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MULTIPLIABLE LIBEL.

action at East Feliciana.

where and everywhere.

trine of multipliable offense.

decision lies in the summary and ef-

of the archaic and impossible doc-

The Supreme Court, the Chief Jus-

of the Times-Picayune. To say that a prose-cution and conviction by a court having

defendant from prosecution in any other defendant from prosecution in any other parjsh, does not answer to the constitutional requirement that he shall be tried for what he did in the parish where the offense was committed, and in no other parish, if what he did was an offense.

case of Theodore Roosevelt against the

papers on the purchase of the Panama

Secretary of War and several others.

that is where the newspaper is pub-

It is a far cry from the old legal

principle, fostered by tyrants in the

days when the growing power of the

press was an occasion for alarm by

greater the truth the greater the

greater the service to the public, if it

be told in a proper cause and from

THE ELUSIVE GEORGE SHAW.

George Bernard Shaw, he of the

rimson whiskers and unkind way of

erything, has announced that he will

With Britain intent on other

saying things about everyone and ev-

was thought that he would embrace

during the seven days he was certain

But there is neither distaste nor

fers. His refusal is nothing more

royalties would go glimmering.

Shaw says, and there is every reason

an opportunity to come where the

to remain a wonder.

enemies of freedom, that the

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GUIDING YOUTHFUL READERS.

Actual experience of the librarian of the Chicago Public Library shows how extensive are the possibilities of wise guidance of the reading taste of the shall venture to enunciate. young. A record has been kept of the the library had been made accessible, and the selections made threw a good deal of light on the temperament of those youths whose misdirected energies had brought them into the toils of the law. It is of more than ordinary significance that one of the books "Captains Courageous," and that the one that led them all was a work of stirring adventure by Rex Beach, "The Eighty Days" had a large following. because of the titles, thread of relationship running through them, were "Boys of the Rincon Ranch," "Boy Scouts of the Snowshoe Lodge," "The Boy Captain," "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Buck Peters the mind of the average thoughtful the president's baby while he and his parent whose boy had cultivated a wife attended a ball. taste for reading of the kind; and it homes, but were serving sentences of clerk-hire nonsense. awaiting trials for various petty infractions of the law.

The experiment showed, as will apboys, that adventure universally appeals to youth. Scouts, captains and story, Indian fighters still have the same trresistible drawing power of old. quality; it must be quite clear to the a ward at the State Asylum. Possibly student of the juvenile bent that the approximate synonym "farm" would for a delusion. Which makes even not have done the business. There is more important an episode than if he about the "ranch" a strong flavor of dandled the president's baby while the the West, while unfortunately but president danced. truly the "farm" is associated with too many chores, and chores, as every boy knows, are drudgery. Similarly reference to the backwoods made the boys curious to read the book. "Tom Sawyer," though we who have read it know its charm, is by association with "adventures" in the title unpresented by the physiologists. A deadline. betrays it even to those who know lit- and undersized muscles, but this has tle or nothing of the literary crafts- not staunched the ebb and a survey "The Call of the Wild" had its devo- concerting. tees, and, indeed, bids fair to bebe no explanation in the name alone. Fice is put forth as the one hope. "The Wolf Hunters" were well tangible way out of our rut of aptoward the top. It appears that boys proaching physical decay. are not attracted by obvious advertisement of the fact that books are in some struggle watched by thouconvey. elect, was "The Cub Reporter." for, as everyone is supposed to know, manly effectiveness? the cub reporter of fiction is always into things and always emerges tri- physical standards emphasize the ne-

