EMPTY WORDS.

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OUR ONLY PHILOSOPHER.

Although I'm not extremely fond

A philosophic easiness; ' A large contempt of vulgar gain 1 never dream I may attain.

A need whose clamorings adjust Themselves into a shred or crust; Whose craving fervors all unite And centre in the appetite, Till drowsy torpors all confess Repletion is his happiness.

With sly expedient and shift He levies on others' thrift. The farmer drives his teams afield, So nature may her tribute yield; And when the harvest horde arrives, This predatory rover thrives.

The cackling hen, the lowing kine, The waddling geese, the grunting swine, The winnowed wheat, the gathered corn, The herald chanticleer of morn, The orchard's russet spheres, or red, The busy housewife's tart or bread, Products of growth or labor, all Unto this careless fellow fall, Until he seems of deep content The cheerfulest embodiment.

What though in furious retreat Old Towser nabs his aims re-And statutes

In speculative

It answers just as well as bread, Sometimes when hope allures, instead; And if his bread turns out a crust, His wants with the supplies adjust; For fortune never frowns askance To those who mold to circumstance, And though she often misbehave, He's cheerful still, this thriftless knave.

AN EVENING WITH THE SPIRITS. Some Specimen Communications Obtained

Through a Gifted Medium. Since attending a seance a few nights ago I am a firm believer that spiritualism is a big

The female who had the ghost in charge (the visitors were charged, too) was a medium-sized woman, of the Queen Anne order of architecture, with cross eyes and a

temper to match. She said the conditions were favorable, and that a choice assortment of spirits had arrived, and were prepared to do their best. The way the spirits were put through their

traces was this: The medium sat on one side of the table and the thirster after spiritual lore occupied a low-lying stool on the other. Both clasped a slate which lay on the table, and on this slate the spirits displayed their chirographical ability, or rather their inability.

It was necessary to write a question on a families—that slip of paper, roll it up in the shape of a sugarcoated pill, and let the medium touch with her cold, clammy finger. Whereupon the spirit, if he understood his business would place his answer on the slate. A few of the questions and answers are ap-

"Mr. Bacon-Esteemed lord: Did you

write Shakspeare's plays?" Answer-"Yes, I wrote them plays after night, when my other work was done. Bil promised to pay me three pun ten apiece for 'em, and he hain't paid me yet .- BACON." "William Shakspeare, Esq.—Dear Bill: the plays he wrote for you. How is this?" Ar.swer-"Bacon is a hass. Didn't promise him nothing for writing no plays. I wrote 'em myself on a typewriter, and I can lick the man who says I didn't. Ig. Donnelly is a crank and will come to some bad end.—WM. SHAKSPEARE."

"Captain Kidd - Respected mariner: Where did you bury your treasure?" Answer-"Never buried any treasure. Had none to bury. Just before I died I paid a plumber's bill.—Kipp."

"Mr. Franklin-Dear Benjamin: Is it true that you did not discover lightning un-

til after you were married?" Answer-"Rats !-- BENJ. FRANKLIN." "Benedict Arnold-Sir: How is the traitor

industry? Is it hot enough for you?" Answer-"Go to Tophet.-B. A." While these questions were being answered in such a satisfactory manner it seemed that a mob of spirits, not specially asked, were hustling each other around the table. Some of them were evidently afraid that no questions would be asked them, and so they kindly volunteered some choice bits

are selected: "Ye man who invented ye little hatchet story is a liar, and ye truth is not in him .-G. WASHINGTON."

of information, from which the following

"We is very happy here.-LINDLEY MUR-

"I am lerning tu spel.—Josh Billings." The medium said it was very seldom so large a company of spirits could be induced to talk at once, and it really seemed as though the seance was a success.

Didn't Take Advantage of Flood Tide. 'Your cravat is loose, Mr. Bean. Shall ie it for you?" said Miss Allibone last Su floor from being overcrowded, and allows white fingers gamboled beneath his chin she | every one to have a little fun. boked up into his face and said: "There is a led in the affairs of men—what's the rest. knot isn't tied yet .- Melrose Journal.

