RAILWAYS ARE READY FOR CROP MOVING

Great Surplus Supply of Box Care Being Sent West to Carry Grain.

DEMAND WILL BE MET

Gradual Increase in Transportation Business Shown by Report of Committee.

The crop moving season in the Mid dle West and in the great grain belts will not find the railroads napping. According to the fortnightly report of the committee on relations between rafiroads of the American Railway Association a great supply of surplus box cars already is in the section of the country which will first feel the demand for cars and in which the most serious car shortages occur. The latest report of the committee records that throughout the country there are 159,424 surplus cars, a decrease of 93,-579 from the corresponding period in 1908. The largest decrease was in box cars, in which class the surplus was reduced 21,141. The sulplus number of this class of cars at the present time is about 80,000, and half of these are in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Dakotas, known as group 6, awaiting the call for crop moving purposes.

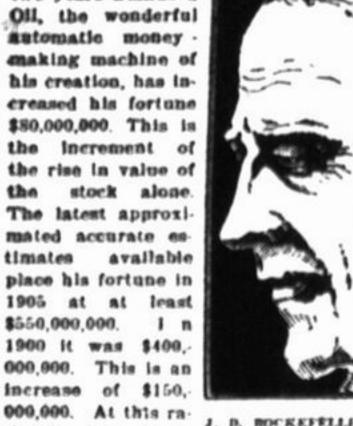
Before the crops really begin to move a still greater number will be sent West to meet the estimated demand. The report of the committee also shows a gredual increase in railroad business as measured by the demand for cars from April, 1908, when the financial panic struck full force. On April 29, 1908, the number of surplus cars reached the highest point in the history of American railroads. At of Brooklyn. Most of them marched that time nearly 500,000 cars were standing idle in yards and on sidetracks. By the following August, when the panic had spent its force, this number was reduced to 253,003. During the last year the climb has been gradual, and it is estimated that in the latter months of the year the crop moving will call into use nearly every idle car in the country. Account to the second second second second second

WILL BE BILLIONAIRE AT 80.

Bockefeller's Wealth Now \$700,000, 000 and Is Steadily Increasing.

If John D. Rockefeller lives till his 80th birthday, and he has said he will reach 100, he will become the first

billionaire in history. In the last two years Standard Oil, the wonderful automatic money making machine of his creation, has increased his fortune \$80,000,000 This is the increment of the rise in value of the stock alone. The latest approximated accurate estimates available place his fortune in 1905 at at least \$550,000,000. 1900 it was \$400,-600,000. This is an



000,000. At this ra-B. ROCKEFELLER. tlo the Rockefeller fortune is to-day about \$700,000,000. In 1914, still at the same ratio of inincrease, it will be about \$850,000,000. and in 1919, when the oil king reaches his 80th year, it will have reached the stupendous, brain-giddying total of \$1,000,000,000 an inconceivable sum.

In September, 1907, it was estimated by Rockefeller's closest associates that his income was at least \$30.25 a minute. Some figures placed it as high as \$40 during the same space of time. The sums earned for him by Standard Oil alone have been tremen

MEN SPOIL THE WOMEN.

Social Leader Declares That Amer-

ican Masculines Are Too Good. Mrs. James P. Kernochan, social leader at Newport, has declared that "women are far more selfish than formerly: they have lost the charm of conversation. Motors and luxuries are largely responsible for it. There are too many things done for the women these days, and they are growing too self-centered. In fact, the men are apoiling the American women by being too good to them. As an American woman I cannot see why women want the ballot. They are treated as no women in the world are treated by the men, and why in the name of common sense can't they trust the ballot to the splendid manhood of our country? In some countries it may be all right. Take England, where the men have and spend all the money and the women are forced to take what they can get; but in this country the women get all, and the men do the work while the women spend what they make."