the young. It is becoming quite clearly a duty the land—some 30 per cent have to be in the selection of reading for youth eliminated for physical unfitness for to recognize certain well-established the profession of arms. The recruiting in improving waterways and restrainprinciples, chief of which is the one depot of the Marine Corps of New demonstrated by the Chicago experi- York, after a great run of recruits, ment, that the boy can be led where found that only one in thirty-five had he cannot be driven, and that since been accepted for service. street, that there shall "be something men nor even perfect men. Nothing doing all the time," it is, far more more than men of average physique practicable to furnish him with clean in sound health is asked for. Yet only action than to sentence him to the one in every thirty-five Americans who reading of homilies which he neither applied met that requirement. The values nor wants to understand. Life, same sad state of affairs is reported after all, has adventure enough for in the efforts of Army and Navy to the most exacting; and it would be a recruit men to fill up the thin ranks. shame to deny to youth the right to read about it. The antidote for the who seek military service. A survey dime novel is the classic meeting the made by the Life-Extension Institute same fundamental requirement in a among industrial workers revealed more intelligent way. Chivalry is not that in every 100 workers of an aver-dead in the breasts of boys. They age age of 31.6 years a total of sixtylike to read about the fight in which the rules were fair and were scrupu-lously observed, and the hero who is that we are behind many of the na-lously observed, and the hero who is magnanimous to the fallen foe still tions, and certainly all of the great wins their applause. So long as writ- powers, in the matter of bodily sound- tributaries as a unit, and would at- the American fancy. His books have been the battleground in the fight beers, and librarians, and teachers are able to play up to this instinct, they have no system of National exercise need have little fear of the effect of such as is to be found in the nationover-excitement. And there are so wide training camps of the Old World many good books of adventure that in times of peace. it seems a pity that any other kind is read.

this kind is made plain by the ex- the

and "Sir Nigel," it was possible to soon as the American people come to funds for improving their trafficless on believing he is a regular devil in his belligerents. In fighting with Ger 'set a fashion" in reading in that circle and to attain a really valuable result. It is probably true that the boy who ever has read a wholesome book of adventure is less likely to backslide into the yellowbacks than one who has been the subject of an effort to force grim's Progress" did more to kill the reading habit in the youths of a past generation than their authors accomplished in the way of good.

MERELY ACADEMIC DISCUSSION.

In these topsy-turvy times one may easily see his bearings, so it may be regarded a perfectly proper to rise to a question of personal privilege, as they would say in the Legislature.

If a man is elected to office for a specific purpose and on a specific pledge, is he supposed to follow that purpose and carry out that pledge?

We ask the question of Dr. J. Francis Drake, the latest elected member of the School Board.—From the Evening Telegram.

What? A pledge, an ante-election a National Academy of Design. pledge, in these topsy-turvy times of commands the Hudson and Spuyten political consecration to lofty ideals of Duyvil Creek and the surrounding personal and official conduct? Can country for a great distance. such things be? We are shocked. who judges New York by what speak for School Director Drake, but conclude that there would be an in-

own about election pledges, which we If a pledge is publicly made and a over to the city. books called for by boys in the Cook candidate is elected to office, clearly he ought to carry it into effect, unless proportion of the benighted residents changed circumstances justify him in County Jail, to whom the volumes in he ought to carry it into effect, unless

repudiating or forgetting it. to a clique of backstairs supporters, aggrerating to say that there are some or to any hungry group of favor huntmillions who have never thus far visright of action in a manner strictly to be unlawful." political manipulators, or to any down-the northern part of the greater city, cellar caucus of faction-breeders and nor Prospect Park, across the river in cellar caucus of faction-breeders and nor Prospect Park, across the river in near the top of the list is Kipling's trouble-stirrers, we should say that it Brooklyn. Recent inquiries made by is no pledge at all which an honorable a settlement worker on the lower East man ought to observe. It is aside from Side showed a surprising number who "Around the World in have made it. Certainly not." did not even know of the existence of Central Park, literally in the heart of

greatly if our neighbor, the Telegram, would descend to details.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

of the Hunted" and "Daniel Boone, rapher employed by the president of can shut their eyes to opportunities backwoodsman." This is not a list the Senate two years ago drew extra for real outdoor recreation, but they such as would cause apprehension in pay from the state for taking care of do.

must be remembered that these young lows is that this is merely an episode readers were not lads in comfortable in a long-continued institution of

There is more in it than that. The Senate president's stenographer two years ago was a corpulent, middlepear from a list of books, each of aged man. If he took care of the which was read by fifteen or more president's baby, the reporters overlooked a touching human-interest

But the same stenographer, toward the close of the session, suddenly ex-"Ranch" is a word of singular pulling hibited signs of insanity. He is now

STOOPING SHOULDERS.

