## Musical Notes

By C. WINT HROP AMES

d Eigar, the eminent English com-nile on a visit to America, criti-sely the musical conditions here, ag other things said that America me against our country were the against our country were do by an over amount of loyalty own country, but it seems that has been equally frank and caustic opinions of the musical conditions bis opinions of the musical conditions bis opinions of the musical conditions. England. In an address delivered at mingham recently he stated that there is but one English conductor, Henry J. but one English conductor, Henry J. cod and that the rest of them were but chanical time beaters who would keep in a factory about as well. He may be the stated that English singers were there stated that English singers were stated that English singers were

luther stated that English singers were fur too brainless, and that the actors,—fur too brainless, and the writer, "why, the writer, "why, the subject of and it happen?" "She was playing 'under the Bamboo—Tree,' and a limb broke off and"—but the was playing 'under the Bamboo—Tree,' and a limb broke off and"—but the was playing 'under the Bamboo—Tree,' and a limb broke off and"—but the damboo of and a limb broke off and"—but the damboo of and a limb broke off and "but the damboo of and a limb broke off and"—but the damboo of and a limb broke off and "but the damboo of and a limb broke off and"—but the damboo of and a limb broke off and"—but the damboo of and a limb broke off and

For Elgar to make such a wholesale demnedation of ...e musical conditions of a
ecuntry such as England is a mistake. In
the first place, the chances are ninety-nine
to one that such criticism is wholly out of
place and untrue; and in the second
place, even were there sufficient truth to
warrant a degree of protest on the part
of a capable critics, a standpoint of such
sweeping, unconditional condemnation, is,
to say the least, foolish. This is especially
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There are natural conditions pertaining to the musical situation in England which would make it more than probable that all forms of art have been pursued to the highest point of perfection, and that the artists should represent almost the acme of human attainment at this stage of the world's progress. England is an old country and a rich country. The former condition presupposes the accummulated progress of the centuries; the latter condition is a marantee of stimulating incentive toward the pursuit of art. For, whenever the physical needs are provided for, the mind turns to other things as a source of recreation. To be sure, the various forms of art not taken up at once as soon as the peeds of the flesh are attended to, since there are a variety of avenues of pleasure. there are a variety of avenues of pleasure which are first given consideration. But which are first given consideration. But comes or later the spirit of progress as-erts itself, and those things which personbeauty firesistably attract the attention of mankind. Whether or not the are class of the world activity pursue the positile for others pursue its study; and since there has always been a plenty of people only too eager to devote their talents and energies in this direction, the result amounts to the same thing.

introduced to the musical world. It called "tenor violin," and was invent by Hermann Ritter, who also conceived the viola aita. The instrument is very much like the 'cello, only somewhat small-er and thinner. It has strings like the violin, E. A. D and G. only is tuned an lower, and plays music written in cleff. The tone is quite clear and ting, though not very great in

Alberto Jonas, who has been affiliated with American mudeal interests as con-cert palanist and teacher for over a dozen years, has been referred to by a Recritic as the foremost planist of Spaness, in company with his wife and large number of American pupils, left a visit to the German capital recently the purposes of further music study and recreation. The writer is not positive of the fact, but thinks that Jonas gave several concerts in Spanish cities while enroute to Berlin, which may account for the music critics report. But America will rinarian: Dr.

In her play of this season Isabel Irving

mains still a myth.

will be news to many to learn that

Mention was made some time ago of the progress of the Japanese of Inte years along the lines of music. So far the little nation has offered but one artist by name. Ho Matsuda: a full blooded scion of Japan. Miss Matsuda: a full blooded scion of Japan. A very pretty home wedding took place Wednesday night at 9 o'clock scenical dexterity and intelligent interpretative ability. She intends to return to her bative country and do missionary married to Mr. James L. Hall.

Bey G. T. Adams, pastor of the

A plays octave trills and active double candles diminishing in size at the thirds. If a man with such accomplishments had lived a century ago, history would have credited him with a stretch of two octaves, no doubt—though this may be stretching, it somewhat.