Patally Shot by Car Thieves. William Zimmer, a Lehigh Railroad detective from Buffalo, was shot and probably mortally hurt in a running fight with car thieves at Batavia, N. "Mike" Miller, of Batavia, one of the gang, was fatally wounded.

haw Becomes a Librarian. a their search for regular occupafor Harry K. Thaw, recently restend to the State hospital for eriminal insane in Matteawan, N. the authorities of the institution have appointed him to the post of li

> Pawder Breen Kille. in which she inadvertent d arsenic instead of baking powthe death of Mrs. Frank nd her husband in Salt

FATAL CRASH IN AUTO RACE.

One Killed, One Perhaps Fatally Hurt at Brighton Beach.

Leonard Cole, a mechanic of the Stearns car in the twenty-four hour automobile race at the Brighton Beach track, was killed and Laurent Grosso, the driver of the car, was perhaps fatally injured in an accident. The crash happened just beyond the clubhouse as the cars were bunching to take the turn. Cole was crushed under the machine and instantly killed. Grosso was thrown to one side and PLEES his spine fractured.

The fatal accident came a enoment after a minor sensation. The score for the first hour had been given out when the Flat and the Allen-Kingston came into collision. The latter ma chine caught fire, and the 10,000 persons in the stands had a thrill, as it appeared to them that somebody must be in the flames. Announcement was made as quickly as possible that no body was hurt, and the spectators had settled down again when the fatal collision occurred. The Stearns car was a complete wreck. Cole was found under the wreckage and was pulled

out dead. The Indianapolis motor speedway commission is held responsible for the deaths of William Bourque and Harry Holcomb, driver and mechanician of a Knox car in the automobile races in that city recently, in the finding of Coroner Blackwell. Bourque and Holcomb were among several persons killed on the course during three days' racing. The coroner in his report says the speedway was not properly built for racing.

CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE.

Remains of Seven Found in New York Institution.

The seven little inmates of St. Malachy's Home for Children at Rockaway Park, L. I., were suffocated in a fire which destroyed a part of the home Monday night was discovered the next day by firemen digging in the ruins of the burned building. There were 750 children in the institution, which is conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph out of the buildings in good order when the fire alarm was sounded, and it was supposed that all had escaped. I taking effect in the right hand. Then until the bodies were found in the smouldering embers. Nearly all those burned to death were under 5 years old. The part of the dormitory in which they slept was directly over the hundry, where the fire originated. The damage to the buildings amounted to

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Bull Leagues. NATIONAL LEAGUE. · · L

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JOBS FOR MEN WHO KNOW GRAIN

Government Seeks Assistants for the

Bureau of Plant Industry. Students with an agricultural training, who are familiar with laboratory and field work, and with classes and varieties of cereals, are sought by the government at salaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year. The civil ser vice commission has announced an examination in Washington, Sept. 22 to select eligibles for positions as assistants in grain standardization in the bureau of plant industry of the de-States and the method of harvesting and marketing with special reference to rlassing and grading grain commer-



John Gates, 2:191/4, is now owned by J. H. Hopkins, of St. Paul. Hamburg Belle failed in an effort to

break her record of 2:02% at the North

Randall track, Cleveland, 2:031/4 being

the best she could do. Before 5,000 people at Scarbori Beach Park, Toronto, Alfred Shrubb ran Tom Longboat off his feet in seven and one-half miles of a twelve-mile

J. Jeffries and Jack Johason has been | the horse. made by the directors of the Tulcare County (Cal.) Agricultural Association, who claim the backing of fifty business men willing to subscribe \$50,000.

John Welch, of Lexington, Ky., pushing a movement to have the affairs of the Latonia Agricultural and Fair Association investigated. Welch is one of the stockholders and if his statements are found to be true the attorney general of Kentucky will probably take steps that will result in

Latonia forfeiting her charter. A new world's record in the hopskip-and-jump was made at Eoston by Daniel F. Ahearn, of the Irish-American A. C., of New York, who made the distance of 50 feet 2.7 inches.

