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THE TELEPHONE TRANSFER.

It is reported that the Home Telephone Company has purchased the no more fittingly applied than to Hooligan and his most unhappy fac Ashland telephone plant from the these two more or less questionable ulty of getting into hot water by try Pacific company and will take it over sports. at once. This will obviate the inis a good thing.

But, if the Home Telephone Com- which are "framed up" from start to pany is allowed to operate under the finish. More especially in the fights franchise granted by the people in than in the wrestling game, the mo-1910, instead of the Pacific fran- tion pictures are a big feature. Time chise granted in 1907, the city and after time these supposed fights are citizens will get the worst end of prolonged indefinitely as mere exhi- sider. the bargain. A comparison of the bition sparring matches to "make the two franchises shows:

The Home franchise is for 25 ten

Under the old franchise the city back where that part of the public had the right to regulate service who wish to witness such contests charges, while under the new a fixed may be reasonably assured that they rate for business service is \$3 per are to see a real exhibition and not kindness. month with the right to increase the a bit of nice posing for the benefit rate to \$3.50 as soon as its service of the motion picture men. Therereaches one thousand phones, the 50 fore the new law should be welcents increase applying to all con- comed as much by those who support nections.

pany could be forced to place their stroyed. wire underground when the city required it. No such right is reserved to the city under the new Home franchise. Nor can the city have free use of Home conduits for fire alarm system.

Under the old franchise the comprotect sewer, water and gas pipes when they construct their lines. The vision.

However, the old franchise pro-

A TIMELY FEDERAL LAW. GOOD OLD ASHLAND TOWN.

When the federal law prohibiting the transportation of motion picture fight films goes into effect there will

they can make.

issue regarding prize fighting, no one

will question that some sort of ac-

tion is needed to put a stop to hun-

dreds of alleged fights, as well as

wrestling matches, staged through-

out the United States each year.

When Barnum made his famous

statement about the American people

liking to be swindled he probably did

not have either the prize fight or

the wrestling game in mind, but in

recent years the statement could be

And the sweetest peaches grow; be much rejoicing among the people Where the people dwell in peace, Wishing for another lease who believe that prize fighting is Of this life that soon must ceaseanything but a credit to the nation. Good old Ashland town. For the action on the part of the

national government will mean a big Where the paim tree meets the pine. Near the California line; blow at the enormous profits the Where the sun does brightly shine game has paid in recent years, and Out of skies so blue and clear, will consequently be a decided blow That you feel like Heaven's near. to the fight promoters, who are, of And your life seems very dear-Good old Ashland town.

Ashland Mountain, white with snow It seems to us unquestionably true Ashland Canyon, far below that some such action should be tak-Ashand Creek, with crystal flow en by the federal government. For, Need you ask, what's in a name? without consideration of the moral Tho' it be unknown to fame.

(By O. H. Barnhill.)

There's a city that I know,

Where the softest breezes blow

Yet we have it, just the same-Good old Ashland town.

The Home Circle Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Some of us have laughed, some of of us have wept, at ridiculous Happy ing to be of service to humanity.

It is considered by some people We believe it is unquestionably convenience to the citizens of a dual true that hundreds, if not thousands, the comic supplements to newspa- primarily of service to the average from telephone system and in that respect of supposed fights and wrestling pers. Granted that some of them are man. stupid and meaningless, there are matches are staged every year, others that bring a bright smile to the lips of a highbrow.

The Happy Hooligan pictures emphasize so strongly the tendency of the human race to be unappreciative of intended courtesies, that they are well worth a moment's time to con-

I heard a man talking on this subject the other day. He was idly watching a feminine Happy Hooligan Kill the value of fight pictures years, while the Pacific was for but and if there is any excuse for prize thought was a bottle fly from a fighting it will once more be put strange woman's shoulder. The bottle fly was in reality an ornament on the woman's dress, and the feminine H. H. was awarded a freezing stare in return for her motive of

For it is not what we do, or say but the motive back of it, which should be recognized.

When this man I write of saw the conclusion of the bottle fly incident, the fight game as by those who he said: "What's the use of being a Happy Hooligan? No one likes you any better for it. I used to give up the lower berth to women, and my seat in the street car. And my reward usually was a cold stare. have helped men chase their hats when the wind carried them down In the old days money spent on the streets, and they have acted like elections was just like coin dropped I got up the wind on purpose. So I've quit.'

There was considerable truth in what the man said.