A good day's at work what you can best is the hard-pan to which all must come.

PLEASURE.

Features-A Most Gorgeous Saloon.

[Special Correspondence.]

In all the large towns in Germany dancing. Unlike the French people, keep it up until a very late hour. they are very staid in dancing, as they | The largest place in this city, perhaps, It was Sunday afternoon that to-

coming from one of these halls. It was about half-past four, and we were in, paid sixty centimes for the three, or a ticket of admission to the floor. five cents apiece, and got our admission and on reaching the landing were met by a flower-girl who tried to sell us roses French bouquetiere found in similar after the style of the old Mabille. places, she was exceedingly modest and did not try to force herself upon us, ex-

minded me very much of Harry Hill's place in New York. All around were little tables at which were seated innumerable couples drinking the ever present beer. The centre of the room was a great circle. About a half foot below the main floor was a wax or pol-

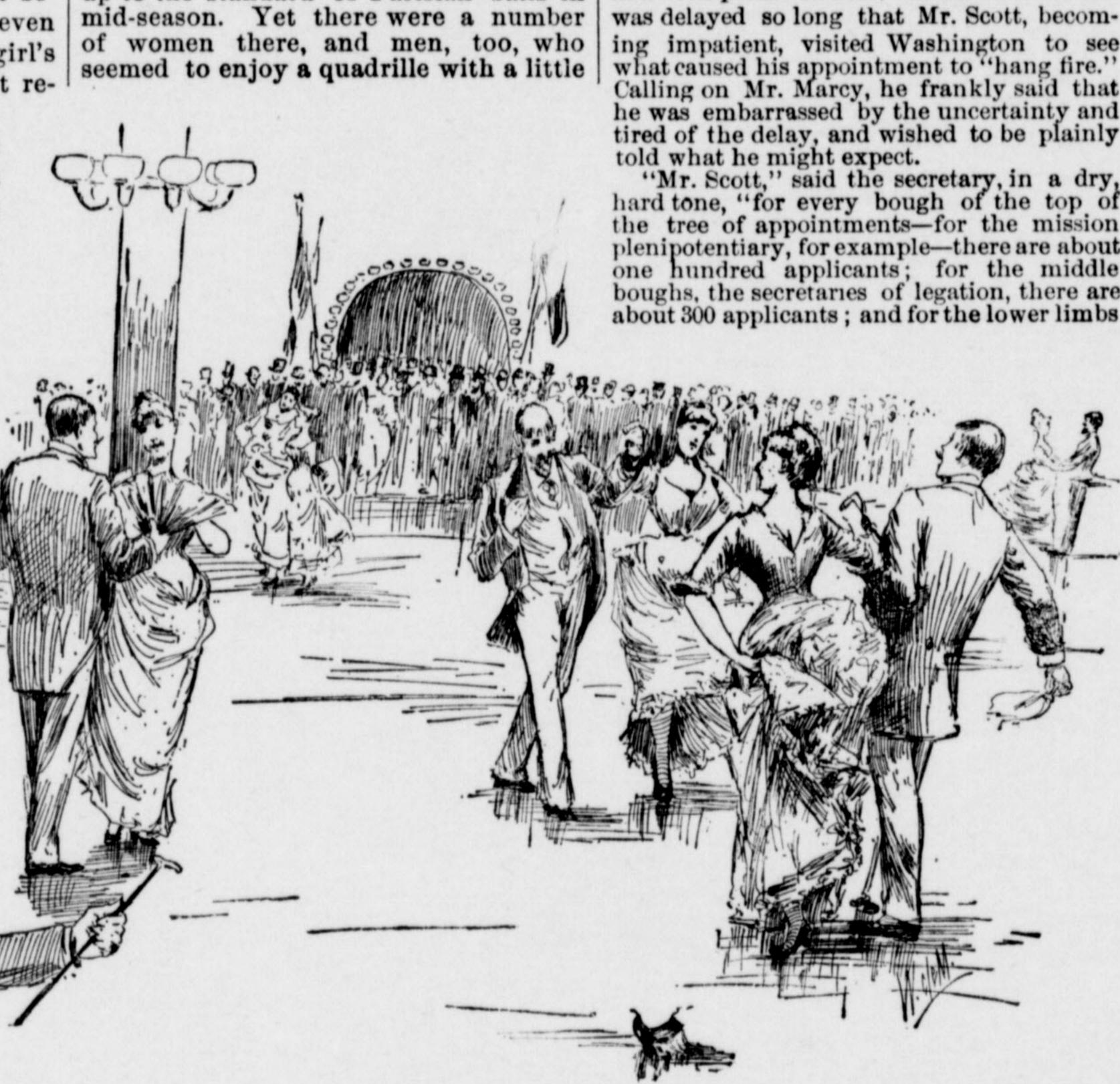
sorts and kinds of partners, and the Music and Dance-halls in the Principal having to stoop over a little. They go which Curran defended. The Speaker at Towns-Ludicrous Sights Witnessed in slowly round and round, when These Places-Beer Drinking One of the another couple will break across the room at a terrific rate of speed, upsetting one or two of the slowly-moving couples, DRESDEN: -One would hardly call waiting their turn. After the dance is young man, newly elected to Congress, am-

