SUPERSTITIONS OF THE RAILROAD. ILLINOIS' NEW

TRAVELERS

tate defying way.

ern that the body was loaded in the

in his belief in omens and charms. The

passenger also has a net lot of super-

stitions that defy logic and the persua-

sion of common sense. The belief that

the wearing of a white flower or a white

ribbon protects travelers from accident

is fairly widespread. Some believe that

burning coffee just before leaving on a

journey is better than an accident pol-

icy, and in certain sections of the South

some very plous people will not under-

take a rullroad trip without first tying

owner. Women sometimes pack their

cle, as a protection from accident.

trunk lid falls upon you while you are

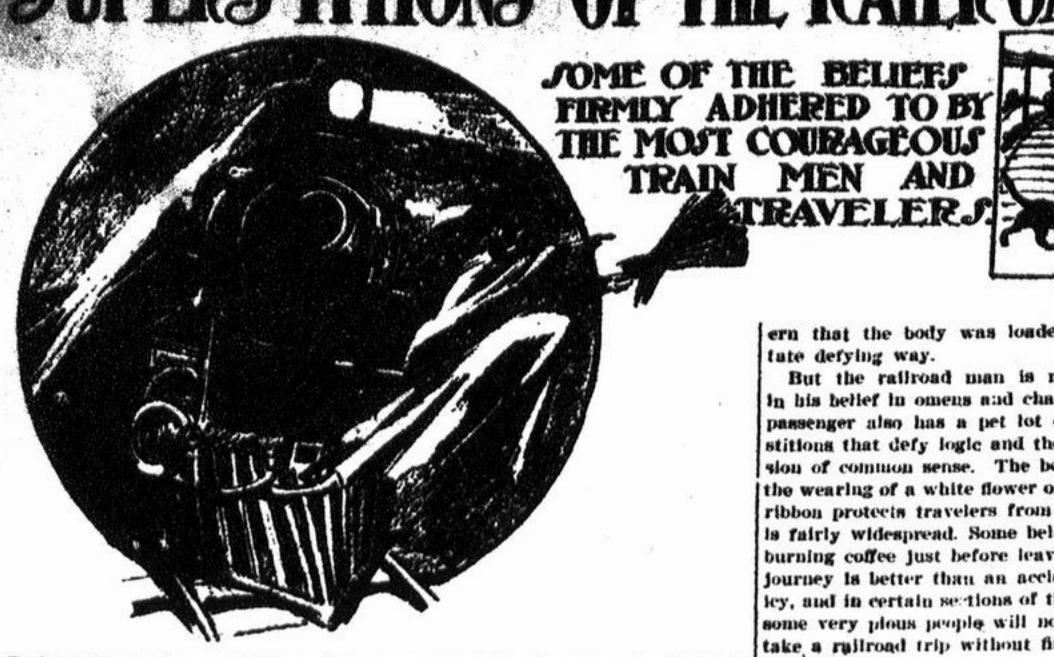
If a traveler loses his hat out of a

it is the sign that he soon is to come

nervous traveler it is only necessary

Here is an incaptation which Pullman

But the railroad man is not alone



of people in the United States are the otherwise hard-headed, keen-witted railroad men. They are fatalists by circumstances of a life of roustant dauger. Death is a commonplace; acri dent and injury all in the day's work and line of duty. Contempt of death, akin to that of the fanatic Mussulman, but without the allurement of the black-eyed bourt paradise, is bred by familiarity, the never-ending risk life and limb, as told in the grim sta- the engine bell toll. Such an untoward tistics of railroad fatalities. Many accident means that some member of car window there is compensation in bloody campaigns of great wars show the engineer's family will soon die. Old the knowledge that it means good news fewer casualties than the annual death time engineers will not count the num- from home. If a passenger happens to and accident report of the Interstate ber of cars in a train as it rounds a pass a derailed or wrecked locomotive, Commerce Commission. This makes curve. It is considered bad luck. life cheap and its risk and sacrifice As would naturally be expected from into possession of hidden wealth. To to this dominancy of chauce, of the un- in an accident. prevised, the unexpected, the unforeseen, utterty haffing buman ingenuity. the trip if the headlight of their en. family or friends to watch him out of that makes the average railroad man gine accidentally goes out as the en- sight. To insure the safe return of a as superstitiously fatalistic as a whirting dervish or a warrior of the Mad Mullah.