Melvin Sheppard, the world's greatest runner, is out of athletics for the rest of the season. He has been in bed for some time suffering from an ab-

scess on the only of one of his lega. Mrs. Christine Struhm, 60 years old. is walking from Alberta, Mich., to Chicago in the hope that dispatches telling of her journey will reach her lost son, William Wallace Cutler, whom she has not seen since he left home in of foreign corporations, imposed by Grand Forks, N. D., in 1891.

ROBS TREASURE TRAIN; **NEW PENNIES AS BOOTY**

Bandit Holds Up Express on Pennsylvania Road in Western Style.

AND DROPS THE COIN

Committed Near Lewistown. Pa., at "The Narrows," a Mountain Fastness.

One robber stopped a west-bound express train on the Pennsylvania rail road at "the narrows," eight miles eas of Lewistown, Pa., at 2 a. m. Tuesday robbed the express car of \$25,000, but was compelled to drop most of hi booty and escape to the mountains. He carried off, so far as has been ascer tained, from \$100 to \$1,000 in Lincoln pennies, which he probably mistook for gold. Conductor Poffenberger of Harrisburg was shot through the hand in a fight with the robber. The deed was carried out in the regular wildwest style.

The train held up was No. 39. It left Philadelphia at 9:02 Monday night and Harrisburg at midnight. The spot where the robbery occurred was ideal of \$1,600. for such a deed. The tracks occupy a narrow strip between the mountain and the Juniata River. Heavy timber | bank and the other stepping into the covers the mountains and paths lead to almost impenetrable fastnesses in the woods. The train consisted of two engines, three express cars and two sleepers. A signal cap placed on the track brought it to a stop. Engineers John Long and Balzer Beahm, both of Altoona, on alighting from their cabs were confronted by a masked man with two revolvers, who ordered but the man jumped away, sprang into "Hands up!" They obeyed promptly.

The conductor came up at this juncture and, taking in the situation, start ed to run for the rear of the train. The robber fired five shots at him, one he ordered the express car opened. threatening to blow it up with dynamite if not obeyed. The car was opened and at the direction of the robber the money bags were carried to the side of the tracks. When as much money was stacked up as one man could carry the trainmen were ordered back to their positions and the train moved on. It is believed that about \$1,000 was taken. Several of the bags contained pennies, which were found in the morning near the scene of the hold-up.

WORLD UNION IS GOMPERS' PLAN

International Congress Opened at

Parts Hears His Proposal. The sixth international trade union congress was opened in Paris, France, Monday, and among the subjects discussed were the reduction of hours of labor, regulations to govern work in domiciles and a proposal to put an end to international strike-breaking Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and J. Eads How represented America. Mr. Compers submitted/A proposal for the organization of an international federation of workmen, which, while not affecting the independence of the men

in individual countries, would "create international fraternity and solidar ity." A motion by How urged unions of all countries to fight against the movement of workmen from one country to another in times of economic depression, when strikes were threat-

POISONS 5 BABIES; STABS SELF.

Mather's Act Discovered in Time to Save All but One Child.

In a fit of insanity Mrs. Carrie Sanders of Florence addition to St. Joseph. Mo., gave five of her six chilpartment of agriculture. One of the dren morphine. While trying to feed requirements is the writing of a the-the poison to the sixth she was desis of not less than 2,000 words on the | texted by a neighbor, and she then conkinds of cereals grown in the United | fessed what she had done. Weldon, aged 5 years, is dead, but physicians say they will save the lives of the other children. The mother also took poison and cut her throat after making her confession, but she is expected to recover. The husband of Mrs. Sanders was at home when the children were poisoned, but did not know what his wife was doing. The child that died had been poisoned about two hours before the others. The children range in age from 2 to 10 years.