The fact that American physical standards have been ebbing for several doubtedly elevated above the reading wider participation in athletic sports leadline. Of the same nature was is the treatment most widely adopted for straightening stooped shoulders manship of Robert Louis Stevenson. of our physical assets is always dis-

The situation has caused more than tees, and, indeed, bids fair to be-come one of the juveniles of a coming come one of the juveniles of a coming one thinker to turn toward military prevent or restrain floods throughout training as the salvation, but the for a boy to read, perhaps gained favor trouble with military training as a because it had been filmed, and so cure for physical ills in the young is the name was familiar to many who that it appeals no more strongly to had seen the billboards of the motion- | the physically indolent than does athpicture theaters; there would seem to letics. Hence universal military serv-Other books on the list bear out the Hugh H. Young, of Johns Hopkins theory that it is adventure the boys University, is the latest to accept this are after. "With Kit Carson in the conclusion, and he adopts the notion Rockies," "The Lone-Star Ranger" with enthusiasm as offering the only

intended primarily for their perusal. sands of effete youths on the sidelines Thus, the "boy's" life of one man and is not a new one. The value to the another seemed to have no message to Nation of getting the men from the The "Boy's Life of Grant" sidelines into the game has been urged and the "Boy's Life of Edison" made by educators the country over. But no impression; they did not have a the leisure-loving, lily-handed youths Yet it is conceivable that in grandstand and bleachers have reif the book had been called on the one fused to be converted into anything hand "The Battles of General Grant," more strenuous than billiards and or on the other "The Exciting Ad-ventures of an Inventor," there would word as it rings in the ears of the have been a far different story to tell. excessively individualistic American It is incidentally interesting that one youth, but how else is he to be lured of the books quite generally called for, into possession of square shoulders and although it was not among the truly vigorous physique? How else are we This to instil the aenemic, wizened, stooped again bears out the adventure theory, and lethargic with manly vigor and

Some recent statistics on American umphant over all difficulties, which is cessity of doing something. Of the the sine qua non of all good books for cadets selected for West Point-and they represent the physical flower of ciaries of reclamation pay for it. He in the parlance of the Marine Corps does not demand super-

Nor is defectiveness confined to men seven suffered moderate impairment ness and prowess-simply because we

The responsibility resting upon the cise in the open air. During youth librarian who undertakes a work of they would spend a year or so under perience to which reference has been with lives carefully regulated and with He found that, in addition to daily participation in drills and exerthe attraction of the mere title, boys cises that would straighten their were much inclined to accept the ver-dict of other boys as to the merits of strengthen their limbs. The benefits Thus, by inducing one or two in a period of, say, five years would of the leaders among the youngsters, be incalculable. Such a system would boys of more than ordinary intelli- add vast stores to National efficiency gence, to read such books as "Captains even as it would replace National infound no favor with Southern Congressmen, because it would supply no gressmen, because it would supply no and the readers of his notes go right the definition of the would be borne by its owners, as is not beautiful to look and to look as what A considerable proportion of the would he take to America other than design would he take to America other than compelled to fight disillusionment? No, he will keep disillusionment? No, he will keep disillusionment? No because it would replace National infection of the other actual would he take to America other than compelled to fight disillusionment? No beautiful to look and the cost of irrigating arid land near the cost of irrigati

we shall have universal training.

MR. ROCKEFELLER GIVES A PARK. In the further effort to divest him-

gives to public use a veritable Acropo- reclamation bill, in order to bring the lis, and forever takes from private ownership one of the sites in all the for the plan which would confer bene-great city more suitable for a great fits on both sections but would give It profit. who judges New York by what he has We do not assume, of course, to read of its downtown districts would we have an old-fashioned view of our stant rush of the people to enjoy their new privileges, as soon as the new park has been formally turned

The fact is, however, that a vast with outdoor advantages when they the New Orleans Times-Picayune, in templated anything of the kind. But if the pledge is secretly made have them. It is probably not ex-Central Park, literally in the heart of But of course we are discussing the city and only two or three miles generalities. It would enlighten us away. So that acquisition of another the city and only two or three miles park or so by the city would seem to be a matter rather of esthetic than popular interest to its residents. What New York needs more than more parks is the habit of enjoying those it now