causing consternation among those Sunday in America a day to go to a ball, over and the band stops, they all return except to baseball; but in Germany Sun- to their tables and their beer, and the ginian in a speech of two hours' length day afternoon is the greatest of all the kelners are kept busy bringing around days in the week for the sportive youth | quart mugs of that liquid. and his young girl to trip the light fan- Dancing on Sunday afternoon and

this city. After one o'clock the stores with profound gravity, repeated the abs all close up. The people seem to wend gesture of his opponent, bowed, there are innumerable dance-halls. their way to the various places of amuse- in the speech worth reply. These are all constructed on the same ment. Advertisements fill the papers The House broke into deafening peals of plan, though, of course, like everything and street-corners announcing that the laughter, and the young man was annihielse, some are finer than others, larger, dance will begin at such and such a time better embellished, and have a smoother in the afternoon-generally about four butt for the ridicule of every nation since the national festivals where a crowd collects ing. The Germans are proverbially early nothing), speers the witty Frenchman. there are always one or two dance-halls in all their amusements, and often finish temporized for the occasion, and always long before midnight, but they seem to crowded. The Germans love music and except dancing in this rule, and they a noise which nobody can answer.

are in all their other amusements or oc- is the Tivoli. It is a gorgeous saloon, cupations. While the French like lively fitted up with all the flaring colors of and at times exhilarating waltzes, or the German art. It has a good band of famous can-can, the Germans are con- music, an excellent floor to dance on. tent with a slow-measured step or waltz. and any number of pretty girls. These frauleins, unlike their French sisters, are very modest, and one has to be pargether with two friends we were walk- ticularly careful before he asks them to ing through the rain in this city dance, because you either receive a slap remains with them even after friction with when we heard the strain of music in the face for your impudence or a the world has subdued their self-conceit, and soldier will approach you and say you have insulted his lady friend. But there is always a way of getting around this thinking that we would see something thing. The floor manager will provide novel, so we decided to enter. We went you with a partner-that is, if you have How different it is in Paris! It was at

tickets. We went up the large stairway, Tivoli, also, that I visited one night about ten o'clock-for in Paris one has to keep late hours if he wants to see anything, the French are so habitually for a buttonhole. She was arrayed in lazy-yes, it was at the Tivoli, a comfull evening costume, but, unlike the paratively new ball-room or dance-hall was a little early in the season, and mirrors and lights, gardens with foun- Richmond, Va., Mr. R. G. Scott, applied for cepting to ask us to buy her flowers, and tains and growing plants, it was hardly the consulship at Rio de Janeiro. The place up to the standard of Parisian balls in had been promised him, but the nomination that it was to many the veritable "Valley