HORSE DRAGS HIM TO DEATH

Nebraska Farmer Pulled to Front of Tenin by Bniky Animal, John King, a young farmer, was killed by a Union Pacific flyer near Central City, Neb., in an unusual way. He was leading a horse across the tracks with the halter wrapped around his arms. The animal balked on the track and although Reeves was safely across he was dragged back and under An offer for a match between James | the wheels when the engine struck

> Burn One Negro; Shoot Another. Following the shooting and burning of Ben Clark, an escaped negro convict, by a posse at Soperton, Ga., and the killing of James Durden, a planter who was a member of the posse, in the fight with Clark, John Sweeny another negro who with his wife had harbored Clark, was taken from a passenger train near Tarrytown and lynched by the posse.

Throw Washington in Lake.

Five youths, who threw a monument of Washington into the lake at Lu gano, Switzerland, were fined a small sum in court. All declared they did not intend disrespect to the United States, but acted in a spirit of mischief.

Sustains Corporation Tax. Judge Lewis, in the Federal Court in Denver, held that the flat tax of \$2 a year for every \$1,000 of capital stock Colorado, is valid

150 HAVE PELLAGRA AT PEORIA

Army Officer Reports on Conditions at State Asylum.

More than fifty cases of pellagra, with fifty additional in a state of recovery, and fifty more under suspicion at the Peorla, III., State hospital, are reported to the War Department by Captain Joseph F. Siler of the army medical corps stationed at New York, who was sent to Peoria at the request of the hospital officials to investigate the outbreak. Captain Siler is of the opinion, according to the report, that the disease has long prevailed, not only at the Peoria hospital, but throughout Illinois, as well as through the great corn growing States of the West. Overdependence on corn as an article of diet, and especially the con sumption of corn in a moldy or nearly moldy state, is given by the army surgeon as the probable cause of the dis-

The discovery of pellagra at the Bartonville institution several weeks ago has attracted the attention of the entire world of medicine to that p'nt, and many other physicians are working with Capt. Siler in his attempt to get all the data on the disease ir its Journal. various forms and stages.

TWO MEN ROB BANK OF \$1.600.

"Shoot Up" Iowa Town and Escape-No Clew to Identity.

After "shooting up" the town Tuesday afternoon, two men robbed the German National Bank of Mineola, Ia., sixteen miles south of Council Bluffs,

When the men stopped shooting they separated, one going to the rear of the front door, pushing by Cashier Neff, who had been attracted to the front by the shooting. The second man then entered the bank and started to talk with the clerk. Niff went back into his cage, and as he did so the man who had pushed by him drew a revollver and, pointing it at his head, crowded in. Niff grappled with him, the cage and picked up a package of bills and stepped outside. While the man who had the money coolly stuffed it into a small grip, the second robber covered both cashler and clerk with his revolver. Then, bidding the bank men good day, the two robbers walked to the front door, closed it behind them, walked down the street

HE ELOPES WITH WRONG TWIN.

Pour John Probably Doesn't Vet Know of His Error. Cecella Curren, of Pittsburg, is 15 years old, and, naturally, so is Mary, her twin sister. If it becomes necessary to tell them apart Mrs. John Curren, their mother looks at the teeth of one, the single point upon which they are dissimilar. Cecilia eloped the other night with John Parker, the Currans' star boarder. Mrs. Curran also missed \$50. Parker undoubtedly meant to clope with Mrry, with whom he was

wrong twin in the dark, and probably does not yet know of his error.

known to be in love, but he took the

Drustle Fuller Prohibition Bill Is

ALABAMA TO BE VERY DRY.

Passed with Little Opposition. The drastic Fuller prohibition bill passed by the Alabama Senate forbids even the possession of liquor except in private residences, making the accused person prove his own innocence before any evidence against him is introduced. It makes the use of the word saloon a crime, bars the advertisement of liquors from bill boards and signs and holds that even the possession of a Federal liquor license is an absolute proof of guilt in selling lief to me to discover in the morning Intoxicants.



The Legislature of Georgia came to the end of its session without having permitted the federal income tax amendment proposed by Congress to come to a rote.