road men can be found who are not in on their run. eculated with the virus of protecting superstition. Frem them closely, and corpse in the baggage or express cars, the eyes formed on the tip of the nose; seven out of ten will confess it in a just as sailors object to carrying a "A sleeper is that on which the

uniucky among engineers to take an the coffin on a train with the feet of the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleepsingline out for its first run Friday or the dead person toward the engine. In er over the sleeper into the sleeper on that fatal day to put the finishing a recent wreck in North Carolina a which carries the sleeper, and Jumps southes to it in the shop.

MOUNTED NURSES.

They May Become a Feature of the

English Army.

as the result of a course of training

gade Girls' Yeomanry, twenty-five

strong, is showing what mounted horses

The innovation will be brought un-

officially to the notice of the British

military department at the next annual

show of the navy and army, and it is

believed the army medical corps will

give the idea more than passing con-

alderation. The work of the girls' bri-

gade is a revelation to every army offi-

They are trained to all the arts of

could do in the field.

cer who witnesses it.

Army nursing may be revolutionized

at the North London Riding

where the Islington Drill Bri-

Perhaps the most superstitious class a woman is the first to enter the train a copy of the sixteenth psalm under the at the beginning of the trip. They will left armpit. Putting a wisp of straw resort to ruse or diplomacy to avert in the bottom of the trunk is believed such an invitation of accident. They not only to protect the baggage from will stop a woman with slow inquiries loss, but also insure the safety of the about her ticket or destination in order that a mascuile foot will be the first stockings in the trunk in a mystic cirto ascend the steps. It is also considered bad luck for the train to permit There is a superstition that it is un a cripple or a hunchback to enter first. Incky to lock the trunk before it leaves A one-armed man among passengers the house, and with more apparent reaupon a train is also viewed with sus son, it is particularly portentous if the picton as an omen of accident.

for so much per diem an incident. The the wide prevalence of the number 3 see a crow feeding on a carcasa is anrailroad man lives in an atmosphere of superstition, it occupies an important other lucky omen for a traveler. the fatal chance and nerve-teasing un- place among ratirond men's omens. It If dust blows in a person's eye while certainty. Death may be speeding to is the firm conviction of almost all on his way to catch a train it is a sign ward him and around the curve ahead; railroad men that when one man is of accident on the trip. It is considthe next pounding of the massive driv- killed or injured to railroad work two ered an ominous encounter for a person ers may strike a broken rull; the other fatalities or accidents will follow hurrying to a train to meet a speciacletower signal man makes his awful er- in rapid succession. It is considered wearing negro. It is also unlucky for rors in an almost unvarying average; unlucky, before two or three days have a traveler to cut his finger nails just the landslide and the tampered switch elapsed, for a ratiroad man to take the before starting on a journey; disgrace are entirely beyond prevision. And it place of another who has been killed will overtake him, and if a traveler leaves home in a carriage for the station

Engineers see an omen of death upon it is simply inviting disaster for his gine is leaving the roundhouse.

A left-handed engineer is viewed as to tie on Irish knot in his handkera hooden by many trainmen. It is be chief, but if he loses the knotted piece This environment of the fatal lieved his presence in the cab favites of linen he had better end his misery chance, emphasizing buman futility and disaster, and old-time firemen and by immediate suicide. powerlessness, creates a rich soil for brakemen seek transfer to other trains emen, charm and fetich, and few rail- as soon as a left-handed engineer is put conductors declare will insure slumber on a sleeping car to even chronic in-

Trainmen dislike the presence of a somniacs, if repeated several times with half chame faced, half defiant way. | corpse on board ship. But it is consid- sleeper which carries the sleeper runs; For instance, it is considered most ered particularly threatening to load therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the old school, believe it is bad luck if firm belief of trainmen on the Nouth. In the sleeper."