good many Americans smoking cigar- plicants. ettes and walking about uneasily as if they were ashamed to be seen at such a dancers. At the far end was the band place, but I have seen just as many at obtaining them, hope to catch on the limbs of music, and like in many other similar places, they put out a sign denoting what dance was then taking place or It is all the same whether it is the about to begin. Only those thinking | Mabille, the Bullier or the Tivoli, the to participate in the waltz are expected plan works—there are three or four women who get a salary from the proto remain on the lower floor, the gallery prietors to be there every night and do a up-stairs being provided for visitors or little fancy dancing. They seem to go can, therefore, calculate your chances for the and through their performance automatically, consulship at Rio. children who do not care to dance, or and while the crowd gathers around and "Then, sir," answered the astonished and who want to drink beer alone—and up-stairs we went. We secured a seat near or dance a little exuberantly, they do begging "and be recent to his fact stairs we went. We secured a seat near not seem to enter into it with the same the balcony and enjoyed the fun below. fervor or pleasure that the Germans do motioning to him to resume As soon as the music struck up every with their simple quiet waltz. one left the tables and got into line | The night I was at the Tivoli there on the floor. There in column front of were two girls who tried to earn their fours the dancers formed a half circle | wages, and once or twice really seemed around the floor. There were two floor some high kicking, some showing of for managers, and as the band started the stockings and no little applause from first one divided the circle in half, and the crowds around the set. There were left one portion of it dancing on the floor. only four dancing, and two of them were Bacon says you owe him £3 10s. for each of The second ballet-master stood at the very demure, as a sort of contrast to the

head of the column and kept the others blared forth, and the two girls went in line. The first section was allowed to through the motions of the can-can in dance for about five minutes, and then the same strain, and when it was over they were gathered together like a lot of | they took their partners' arms, sat down stray chickens and placed in line on the in the garden and ordered some cognac A Form of Torture Which is Practiced other side of the hall. Then the second The French do not care much for section was allowed to have its turn, and beer, although they have what they call when stopped the semicircle was at the "bock" there and sell it at the enormous other end of the building. Then the price of about half a glass for ten cent two men went and collected the tickets | Very bad, too, it is, and no wonder they

do not care for it. Their great drink is who formerly infested that region. The brandy and absinthe, and the people at | victim's skin was cut round the upper part the Tivoli enjoy that as much as our of his legs, and then torn off by the feet. German friends of the Tivoli in this city | Some years ago the chief of a desperate | the English policy of opening the arable do their lager. up and ask them to dance, and are only A Russian soldier managed to secure the the accomplishment of such result. No- tion principle too glad to entrap one, especially if he is robber and to hand him over to his com- where on the continent can the slave labor means disa stranger, because they will fleece him | mander. out of supper or drinks innumerable, and make him pay a price which will

suffice the proprietor to keep them in drinks or food for a day or two. While the gardens, and in some of the theatres your buttonhole, and refuse to take it out until you pay for it. They will then robber escaped. The soldier, knowing if he beer, or more probably brandy, and after | and having no confidence in his commandconversing with you awhile, and getting er's honesty, determined to take the admin from each of the gentlemen, because an you for somebody else.

all they can out of you, they will leave He pursued the robber, and after se

to every one who uses the floor. After it, drinking as much as they do, and I am robber clap their hands, and the whole crowd they can only follow that life for a few are set off in motion. It is a strange way | years, then become wrecks. JOHN S. SHRIVER.

of regulating things, but it keeps the

Eating Eight Wives. Here is an opportunity for the Mikado to The Germans dance most particularly, discover a "punishment to fit the crime." that is in a great many dance-halls I have Mr. Hatton, the explorer, speaks of a canniseen. The gentleman clasps the lady most tightly, while she responds in the be afflicted with an indigestion in proportion