The refreshing comment that fol- THE MOST IMPUDENT RAID OF ALL. the National Treasury for private profit is the flood reclamation bill Congress have forced through the writ of prohibition, directed to the the challenge. House and have caused to be rejudge of the East Feliciana Parish
ported favorably to the Senate. It
District Court, prohibiting further prosecretary of the Prohibition party and 000 acres of flooded land in the four states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisians and Tennessee, all of which is owned by private individuals and the value of which would be vastly enhanced. Although the owners would derive practically all of the benefit, the bill would impose upon them only onetwentieth of the cost, the other nineteen-twentieths being paid by the Nation. As the four states mentioned pay only a small fraction of the taxes. the other forty-four states would pay

nearly all of the nineteen-twentieths

contributed by the Nation. This bill is the worst of the three pork barrels which the Democratic majority is pushing through Congress. The other two can show at least an appearance of spending public money for public purposes-improvement of rivers and harbors and erection of buildings for the use of the Govern-This bill is designed to reclaim private land in a few states tributaries, which would be a work of truly National scope and which has hitherto been advocated by promoters of improvement along that river. It is not proposed to assess the cost against the land that is improved, as is done in reclaiming arid land in the Here the settler on irrigated land must repay the entire cost with interest; there it is proposed that the wner pay only a twentieth of the cost of rendering worthless land capable of producing \$700,000,000 worth of

cotton yearly. This raid on the Treasury is attempted at a time when the Govern-ment is confronted with the probabilty of a deficit a year from next July that is estimated all the way from \$230,000,000 to \$300,000,000. three companion bills propose the expenditure of \$120,000,000, when the ways and means committee is seeking new subjects of taxation to avert bankruptcy and when a bond issue is contemplated to pay for the war we lished. did not have in Mexico.

Fortunately there are men in the Senate who have the honesty courage to resist the raiders, and the latter's control over the machinery is ess complete in that body than in the House. It is most fitting that the libel." Now the greater the truth the opposition is being organized by Senator Newlands, for he represents a state and a section where the benefialso has been the champion of a broad. statesmanlike and businesslike policy ing floods. He has circulated a round robin denouncing the bill which has been signed by so many Senator's that the chances of its passage at this session seem small. Its present defeat give to enemies of the pork waterway and flood-prevention policy time to organize and to arouse public opinion to the iniquity of the reclam-

ation scheme. A sound policy of waterway improvement and flood prevention has been before the country for years, fathered by Mr. Newlands. It would go beyond the view expressed by the National Waterways Commission that improvements made by the Government should be restricted to navigation, which leaves out of consideration would treat each main stream and its tack at their source the floods which obstruct navigation and destroy land by eroding the soil near the head waters and by inundating the lower vallevs. He would entrust the execution With universal service millions of of this policy to a commission, which our young men would get daily exer- would protect and replant the forests, store the flood waters and use them to irrigate land and to generate power, most wholesome surroundings and would improve navigable channels. In carrying out this policy, the dering, according to his own verdict. Their refusal to be reconciled to the tional duty to prevent inundation of a whirlwind of virulent wit, whereas tion has for more than half claiming swamp land in that section be toiled over. He is neither dashing political stability of that country. should be borne by its owners, as is nor beautiful to look upon. So what

see universal training in its true light creeks or to drain their flooded lands. own home town, where, by the way, many and Austria they are taking the we shall have universal training.

The West has every reason for supporting the Newlands plan and for than a limping doughboy from the and as against Russia they are in the breaking away from the political altrenches of Flantiers. Such reasoning position of fighting their own racial liance which the South endeavors to power, such keen perception, is alarm-use in carrying out its raid. The West ing. It is given to few men to rise so. It is therefore only natural, consid-

public building, such, for example, as public funds to neither for private is difficult to fathom the petulance of a military point of view. President Baker, of the Anti-Saloon League, over The Oregonian's wholly impersonal reference to advocates of search and seizure in prohibition legis-The New York Times reports the lation. Nor is it less difficult to untermination of a highly illuminating derstand the sudden but politer relibel case in the state of Louisiana, jection of the idea that comes today with results showing that even in that from Chairman Newell, of the Prohisomewhat backward state-backward bition State Committee. as to its laws concerning the freedom