People Will Nominate Candidates for Many of the which have fallen with greater or less Offices to be Filled in November by Use of the Ballot.

direct plurality vote, nominate candi- son, of Bloomington. ready been nominated in the national

The presidential electors and university trustees will be nominated in a state convention to be held in Springfield Sept. 9. These trustees could not be nominated in the primaries because women are allowed to vote for them. and as women are not allowed to vote in the primaries the makers of the law decided it would not be legal to nominate under that law officials for whom the women are to vote.

Special Provision This Year. April, but it is held in August this Cann, Bloomington. rear under a special provision of the

The Illinois plurality primary law five candidates for the nomination for will be given its first trial on Satur- governor. They are Douglas Pattison, day, Aug. 8, 1908, when the general of Freeport; John P. McGoorty, James primaries will be held. On that day Hamilton Lewis and Charles F. Gunthe various political parties will, by a ther, of Chleago, and Adlai E. Steven-

The Democrats have one candidate the November election, excepting of for lieutenant governor, John S. Cunco course president and vice president, of Chicago, and one candidate for secpresidential electors, and state uni- retary of state, X. F. Doldler, of Linversity trustees. The candidates for coln. For auditor, treasurer, and atpresident and vice president have all torney general and clerk of the su-

Candidates on Republican Ticket. There is no searcity of candidates on the Republican ticket. The list includes the following well known men: Governor-Charles S. Deneen, Chicago: Richard Yates, Springfield.

Lieutenant Governor-John G. Oglesby, Elkhart; George Shumway, Galesburg: Thomas D. Knight, Chicago; Samuel J. Drew, Joliet.

Secretary of State - William Lynch, Elgin; James A. Rose, Gol-In future years this general primary | conda; Fred E, Sterling, Rockford; will be held on the second Tuesday in John J. Brown, Vandalia; Bert Mc-

WILLIAM F. LYNCH.

Leading Candidate for Republican Nomination for Secretary of State.



William F. Lynch, county clerk of Kane County, who is a candidate o further, if we dare, than the one to be for the Republican nomination for the office of secretary of state, is a seen at the G. Glaenzer galleries. native of Elgin, the city of watches and butter. He was born November 20, 1865, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. For twelve years he was employed in the Elgin postoffice, one year at the stamp a large acquaintanceship and many stanch friends.

nois Infantry in the Civil War, and commanded the First Brigade, Third in Northern Illinois, and in the early days was one of the Republican leaders in that section of the state. Following in his father's footsteps, the son has always been a strong and active Republican.

In 1902 Mr. Lynch was elected county clerk of Kane County, and has filled the position ever since with credit to himself. He was nominated at the primaries August 4, 1906, to succeed himself, without opposition, and was re-elected November 6, 1906, without opposition at the polts. This is without precedent in the history of Kane County, the largest Republican county in the state, Cook County slone excepted, having 12,377 Republican

window and eleven years as a mail carrier, during which service be formed His father, General William F. Lynch, was the colonel of the 58th Illi-Division, Sixteenth Army Corps. He was one of the best known lawyers

law, which did not go into effect until | lough, Urbana; J. W. Templeton, Chi-July 1, 1908, and this prevented the cago. primaries being held earlier.