Maryland Democrats favor a suffrage amendment to the State constitution to be voted on this fall. The suffrage amendment will disfranchise the illiterate negro.

President Taft plans to placate the insurrectionary Middle West during his forthcoming Western tour by making a series of speeches explanatory of the Payne tariff bill.

The "drys" won the local option election in Santa Rosa County, Florida, The saloon element ordered the election and sought to regain territory lost to them by election two years ago.

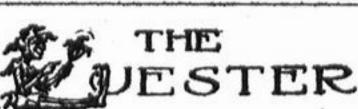
The President has decided to have the census appointments divided equally among Democrats and Republicans in the States of the solid South which are wholly Democratic, in all other States the Republicans to get all the places.

Since the adjournment of Congress the word has been passed around among the leading Democrats of the Empire State that the time had come for a new effort to revive the genuine simon-pure Democratic spirit in the party councils. It is proposed to hold general conference at Saratoga on September 9.

The Connecticut Senate agreed to defer until the next session of the Legislature the consideration of the federal income tax amendment to the constitution. Gov. Weeks has vetoed the liberal Sunday law, passed by the Connecticut Legislature. It would have repealed the old blue laws.

Advocates of equal suffrage are planning a campaign which will emanate were never kissed by a man? from Boston as a starting point. Those who are enthusiastic in the campaign see in its culmination the election of Jane Adams as a future President of the United States.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, while addressing the Chautauqua assembly at Correctionville, Iowa, said: "The best thing that could happen to this country would be to have all of the States doubtful. That is, have half of the voters so independent in thought and action that they will vote irrespective of party in order to advance the ends of good government,"



The Pic. Knowed him when he was a boy, Many years ago. Never saw a kid enjoy

Cake an' pastry so! All along through dinner time Used to hear him sigh. 'Had enough o' plain food. I'm Ready for the pie."

He's a statesman with a face Known both West and East. Holds a most important place At the mental feast, Through d bate he sits at ease,

Yet, as time goes by, Yawns as if he's thinkin', "Please. Pass along the pie!"-Washington Star.

A MEAN MAN.

"Her husband is a brute." "As to how?" "Got her to belp save up for at automobile, and then put the money into a house."-Louisville Courier-

ALWAYS RESOURCEFUL. "I'm overstocked on beef and potatoes," said the manager of the dopartment story restaurant.

"What are you going to do?" "Guess I'll have to get up a clear ance sale of hash."-Louisville Cour ier-Journal.

HIS MOTTO.

The hobo had asked for a hand out or cold bite. "Why," inquired the householder,

"do you tell such an elaborate li-"Art fer art's sake, my good sir,

responded the wayfarer with a Chesterfieldian bow .-- Louisviile Courier-Journal. THE VOLUNTEER BRIGADE.

"Get out the hose reel. Si! Peleg Whiffletree's barn is affre. "Can't do it. Seth. That hose reel was jest painted toda)." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

HIS DEVOTIONS. Guest-Mercy! What's that awfor profanity downstairs? Hostess-My husband has come in

late and fallen over the new Persian prayer rug - Cleveland Leader THE MODERN INDIAN "Did you succeed in a tting that

with you?" "No," answered the agent, "We were just getting to a friendly understanding when I made the pipe of peace proposition. He got augry and wanted to go on the warpach because didn't offer him a cigar ite. Wash ngton Star

VERY CHII LING. "What is hanteur"

"That's what some salesladies dis play when you ask to see something cheaper "-Louisville Courier-Journal, AGAINST TELEPATHY.

