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A press dispatch from Washington yesterday was as follows: Senator Culberson today introduced

a bill to prohibit corporations from making contributions in connection with elections and to provide for the publication of lawful contributions in connection with the elections. The bill is in the nature of amendment to the law of January 26, 1907, prohibiting national banks and other corporations making contributions in connection with the elections and additional to law as it stands he proposes a provision making it 'the duty of every chairman, campaign manager or treasurer of any political committee or other person who receives contributions in money or other things of value for or on behalf of such political committee, or for, or in the interest of any candidate for a political office for the purpose of aiding or promoting the acceleration or defeat of candidates for Presidential or Vice Presidential electors to file with the clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States a statement in writing showing the amount of money other thing of value conributed by such person, firm, corporation, co-partnership or association, not prohibited by law, for the purpose aforesaid.'

"Mr. Culberson stated that the act of January 26, 1907, provides that it shall be unlawful to make money contributions for political campaigns, but he thought the law should go further and require specific statements, as otherwise it might be evaded. He hoped that the committee on privileges and elections would use his bill as the ba-

Readers of the Observer will recall how strenuously this paper urged in 1892 and 1893, and subsequently, the passage of a law prohibiting corrupt contributions to campaign expenses and requiring the publication by candidates for office of their campaign expenses. It was during the war on Vance. At our request, Sir Joseph Leigh, M. P., sent us a copy of the British "Corrupt Practices Act," which we epitomized and published. We were ridiculed as a "crank" and "visionary". But, in less than a decade and a lustrum, this identical reform in our corrupt American system is at hand. The world moves, indeed.

WASHINGTON NEWS OF IN-

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer whose recent honors at the hands of his colleagues the Observer took occa sion warmly to commend and applaud, sends to that paper a great deal of Carolina. His yesterday's letter is especially valuable and interesting, and we give elsewhere the most of it. In passing, however, we regret that he does not seem to pay as much attention as we would like to the subject of our great State project of the Improvement of the Cape Fear river. For example, he has not included in his references to the Rivers and Harbors convention, which sat last week in Washington, so far as we have seen, any mention of the most important outcome to North Carolina of that convention-viz: the retention on the Board of Directors of the Congress of a North Carolinian. Yet that position is the only national one accorded to our State, and it was bestowed upon the person who happens to be chairman of our [Fayetteville] "Citizens' Committee on Improvement of the Cape Fear." Originally, it may be noted, he was (in 1901) one of the 7 directors for the United States; then, as the movement grew, one of 15 (1905); then, one of 23 (1906); and now one of a number taken from 23 States.

These positions are much sought after, and the committee on nominations wrestled with the subject, as the convention was informed, throughout the three days' session. How the matfrom the Norfolk Virginian of Decem-

ber 7, which is given as an example: "Snub Virginia in Waterway Conven--State is Given no Representation is. Directorate of Rivers and Harbors Congress While Other

Coast States Are.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Virginia, with the largest harbor and one of the principal ports on the Atlantic coast and with hundreds of miles of navigable rivers as well as being one of the most important points in the proposed Boston-Beaufort inland waterway was entirely ignored in the elections of officers and directors by the Rivers and Harbors Congress here to-day."

BUT IT WAS NOT THE VIRGINIA OF 1607 AND OF TO-DAY.

Norfolk Virginian.] Anyhow, Brother Hale of the Fay child was called Virginia and not Carolina Dare and she was named after the only English province which then, or for many years after, existed in North America. Carolina was much later carved out of Virginia and her christening was after a King who was still unborn when the Rosnoke settle ment was attempted.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCE. MENT-"BRYAN IN A WALK," SAY BEMDERATS.

On Wednesday the following tele-

gram appeared in the papers: Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.-After the cabinet session to-day the letter addressed by President Roosevelt to the members of his cabinet on November 19, instructing them to inform federal officeholders not to participate in a third-term movement for Presi-

his letter, which is as follows:
"I have been informed that certain officeholders in your department are proposing to go to the national convenproposing to go to the introduction of renomination as delegates in favor of renomination me for the presidency, or are proposing to procure my indorsement upon which the business of the future proposing to procure my indorsement of such renomination by state confined for such renomination and regulates the digestive organic. The such renomination is a such renomination by state confined for such renomination by state confined for such renomination by state confined for such renomination for such reno

to inform in order to carry out the spirit of this instruction, that such advocacy of my renomination, or acceptance of an election as delegate for that purpose, will be regarded as serious violation of official propriety and will be dealt with accordingly.

Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Thursday's papers contained the fol

Washington, Dec. 11.-President Roosevelt tonight made formal an-nouncement that he would, under no circumstances accept another nomimation for President. The statement was prepared at the White House late this afternoon, and was issued at 8 o'clock tonight by order of the President. It is in the following language:

"In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican National Committee for the convention, the President nakes the following statement: "On the night after election I made

the following announcement:
"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and tried to do. appreciate to the full the solemn re ponsibility this confidence imposes ipon me and I shall do all that in my ower lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitutes my first The wise custom which limits term. the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomina-

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced." The statement which the President thus issues to the American people is a reiteration of his promise election night of November, 1904. The greater part of the statement which he now makes is a verbatim repetition of the 1904 statement, and to that he adds a new sentence, in which he

"I have not changed and shall not The dispatches say that "many of the leaders of the Democratic party in Washington are shouting that it means 'Bryan in a walk."

Senator Tillman said: "This is by way of documentary evidence that the President has seen the handwriting on the wall; it means that Bryan will be the next President of the United States. Roosevelt is the only possible Republican candidate who

could be considered formidable." The President's decision means a ecasting, we think, of the Republican latform in the direction of the Reacionaries, and, while this would please the corporationists, it would unite in news of interest to the people of North | Mr. Bryan's favor all the anti-corruptionists

> Congressman Hardwick, of Georgia, s quoted as saying:

"I think it means a triumph for the reactionary element in the Republican party and a good chance for the Democrats to win.

Congressman Bartlett, of the same State, says:

"It means a different candidate and a different platform. I think the Republicans will nominate a man on an itirely different platform and put into the platform those things which would not have been put in had Roosevelt stood for the nomination."

The Baltimore Sun says editorially

"Secretary Taft has been announced as President Roosevelt's favorite, and his friends believe that the shrewd politician of the White House will know how to win votes for him in the national convention. The Secretary's views on most public questions and matters of policy are konwn to be in accord with those of the President, and the latter is anxious for his programme to live after him. If the President's course is really warmly approved by the controlling factors of the Republican party, Secretary Taft in default of the President himself would seem to be the logical candidate. But while able to get the nomination for himself, the President many persons think, will not be able throw it to another. As for the President's views and 'policies, they ter is viewed in other States may be have bitter opponents in his party, learned from the following extract and any candidate for the nomination who is identified with them will on that account encounter the more determined hostility. For many years the Republican party has been said to be much influenced by financiers and captains of industry who contributed largely to its campaign funds. Important elections are believed to have been won owing to its better supply of the sin-ews of war. These contributors prefer a candidate who has opposed the President's radical and aggressive utterances. Conservatism will doubtless e opposed in the convention to radicalism, and it is now too early to decide which will win; but, in any case there will be a bitter fight against the Roosevelt methods and programme.

At this writing (Thursday night) we do not know what the Democratic National Committee (in session to-day) has decided concerning the date upon etteville Observer must admit that the which the Democratic convention shall be called-whether before or after the time already' set for the Republican convention. But we imagine that the elimination of Mr. Roosevelt and of the progressive platform, upon which he would have insisted if nominated, will have changed the Democratic tactics and induced their committee to call the Democratic convention for a date after the Republicans have shown

their hand. "THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GRAFT AND DEMOCRACY."

"Business upon the land could no prosper until the brigand was destroy ed. Commerce on the sea could no flourish until the pirate was throttled No more can modern business grow dent Roosevelt, was made public at the White House. It is expected that cabinet officers will at once take action in accordance with the terms of the business world and cease levying tribute."

In the ringing words above quoted District Attorney Langdon, of San

A "CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT" AT LAST.