Not long ago I saw a man standing Today the tracks of the campaign near the front of a densely packed spender are not easily obliterated. street car. Men and women were try; under such an interpretation it both shoving and elbowing for seats. all he wanted of it will tell tales, and saw this man beckon to five separate

(Fifth Installment.) Wise Radical Is Not Misled. Unfortunately, those dealing with the subject have tended to divide into two camps, each as unwise as the other. One camp has fixed its eyes only on the need of prosperity, loudly announcing that our attention must be confined to securing it in bulk, and that the division must be left to take care of itself. This is merely the plan, already tested and

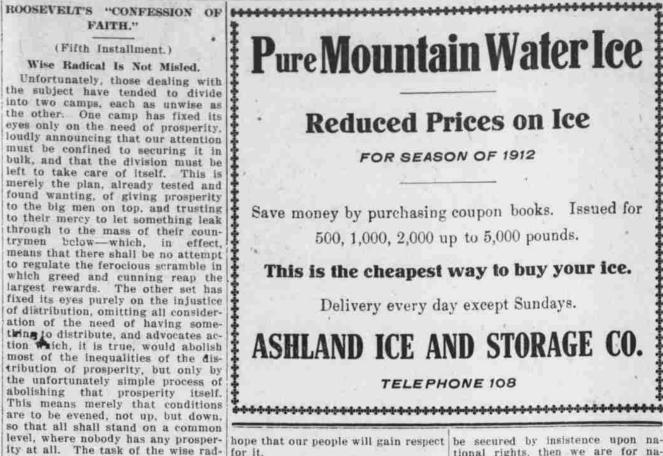
FAITH."

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found wanting, of giving prosperity to the big men on top, and trusting to their mercy to let something leak through to the mass of their countrymen below-which, in effect, means that there shall be no attempt to regulate the ferocious scramble in which greed and cunning reap the argest rewards. The other set has fixed its eyes purely on the injustice of distribution, omitting all consideration of the need of having something to distribute, and advocates ac-tion which, it is true, would abolish most of the inequalities of the distribution of prosperity, but only by the unfortunately simple process of abolishing that prosperity itself. This means merely that conditions are to be evened, not up, but down. so that all shall stand on a common us have sneered, and, mayhap, some ity at all. The task of the wise radical must be to refuse to be misled by either set of false advisers; he must both favor and promote the agencies that make for prosperity. and at the same time see to it that

> Again and again while I was presiout that under the anti-trust law ble to secure the highest-'efficiency in the service rendered by business conditions and reasonable prices. to the general public. The anti-trust books, and, as hereafter shown, must reaction. good. preted as the Baltimore platform de- industrial problem which now con- states have power. mands it shall be interpreted, would fronts this nation." apply to every agency by which not merely industrial but agricultural

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'In conclusion, there is presented tional rights.

resources, fair wages, good social would be ineffective.

Democrats Offer No Remedy.

business is carried on in this coun- Hise is unquestionably right. The democratic platform offers nothing ple themselves, and that the conought in theory to be applied uni-Everybody was thinking of self. 1 ought in theory to be applied and in the way of remedy for present in-backon to five separate versally, in which case practically all dustrial conditions except, first, the people is to be the standard in decida matter enforcement of the anti-trust law in a fashion which, if words mean anytion to enforce it universally, and, thing, means bringing business to a when enforced sporadically, it causes standstill; and, second, the insistcontinual unrest, puts the country at ence upon an archaic construction of a disadvantage with its trade com- the states' rights doctrine in thus dealing with interstate commercehopelessly puzzles honest business an insistence which, in the first men and honest farmers as to what place, is the most flagrant possible their rights are, and yet, as has just violation of the constitution to which the members of the Baltimore condard Oil and Tobacco trusts, it is no vention assert their devotion, and which, in the next place, nullifies in of an eyelash, not by a nod of indeed operates to their benefit, their first statement. The proposals and makes an empty pretense of of the platform are so conflicting and anyone know it. other nations in the markets of the so absurd that it is hard to imagine world as well as to develop our own how any attempt could be made in good faith to carry them out; but, must utilize those forms of industrial if such attempt were sincerely made, organization that are indispensable it could only produce industrial to the highest industrial productiv- chaos. Were such an attempt made, every man who acts honestly would have something to fear, and yet no An important volume entitled great adroit criminal able to com- wood, delivered in your wood Concentration and Control" has mand the advice of the best corporajust been issued by President Charles tion lawyers would have much to What is needed is action directly the reverse of that thus confusedly indicated. We progressives stand for Wisconsin what it has become, a lab-the rights of the people. When these rights can best be secured by insistexperiment in the betterment of con- ence upon states' rights, then we are ditions. President Van Hise is one for states' rights; when they can best

tional rights, then we are for na-Interstate commerce as the solution of the difficulties of can be effectively controlled only by the present industrial situation, con- the nation. The states cannot concentration, co-operation, and control. trol it under the constitution, and to Through concentration we may have amend the constitution by giving very uncultured and vulgar to read these agencies are so used as to be the economic advantages coming them control of it would amount to magnitude of operations, a dissolution of the government. The Through co-operation we may limit worst of the big trusts have always the wastes of the competitive sys- endeavored to keep alive the feeling dent, from 1902 to 1908, I pointed tem. Through control by commis- in favor of having the states themsion we may secure freedom for fair selves, and not the nation, attempt alone it was neither possible to put competition, elimination of unfair to do this work, because they know a stop to business abuses nor possi- practices, conservation of our natural that in the long run such effort There is no