"You will find it exceedingly diffiof newspaper publication and discus- cult to trace the story that a searchsion-progress is being made. A citi- and-seizure clause is to be placed in zen of a certain parish remote from the legislation for bone-dry Oregon to the state's metropolis, rejoicing in the any advocate of prohibition," says Mr. happy name of East Feliciana, sued Baker. "None of us have ever con-

manager of the newspaper to be in- bone-dry bill the Union Dry Commitdicted on forty counts in a criminal tee, supposed to be the most radical of all, has been a unit in opposing any The basis of the multiplied proceed- attempt to make possession of liquor ings was doubtless that forty separate lawfully obtained a crime."

copies of the newspaper were regular-It is plain to the most common unly circulated in the little town, and derstanding that search and seizure that publication in each paper consti- are inseparable from a law prohibiting tuted a separate offense. It is a little possession. The existing prohibition startling to contemplate that, on the law has a search-and-seizure same theory, an injured citizen might applicable upon complaint or informaprosecute a metropolitan journal with tion to places where intoxicating Ranchman," "Indian Fights and Ranchman," "Indian Fights and at Salem as saying that the stenog-find it hard to understand how people of the so-lawful to possess liquors for beverage a vast circulation through a criminal liquors are possessed for unlawful called libel might be prosecuted wherpurposes is a dwelling. If possession ever the newspaper circulated-anythere is made unlawful, search seizure necessarily are applicable to The chief interest in the Louisiana the home.

But our prohibition brothers deny The most audacious attempt to loot fectual manner in which it disposes that they contemplate prohibiting posession, and The Oregonian is in a way challenged to produce authority for the statement that any prohibitionwhich the Southerners in control of tice dissenting, issued a peremptory ists favor it. The Oregonian accepts

oposes an initial expenditure of ceedings in the prosecution. Judge a member of the Union Dry Commit-\$45,000,000 in reclamation of 16,000,- O'Neill, who wrote the opinion of the tee, which Mr. Newell says has been a unit from the beginning, made this statement:

If what Daniel D. Moore [editor and manager of the Times-Picayune] did was a complete offense and constituted only one offense, it was surely committed in the City of New Orleans. If the fact that a bundle of copies of the Times-Picayune containing the alleged libelous article was sent into the Parish of East Feliciana conferred jurisdiction upon the District Court in that parish to try the alleged offender for what he did in the City of New Orleans, it must be upon the theory that the sending of that bundle of papers to the Parish of East Feliciana constituted a separate offense in that parish. If that be true, the sending of another bundle of the newspapers to the Parish of Rapides that regard.

Again, on or about December 1, the directors of the Anti-Saloon League tions, of which the following is an ex-

if that be true, the sending of another bundle of the newspapers to the Parish of Rapides constituted another offense in that parish, and the sending of another bundle to the Parish of Plaquemines constituted another distinct offense there and, on the same principle, the sending of each newspaper to each individual subscriber or purchaser was a distinct offense.

It would lead to the anomalous proposition that as many separate and distinct offenses may have been committed in as many separate and distinct offenses may have been committed in as many jurisdictions, by what Daniel D. Moore did in the City of New Orleans, as there were copies of the newspaper containing the alleged libelous article; that what Mr. Moore did in the city of New Orleans, as there is alleged libelous article; that what Mr. Moore did in the city of New Orleans, as multiplied into as many thousands of distinct offenses on his part as there were subscribers and purchasers and readers of that issue of the Times-Pleayune. To say that a prose-

On another occasion the Attorney-General was quoted as specifically suggesting a law framed after the Idaho's prohibition statute prohibiting possession.