Wish you to inform such officers as you may find it advisable or necessary to inform it advisable or necessary corruption in that city, and the words

WASHINGTON NEWS OF MUCH INTEREST TO NORTH CAROLINA CORRUPTION IN THE CONTROL OF THE CAROLINA CONTROL OF THE quoted were part of his address be fore the "Civic Forum" in New York on Wednesday night.

After describing the conditions in San Francisco which finally caused the civic upheaval there, which in turn has given such impetus to the Progress of the Revolution in all parts of the country, Mr. Langdon said:

Francisco] in this land, graft-ridden and cynical of government, the pitiful victims of the twin evils, selfish interest and popular indifference. "What does it mean when the military commander turns over a national defense to the enemy? What does it mean when the police, created to rep-

"But there are 100 like it [San

rsent the people, is turned over to the violators of the law to protect their vice? It means treason! graft which delivers government to its foes is treason to democracy. "When men in office take a bethe and give away what does not belong to them, it is more than the double crime of extorting and stealing, it is treason! It is a crime against gov-ernment itself. It is different from ordinary military treason in one respect, that it is the long-befriended citizens within our own ranks that accept the betrayal, and not some openly hostile foreign foe. It is worse, because the grafter stays among us and continues to corrupt government while the traitor goes across the bor-der where he can do little further harm. Graft, like a parasite, attacks not only the body politic, but it finally cripples the very organs of political repair. To be stamped out it must be viewed as a treason more horrible than a selling out of arms, for it is a selling out of the fundamental ideas

moral use of arms. Means Despotic.

of right and wrong which control the

"Graft means the despotic usurpation of government by the forces of crime. Such deeds make a despotism of government, as arbitrary as any we have known. The police no longer represent the people: they perform the bidding of a selfish, vicious and dishonest minority, using their own power regardless of constitutional obligations and restrictions. The government no longer follows the letter and spirit of the law, as laid down by the majority vote in the charters, statutes and constitutions. It abrogates the law which the criminal minority could not defeat in a fair vote.

"What does it mean when people lose faith in democracy, grow cynical of government and cease to resist their political evils? 'What's the use?' that graft puts upon the lips of men that graft puts on the lips of men. That is the disheartening sentiment which is killing our reverence for democratic government, a reverence which has been at the bottom of every great achievement in our national life

"There they stand in opposition to each other-democracy and graft! One upholds the human and the constitutional rights of all; the other would betray them to the corrupt few. affirms an everlasting belief that the whole people may ultimately govern and justly the other sneers at the idealistic faith of men and would give government over to the unscrupulous. The struggle between them is on. One must go down.

That Cry of Business.

"More than one man with skin-deep unselfishness who had said in the early days of the prosecution: 'Go ahead, ed and cried: Enough, the prosecution must stop, it is hurting business These were the selfish and short-sighted to whom crime is less of a sin than the failure to carry a good face. These are the men crying for confidence when the thing they ask can never bring confidence. They would silence the moral pain in the community life, which warns and calls for help, but they would not heal the wound. would administer an anaesthetic and

let the sore fester till the whole political system is poisoned. "Can honest business thrive in a rights and privileges are sold to the highest bidder? Can a great industrial and commercial system grow up upon a rotten foundation? Can modern business, which is founded upon the surety of contract, grow when the rights of men contracted for in their political constitutions are everywhere violated? Can modern credit and business, which are founded upon mutual confidence, long continue when men must come to look upon each other with suspicion and distrust as bribers, corrupters of government and buyers of special privileges?

"Rusiness upon the land could not prosper until the brigand was destroy ed. Commerce upon the sea could not flourish until the pirate was throttled. No more can modern business grow safely and broadly and firmly till the thieves in office and the thieves in business take their hands off the throat of the business world and cease levving tribute.