The bride was very attractive in white silk with demi-veil caught on the stretching, it somewhat.

Yvette Glulbert, familiar to the vaude Treete Gulbert, familiar to the vandetille stage a few years and, has closed a
contract with Charles Frehman for a
series of matinee performances at the Emtire Theatre. She is now in France and
will bring from there her own concert
company; to their accompaniment on intruments used about two centuries and,
the will sing the French songs of that
period in the costumes of that time. After
the New York engagement will follow a
tour of the United States.

The Toronto Conservatory is constantly a receipt of inquiries regarding available regarding for important vacancies throughout various parts of Canada. Should any t various parts of Canada. Should any perfor readers who are in line for such fies look with layor unon the prospect setting down in the torrid clime of northern country, they may send climents, will applications staling milicuitous and experience to the country Conservatory office.

Frank Grands, a New York tener singer to an its road to lamp, has been enjust by Wade P. Brown of Rajdagh, for refer of concerts about the middle of possit month.

Asthur Publistein, the Polish planist in a appear in concert tour of our

larger cities shortly, is now in Russian ter-ritory for the first time for a number of years. The reason is due to the recent manifesto of the Czar which grants to all subjects greater freedom. Rubinstein had been booked for twenty concerts in the German empire, and was about to begin his tour when the Czar's proclamation caused him to proceed at once to Siberia, where he had a brother incarcerated.

Rumor has it that Nicholas Longworth, the flance of Mim Alice, plays the plano, sings and composes songs. How's this for a Senator?.

The writer was subjected to a really unpardonable in recently. This is how it
ran: Said a friend, "Did you hear that
Mrs. Joe Persons was burt the other day?"
"No!" exclaimed the writer, "why, the
dear old soul; how did it happen?" "She
was playing under the Bamboo-Tree,'
and a limb broke off and" — but the
writer had fied.

Lee's birthday, the 19th. The Daughters of the Confederacy, in whose hands the arrangements have placed, are fortunate in selecting to deliver the memorial address the Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., P. E. Bishop of the East Carolina Diocese. Dr. Strange is a great admirer of Lee and has made an exhaustive study of his life and career. He will no doubt pay a handsome tribute to the man and matchless soldier.

The announcement that Shepard Bryan, of the Atlanta bar, has, in honor of his father, established a prize at the State University to be awarded annually to that student in the Law School who shall present the best thesis, is graifying to his many friends in Wilmington. Mr. Bryan is a native of New Bern and a son of Henry R. Bryan, Judge of the State Superior Court. He is a graduate both of Horner's School and of the University Academic and Law Schools. He has made a success in Atlanta and no one stands higher than he among many talented members of the Atlan-

house which will soon be established here by L. B. Phillips, of Darlington. S. C. and several business men of Wilmington, the city is to have a large concern which Edward and Adolph Ahrens, young Wilmington men, will The new enterprise will be located on Market street in a threestory building, admirably situated. The firm will carry a complete stock of drugs and drug sundries and will cover the territory contiguous to Wilmington with waveling men thoroughly equipped for the business. The comwill be strictly wholesale.

Wilmington is constantly breaking records in all lines of her diversified The schooner F. and T. Lanton which has just sailed for New York with a cargo of lumber shipped by the Cape Fear Lumber Company cleared with one million feet, which is the largest cargo of lumber ever sent from this port. The Lupton is of 797 tonnage.

Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson announces a farmers' institute to be held in this city on Friday, 500,000, and owns 5,500 shares of the January 19th. In addition to local speakers, Dr. Tait Butler, State vete-E. Porter, sot give up its claim on Jones as an county. S. C. Reimer, of Raleigh, and adopted citizen: that is certain.

W. J. McLendon, of Anson county. debtedness of about \$1,225,000, which would leave a net independent of the present rate of taxation will be present. A number of impor-In her play of this season Isabel Irving made a sensition recently in Washington that questions will be discussed on the part of the season of a smaller metal after the southing of the sense to represent the southing of the straing if the idea is not taken up by office, and lead to all kinds of insivations of a smiller nature.