Four political parties will nominate candidates for state offices on that day When a man enters a polling place he will declare to the judges what politieat faith be follows, and he will then be given a ballot of that party. The ballots will be printed in different col- Chicago; Robert D. Cadwallader, Linors, so that they will be readily dis- coin; James Kinney, Oscola; George The threatening tones appear some tinguished, and no one can, through an W Fisher, Monticello. oversight, mark the ballot of a party

Advisory Vote on Senator. one candidates, as follows: In addition to the nominations there will be an advisory vote on United go: Lanfel R. Sheen, Peoria, States senator, for which office there | Lieutenant Governor-William are four Republican candidates in the Prubaker, Chicago; Jacob H. Hoofstit. field. Hon. Albert J. Hopkins, of Au- ler, Sterling, the present holder of that high office; Congressman George E. Foss, of Cobden, Marion Callup, Pontiac, Chicago: Ex-Senator William E. Mason, of Chicago, and Hon. William D. comb; John Harper, Chicago,

In addition to the interest in that | Springfield; Lorain A. Chamberlain, there will be great interest in the Pittsfield subernatorial fight, Governor Charles S. Deneen and his predecessor, Rich- Rockford. ard Yates, being now engaged in licely contest for the Republican nom-

On the Democratic ticket, there are iton. Prayer.

our fellow men. Help us to show forth Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee more of the Christ-love in our daily for Thy kind and loving care over the living and to grow in the grace and children of men. Thou art a satisfying knowledge of Him who is the Way, the eternal joy in the heavenly home.

City people will feel awfully home sick in heaven if the golden streets are not torn up occasionally.

It is often easier to be neighbor to

FUST AR CHICKERS AS POSSESTELLS

Might Soom Home to a Mandarin. The waves of interest in Chinese ar effect on Europe and America are likely to be increased by one more, if the signs of the times are not deceitful, says the New York Post, The Chinese are content with the legacies of the past, and continue to produce on the lines of the old work, even though the finest quality of that old work be lacking. They are not easily convinced that | tinct. some foreign art is better than theirs. Therefore, one very rarely meets with Chinamen, who, like a large number of Japanese artists, endeavor to use the processes and achieve the results of occidental masters. It is this calm rest. holding their own. fulness in the conviction of their own superlority which enrages other races preme court there are no Democratic against the Chinese, but in the long run enforces respect, especially on the in native population. side of art. Never were amateurs more generally agreed that the Chinese surpass other races in the diguity, almplicity and intrinsic beauty of their decorative art objects. Perhaps it is a feeling of this which in their conditions.

has induced the George Glaenzer galleries on West 20th street to fit up a small room with real Chinese and near-Chinese and pseudo-Chinese objects. than would generally be credited where Chinese art is the dominating note. The trouble is that it more than dominates-it crushes everything else out! Try it yourself. Put some fine Chinese porcelains with a lot of Meissen, Sevres or Capi-di-Monte, and see how the Celestial renders the western feeble and cheap. So that the idea of suggesting dom wear more than a leather apron to a room where Ohinese wall hangings, protect their legs from thorns. rugs, furniture and small objects in They subsist on the scant vegetaporcelain, pottery and bronze shall not tion, on roots, and on the animals they find it necessary to assert their supe- kill. Clubs, bows and arrows, and a riority was a happy one. If not novel few spears are their only weapons. it is opportune. It has not been car- They are primitive, but they do not ried out by any means without regard | buy their wives; they have been faithto modern needs and comforts. It is ful to those whites who have befriend not like the Chinese house in the Mu- ed them, and they paint and draw in seum of Natural History or the tem- an astonishing manuer. Much has ples erected and decorated in the Chi- been written of the thousands of aninese section of an international expo- mat paintings with which they adors