The Louisiana court followed in a loving cup by the combined prohi-practice the ruling of the Supreme bition organizations for appreciation Court of the United States and several of his important work in behalf of minor Federal courts in the familiar prohibition, published a signed statement that there are two ways of en-New York World and the Indianapolis forcing the bone-dry amendment, one Colonel Roosevelt was greatly of which is to prohibit receipt and pos-

offended at sundry caustic, and doubt-less unwarranted, comments of these . In vi-. In view of formal resolutions, signed statements and authorized interviews popoff. Canal rights from France for \$40,- emanating from prohibition sources 000,000; and he sought to bring them in favor of prohibiting possession, it to Washington in a libel proceeding is as already stated, hard to fathom instituted on behalf of himself, the the purpose of the sudden disclaimer by Mr. Baker and Mr. Newell. Per-It was held by the Federal courts that haps they have not kept in touch with there is but one offense, if any, and events.

DISAPPROVAL OF MINISTER VOPICKA. resence of our Minister. the representative of the United States two years and a half ago in Roumania, was to have been ex-pected, in view of two facts in connection with himself and his office. fact that he is Minister also to Serbia army officers lost in the desert must would make his situation difficult, if be vexing, one would think, even to not diplomatically impossible, and in a bureau chief himself. addition to that he is a Czech. As a native of Bohemia, he has traditions behind him that would not make him persona non grata with either Ger-many or Austria, in any event. It may circles that the entente has not closed be true that he puts his fealty to the door to peace. America above all else, but in matforego an alluring offer to lecture on ters of diplomacy, especially in the the golden shores of America. Not time of a world war, every fact is even the blandishments and treasure taken into account. It is not at all barrel and friends of a sound of the Drama League of America could probable that a Czech would be found tempt him, although the Drama acceptable as Ambassador to Austria League chose a happy hour for asking even in time of peace, and no President with a deep sense of the prothings than George Bernard Shaw, it pricties would choose one for appointment to Berlin.

The Czechs belong to the Slavic spotlight would never waver from him group. There are some six millions of them in all, of whom more than half live in Bohemia, about a quarter are in Moravia and the remainder are scorn of sordid gain in his rejection scattered over various parts of Eu of the Drama League's flattering of- rope and the United States. In this country there are more than a quarter response. Just now he has hold of for some centuries, and Bohemia has a wide vogue and his American royal- tween the Slavic and the Germanic inties reach a neat total annually. But fluences during a good deal of that let the American reading public get time. In the Thirty Years' War it is too close a view of him, let their ideals estimated by some historians that the e shattered by appearance of Shaw population of the country was reduced in the flesh, and he argues that his from about 2,000,000 to less than 700, 000. There was, however, a vigorous awakening of national feeling in the to believe him, that he is a quite com- middle of the last century, and panmonplace person. He is old and dod- Slavism gained much ground again. commission would perform the Na- The American people picture him as existing order in the Austrian federathe lower valley, but the cost of re- his wit comes slow and hard and must tury been regarded as a menace to the A considerable proportion of the

been the subject of an effort to force a precocious taste for so-called higher cannot take with him when he dies, things. With due respect for Richard John D. Rockefeller has given to the lockefeller has given to the lo Baxter and John Bunyan, it will not be overstating the case to say that "Everlasting Saints' Rest" and "Pil-"
Manhattan Island, the land having prevent floods and make rivers navier. Manhattan Island, the land having prevent floods and make rivers navigable king lose his occult power the mo-been acquired by him for the purpose ble. It is willing to pay for carrying ment he indulged in a mundane caat a cost, it is said, of \$5,000,000.
Fifty-seven acres do not represent a vast estate, as acres go out here in the West, with its vast expanses of mountains and plains, but it is a big lot of Novelevaler to the arid land, and the stored water to the arid land, and ress? And would not George Bernard Roman origin, he was in the position of a neutral, to whom no possible objection could be made. And as a resonable Novelevaler to the arid land, and the stored water to the arid land, and ress? And would not George Bernard Roman origin, he was in the position of a neutral, to whom no possible objection could be made. And as a resonable will break away from the Southern solution. land in Manhatian, which has not yet new land its othergotten rid of its slums and its otherwise congested districts.

The new park, however, is more than ordinarily important, because it necessity is defeat of the flood times of allied armies in France.

Newlands, it may obtain for itself the unfortunate for Britain that this super. that we shall have no Minister to Rought with that we shall have no Minister to Rought with the strategist did not enter upon a milister to Rought many, but he still is Minister to Ser WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN?