It seems that America is to have a national theatre with Heinrich Conreld at the properties, which that head is a first in any governmental affair, innamuch as it is supported by several of the wealth to have pledged the sum of \$20,000 cach, and so f r the properties sum reaches \$2,000,000 A national theatre. If patterned after those in Editors in Fall adelphia. The remains the donors are said to have pledged the sum of \$20,000 cach, and so f r the properties sum reaches \$2,000,000 A national theatre. If patterned after those in Editors in Fall adelphia. The remains will be discussed on years, regulated by the governments affair, innamuch as it is supported and, is a measure, regulated by the government, in a measure, regulated by the government, is a measure. Society AT NEWBERN.

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Holiday Season Marked by Number of Delightful Occasions—A Marriage.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Newbern, Jan. 5.—The social season is in full swing now and there was a discount of the state free of debt in two discounts of the two to the state free of debt in two deats. The Governor recommends the sale of the ration and cultivation of the seal and stock raising. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent. An unmer to the state free of the tivation of the seal and stock raising. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent. An unmer of the solic and the sale of the ration of the ration of the ration of the sale of the ration of the ration of the sale of the ratio will be present. A number of impor- at the present rate of taxation would

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G. T. Adams, pastor of the Charleston, S. C., has the honor of bayfine possessed for some time an artist who
is credited with the largest hand of any
instrumentalist known. Of living virtuosi
fine possessed for some time an artist who
is credited with the largest hand of any
were simple and artistic, the hall being in green and red and the parlor
in green and white; with evergreens thaction of having the largest stretch, the first and cut flowers. In the room where former stretching a major eleventh, as the ceremony was performed a bank the common one Theodore Saul, of green was made and an altar, on Charleston, S. C., and stretches from C to each side of which were steps of

bride and groom were preceded to the nitar by a little flower girl. Christine Thomas, clad in white.

The music was gracefully rendered by Miss Belle Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will be at home to their many friends No. 92 Pollock street. A delightful dancing party, solvee en masque, was given by Miss Eliza-beth Shoope Wednesday evening. The inclement weather detained a few from attending.

Child Fatally Burned.

Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 6 .- This evening "Billy," the two-year-old son of Mr. Frank Sechrest, was horribly burned

GOV. WARFIELD VS. GRAFT

PLANNED VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

Money in Elections—Would Exclude Runners and Lobbylsts From Legislative Halls—Political Bosses of Baltimore Have Bought and Sold Legislation—Publicity of Campaign Funds Recommended — Machine Men in Control — State's Debt Small—To Save Oyster Industry—New Steamship Line to Wilming-ton—North Carolina Personal. -North Carolina Personal.

Special to The Observer. Baltimore, Jan. 5 .- Governor War field has planned a vigorous campaign against extravagance and "graft" in the Legislature at this session, and is urging the most stringent laws to prevent the use of money in elections. He surprised the Legislature in call-ing attention in his message to th fact that the previous Assembly ployed 198 officers, employes and clerks besides 45 laborers and 75 engros clerks hired toward the end of the The pay of these was \$118,460. being \$51,367 more than the pay all the members of the assembly received. There are only 128 members of both

The Governor plainly asserts that these "employes" are most of them merely "runners" of the political bosses who are thus paid for their work the elections and are used as agents of the lobby.

WANTS · LOBBYISTS EXCLUDED.

He declares that all these agents of the lobby ought to be strictly excluded from the legislative halls. It is a notorious fact that the political boss Baltimore county, as the State boss, have bought and sold legislation, and that when a big corporation failed to "put up" a strike bill was introduced to make them pay tribute. In Mary-land this is called "ringing the bell." This is the most outrageous form of blackmail. For instance, if a street railway corporation has not "made arrangements with the purveyors of legislation, it is likely to find suddenly that some bill to curtail its privileges or parallel its lines has been introduced. These are often bills that the public has clamored for. But they are introduced for the benefit of the public. It is never intended that they should be passed. They are simply "strikes" to induce the corporations to buy off these men who deal in the commodity of legislation.