Walls are hong with a neutral coarse nese, though made in India. Mrs. they venture across the line. Winkler's designs are kept so far away mentioned is a combination of Ming | them, for they will not herd them. green vase of a lovely color set with

curved in beautiful pink jade from the collection of the Counters de Brarn. all except the knob on the cover, and the cover itself being cut from one they see white protectorates planted block of stone. There are rings loosely all around them, they are retreating hung in the handles, Green Ming vases farther into the desert. The whites modeled in low relief, with band of horsemen, show their original motif to are staking out ranches and building have been intended in metal; pots in little settlements, are killing off the old tea-leaf color, in caladon, imperial game that is the hereditary food of yellow and furquoise blue, put the most | the desert nomads, plowing the places delightful blotches of color here and where the Rushmen go for berries and there about the room. If we are going | edible roots, and narrowing the area to be overwhelmed once more by the in which they can live. power of Chinese art, let us be just as Chinese as possible while we are der new conditions, and the old conabout it and carry a Chinese room even ditions are passing away. All who

MAN AND HIS HORSE.

The War to Show Approval That the Animal Will Appreciate.

Caresa plays no small part in developing the best in any horse, but this is never to be by word of mouth. You may as well carse as bless for all your horse knows or cares. The caress of the hand addressed to the part with which the animal has just performed some feat is always appreciated—the expression shows that and one loves to see a good man as he lands safe over a big place just reach back and give the clever horse a loving pat or two on that swelling muscular loin which has been the chief agent in ne

gotiating the obstruction. Do not pat neck or shoulder or any part not actively engaged in the undertaking. Caress may do no good, but It is pleasant to believe that it does, and we are quite positive that the voice simply diverts attention. The former mode of address is at least worthy of trial if only as a mark of appreciation between two gentlemen. times serviceable, but this is so only when horses have been abused and associate punishment with the stern voice. The wild horse is as indifferent to the voice of affection as to that of rage.-From "Schooling the Hunter." by Frank M. Ware in Outing Mag-

An Even Chance.

An Irishman who intended to take up a homestead claim, but did not know how to go about it, sought in-Treasurer - Robert S. Spaulding, formation from a friend, says a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"Mike," he said, "you've taken a homestead, and I thought maybe you could tell me the law concerning how to go about it."

"Well, Dennis, I don't semember the exact wording of the law, but I can give the meaning of it.

"The meaning of it is this! The government is willing to bet ye one hundred and sixty acres of land agin fourteen dollars that ye can't live on it five years without starving to

The women's idea of a nice modest girl is one who does not try to firt with any other girl's sweetheart. The masculine idea is one who does not firt

death."

"If you want to please the people," or speak well of amateura,"

AVRICAN BUSHMEN DOOMSO.

Dr. Rudolf Poch to Make a Study Experiment in Arranging Room that of a Disappearing Stace. A letter received in Washington from Dr. Rudolf Poch, the well known an-

thropologist, says: I am about to start, under the auspices of the Imperial Academy of Sciences of Vienna, to make a study of the Bushmen. The race is rapidly dying out, and the sole purpose of my expedition is to add to our knowledge of this people before they become ex-

The fact has been recognized for: some years that this African race isdestined to extinction. This is all the more remarkable because everywhereelse the African races are more than

Peccellence, war, and the evils that the Whites introduce are powerless toobliterate them. Africa is growing

But the Bushmen are now reduced to a shandful, and every year they are dwindling. Circumstances are too hard for them, and it is not believed they could be saved, even by a change-

The Bushmen inhabit the great desert of South Africa. There is no running water, and yet among the sand wastes there are depressions There are more homes in New York where the natives find water by digging, and in places it comes so near the surface that vegetation flourishes and many animals find nurture in the

The Bushmen are only a few inches taller than the pygmies of Central Africa. They live in rock caves or in huts of sticks and grass. They sel-

the rocks and the walls of their caves

Why do they not abandon the desert cloth painted in very low tones by Mrs. | to which they are confined? They Adele Winkler and set here and there | could not if they would. They are with wood carvings painted and gilt. | hemmed around by pastoral and agri-The rug on the floor is what may be cultural regions, all occupied by strong called near-Chinese; its design is Chi- tribes, who kill them like vernin if