"Do you take any int rest in tele pathy " said the young man who was trying to make conversation. "No," answered Miss Cavenne " should never countenance a method of communication by which people could intrude their oppions on you

without even going to the trouble of looking son up."- Washington Star DISAPPOINTMENTS THAT SOOTHE come to be recognized as blessings. said the ready made philosopher, "That's a fact," answered the flip

pant person. "It's almais a swort re that I forgot to wind the alarm clock "- Washington Star. NO MORE ROMANCE.

our atensils are sterilized and strict ly sanitary."-Louisville Conrier-

TAKING A MEAN ADVANTAGE. "Have you confessed all our sins?" asked the preacher solemnly

"I guest I've about cleaned out parishioner "How about those fish stories tou

are so noted for " continued the pastor "Were they all true?" The sufferer's face took on a look of anguish and disgust. "Parson," he muttered, "that's a mighte mean ad

vantage to take of a dving man" -- gleams with thousands of vari-colored Clev land Leader TO COVER A LARGE HOLE. "Waiter, get me a newspaper so !

can hide my yawns; this concert is so "Yes, miss: I'll bring the largest can find."-Fliegende Blaetter.

KEPT HER WORD.

"Harow," said the young woman, resolutely. "I promised my mother never would marry any man without asking him how he stood on the great question of woman suffrage. You will have to tell me how you

answered the young man. "Well-we-that's all I promised mamma: I didn't bind myself to refuse any good man just because henow, Harold, you stop that !"-Chicago Tribune.

HE MISUNDERSTOOD. Percy Pickle-Aw-I thought heard you tell Miss Wose that you

Miss Tabasco-So I did. me: I kissed you lawst night. Miss Tabasco-I said a man.-Phil adelphia Bulletin.

Training Under Difficulties.

The Man from Down Stairs-Say

whattin' blazes are you doing up here? Chasing mice? The Topfloor Back-No, I ain't I'm training-puff!-for the Dry Goods Clerks'-puff!-Marathon next Saturday! Time me, will you? Puck

Does your lot in life content you? Are they coming as you like? Are you satisfied with just a daily wage? When your barber shop is idle or your hands are on a strike. Have you ever thought of writing for the stage?

Have You Ever!

Perhaps you are a plumber and it's rather dull in summer: Some congenial task your lelsure cago, Saturday night. The success might engage.

While you're waiting for an order to repair a broken pipe Have you ever thought of writing for the stage?

Or perchance you are a tinsmith, or a janitor mayhap. Or a writer for a daily printed page. Whatever be your station or your daily occupation, for the stage?

Improve each idle minute. There is fame and fortune in it. You may be the georgemechan of your age.

Nearly everybody tries it, so we venture to advise it. for the stage? -Chicago Tribune.

Enlightenment.

Mrs. Boggs-Henry, did you hear about Mr. Jones? Mrs. Smith was telling me this afternoon how---Mr. Boggs-That's just like you women, gossiping about things that don't concern you, and I suppose you have the story all mixed up, anyway. Now, I got the whole thing straight at the cigar store and the barber shop and the facts in the case were like this: It seems that, etc.-Puck.

Literary Origins. Goldsmith had just written the "De serted Village. "Got the idea from Washington with congress adjourned," he admitted. Hereupon all thought it mildly

drawn.-New York Sun.

and Splendor. All world's records in attendance have been broken by Riverview Ex-

Fair Records in Attendance

est show. Although the turning point of onehalf the season has not yet arrived her presence. "Birdland," one of more than 5,000,000 persons have passed through the turnstiles. Indian to smoke the pipe of peace fore the season ends it is estimated 10,000,000 will have revelled in the mystery, splendor and delights of this magnificent exhibition. Allow- for this excellent little playlet with ing the big city on the lake one-half music. "Birdland" abounds in the of the past attendance there remain 2,500,000 out-of-town visitors-more than ever visited any other world's



Cel William F. Caix, "Buffale "Have you" inquired the poet, "A Bill and Payner Bill, with their "Congress of Nations, recently cele brated the lections anniversary of

"No sir" answered the farmer " \" the veteran -court on the Exposition The accompanying picture of the signer and beggars description. The renowned plainsman was caught by a | Majestics could stand pat on last seastaff photographer. The two pretty "trompeters," monuted on elephants bigger, greater and grander than ever, also get within range of the camera These and six other young women with silver-toned trumpets and their intelligent big mounts which blew render full justice to Joseph Hollend was the feeble response of the sick great blasts on bell-like trombones er's tuneful melodies. Most conspicuwere an octette that rang rare melody ous among the sixty artists are Gus

> beauty of the Exposition is typified by a night scene of the entrance of "Creation" building The beautiful facade of "Creation, with its Titanic "Guardian Angel"

The grandeur and spectacular

throughout the Expo' forests.