surer way to prevent all successful Concentration and co-operation effort to deal with the trusts than to law must be kept on our statute in industry in order to secure effi- insist that they be dealt with by the ciency are a world-wide movement. states rather than by the nation, or be rendered more effective in the The United States cannot resist it. to create a conflict between the cases where it is applied. But to If we isolate ourselves and insist up- states and the nation on the subject. treat the anti-trust law as an ade- on the subdivision of industry below. The well-meaning ignorant man who quate, or as by itself a wise, meas- the highest economic efficiency, and advances such a proposition does as ure of relief and betterment is a sign do not allow co-operation, we shall much damage as if he were hired by not of progress, but of toryism and be defeated in the world's markets. the trusts themselves, for he is play-It has been of benefit so We cannot adopt an economic system ing the game of every big crooked far as it has implied the recognition less efficient than our great competi- corporation in the country. The only of a real and great evil, and the at tors, Germany, England, France and effective way in which to regulate least sporadic application of the prin- Austria. Either we must modify our the trusts is through the exercise of ciple that all men alike must obey present obsolete laws regarding con- the collective power of our people as the law. But as a sole remedy, uni- centration and co-operation so as to a whole through the governmental versally applicable, it has in actual conform with the world movement, agencies established by the constitupractice completely broken down; as or else fall behind in the race for the tion for this very purpose. Grave now applied it works more mischief world's markets. Concentration and injustice is done by the congress than benefit. It represents the waste co-operation are conditions impera- when it fails to give the national of effort-always damaging to a tively essential for industrial ad- government complete power in this community-which arises from the vance; but if we allow concentration matter; and still graver injustice by attempt to meet new conditions by and co-operation there must be con- the federal courts when they enthe application of outworn remedies trol in order to protect the people, deavor in any way to pare down the instead of fearlessly and in common- and adequate control is only possible right of the people collectively to act sense fashion facing the new condi- through the administrative commis- in this matter as they deem wise; tions and devising the new remedies sion. Hence concentration, co-opera- such conduct does itself tend to cause which alone can work effectively for tion and control are the key words the creation of a twilight zone in The anti-trust law, if inter- for a scientific solution of the mighty which neither the nation nor the Fortunately, the federal courts have more and more

of recent years tended to adopt the In his main thesis President Van true doctrine, which is that all these matters are to be settled by the peo-

Under the old franchise the com- would like to see it entirely de-CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

pictures good."

into the sea. It disappeared into the silent depths of politics, and few pany was compelled to replace and thought of asking where or whence. new Home franchise has no such pro- One day some fellow who did not get

use, while the new one provides for ringing with charges and counter ten.

more favorable to the city than the from the housetops. Home franchise and, if it is possible, the city should insist on the new opvision of the old franchise.

GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL.

ing through the magazines and news. present a candidacy to the voters, papers, to see the number of private even if no money is spent corruptly. schools and academies below the college grade, that are advertising for a poor man, minus wealthy backers, students.

There is a large increase in the ger question. number of families that do not seem a heavy burden on the family anx- enormously increased the candidate's ious to give its young people a good bills. start in life, if not only the cost of a special post graduate school, must of expenditure. The money spent be paid, but also a bill for two to through heelers largely sticks in And then he is going to quit, four years' schooling at some college their dirty pockets. The money spent preparatory institution.

The young people whost fortunate white space, and the same results position permits them to attend some can be had as are secured by merof the fine fitting schools gain a great chants through their advertising. get better attention than the crowd- to people in leisure moments, and is ed public school could give. Their most effective when it consists of rubbed off.

The remark was recently made by largest expense. The voter ought to a professor in a leading eastern col- get out without having to be sent lege, however, that the private school for. boys stand best when they enter the college, but the public high school boys come out anead when they grad. you might as well get ready to give uate.

His idea was that the private Uncle Sam's tax man gets around. schools boys had so much done for them that they lost initiative and determination. Wherefore lot the boy who must get his fit in the high payer looks as if it were sailing over school of his own town or county not the dry land into his back yard. feel that he has no chance. He is left more to himself than the carefully watched private school boy, but notification. If they had notified he may thereby learn to struggle all himby calling up by telephone all the better.

There seems to be a good opporutnity in New York city to incorporate an efficiently conducted and conservatively managed murder company, which shall provide cut rates by doing a large business.

the rumors of full barrels are not women in the aisle to seats he might

Under the old convention system

of nomination, a candidate made his eration continuing under the pro- deals with leaders and committee- oned to seats they otherwise would

It can be said for campaign adver-

through the newspapers buys good

A grandstand fell at the Marshall

There is to be war on the hobble

skirt. As if the matter of clothes

would work the moral reformation of

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this would not have happened.

