a trust," said a leading representative of the Department of Justice today in an interview. "Thus the railroad rebate problem and the anti-trust problem are closely linked. You will notice in the investigation none of the men higher up in the packing companies and in the railroads is being called as a witness. Of course, for obvious reasons—we know from the former prosecutions—we are not examining men before the grand jury whom we have orders to prosecute."

CUT ON FINGER BY DISH KILLS WOMAN

BLOODPOISONING SETS IN, DIES WITHIN WEEK.

Mrs. Sarah Noble Meets Accident While Washing Dishes—Uses Bluing Next Day.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Noble died here yesterday from blood poisoning under very peculiar circumstances. While washing dishes a week ago she cut her thumb slightly on the sharp edge of a dish. On Saturday she did the family washing and on Sunday the hand and arm began to swell and to pain her severely. A bluish lump appeared near the elbow. Thinking that a boil was starting, Mrs. Noble was not alarmed till Sunday evening when the pain became so great that a physician was sent for. He failed to come, as he promised, and on Monday another was called, who pronounced the case one of blood poisoning and immediately took measures to check it. All efforts were of no avail and, after suffering greatly, she died on Christmas day. It is thought that the poison came from bluing in the washing. Mrs. Noble was born in Bloomington, Ill., in 1855. She and her husband have lived in Washington since 1873, and in Centralia for the last three years. Besides her husband, she leaves four brothers, six sisters and three children.

QUICKSAND IN FOUNDATION

Unstable Soil Adds \$500,000 to Cost of Northwestern Depot.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A stratum of treacherous quicksand underlying the site of the new \$20,000,000 station of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, now under construction, will add about \$500,000 to the cost of the structure, owing to the increased difficulty of sinking the foundation pillars. This information has been given to the railroad company by the George A. Fuller Company, which has in turn been told to go ahead with the construction of the building at any cost. Interesting pneumatic processes are now being used to overcome the difficulties presented by the unstable soil. Engineers say that Chicago soil is alive with quicksand in the territory about the river banks. Two engineering experts who handled the situation in New York at the laying of two big river tunnels of the subway, when quicksand there furnished the gravest engineering problem of the kind in the history of America, were called by telegraph and are at work solving the problem presented.

JUDGE REMEMBERS VICTIMS

New York Magistrate Gives Men He Has Sentenced Gifts.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—An unusual incident in prison life, that of a County Judge presenting Christmas gifts to the convicts he had sentenced to prison during the year, was reported today by C. V. Collins, State Superintendent of Prisons. A box was received at Clinton Prison yesterday accompanied by a letter from J. J. Moore, of Fort Plains, County Judge of Montgomery County, requesting that the contents of the box be presented to those named if not against prison rules. The recipients were prisoners whom the Judge had sentenced to the institution during the present year. Superintendent Collins authorized the distribution of the gifts.

VAGRANT HEIR TO FORTUNE

Handsome, Well-Educated Powell Sentenced to Workhouse.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Heir to more than \$750,000, to broad acres on the Potomac, and entitled to a high position in Baltimore society, William James Powell, known far and wide among the hobos as "Slim," was sentenced today to serve 180 days in the workhouse on a vagrancy charge. He was at once made head trustee. Powell is a soldier of fortune, with a wonderful record of adventure; handsome, refined and educated. Among the yeggmen and tramps he is as much at home as in polished society, and his other side is as polished as his gentle actions are good. Little more than 24, he has seen years of the roughest life.

NO ONE RESISTS POWER OF GOMEZ

Even Castro's Brother Readily Submits.

ALL TURN ON EX-PRESIDENT

Many Suits Will Cause Him Loss of \$2,000,000.

EXILES INVITED TO RETURN

Castro's Cattle Monopoly Abolished. Press Freed, Dispute With Colombia Settled—Castro's Orders Meet With Derision.

CARACAS, Wednesday, Dec. 23, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 26.—The Presidency of Juan Vicente Gomez has been received by the country at large, officially and unofficially, and Venezuela is through with one of the most popular revolutions in the annals of the Republic, a revolution in which not a drop of blood is shed.

