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### MAKE THIS A DAY

Make this a day. There is no . gain brooding over days to come;

The message of today is plain, . The future's lips are ever . dumb.

The work of yesterday is gonemay; But now we face another dawn, . Make this a day.

The urging hand and earnest . face

That men call Opportunity, place For some great deed, what need •

to fret? The dawn comes up a silvery . fit in time of war, gray,

met. Make this a day.

your hire,

If it be what the days require. • He who takes up his daily . round.

As one new armored for the . fray, Tomorrow steps on solid ground, • Make this a day.

## ARE COAL MINERS CHEAP.

-The Talisman

Christmas will be a sad holiday this ent portions of the country. So frequently are these explosions occurring that the question arises as to their cause. Are they really accidental and ing or are the disasters due to a cold blooded policy on the part of the mineowners? Could the accidents be avoided if the owners would content themselves with smaller dividends and spend more money safeguarding the lives of their employes. It is evigiven to the safety of the men. Fol lowing the Leyden disaster the state labor commissioner of Colorado predicted others disasters unless radical steps are taken to safeguard lives. and redeem their lost laurels. He declares the mines are in a bad condition

ganheims who own the coal resources of America, and are conserving most of the coal for future profits, coal miners are cheap and the supply inall to reduce the dividends.

### THE RUSSIAN DANCERS.

Pavlowa and Mordkin, the great Russian dancers, have been in Sait Lake and their appearance brought forth some criticism. There were people who saw their dancing and believed the first part suggestive.

In defense of the famous dancers, a Salt Lake paper repeats part of Kingsley's discription of Pielagia's dance before Orestes and the thou-

sands in the great amphitheater. He tells how the snow white elephant marched around the stage. "Then a choir of nymphs awung round him hand in hand and sang as they danced along the conquering might of beauty, the tamer of beasts and men

and delties." Then the rising of Pielagia from the shell on the back of the elephant is thus described: "Yes; whiter than the snow white elephant-more rosy than the pink-tipped shell in which she lay, among crimson cushions and silver gauses, there shown the goddess, thrilling all hearts with those Selicious smiles and glances of the bashful, playful eyes and grateful waving of the tiny hands as the whole theater rose with one scoord and ten thousand open were esquestrated on touches

the unequaled loveliness beneath

Then the description increases in loveliness as it portrays Aphredite rising to her full height from the shell, "the mystic cestus glittering round her waist in deep festoons of emeralds and pearls, and stepped forward upon the marble sea-floor, wringing the dropping perfume from her locks as Aphrodite rose of old." Then her dance is described as "a miracle of art such as was only possible among a people of the free and exquisite physical training and the I'm only an ordinary dub delicate nesthetic perception of those old Greeks even in their most fallen |

those Russian girls were trained, says the Salt Lake paper, for the same effect was sought for that ruled in Greece, the effect that perfect physical beauty linked with exquisite art always has and always will cast a spell around savage and civilized man There were people in the theater watching those dancers and listening to the wonderful music who never once thought the scene sugthe art. There were others who ought not to have been there, neither they nor their descendants for the next seven hundred years.

### GUARDING THE CANAL.

By the time the Panama canal is completed it will have cost the Unit-For good or ill, let come what . ed States the sum of \$400.000,000. Surely such a piece of work is worth guarding. Especially so since one of the best arguments for the canal was Though yesterday we failed to . that it would be of great value to this country from a naval standpoint. When the canal is finished the president may order a fleet from one ocean We falled to know the time or ◆ to the other and it won't be necessary for the ships to go around Cape Corn. This will be of enormous bene-

Yet there are many who object to The golden moments must be • fortifying the canal. They point to the enormous cost of the fortifications and hold the big ditch should This day is yours; your work . be made safe through an internationsl treaty. By the same sort of logic The odds are not who pays . these men could argue that banks The thing accomplished—inst • should do away with expensive vaults · and rely for the protection of their coin upon the laws against thievery.