PUBLICITY IN CAMPAIGN FUNDS Governor Warfield urges that a law be passed requiring that all contribulic, and that corporations shall be prohibited from making contributions to

political campaign funds. There has been so much ballot-juggling in Maryland, especially in the Eastern Shore counties, that the Governor calls for amendments to the election laws to simplify the method of voting, and also to provide that the intention of the voter shall govern the validity of the ballot. At this time. according to the decision of the Supreme Court, if the cross mark goes the line in the slightest degree the ballot is void. He does no favor a return to emblem voting, as the president of the Maryland State Teachleading politicians are urging. That system makes it too difficult to vote split ticket, and militates against independence in voting Stringent laws versity; Dr. Randolph Winslow, Dr. to prevent fraud in party primaries are recommended, as the laws now provide no adequate punishment for fraud in the primaries

, STATE'S DEBT IS SMALL. The total bonded indebtedness of the State is now \$8,526,926, but the sinking fund amounts to \$3,201,587. the Northern Central Railway for \$1. stock of the Washington branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. These

Newbern, Jan. 5 .- The social sea- Freeman Raisin, the Baltimore boss, son is in full swing now and there was elected speaker of the House, and Josef Hofmann became a benedict shortly before the Christmas season. For some time he kepf his marriage a secret, giving out the suggestion that he was micrely tagged but the real sluction became known to that seeker for stories, the reporter, who published the news as a "segop" with the censequences that Hofmann confessed to his relatives and the world at large. Whether the gifted planjst will refuse to private his possible will refuse to private his week was the enjoyment of the fruits of his past labor, or whether he will receive new inspiration through his bride for still greater artistic achievements is a question for the future to determine.

The chief affair this week was the new year's dance given by the clavenden German Club, which was cleated president of the State machine, was elected president of the Senate. Though the independents have the beginning of the holiday season at least one function has taken place to keep society on the move. Germans, card parties, private dancing parties, lunches, teas and dinners parties, lunches the vogue.

The chief affair this week was the new year's dance given by the Clavenden German Club, which was the plan of the machine to elect the Democratic State Treasurer for another term will be successfully carried through. There is at present. Nearly every day since the representative of the State machine, was elected president of the Senate. Though the independents have the balance of power in the House and dinners parties, lunches, teas and dinners parti has never been a time when there Gen. J. B. Seth, the Eastern Shore throughout the State, but the popular movement against him will probably have little weight with the Legisla-

TO SAVE OYSTER INDUSTRY. One of the most interesting measures to come before this Legislature s that providing for the rehabilitation of the oyster industry. For many years Maryland lead the world in oyster production, but now the industry has declined until it is threatened with extinction. The oystermen of the Eastern Shore have threatened for years political and physical death to any man who interfered with what they considered their God-given right to the oyster beds, and even now they are opposing any planting law that will enable others to build up a great industry on the oyster barrens. Recently there was a wholesale robbery of private oyster bads, and a serious riot at Chrisfield because several men were arrested for this breach of the laws. Some sort of planting law is certain to be passed at this session, and when the State officers come to enforce it they are almost sure to have to resort to "force and arms." NEW LINE FOR WILMINGTON The new Carolina Steamship Com-pany, which is new running steamers between Bultimore and Georgetown S. C., has decided to establish a service between Baltimore and Wilming-ton, N. C., and though there has al-ways been cansiderable convenience between the two cities, it has all been carried on my rail. Now there will be a weekly freight and passenger ser-vice each way, and this ought to greatly increase the exchange of bu-siness.

Frank Sechrest, was horribly burned all over the body while playing around the fire. The mother was in the yard at the time and, coming into the bouse, discovered her child enveloped in fiames.