The authority of President Gomez is accepted supreme. Even General Celestino Castro, brother of the ex-President, who was Chief of the Department of Yachira, has turned over to the military commander of that district all the arms and ammunition in his possession, amounting to 500 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Celestino Castro's acceptance of the new regime is regarded as final and conclusive evidence that his brother is no longer a factor in the political situation. Castro Sued for Millions. President Gomez is showing in many ways his desire to propitiate all interests, promote business, both local and foreign and improve foreign relations. Cipriano Castro is being sued in the Caracas courts for monies and property alleged to have been obtained wrongfully. Among others Madame Crespo, widow of ex-President Crespo, has brought action to recover two years' rent of the Miraflores Palace in Caracas. This beautiful building was erected by her husband when he was President and it has been used by Cipriano Castro since his triumphant entry into Caracas, nine years ago. These various actions probably will result in Castro's losing property to the value of \$2,000,000, which he left behind in Venezuela when he sailed for France, about a month ago. Monopoly Dead, Press Free. The doors of Venezuela have been opened to all Venezuelan residents abroad and all agitators have been urged to return. The cattle monopoly, maintained for so many years by Cipriano Castro, has been abolished and the press has been given its freedom. All the political prisoners in the land, excepting the men who were connected with the recent plot to assassinate President Gomez have been freed and the President has settled the dispute with his neighbor on the west, the United States of Colombia. This difficulty had existed for many years and arose over a contested boundary line. Castro's Belligerent Order. Jose de J. Paul, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Castro Cabinet, received two days ago a dispatch from Cipriano Castro, at Berlin, as follows: "Declare the Dutch warships pirates. Suspend the payments to the powers under the Washington protocol. I am forwarding you a solution of the difficulty." The communication has been received here with ridicule.

TRAFFIC BY SEA RESUMED

Caracao Steamer Starts to Take Cargo at Maracaibo.

WILLEMSTADT, Dec. 26.—The improvement in the relations between the Netherlands and Venezuela has resulted already in a resumption of communication by sea between the republics.

WIDE SCOPE OF ANNUAL

Every important industry of Portland and Oregon, and the progress in all lines made during 1908, will receive attention in the New Year's edition of The Oregonian to be printed next Friday. Few publications have been so thorough or so valuable in exploiting the resources of this state. Most of the articles are being prepared by writers who are known as authorities on the subjects treated. Besides the contributed matter, there will be numerous articles by Oregonian staff members. The pictorial features of the Annual will be all that could be desired. There will be typical scenes of Oregon dairies, farms and orchards, as well as illustrations of mining, lumbering and irrigation. Some of the most striking pictures will show Portland's fine harbor. Photographs and drawings, portraying the city's building growth and park extension, will also be reproduced. The Annual will be issued January 1, 1909, and the price will be 5 cents a copy.

INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 47 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain, southerly winds. Foreign. Gomez power firmly established; many suits against ex-President. American who bought auto with forged checks sentenced in Paris. National. Roosevelt tells reasons for not interfering in labor boycott case. Section 1, page 2. Railroad Senators nervous at Pullman's demand for action on rate bill. Section 1, page 2. Government summons host of witnesses against beef trust, but will give priority to important cases. Section 1, page 1. Believed Ambassador Gieson will resign. Section 1, page 5. Domestic. Jury trying Beah Hargis for killing father. Section 1, page 2. Henry W. Four, leading broker, falls. Section 1, page 7. Massachusetts girl coming to Salem to attend student law. Section 1, page 1. Pittsburgh reformers, backed by corporations, have bribers arrested. Section 1, page 2. Celia Sprockels, California sugar-plant head, drops suit to scene of Kentucky miners' riot. Section 1, page 7. Troops sent to scene of riot adverse ruling by court. Section 1, page 7. Key to Etruscan inscriptions found by Stanford University revolutionaries Roman history. Section 1, page 1. Real Estate. Portland's business district is growing toward northwest. Section 2, page 8. Tract of Oregon land for Roosevelt plan put on market. Section 2, page 3. One company to build 400 houses in addition. Section 2, page 2. Building permits for month to date are over 155,000. Section 2, page 9. Sport. Sam Langford said to be San Francisco fight. Section 2, page 5. Harry B. Smith writes about Pacific Coast League meeting. Section 4, page 4. New Year's paper chase of Portland Hunt Club to be classy event. Section 4, page 2. All four space taken for automobile show next March. Section 4, page 4. Spence O'Connell League seem under new management. Section 4, page 5. Coast League is to open Portland season Monday. Section 4, page 5. Chemawa Indians defeat Catholics by score of 21 to 0. Section 4, page 4. Maloney, new arrival from Ireland, breaks Marathon record. Section 2, page 2. Johnson willing to fight Burns again, but will keep him waiting. Section 2, page 2. Commercial and Marine. Ontonagon Association appoints selling agents. Section 4, page 7. Hop stocks in farmers' hands on Pacific Coast. Section 4, page 7. New York bank statement shows heavy reduction in loans and deposits. Section 4, page 7. Balfour, Guthrie & Co. charter Norwegian ship Arranmore to carry lumber to West Coast. Section 4, page 6. Portland and Vicinity. Board of Education announces estimate of expenditures for new year. Section 2, page 10. Pioneer railroad transfer boat Tacoma goes out of commission. Section 2, page 6. Dr. Broughton may be called to Boston. Union labor measure to be introduced in Legislature. Section 2, page 8. Sentations sprung by defense in Finch trial fall flat. Section 2, page 10. T. P. A. hold annual meeting and banquet, re-selecting old officers. Section 1, page 8. Three nations are searching for Edward Payson Hitchcock. Section 1, page 9. Harriman plans to complete extension to Puget Sound during coming year. Section 2, page 10. Mother comes from Duluth to help daughter, but cannot find her. Section 2, page 10. President Schurman, of Cornell, says Sherman act should be repealed. Section 4, page 8.

PLAN ARREST OF 40 MORE THIEVES

Pittsburg Reformers After "Higher-ups"

RAILROADS BACK MOVEMENT

Cheaper to Oust Grafters Than Pay Their Price.

SEARCHLIGHT ON BANKS

More Suspected of Bribery—Voters' League After 17 More Councilmen—Carnegie Puts Up Money for Reform.

CORPORATIONS AID REFORM.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A sensational story is going the rounds today that the Pennsylvania Railroad and other big industrial and financial interests are back of the Councilman's bribery expose. It was said that corporations were put to such an expense in getting through any legislation for improvements and extensions that they decided it would be cheaper to spend a large sum in ousting all the grafters than it would be to pay them their price. It is said the Pennsylvania Railroad within the coming year has some great improvements planned, permission to complete which will require ordinances to be put through the City Council. Pittsburgh, Dec. 26.—About 40 more arrests in the Council bribery scandal are promised by the Voters' League, according to a statement made today by Leo Well, president of the league. Other officers of the league say they have plenty of evidence against many persons, who, it is said, will be arrested in the first meeting of Council since the disclosures were made is scheduled for Monday night. Clarence Burchell, counsel for Joseph Wassan, Jacob Soffel and T. O. Atkinson of the seven accused Councilmen, stated tonight that he would advise his clients to continue their duties. Punish Bribers Equally. T. D. Harmon, a member of the executive committee of the Voters' League, said: "Pittsburg's Councilman's corrupters, the real root of the bribery evil here, will suffer equally with those who fall before their temptations. The Voters' League is not in this thing for any political reason, for there is not a member of the executive body who would accept a public office if it were given him. We intend to clean up the city and this is the first move. Other amendments will follow and the men who are attempting to frighten us by threats or counter-suits soon will learn whether or not we are earnest." Examining More Banks. It was reported today that a number of new banks were undergoing a thorough examination in connection with the report that certain financial institutions had paid \$15,000 for the privilege of handling the city's funds, but Government officials refused to either confirm or deny the story. According to a report published here today, if members of Council had been notified that they are under surveillance and that they must not leave the city. It is also alleged that the 17 men have been told definitely that they will be called upon to answer charges in connection with the bribery prosecutions. That they were simply playing a game of politics and wanted to see how far the detectives would take them, it is reported, would be the defense of some of the accused Councilmen when their cases are tried in court. Carnegie Aids House-Cleaning. The story told in the fashionable Duquesne Club and the Pittsburg Club is that the same men who told Pittsburgh conditions to President Roosevelt also

ACROSS CONTINENT TO MARRY CHOICE

MASSACHUSETTS GIRL TO GO TO SALEM, OR., FOR WEDDING.