"In the redemption of government from graft, the first great need of democracy is talented and self-sacrificing leadership. The people are hon est. but like any large mass, unwieldly. It is the presence of the man of devotion, courage and inintiative that insures generalship to the popular for ces for good in their struggle against

the organized machine. Public Opinion Needed. "No moral issue can be supported by leaders alone. No cause can he trust ed to just the talented few. Great principles must be independent of the coming and the going of particular men. They must become part and parcel of the mass, of the race, of the nation. Let the strong and devoted of earth go about their chivalric business of public service. "In the struggle between graft and

democracy let us see clearly that de-feat means the ultimate death of free institutions. Above the misleading cries that emerge from our imperfect social ethics let us nave the courage to stand for high things. With leader who are not afraid, with an honest people who are willing to support the truth, with expert service and an effective criminal procedure, democracy can be saved from its new-found weak-nesses. It has been saved in San nesses. It has been saved Francisco, and it can be r elsewhere. Every moral uplift in the community leaves its permanent contribution—in this we must have deep

We have secured the agency for Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup, the new laxative that makes the liver lively, purifies the breath, cures headache and regulates the digestive organs.

The Washington correspondent of yesterday's Raleigh News and Obser-

ver says: Speaker Cannon has practically com mited himself to a twenty million dollar public building appropriation bill at this session. The Czar of the House in conversation with members of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, has indicated that he will not put himself in the way of such a measure. The committee is willing enough to report favor-ably such a measure, and with Uncle winking the other eye, there is nothing in the way of the enacting of such a legislative measure. The immediate question before the com mittee is to frame a bill that will meet with the approval of the leading members of the House. There are already enough bills in the legislative hopper to justify the expenditure of fifty million dollars for the erection of public buildings. The committee nounced by the Speaker, get together and frame a measure. The interesting fact developed in connection with the bill is that it is to be passed at the present session of Congress. Representative Thomas, of North Carolina who is a member of the committee will look after the public building measures introduced by members of the State delegation. National Military Park.

measure for the establishment of a National Military Park at Guilford Battle Ground has been introduced by Representative W. W. Kitchin. The bill provides that the Guilford Battle Ground Company shall cede to the United States Government all of its

roperty with the expressed hope that the national government will careful ly preserve the same as a Revolution-ary military park. The Secretary of War is authorized to receive the prop-erty of the Company, and the bill provides for the appointment of a commissioner of the Park, who shall have supervision over it.

Cape Cod-Beaufort.

A meeting of the Senators and Rep esentatives from the States that border on the proposed chain of inland waterways beginning at Cape Cod and ending at Beaufort, N. C., is to be held in the House of Representaives during the next few weeks. J Hampton Moore, a Congressman from Philadelphia, who was elected President of the Inland Waterway's Convention recently held in that city, is the instigator of the movement. Mr. Moore believes that in organization there is strength, and it is his idea to band together the representatives in Congress from the Atlantic States as a fighting organization that will never say die when the proposed Inland Waterway is mentioned. Mr. Moore discussed his plans today with Representative Thomas. He hopes to have a fighting organization of members of Congress perfected soon after Congress assembles following the

Christmas holidays. Drainage of Swamp Lands. Representative Thomas has intro duced a bill providing for the drainage and reclamation of the swamps and overflowed lands of the U. S., including the Dismal Swamp and other lands of this character in North Carolina The bill provides that the proceeds of sale of public lands other than the States named in the former act of Congress, providing for the irrigation of the arid lands of the West shall be applied by the Secretary of the Interior in co-operation with the respective States for the purpose of draining and reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands.

It is contemplated by the bill, that the State of North Carolina and other States having swamp lands shall first establish, by act of the legislature, State and county drainage commissions. Upon petition of the State, as to State lands and of individual owners of private lands made to the Drainage Commission of the State or county as the case may be, survey may be ordered by the State Drainage Commission or County Commission, and the cost of the drainage of any parnmunity where public and private ticular area or district estimated. This survey may be made by the United States engineers in co-operation with the State engineers. When the survey has been made of any particular body of land or drainage district, the Secretary of the Interior, may furnish the money from the receipts of the sales of the public lands to the State or to any particular drainage district, the said money to be repaid in installments to the United States Government in proportion to the benefits re-ceived by the State or individual land owners, thus the government would be protected and the swamp lands re-

It is estimated that the value of the wamp lands of Eastern North Carolina would be greatly increased by some general scheme or plan of this nature, and by co-operation of the State and National Government, the State and individual owners re-imbursing the cost of reclamation, the swamp lands of Eastern North Caroina may be drained and reclaimed.