The little fellow was quietly resting its head on the bed while the deadly flames were roasting it. The child will most probably die. The mother sustained painful burns is putting out the little commission immediately. In the winter there will be a weekly service, which will probably in the

NORTH CAROLINA PERSONALS. Mr. and Mrs. Marburn, of Newbern, were here several days this week.
Mrs. Penniman, formerly Miss Susan Walters, of Baltimore, has been visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Waters, of Lanvale street. Mrs. Penniman's home is in North Carolins.

Mrs. Shirley Carter, of 15 West Preston street, is spending some time with her sister in North Carolina.

Miss Margaret Tyson Lee, of Raleigh, N. C., is the guest of Miss Velma Tyson Rawls, of 2404 Maryland avenue.

wenue.
Miss Marian Fiske, of Walbrook avenue and Eighth street, who has been quite ill, is improving slowly. Miss Flake is at present a visitor to

Mrs. Webb, of North Carolina, visiting her son, Mr. Jesse Webb, 636 Roland avenue.

Mrs. Mary P. Bruner and Mrs. A.
R. Tucker, of Durham, N. C., mother and sister of Rev. Weston Bruner, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles G.
Mason, 128 West Lee street, until

North Carolina.

January 8. Mrs. Allan Gibson, of North Carolina, who is now the guest of Mrs. Appleton Wilson at her residence on St. Paul street, will also make a visit to Mrs. William Graves, at Grey Rock, near Pikesville, before returning home. Mrs. Gibson was, before her marriage, Miss Emily Magruder, and is a sister of the authoress, Miss Julia Magruder.

Mr. Samuel A. Henagey, the North Carolina coal mine operator, has been here two weeks. Joel D. Whitaker, of Raleigh, N C., is here taking a special course in diseases of the eye, ear and throat.

Mrs. Haiston and Miss Haiston, of

Carolina, are registered at the Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Manly, Winston, N. C., were here several days

Dr. Edwin Geer, the well-known North Carolinian, who is chief surgeon of the fire department, is to deliver a lecture in the Lube's Hall. Jan. 24, on "Least Aid to the Injuted." The lec-ture will be delivered to the men of the

Prof. Henry E. Shepherd, former superintendant of city schools, recently delivered an eloquent lecture to the students of the Baltimore Business Colof which Mr. E. H. Vorman is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Gray spent tions to political parties be made pub- the holidays with Mr. Gray's parents at Winston-Salem, N. C. News has been received here that

College, formerly of North Carolina, is forming an organization of all the alumni of Johns Hopkins University in the State of Virginia. The young North Carolinians like Dr. Foushee Dr. Bruce R. Payne and Dr. Heck are taking a prominent part in the new movement in Virginia. educational which received such an impetus when Dr. E. A. Alderman became president of the University of Virginia.

Prof. S. Simpson, of Westminster, ers' Association; Prof. W. H. Wright, of the Baltimore City College: Dr. Marshall Elliott, of Johns Hopkins Uni-John R. and H. Clair Spruill, of the University of Maryland, and Dr. Charles G. Hill, of the Baltimore Medical College, are among the many who are prominently connected with the educational institutions of Baltimore. JOHN WILBER JENKINS.

STUDYING SHAKESPEARE.

Woman's Book Club of Carthage Holds Pleasant and Profitable

Correspondence of The Observer. Carthage, Jan. 5.—The Woman's Book Cub had a most delightful Thursday afternoon Mrs. George C. Graves. Her beautiful home was effectively decorated in Yule-tide colors, and its hospitality was dispensed with charming grace. In the hall the guests were by Mrs. Graves and Miss

Rosa Humber, The club is still studying Shakespeare, and the subject for this meeting was that exquisite comedy, "As You Like It." The programme arranged was both interesting and instructive. After the session refreshments were served by Misses Frances

McNeill and Lessie Graves. The spacious dining room was laborately decorated. The snowy elaborately decorated. table was aglitter with cut glass and silver and crimson roses and holly were prettily arranged upon it. From the dining room the guests withdrew to the drawing room, where delicious punch was served by Misses Margaret Graves and Milla Muse. A very delightful feature of the meeting was the special music by Misses Birda May and Lessie Graves. The club will have its next meeting with Mrs. W. T. Jones.