If they were free to leave the desert that they only affect one as a pattern it is doubtful if they would do so, for after the furniture and bric-a-brac are they are a hunting people, and such seen, most of the furniture being adap- | tribes have never voluntarily become tations of Chinese motives to western a pastoral or an agricultural commuarticles of use, like mirrors, shelves, pity. Whenever cattle have been given sideboard, chandeller, etc. The last to the Bushmen they have killed

The whites have been even more serpent designs in fire-gilt bronze, the | destructive of the Bushmen than their serpents forming the supports for native enemies. Late in the eighteenth lights. In another gallery is a small century the Dutch used to shoot these exhibition of paintings in oil by Mrs. | little people as they would game. It is recorded that in the ten years end-Notable Chinese pieces include a vase | ing in 1705 the Dutch killed 2,480 flush-

They have always shrunk from contact with civilfzation, and to-day, when are invading the more fertile vallers.

They seem wholly unable to live unknow them best my that their almolute extermination is a question of only a few years.-Washington Post.

THE DUST IN THE ATR

Without It the Heat of

Would Be Unbearable The usefulness of dust is proclaimed by actence despite all the housewives of all the ages. Dust is part of the machinery that produces cloud and rain. It is also a protection from the sun. Without it the sun's rars would be unbearable. The reason that sunburn is more easily acquired on the mountains than in the lowlands is said to be probably because of the comparatively dustless air of the mountainous re-

A dustiess atmosphere during rais would mean a much greater degree of discomfort than rain ever brings. Trees and buildings would be dripping with moisture, our clothing and the exposed parts of our bodies would be constantly wet, umbrellas would be classed as useless curios, and instead of trying to conquer the dust in the house we should have to face a much greater enemy in wet floors and dripping walls. In every drop of rain and in every particle of cloud there is a particle of dust. A sample of air may be taken anywhere and the number of its dust particles accurately determined. Dust, too, produces the glorious sunset effects in the evening sky, thus causing the faint obscurity we call

Twilight is always reflected glory. The light comes from the sun, which has in the meanwhile sunk below the horizon. The reflector is an upper layer of dust. Were the air perfectly dustless there would be no twilight. Darkness would immediately follow the

A Question of Nerve. "Does it require much nerve to ask a woman to marry you?" inquired the

inquisitive youth. "Not half as much as asking for a raise in salary," was the prompt reply.

-Detroit Free Press.

What Hurts.

"I hate to call on a girl," said Tom, "who can't do anything but induige in smail talk."

"Yes," replied the wise Dick, "especially if what she has to say is a very short 'no.' "-Philadelphia Press.

"I hope," says a man of 20, "that things will be better to-morrow." "! hope," he says when he is past 40. 'that they won't

a always whipping him with the lines.

found belpless in the field, holst him

apon their horses and ride with him to the field hospital. All this they do in salted. The extent to which this part their regular drills with surprising pro- of the industry has grown is more fa-

the practicability of the plan. The fish industry has made inroads even or most reasonable objection urged is the the cannery supply and mild cured sal there every available borse is needed to Germany for smoking. During the for fighting and transport work. Most last winter buyers from German of the officers admit that the women houses in Hamburg have appeared in and so maintained.

mittedly it would be out of the is no reason why they could not eithe Coast Monthly.

t m distinct advantage. Islington brigade has been of at to attend the next mill-

corpse was almost incinerated and off the sleeper by striking the sleeper Trainmen, particularly brakemen of many persons were killed. It is the in the sleeper, and there is no sleeper



COAST ABOUNDS IN FIRM.