In view of the published record, it much better off than Roumania, from

> Formation of a "working combination" between the birds and the children of the country is asserted by the secretary of the Audubon Society to have resulted happily for both. growth of the bird-club movement in recent years has been amazing. It be an in 1910, when some 10,500 dren were enrolled in the Southern states for the purpose of studying birds, but it has spread to every state in the Union. Since the inception of the work, 572,000 children have been enrolled in this phase of the work and have been instructed in the principles of the Audubon Society. They have held bird exhibitions, given various ntertainments, established bird sanc tuaries, built and erected multitudes of bird boxes, posted notices concerning the game laws, circulated bird literature, conducted "bird walks" and organized other forms of activity. Interest in the birds thus having been aroused, the rest was a matter of ourse. One need only make the most sursory examination in almost any ommunity to discover the change in the juvenile attitude toward birds, as compared with a quarter of a century

One of the most surprising achievements of the motion-picture men in ecent months has been adaptation of the "movie" camera to the work of the miscroscopist, as a result of which the New York Zoological Society recently was able to exhibit at its annual meeting a series of motion tures of minute marine and freshwater life. The scientific and educational importance of the new ap paratus is indicated by a partial list of the forms shown. Among these are rotozoa, the fresh-water hydra, maine and fresh-water crustacea, the arva of the common sea urchin and he developing egg of the cod. These pictures enable the investigator study at his leisure and in the shelter. of his laboratory many of the prob-If it is unlawful to ship in or manufac-turs within the state any liquer for bever-age purposes, it certainly would seem to be the logical thing to prohibit its possession. In fact, one purpose in placing the bone-dry amendment on the ballot was to obtain from the people an expression of their will in that regard.

The proposal for Federal control of all railroads does not include abolition held a meeting and adopted resolu- of state commissions, as Public Utility Commissioner Corey seems to suppose exist and would find plenty of useful ccupation. They would regulate pubic utilities that were wholly within their respective states, such as power ompanies, trolley companies, water and gas companies and probably local telephone lines having no interstate connections. They would also repre-sent the people of their states before the Interstate Commission, and would thus act for "the folks at home" of whom Mr. Corey speaks.

A \$4,000,000 cruiser was sent to pull a stranded mosquito-boat off a dangerous beach. It was a proper job, of course, for a tug. Now the ruiser is ashore, a wreck. But all is not lost-yet. The dispatches assure us that Secretary Daniels will at once Oswald West, also, who was given send another cruiser to the scene.

The Russians seem to be having no uck at all in their home affairs. coner is one power behind the throne out out of the way than another takes his place, and the reactionaries go on doing business in the same old way. And all will agree that Rasputin had an easier name to spell than Proto-

The bone-dry bill is not to be put through with unseemly haste, but whenever it is passed there will be ome unfortunate souls who waited too ong to send for that final shipment.

The fact that a man can even men ion peace in the belligerent countries German action in disapproving the without getting himself shot shows that we are nearer to it than we were a bore; The kind of red tape that prevents

> The Administration's strong point, if it has any, is fatuous optimism. The

sending a rescue expedition for two

Pancho Villa has cost us, it is estinated, about \$70,000,000, and it is a

catch him in 70,000,000 years. The Amsterdam Handelsblad finds that the notes on both sides have serious faults, thus qualifying in every

Sheepmen have found a cheap remdy for ticks and if it can be bought on tick its use ought to become

From all parts of the country come eports of the demand for men "over They seem to be making good

The Pennsylvania Legislature has neer asked to repeal a thousand use less laws. Why limit the number? El Paso, with its six sets of triplets

n December, evidently takes no stock

the birth-control propaganda. The season for exchanging accusa

ons of barbarity and inhuman treatnent of prisoners is open again. The weather reports from the Mid-

die West make us glad once more that The German supply of marmalade is

ample and the war will go on.

New Jersey is getting a taste of

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

SALEMNITY SONGS. The harp-that-once-through-Tara's halls,

Nor Homer's bloomin' lyra Are what the situation calls To do what I require; For I would sing like anything In tones that palpitate, And let my lightsome lyric ring

On how men legislate.