Romance Started in Childhood and Continued Unruffled Throughout School Days.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 26.—Although the entire continent separates her from her fiancée, Miss Florence McDermid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McDermid, of Star avenue, is undaunted, for the coming week she will start alone for Salem, Or., where she will meet her sweetheart, Wayland Chace, formerly of this town. There she will become the bride of her school-day sweetheart, and they will make their home in Salem, where the groom-plect is a landscape engineer. The romance is one of the pleasant kind, for it dates back to their childhood days when they played together. Both went to school together and both were members of the same class which was graduated from the High School in 1903. All through their school days their courtship was all sunshine, and when they left the High School they were still sweethearts. Miss McDermid attended a business school in Boston, while Mr. Chace, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Chace, of Pearl street, attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst. Miss McDermid later accepted a position with the telephone company here as stenographer and later was clerk to the Board of Selectmen. As soon as Mr. Chace finished his course he went to the Pacific Coast. HERO OF GRIDIRON MARRIES. Forbes, of Oregon, One of Yale's Best, Takes Bride. MIDDLETON, Conn., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Robert W. Forbes, one of Yale's best football players, has married Miss Bertha T. Bacon, of this city. Forbes played end and tackle on the Yale team in 1905 and 1906 and was named on the All-American team as end in 1906. He was elected captain of the Wesleyan team in 1905, but owing to conditions in his studies was not allowed to play. He left college and went to Yale. He is in the lumber business in Wendling, Or., where he took his bride. ROMANS AND ETRUSCANS ONE RACE. It has been the generally accepted view among historians that the Etruscans were an element entirely foreign to their neighbors, the Romans. This theory is entirely and conclusively overturned by Professor Hempl, whose investigations prove a great similarity between the Roman and Etruscan languages and make possible only one conclusion, that the Etruscans and Romans sprang from one race, which, following the old legend, wandered to Italy from Troy after the fall of that great city. Thus Virgil's Enid is substantiated by scientific proof. Dr. Hempl's discovery is yet in its infancy. Out of 800 inscriptions he has read but 50, yet the little work he has done has been sufficient to convince him that the old idea of distinct races is entirely erroneous. Applauded by Faculty. When Dr. Hempl unfolded his discovery to the little group of educators in the president's council-room today and proved that the Latin and Etruscan tongues were from the same root, he received prolonged and hearty applause. A full scholarly treatise upon the subject of Etruscan inscriptions written by Dr. Hempl will be read before the meeting of the American Philological Association, which is to be held at Toronto next Spring. Professor Hempl intends to go on with his work on the Etruscan inscriptions. Read German Inscriptions. Professor Hempl attributes his success with the riddle which has so long puzzled science to his experience in studying inscriptions in other languages and countries, notably Germany. For several years he has been quietly working with success in German fields, but his discoveries have not been of the startling importance of his last. At the conclusion Dr. Hempl was made the recipient of many congratulations by his colleagues. In discussing the discovery, President Jordan said: "Professor Hempl has made a most important discovery. He has been studying inscriptions in many countries, so

SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON ROMAN HISTORY

Hempl Finds Key to Etruscan Inscriptions.