Of course, there would have to be a preliminary act of the State legislare and full co-operation between the State and National Government, to avoid any possible constitutional obsection.

The Government is pursuing the policy of using the funds from the sale of public lands in the West in certain numerated States for the purpose of irrigating the arid lands of the West, and there is no reason why there should not be a similar policy and es of the Stomach, etc. B. E. Sedberlegislation as to the swamp lands of ry's Son.

Very great interest has been recent-ly manifested in this subject and a irgely, attended drainage convention was recently held in Baltimore,

yankee girl had traveled far, She went to gay Paree, She rivaled all the beauties there, She used Hollister's Rocky Mountian; Tea. B. E. Sedberry's Son.

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The State of North Carolina is now proposing to make an object lesson by reclaiming and draining Angela Swamp in Pender county, in Mr.

Thomas' district. Congressman Thomas saw Mr. Wright, of the Department of Agriculture. Saturday, and Mr. Wright goes to-day to Pender county for the purpose of beginning a survey in co-operation with the State Geolodst, Mr. Pratt, of the Angola Swamp. There are large bodies of swamp ands in his district and Eastern North Carolina, which might be largely inreased in value, provided such legislation could be secured.

Overman for Judiclary Committee. Senator Overman's friends in the senate are urging him for appointment to one of the biggest committees in that body. This is the Judiciary Committee. A vacancy was created on this committee when Senator Blackburn retired and the chances are that Senator Overman will succeed him. Senator Simmons, who is on the committee on commerce and postoffices, interoceanic canal, agricultural among others, will not ask for an additional assignment. Senator Simmons attended to-day the initial meeting of the steering committee, which will

make the selections. Representative Leever, of South Carolina had a very satisfactory talk today with the President about the establishment of the proposed Appalachian Forest Reserve. Mr. Roosevelt declared that he would give all possible aid to the movement and declared that the conservation of the forests in the Southern mountains is immensely important to the waterways of the country. Mr. Leever said he was going to get into the fight for the establish ment of the park in earnest this year and the President expressed the hope that he would be successful. Overman for Tar Heels.

Senator Overman is urging a North Carolinian for appointment as commissioner to mark the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in Northern cemeteries, which position was formerly held by Mr. William Elliott, of South Carolina. The President informed Senator Overman that he has about decided to give the position to General Bassil Duke, of Kentucky, but

it is doubtful whether he will accept the trust, and in that event the North Carolinian stands a chance for the ap-In the Senate today Senator Overman introduced a bill providing for a wenty-five thousand dollar appropriation for the erection of a monument to General Nathaniel Green, of Revolutionary fame at Guilford Battle Fround. A similar bill has been intro-

W. W. Kitchin. Senator Overman also introduced bill to re-imburse the Davenport Female College of Lenoir, which suffered damages to that extent during the

duced in the House by Representative

CURRENT COMMENT.

From Friday's Daily. Dec. 13. pers, after their habit, persist in misstating well-known historic facts. They say that Bryan made the Demoeratic platform of 1896. As every informed person knows, Mr. Bryan was a member of a delegation from Nebraska which was excluded by the Cleveland wing of the party who controlled the temporary organization of the convention of 1896, and which was seated only in time to afford Mr. Bryan who was their platform committeethe platform and to second another. The Democratic masses inspired the platform and Bryan expounded it. That will be the case in 1908

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. Yesterday's dispatches brought the ews that Denver, Colorado, had been chosen by the Democratic National Committee as the place and July 7. as the time for the meeting of the Demogratic National Convention of 1908. As suggested in the Observer yesterday, before the decision was known, the announcement by the President that he would not again accept a nomination changed the situation completely as to the date, and rendered the calling of the Democratic after the Republican convention the proper course.

Denver is a long way off-2,000 miles from the Atlantic seaboardand it will be an expensive trip from North Carolina. But its graet altitude will eliminate the almost un bearable features of the usual midsummer national convention-heat, humidity and the absence of ozoneas these are felt in the "cities of the plain," like Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Cincinnati.