Lycurgusses and Solons wise, Napoleonic, great, In far-off Salem now arise And they do legislate. And so I ween, the tambourine, The kettle drums and bones, Will bear the message that I mean In more convincing tones.

rise aloft on lyric wing, In syncopated flight; And sing and sing and sing and sing From early morn till night; And this the burden of my song, As loud I syncopate-How Salem Solons all day long

Proceed to legislate.

The Bills.

See the banketfuls of bills-Senate billa! What a world of legislation all the lengthy session fills;

As the sprinkle, sprinkle, sprinkle From a thousand sources light, And they rattle and they crinkle, And the clerk, unhappy gink'll Have to sit up late each night; Keeping tab, tab, tab! Bill on bill he has to grab

From the ever-growing bundle that unto his table spills, Of the bills, bills, bills, bills, Bills, bills, bills-Of the mounting and the counting of

the bills.

See the bundles of the bills-Freaky bills!

Every sort of social evil has its nostrums and its pills; And they lobby, lobby, lobby Each one for his fav'rite freak, And they ride each little hobby, With a bill all patched and dauby,

Less intelligible than Greek. Keeping firm, firm, firm, Though the legislators squirm On his trail to get his promises, no matter what he wills, On the bills, bills, bills, bills,

Bills, bills, bills; On the strong points, and the long points of the bills. And the people-ah, the people,

Neathy the Capitoline steeple On the job. For the hobby that they lobby, Till with accents weak and sobby, While the tentdrops large and gobby Downward blob,

Every Senator is swearing And insistently declaring: "They are neither brute nor human, They are neither man nor woman-They are ghouls-

They are ghouls-These here lobbyists that chill us, With their arguments that fill us,

Till they pretty nearly kill us, and our souls, Get plumb sick, sick, sick, Of the bills that come so quick, Till we're 'most too dazed to kick

At our ills: While they break our hours of leisure Saying, "Introduce this measure With the rest of all your bills: Of your bills, bills, bills, bills,

Bills, bills, bills; Slip this little thing of mine by in your bills."

Ask Me No More. (Sentimental song for overworked Senators.) As me no more! I've got too much

already! I'm introducing bills for everyone; Yet still the flood of applicants is steady Who want more jobs of introducing done.

Framers of bills, I now arise and roar; I've got all I can do! Ask me no more, Ask me no more; No further I'll be bothered With wan, weak, orphan bills for this

or that; eck elsewhere, if you want the darned things fathered, For my paternal instinct's fallen flat,

I do not like to make a voter sore, But please do have a heart! Ask me no more!

Ask me no more! Though thoughtfully you pen it, Your bill shall never be my protege; I'll maybe hurt my chance for U. S. Senate. But 'nuff's enough, so I arise to say:

Guys who want freak bills fathered are I'm telling you it plain! Ask me no more

Members of the House who feel the need of a sentimental song, are advised that the foregoing will serve their purpose as well as it does that of the

Marching Song of the Solons. (To be sung while marching to victory against the Demon Rum.) Bone-dry, bone-dry's what the voter's askin' for.

(Fall in! Fall in! Solons one and all!) 70,000,000-to-1 bet that we will not Private 'pinions, better you'd be maskin for We heed - when it gets strong

enough-the pee-pul's call. Tramp, tramp, tramp, tramp, Marchin' on to victorie! Toot, toot the flute, and beat the bounding drum! Each one's gotta move,

Move, 'fore he gets kicked, or he Is put down by the voters as a FRIEND OF RUM. Bone-dry, bone-dry's what the voter's

askin' for. (Fall in, fall in! Solons one and all!) 'rivate 'pinions, better you'd be mask-

in', for, We heed - when it gets strong

enough-the pec-pul's call.

Too Much Reform in Spelling. New York Times

Mr. Curran and Mr. McManus spent their Saturday half holiday in artistic pursuits. Among the objects examined was a fine new public building. feature of this building that appealed most strongly to Mr. Curran was an inscription cut into a huge stone. "MDCCCXLVIII," he read aloud, What does them letters mane, Tim?"

"That," replied Mr. McManus, "stands "Oh," replied Mr. Curran. Then, after

a thoughtful pause, he added: "Don't yez think, Tim, that they're overdoin' this spellin' reform a bit?"