Pacific Region Will in Time Supply Farmer Tells Why Excitement Is the Whole Country.

up to the Pacific. done for canning and in a small way miliar to the world than any other wiles of being able to mount nurses mon is now being shipped all the way invaluable if they could be Alaska towns and eagerly taken all the a beginning, and development in time have such a mounted nurse in the way of improved means of trans the desert fighting, such as Eng- portation will extend the shipping of ons are frequently required to salmon fresh from the waters in but on European battlefields Alaska to all parts of the world .- Pa-

> Casey-Are tex for agitation, Molke Duran-Faith, Of am! 80 long at and it is by no means. Duran—Faith, Ol am! So long a sy may nitimately be Ofreland is slient under her wrong throughout England will be deaf to ber cries .-

The extensive coast line of the territory seems everywhere abundant with narsing before being advanced to the hallbut, which has become almost a brigade service. In this their work is luxury in the East. There the fishing when I came slong to where an old to bind up the wounds of any soldler is done at great hazard and at long farmer was cutting weeds outside his distances from markets, while in Alaska the fisherman leaves his home in the morning and returns in the evening with the fruits of his labor.

in many places among the numerous of his head. islands along the shores there exists great cod banks. These are little known and while they are now fished to some extent it might be said the infustry is wholly in its infancy. When we consider the enormous extent of these banks as compared with those off the New England coast and the very few fish now taken on them as compared with the large numbers taken on the Atlantic it can readily be seen to what an extent this fishery can also be expanded. Here also the element of safety is greatly in favor of the industry on the Pacific coast. At present, in a small way, both halibut and cod are shipped clear across the continent to Boston and New York. With better and cheaper facilities the markets of the United States will soon be opening

The salmon fishing is now wholly Army officers are already discussing During the last few years the fresh product they could secure. This is but

Plain.

Boston Transcrip

REFUSES TO GO TO CIRCUS.

Too Contly for Him. In riding along the highway I noticed that all the barns were covered with circus pictures and by and by,

"Well, nucle, I suppose you will go "I couldn't do it," he solemnly re-

A little off the coast of Alaska and piled, accompanied by several shakes "Are you afraid that the elephants

will break loose?"

"No. I'm afraid of myself." "As to how?" "Last fall," he said, as he straightened up to lean on the bee handle. went cooning one night in that cornfield over there. The dog routed out a coon and the peaky varmint headed for a tree that stood where you see that stump. I had just finished building a \$400 barn where you see that mess of timbers and boards. The dog follered the coon and I follered the dog. It was a big, fat coon and his pelt was wuth

"I never knew that I was an excitable man before, but they say they heard me holler two miles away. meant to have that varmint. When he reed I ran for the ax. The old woman came out and relied at me, but chopped and whooped and whooped and chopped, and then the tree come crashin' down it smashed the barn as flat as a door nail and the coon got away. Am I goin' to the circus? Wall, I guess not! I'm going to root up weeds and hoe in the garden and be the quietest man in this hull state for the next year

He Would. Roosevelt loves a man who has

to come!"-Baltimore American.

large family." "The man who married the fat women in the museum would be just his kind of people, wouldn't he?"-Houston

be good if they didn't bump into so many others who overdo the thing. Many men's goodness is due t

Perhaps a few more people would try

fact that they are not found out

portion to every needy soul; with Thee is peace for every troubled heart and comfort for every affliction of earth. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to preserve, give us courage and cheer and the quiet mind, and perfect us in hope and trust through all the trials we encounter. Bless us, if it may fill us with the spirit of charity for all | back fence.

Truth and the Life, till we abide in

Treasurer-Andrew Russell, Jack-

Attorney General-William H. Stead.

Clerk of the Supreme Court-Christo-

pher Mamer, Chicago: J. McCan

Darls, Springfield; Edward T. Daries.

Probibition Candidates.

The Prohibitionists, too, have numer

Secretary of State-H. A. Dubois.

Anditor-Louis F. Cumbart, Ma-

Attorney General-Frank S. Regan,

Clerk of the Supreme Court-George

S. Hoff, Danville: R. F. Cloud, De-

catur; James H. Shaw, Blooming-

be, in all our unworthy endeavors, and the stranger than to the man over your

at all. said an old editor to a new man,