The following resolution was adopted by the Cimmittee: Resolved, That the Democratic Na

tional Committee cordially approves Stomach troubles, Heart and Kidney ailments, can be quickly corrected with a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Sheop's Restora-The prompt and surprising re lief which this remedy immediately brings is entirely due to its Restorative action upon the controlling nerv-

A Real Wonderland. South Dakota,, with its rich silver

mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately eccurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine that saved his life and completely cured him. Guaranteed for coughs and colds, broat and lung troubles, by B. E. Sedberry's Son, druggist. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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the movement now under way to se-cure publicity in the States, as well as in the nation, of money contributed and expeditures made by any associa tion, committee or other organization for political purposes.

Senator Tillman, the South Carollna member of the committee, took occasion to make a pertinent observation, during the discussion of the resolution, as follows:

"We have heard, said Mr. Tillman something about restitution of the money taken from the life insurance companies for campaign purposes, but have heard nothing of Mr. Cortelyou or any one else paying back that money that is due to these companies and which belongs to widows and children. will be recalled that the President in his message to Congress last year recommended that railroads be forbidden to contribute to campaign funds, but he was very careful not to press upon his party in Congress the passage of such a bill.

Bryan's Election Predicted.

An interesting out come of the interchange of views by the committeemen was the prevalent expression of a belief that the situation indicated the election of Mr. Bryan as President. even so staunch an anti-Bryan paper The Washington staff correspondent of the Richmond Times-Dispatch sends that paper the following:

Bryan's Election Being Predicted-Almost Unanimous Sentiment Among Democrats from All Over Country-Some Republicans Also. Times-Dispatch Bureau,

Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., Dec. 12. Bryan's Election Is Predicted.

Democrats are elated at the cer ainty of some other than Theodore Roosevelt being the Republican candidate next year. For the first time in rears it is possible to find a group of Democrats unanimously predicting a emocratic victory in a presidential campaign. That Bryan will be the next President was a prophecy heard many times to-day on the floor of the House, where the members congregated before the Spaker's gavel called the body to order. And the same prediction was heard many times at Arlington, where the members of the National Committee were gathered and where many Democrats congrega

Many Democrats declare emphati ally that the prospect of a defeat had as much to do with the President's declaration as anything had. Repre entative Ollie James, of Kentucky one of the most stalwart Democrats it existence, sticks to this view, and finds many who stand with him.

In the course of the associated press's account of the situation developed by Mr. Roosevelt's announce ment, occurs the following:

In one little senatorial group on the Republican side the belief was expressed that the declaration of Mr. Roosevelt makes the nomination of Mr. Bryan by the Democratic party certain, and a belief was guardedly hazarded by one Republican Senator that he might possibly be elected.

Members of the Democratic Nationa Committee, who were in this city, were among the most interested of the read

most of them were reserved in their comment, it was evident from their manner that they saw in it a favorable Several of them were frank enough Roosevelt could poll a larger Demo-cratic vote than any other candidate, and their inference was that, with the President absolutely out of the race the Democratic candidate would not

only retain the vote of his own party

but would stand a better show of mak-

ers of the announcement, and while

ing inroads upon the opposition. Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, also predicts Bryan's election, saving that, in the far West, he will carry Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Nebraska, and probably California.

'JES LAUGHIN'.

t's curious what a sight of good little thing will do; How ye kin stop the fiercest storm when it begins to brew, an' take the sting from what com

menced to rankle when 'twas By keepin' still an' treatin' it as if it was a joke. Ye'll find that ye kin fill a place with smiles instead of tears,

An' keep sunshine gleamin' thro' the shadow of the years. BY 'JES LAUGHIN'. Folks sometimes fail to note the pos

sibilities that lie In the way your mouth is curvin', and the twinkle in yer eye; ain't so much what's said that hurts ez what ye think lies hid;

It ain't so much the doin', ez the way the thing is did. An' many a home's kep happy, and contented day by day An' like as not a kingdom's rescued from decay.

BY 'JES LAUGHIN'.

Badly Mixed Up. Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N

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