OVERTURNS ACCEPTED THEORY

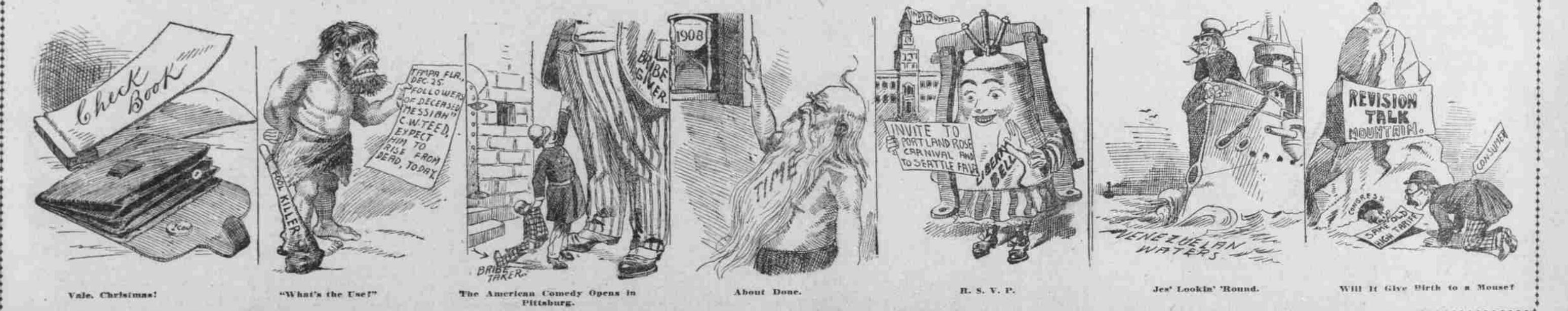
Proves Romans and Etruscans Were of One Race.

CONFIRMS STORY OF ENID

Stanford Professor in One Night Solves Mystery of People Who Preceded Romans—Must Re-state Ancient History.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The key which unveils the secrets so long hidden behind the Etruscan and old Italian inscriptions has at last been discovered by Professor George Hempl, the holder of the philological chair at Stanford University, and the manners, customs and history of a people today practically unknown may be read in the future as in a book. Experienced in his investigations of old German inscriptions and runes, Professor Hempl was able to accomplish in a single night the feat undertaken by science ages ago and never before pushed to a successful conclusion. Members of the faculty who were present at the lecture of Dr. Hempl before the Stanford Philological Association today declared that the discovery is a veritable triumph and will have far-reaching results. It will necessitate a re-stating of ancient Roman history and it will throw a flood of light on many disputed facts of Latin grammar and etymology. Romans and Etruscans One Race. It has been the generally accepted view among historians that the Etruscans were an element entirely foreign to their neighbors, the Romans. This theory is entirely and conclusively overturned by Professor Hempl, whose investigations prove a great similarity between the Roman and Etruscan languages and make possible only one conclusion, that the Etruscans and Romans sprang from one race, which, following the old legend, wandered to Italy from Troy after the fall of that great city. Thus Virgil's Enid is substantiated by scientific proof. Dr. Hempl's discovery is yet in its infancy. Out of 800 inscriptions he has read but 50, yet the little work he has done has been sufficient to convince him that the old idea of distinct races is entirely erroneous. Applauded by Faculty. When Dr. Hempl unfolded his discovery to the little group of educators in the president's council-room today and proved that the Latin and Etruscan tongues were from the same root, he received prolonged and hearty applause. A full scholarly treatise upon the subject of Etruscan inscriptions written by Dr. Hempl will be read before the meeting of the American Philological Association, which is to be held at Toronto next Spring. Professor Hempl intends to go on with his work on the Etruscan inscriptions. Read German Inscriptions. Professor Hempl attributes his success with the riddle which has so long puzzled science to his experience in studying inscriptions in other languages and countries, notably Germany. For several years he has been quietly working with success in German fields, but his discoveries have not been of the startling importance of his last. At the conclusion Dr. Hempl was made the recipient of many congratulations by his colleagues. In discussing the discovery, President Jordan said: "Professor Hempl has made a most important discovery. He has been studying inscriptions in many countries, so

SOME OF THE INTERESTING EVENTS OF THE CLOSING YEAR ARE DULY CHRONICLED BY HARRY MURPHY'S HUMOROUS PEN



Value Christmas! "What's the Use?" The American Comedy Opens in Pittsburgh. About Done. R. S. V. P. Jes' Lookin' Round. Will It Give Birth to a Mouse?