NEW PLANING MILL,

Cabarrus Business Men Behind New Enterprise—A Social Event. Special to The Observer.

Concord, Jan. 6.—Messrs. J. M. Sils, of Concord, and G. S. Kluttz, of No. 6 Township, will begin at once the erection of a planing mill and lumber plant. Work on the building will soon be begun and it is expected to be in operation by March 1. Concord, Jan. 6.-Messrs. J. M. ed to be in operation by March 1. Mr. Sills was formerly of the Yorke Furniture Company since it was es-tablished until it was recently burned, and Mr. Kluttz is an extensive lumber dealer. Both are practical men and well equipped to operate such a business as they will establish. Mr. Leroy Ivey will succeed his brother, Mr. C. M. Ivey, as manager of the shoe department in H. L.

Parks & Co. General regret is felt here over the death of Rev. J. J. Renn, which occurred last Tuesday at a sanitarium in Wilson, where he went several weeks ago to attend Conference. He was for four years presiding elder of this district and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.
The Virginia Dare Book Club held

one of the most delightful meetings in the history of the club with Mrs. J. L. Hartsell yesterday afternoon. Interesting papers on Russia were

HOMICIDE AT ROSSVILLE,

As Result of Quarrel Henry Johnson Shoots and Kills John Wright, Both Colored. Special to The Observer.

Chester, S. C., Jan. 8.—Coroner Leckie was called to Rossville, in the Leckie was called to Rossville, in the lower part of the county, this morning, to hold an inquest over John Wright, a negro who was killed last night by Henry Johnson, another negro. Wright was shot through the head and died in a few minutes.

Johnson surrendered to the sheriff and claims that the killing was purely accidental, though at least one eye witness states that the men had quarrelled and Johnson warned Wright that, if he cursed him again, he would kill hims Wright cursed him jend Johnson put his threat into execution. IS PRESIDENT A FIGHTER?

HAS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW IT

Savoyard' Insists That the Chief Executive Has Not Yet Demonstrated His Reputed Courage in the Arena of Politics—Senator Hale's Speech a Defiance Jackson Would Have Accepted—Congress Will Assert fis Rights and if the President is a Fighter There Will be a Clash. Special to The Observer.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Above all his other and numerous virtues Theodore Roosevek has a reputation for courage —mental, moral, physical, civic and military. He has been suspected of it; he has been charged with it; he has even admitted it. Well, when and where was it? Time and place are important. He fied like a craven before the mere threat of the "standfore the mere threat of the "standpatters," and if he has stopped run-ning yet nobody has heard of it. Like med Knight, as Bob Ingersoll would say, he marched down the halls of civic virtue and threw his shining lance full and fair against the brazen brow of monopoly, but where is the dead monopoly to show for it? Where is his crippled monopoly to evidence it? Are not all of them doing business in the same old way and at the same old stand? To be sure they are. Of course, no one questions Roosevelt's

physical intrepidity. If the President is a fighter he has opportunity to show it. The Fifty-ninth Congress, overwhelmingly Republican in both Houses is in a good humor to test his courage. The situation was fashloned by the plastic hand of destiny for a Jackson or a Cleveland. What will Roosevelt do with it? Will he shoot? Will he give up his gun? In my judgment the gun is either not loaded, or he has lost it.

Senator Hale's speech against that Panama nastiness was a deflance that pigs. Jackson would have accepted before you could drop your hat. Senater Spooner's warnings against encroachments of Federal power and the dangers of paternalism in government, was the pertinent reply to that mirac ulous message the President dumped on Congress and on the country some days before. Behind these two are the crafty Aldrich, the conservative Allison, the fiery Foraker, the debonair Elkins and their following. They even say that Henry Cabot Lodge is tired of government by White House.