"Time, Mr. Speaker!" exclaimed Currar "He has long since done with Time. He is now trenching on eternity!" John Randolph, of Roanoke, gave a still more biting rebuke to a wordy speaker. A

bitious of distinction, attacked the great Virtastic and enjoy themselves drinking beer-drinking is one of the features of would answer the attack. He rose, stood

dancing floor. At all the shooting or o'clock, and lasting until the next morn- days of Euripides. "Il parle beaucoup, mais much to mills. "We hear their perpetual clatter, but they give us no flour.'

In every language there is a word to describe the insignificance and worthlessness However, there is room to doubt whether this universal verdict against Mr. Talkative Boys and girls who have been unwisely their childhood by their families are apt to acquire the habit of incessant chatter, which

Men of a lively fancy, too, are apt to exaggerate trifles, and give them a wordy sessor in the opinion of others.—Exchange.

DRY HUMOR.

How the Secretary of State Talked to an Impatient Applicant. William L. Marcy, Secretary of State during the administration of President Pierce. had a dry humor in which he often indulged though he seldom laughed. A lawyer

tion of what this country was State, and St. Louis was carry

> General Hazen, in charge of a military post at Fort Buford, voluminously labored to prove that Dakota was an "arid waste," fit only to raise cacti, prairie dogs, sage brush and Indians. He lived long enough to see a population of over half a million, and a production of nearly sixty

of the can-can tendency. I noticed a of the consulships, there are about 1,000 ap-"Those holding on to the upper boughs expect if they fall to catch upon the boughs

"I have advised the President that the

"Well that chance is not worth waiting 'Then the secretary's sides shook with his enjoyment of Scott's joyful surprise .- Youth's

### RED BOOTS.

by Tartar Banditti. Among the Tartars of the Ukraine boots made of red leather are generally worn. This fact gave rise to a form of torture practiced, as an act of revenge, by the banditti gang of robbers became so troublesome that

Instead of being executed, the robber was set at liberty. He had amassed wealth and was able to pay the commander a large sum One day, shortly after the capture, the

of Paris, you will be pestered to death "You caught me once," said he to the out the implication of payment for pass the end, be secured. by the flower girls or bouquetiere. They will come up and pin a rose or flower in expedition in search of me, I will give you a interests, and assert that corporations have He pursued the robber, and after sever admission fee of a few cents is charged I often wonder how the women stand cocked pistols in his hands, he found the

the tickets are collected the floor masters | told they do not stand it very well, as | "You promised me," said he, "a pair red boots; I am come to be measured for them!" and then shot the chief dead on the spot.—Exchange.

The Rising Generation. Governess-Why, Ethel, you're fifteen and can't spell your family name correctly! Ethel-Oh, it doesn't matter-i'll changing it soon any way!

#### THAT ARID WASTE.

WITH ITS "BONE EXPRESS" ANI

OTHER EARLY FERTILIZERS. Which Have Amazed Savants, Demolishe Theories and Demonstrated Results the Like of Which History Tells Not of-Wildest Dreams More Than Surpassed.

a-line epistle, one cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that it makes no difference where one may wish to go in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota, Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska or Illinois, it is safe to purchase a ticket via the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. Where the road may not bility, appear to morrow. In this the country resembles the railway. The marvelous

no lies. News,

land where "prairie schoon-

not incidental to the march of civiliza-

The "bone express" was frontier parlance

indicative of the recognized line, or rather

lines, of communication from the starting

point upon the Illinois lake front to objec-

tive points as widely divergent as were the

way over an expanse so vast and trackless

wager that the present reader

ing on a regular trade with

Strike out, my friend, into God's land, where Progress is spelled with a very big P; where men have no time to grow old; where the census returns are so far behind the absolute per capita as to be about the only ancient history recognized. Northwest told Think, if you can, of 4,000,000 acres-an