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vided but four free phones for city easily concealed. Congress has been have taken for himself as they were vacated. There may have been other unselfish people in that surging, restcharges, and things that formerly less, fretful crowd, but they did not The old Pacific franchise is vastly were hidden are being proclaimed appear to a casual observer. Of all that mob, there was but one person who gave an indication of a unselfish thought.

And what of the women he beckmen and bosses, and there were lim- not have obtained? Not by the slightest recognition, not by the liftits to the consideration they dared ask. Whether you like primary elec- the head, nor the smile of an eye, tions or not, as so far conducted it was he thanked. Each one of the It is perfectly surprising, in look- does cost a big sum of money to five, as she took the seat to which he was thinking, "It's high time! I don't see why you could not have How shall it be arranged so that found this seat sooner!"

It is easy to imagine that this kind. chivalric Happy Hooligan of a man can run for office? There is no bigis still on the lookout for chances to serve. The public will accept his Some blame the newspapers, chargservices as a matter of course. Yet to be satisfied with the education ing that the recent custom of insert- will he be happy in rendering it, even given by the home schools. It places ing campaign advertisements has though the public walks along with its head in the air, and notices him

not appreciation, and popularity in rea college education, and possibly of tising that it is the most logical form turn for kindness and thoughtfulis going to be disappointed and ness, have his feelings trampled upon.

But the man who, like the gentle Happy Hooligan of the street car, gives thought to the welfare of others first, because it makes him happy to do so, does not need the applause of the multitude, nor the appreciastart for life's race. Very likely they The campaign advertisement appeals tion of a thankless public. His reward is within himself-is something entirely separate and apart from the people he unselfishly serves. They rough excrescences of manner are carefully stated facts and arguments. can neither add to nor take away "Getting out the vote" is the one from his recompense, for it is above and beyond their comprehension.

Will Deport Hookworm Sufferers.

San Francisco .- Because of con- competition as an economic principle gested conditions in the Angel Island has become too destructive to be per-If you have \$5,000 a year income detention hospital, no immigrant suf- mitted to exist, and that the small fering from hookworm will be treat- men must be allowed to co-operate ed there after November 1. An or- under penalty of succumbing before an impression of poverty before der to this effect was contained in a their big competitors; and yet such letter received from the Department co-operation, vitally necessary to the of Commerce and Labor. Immigrants small man, is criminal under the found to be afflicted with the disease present law. He says: The new battleship is to be called 'Terror of the Seas." but the taxwill be immediately deported.

than 1,300 hookworm patients were ure, we may be sure that they will treated at Angel Island, cures usually being made within 10 days or two by practically every group of men weeks. Sixty per cent of the Japan- engaged in trade from one end of the ese immigrant "photograph brides" were found to be suffering with the that in combining they are doing a malady. Of alien Chinese taken to moral wrong. The selection of the Angel Island, 50 per cent were af- individual or corporation for prose fected. The Hindus, however, are cution depends upon the arbitrary pronounced to be most susceptible to choice of the attorney general, per hookworm, nearly 80 per cent of those landing within the last year odium which attaches to some of the showing symptoms of the malady

Northern Pacific freight handlers at Spokane were granted a raise of violation and sporadic enforcement wages after a four days' strike.

of fact, it is utterly out of the quespetitors in international commerce. been shown in the cases of the Stanwhich it was in theory aimed, and Moreover, if we are to compete with had beckoned her, looked like she material civilization at home, we ity and efficiency.

Words of Van Hise Quoted.

R. Van Hise of the University of fear. Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin has been more influential The man who expects thanks, and than any other agency in making oratory for wise social and industrial

> of those thorough-going but same and intelligent radicals from whom much of leadership is to be expected in such a matter. The sub-title of his book shows that his endeavor is to turn the attention of his countrymen toward practically solving the trust problem of the United States. In his preface he states that his aim is to suggest a way to gain the economic advantages of the concentration of industry, and at the same time to guard the interests of the public, and to assist in the rule of enlightenment, reason, fair play, mutual consideration and toleration. In sum, he shows that unrestrained

"With the alternative before the During the last fiscal year more business men of co-operation or fail co-operate. Since the law is violated country to the other, they do not feel haps somewhat influenced by the to some of the They all take violators of the law. their chance, hoping that the blow With general will fall elsewhere. of an impracticable law we cannot wonderstand

people, is to be the standard in deciding what action shall be taken by the people. As Lincoln phrased it 'The (question) of national power and state rights as a principle is no other than the principle of generality and locality. Whatever concerns the whole should be confided to the whole-to the general government: while whatever concerns only the state should be left exclusively to the state.'

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