### A CITY OF LIGHT,

Court streets add to the brilliance of and poor service at heavy cost. hose thoroughfares and the Pacific government means economy business Light & Power company is entitled to and a full return in public service credit for furnishing this illumination for the tax money spent without cost during Christmas week. It would be fine if the business section could be well lighted all the because they are afraid of politics. year for the families of the miners time. On Main street the merchants If a business man becomes a candithat have been killed in the numer. are now installing cluster lights so date for mayor, he must run as a rethat have been killed in the numer-rapidly that it will not be long until ous bad mine "accidents" in differthat street will have a truly politan appearance. Also this paper cause his partisan label is different are going to "get into the game" by him a horsethief, charge that he puts an unavoidable feature of coal mincandescant lights for their street and orphan. No wonder he balks. by having them turned on every eve-

Go to it, gentlemen. Make Pendleon the City of Light.

see America in 36 hours the London dent that sufficient attention is not Mail has shown a spirit of enterprise Gotham newspaper men to get busy alone is the issue, and that's the pre-

Senator Lodge seems to favor every-Perhaps in the opinions of the Mor- thing that Senator Cummins does only he does not want cummins to be fear any more-just city business. the leader of the senate,

> If that Little Walla Walla irrigaastonishment,

> After so much consultation and dis--in the summer time at least,

### ON FALLING IN LOVE.

There's something the matter with me And I guess it's a girl. I met her last evening, and Gee! But my head's in a whirl. My heart acts peculiar as well, For it thumps as it goes, And as near as I'm abte to tell

It is love, I suppose. It wasn't so much what she said -Just the usual line, But somehow it went to my head Like a bottle of wine.

Perhaps I said something to her But the Lord only knows, What happened is simply a blurr-And it's love, I suppose I'm ten different kinds of a fool,

But my foolishness grows, I try but I cannot keep cool-It is love, I suppose My folly is easy to see But my brain's in a whirl.

There's something the matter with And I know it's a girl. Berton Braley, in December Pacific

Good husbands are made, not born; a man is just the raw material to which his wife puts the finishing

### INTRODUCING MYSELF.

I'm not the fellow you read about But only the man you know, The chap you meet on the busy street Where the hurrying thousands go; I cannot class with the ::starving poor"

Nor yet with the "men of means," I'm just the sort that you are yourself-

The salaried "in betweens."

I've never handled a spade or pick, I'm hardly "a son of toll," cannot plow for I don't know how To "wrest my bread from the soil," With commonplace things to do, .

And so-oh common-place friend of I'm singing my songs to You.

That same spirit was thvoked when If you've never made your summer Suffice for the winter's chill,

If you've never gone with a soiled shirt on To save the laundry bill, If you've never eaten a buffet lunch To save a nickel or two, If you've never worried about the

These ballads are not for you.

But you with worry and puzzle out Each item of daily life. Who work and fret in the fear of debt

Along with your faithful wife, Maybe you'll find in these songs of mine A strain that you know is true, And thought I'm harldly the soul of

song I'm singing them all to You. -Berton Braley, in December Pacific

### THE COMMISSION PLAN.

(Duluth Herald.) Did you ever notice that not many ousiness men go into city politics? Did you ever notice, in the government of the average city, that business methods are about the last thing thought of and did you ever think that there miht be some connection between that and the fact that capable business men with valuable business don't go into city politics?

There is a very close connection between those things, and the fact is that it is the hardest kind of a job. in the average city, to get business men, the kind who ought to fill most of the places, to become candidates for mayor alderman

Why? man is afraid of politics, and is more than glad to leave it to the professional party politicians, even though he knows that politicians aren't competent to handle large public affairs. and that he isn't getting the kind of government out of them that he ought to have. Bad government hurts business. Good government helps bust-Bad business means high tax-The strings of lights on Main and es, waste, extravagance, corruption methods in public affairs, low taxes

True though this all is strong enough to induce the business men to take hold of public affairs, is informed that Court street people from theirs they are going to call sand in his sugar, weighs the holes in

There is exactly where the commission form of city government

comes in. At one blow it knocks politics out of the box. It absolutely forbids any man to run for office as a republican By sending a man to America to or a democrat. It refuses to put his party label on the ballot even if he wants it there. It throws politics out of the field altogether, and settles the that was unexpected. It looks like whole business down on the sensible they have "put one over" the New basis of fitness. No man-who is the York journals and it will be up to the right kind of a man-is afraid to go into a contest where personal fitness cise and exact and sole issue in elections under the commission form of government.

Then business men with level heads and sound experience need no longer

That's the way it has worked out in the cities where it has been tried. For instance take Leavenworth, exhaustible, while it would not do at tion suit is actually and finally settled prohibition Kansas, and you can im-Leavenworth was a blind pig town in someone is liable to drop dead from agine what kind of government it had. Its chief revenue was from blind pig fines, imposed monthly. It adopted the commission form of government, and elected a hardware mercussion surely the roads will be good chant, a soap manufacturer, a lumberer and a big drayman as commissioners. With the loss of \$80,000 in revenue from blind pigs, these hardheaded business men kept the city going, paid off \$22,000 in bonds, and reduced the tax levy \$26,000 a year on top of that. That was merely applying business methods to a business that had been run into the ground by politics.

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