Here the old adage, "Tall oaks from little

acorns grow," receives a practical illustra-

less leaves of some grand old forest monarch

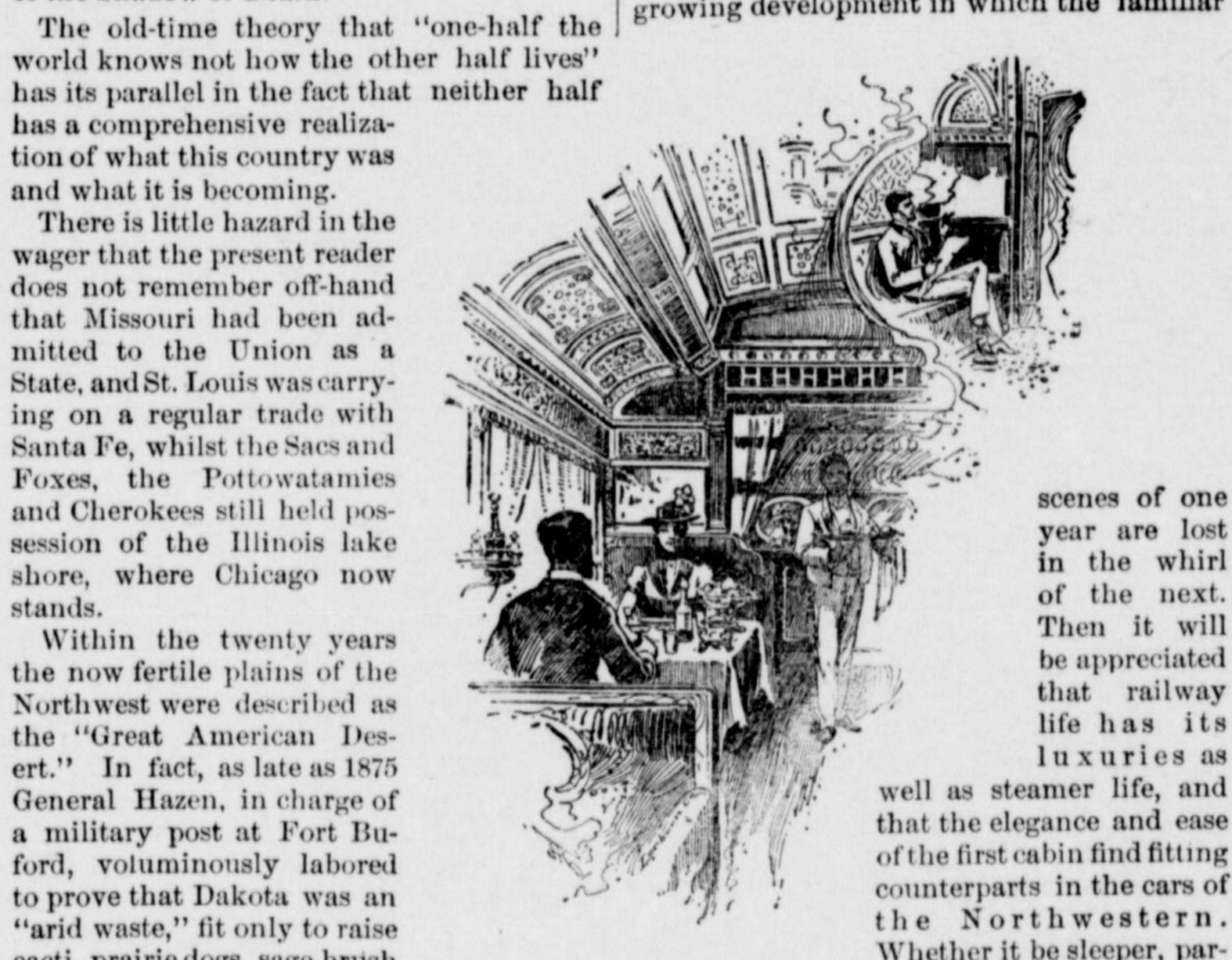
ments upon its main line and numerous

branches. At the risk of being accused of

"puffing," and of lending to this article

area greater by upward of 300 square miles than that of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined-being taken up for settlement within a single year. This was the record of Dakota and Minnesota, and the territories of Wyoming and Washington present a fair second thereto. Into that wonderful chain of mills at Minneapolis goes the proers," "packs" and "trains" duct of this section, and although the capacity of these mills is thirty thousand barrels of flour a day, they are still extending, and several of the largest are doubling their