Now, that Senatorial set can fight and when it fights it hurts. General Jackson and Grover Cleveland found that out; but they, too, were fightfound it out. Is he a fighter? He will shown it.

satt have agreed on the railroad rate out of any crowd I ever discovered question. I hope they have, for, in my him loading in. Roosevelt thinks he

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humble opinion, the whole thing was jumped up to take the minds of the people off the President's abject and oraven surrender to the stand-patters. Henry A. Wise, in that matchies stump speech at Alekandria asked the question, "Row do they propose to break up the country?" Then he an-swered it, "Why, by raising hell about the Pope." That was in Know-Nothing times—1855. It looks to me marvelously like this entire railroad rate business was got up to take the public mind off something else, and I am sure the tariff robs the people, every 24 hours, of more than the railroads rob them of in 24 days, as I have tried to say before, and I am sure the railroads rob them every day of not a little. say—there never was any real difficul-ty about the rate; it is the rebate, the breaking of rates; in other words, the competition, where the devilment comes in. Abolish rebate, and every railroad will give every depot the rate that will make most business at that depot for that railroad. When you have done that the railroads will the people little more concern than

But let us recur to the President is he a brave politician? I mean civic bravery, moral bravery. He has not ret shown it except by precept, written or spoken-never by example. All of us can be brave that way. All of us have been brave that way. sort of bravery is so cheap that the veriest demagogue in the world can have it, and many of them do have it. If I understand the President, here is his politics: It is good to be right and it is bad to be wrong. That is brave, very brave; but who is the judge of right and wrong? As a very entertaining writer put it, "It is all Theodore Roosevelt has also very well to renounce the devil and have to prove it. He has not yet what his works are, may be matters of dispute," and so they are. I am Here he is raising Cain about the sure Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and my-railroads and this very morning it is self would never agree as to the narrated that he and Elkins and Cas-devil is. I think I can pick the devil

the milking of cows, or the feeding of

can detect him, too, but very frequently we would be disagreed as to the real, actual. Simon-pure devil. And as to the devil's preachments? We would be at total variance. I would pick out the President's recent message as the very butt cut, and upper grust, of deviltry in a political

All free governments that have died have died of demagogy, which is the child of egotism and ignorance. It de-stroyed Poland, that grand monarchial Commonwealth that extended from the Baltic to the Euxine, held dominthe Batte to the Eurine, held domin-ion in the heart of Europe and gave to four centuries the finest soldiery of their history and the most brilliant cavalry of any history. The jealousy made out of egotism and ignorance destroyed that once mighty nation and made that splendid race spoil of Hapsburg, of Romanoff and of Hohen-solders.

I do not mean to say that President Rosevelt is a demagogue, but I fear that he is the cause of demagogy in others. However, Roosevelt is not go-ing to be allowed the free hand he has had for some years. The party that elected him is beginning to suspect that it has overpraised him and that is even dangerous, and often fatal to a public man. He will be admonished that Congress is as much a part of the Constitution as the Executive is, and he will find that Congress intends to hold up its part of the government. If he is a fighter there will be a clash.

And that brings us back to the original problem. Is Teddy a fighter? Congress will find it out before the roses come again, and so far as the Democratic party is concerned it would and the Fifty-Ninth Congress, such as Congress had, and unless somebody shows the white feather that is what

A girl is never too old not to sneer at A woman would rather be clubbed to death by a man she loves than caressed by one she doesn't.

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of which \$40,000 will be paid out in cash and \$30,400 in the cancellation of 34 mortgages; so that 34 families will celebrate this new year with Homes of their own. Who will or can measure the contentment, elevating and ennobling influence this will bring to those families?

While this Association has secured its full share of support and confidence from this community, its officers feel that they have earned and deserved it.

ON MARCH 1ST will commence a new, the 47TH SERIES, and prospective borrowers are advised to begin to clean out the hedge-rows, and be ready to subscribe to the new series, in order that their prospective loans may be reached in early building season. : : : : : : : : ; ; ; ; ; : : :

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