The day is not far distant when the votaries of fashion, instead of making annual pilgrimages to the Old World, will turn their aims of the sturdy men who "blazed" their faces yearly toward these new countries. whose attractions lie not in moldy relics of effete civilization, but rather in that constant growing development in which the familiar



BY NOON.

Then it will be appreciated that railway life has its luxuries as of the first cabin find fitting counterparts in the cars of the Northwestern. Whether it be sleeper, parlor or coach, that air of absolute cleanliness, artistic

comeliness and eternal fitness will be found to prevail, while in the dining-car there will be found relief from that longtime terror to railway farers-the cry of "Twenty minutes for dinner." To the thousands who have made the transcontinental trip by this route, one may appeal with confidence to corroborate the correctness of this statement. It is one which requires no oratorical embellishment. fact, all exaggerated representations are foreign to the policy of the company referred

to, its management preferring to rely upon absolute experience and the simple re-counting of facts, whereof the writer speaks from observation, without the fear of contradic-When the plan of "corraling" large parties for the California trip was first inaugurated, many lines embraced it eagerly, under

greater the revenue, without stopping to consider the difficulties and inconveniences members of such parties western has never fully surrendered to this practice It is the opinio

million bushels of grain from that territory alone. As Chief of the Weather Bureau he found this "arid waste" so important as to justify the location of nine signal-service stations within its boundaries. Gentle reader, do not turn from

this page of "ancient history" with anxious eye to the latest fluctuations of the stock and grain markets. It may be better to consider material than speculative things. The time must come when the question of ways and means will rest upon a more substantial basis than the twists and turns of Wall-street kings.

If ever American industry can checkmate fields of India against our wheat-producing | of many that French girls do not mind if you come a large reward was offered for his capture. sections, we must look to the Northwest for the combinaof India be counterbalanced by fertility and | comfort and less it be in the bread fields of Minnesota adheres to its original policy of direct cor

and Dakota. cused of lack of conscience than can the children traveling alone as to organized p horny-handed agriculturist be likewise upward for his physical investment.

What would be the condition of the Northwest to-day were it not for the enormous outlay of money involved in the extension and perfection of railway systems? Michigan to the British Possessions. Take the Chicago and Northwestern Railway map,

BY NIGHT.

production, and low cost of cultivation, un- possibly inadequate attention. The road LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE. tact with its patrons, believing that in caring Thanks to the Inter-state Commerce Law, a for each and every one alike the greatest soldier was surprised to receive a visit from newspaper man may speak of railways with- good to the greatest number must, it

no souls; that they are cormorants, "fatten- there is an attention which cannot be aping" upon the body politic. What nonsense! proached, a service which the most fastidi-Men are men the world over, and the rail- ous cannot criticise, and an absolute con way official who seeks a reasonable return fort, which makes the journey a pleasure infor the service which his company renders | stead of a burden. This principle applying the public can with no more justice be ac- with equal force to individuals, ladies or braided for his desire to secure an honest re- isfactory relations between the railway and the public. This may be consider rather strong language, but truth is th greatest compliment which can be stowed; and if it be true why not state This statement is the result of persona Look at the map of the country from Lake observation, and, in the language of the witness-stand, is "the truth and nothin

for instance. It is a good one, even if it was You may ask why no other route is menspeak whereof I know. Be wisely worldly, be not worldly wise.

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