SUPERSTITIONS OF SINGERS



and falls of illuminant beauty is reflected in a crystal lake, out of which spouts prismatic sprays and fountains Percy Pickle-But-aw-pawdon of cooling mists. Cascades rush down ward from aerial heights above the

angel into the foaming waters. The reverential dramas, "Creation; "Doomsday" or the "End of the fined to the women singers, either, for World," another great exhibit; "The the men are equally fond of observing Passion Play" or "Life of Christ, and "The Temptation of St. An thony," produced on a grand scale are but three of the thousands o extraordinary attractions in the buildings of this wonderful exposi-

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

M'VICKER'S THEATER. "The Circus Man" was triumphantly launched at McVicker's theater, Chiwhich the piece met was instantaneous and emphatic. And Maclyn Arbuckle, the new star was as heartly received as the comedy.

Dealing with New England types, and suggesting in its environment such charming plays as "'Way Down East," "The Old Homestead," "Old Jed Prouty" and others of similar character, the new comedy tells of the life Have you ever thought of writing in a quiet New England town, Palermo, Maine, where "Fighting" Hime Look, once the bad boy of the village, comes with a part of a circus with which he has toured through Texas. Hime is true to his name, and he stirs the town until he has changed its sleepy ways and righted the wrongs Have you ever thought of writing and quarrels of more than half the population.

Mr. Arbuckle's "Fighting" Hime was a delicious portrayal of the big-hearted, rough and ready man who knows the world, but whose contact with the seamy side of life has not affected the sweetness of his nature. One of the important hits of the performance was made by the elephant soubrette, Imogene, who played with an intelligence worthy of the reputations which the pachyderms have won. Esther Lyon, Jennie Weathersby, Alice Martin, Lillian Thurgate, Frank Currier, Edson R. Miles, A. Reed and other fine players scored heavily in the roles in trusted to them.

MAJESTIC.

In the Majestic Theater, Chicago, for the week of Sept. 6th, an enjoyable bill will be presented, headed by the famous farceurs. Minnie Seligman and Wm. Bramwell. Although possessing a national reputation, they are even more widely known in Chicago, having been identified with the leading Chicago's Big Show Breaks All World's stock companies, and it is said they are hever happier than when playing in the city where their first stage success was achieved. Dainty Winona Winter, late star of "The Golden position, Chicago's latest and great- Girl," and one the prettiest and cleverest young women on the stage, will lend charm and beauty to the bill by Jesse Lasky's production, tells the story of the birds who nest together in the heart of a glant oak tree, the interior of which is the stage setting daintiness and melody which makes the Lasky productions a delight to the eye. Frank and Jen Latona, just back from a trip around the world, will add their full share to the success of the bill, as will also Earle Reynolds, and Nellie Donegan, the world's champion roller skating experts. Harry Fox and the Millership Sisters offer a singing and dancing melange, and "The Last of the Regiment" is still another addition to the musical side of the bill. There will be a number of other important features, and one will find a visit to the Majestic well worth while.

FRED IRWIN'S MAJESTICS.

Fred Irwin's Majestics will be the attraction at the Alhambra theater all this week, beginning Sunday matinee, Sept. 5. The advance heralding already has the town on edge. They will be here in their pristine multitude-sixty strong. The magnificent, multifarious Majestics, with a bunch of song-birds who have real music in their voices, and are going to make a noise like a grand opera.

This company may be best described as a superlatively sumptuous satellite. Its equal, if it has one, can only

be seen in the high-priced theaters. Fancy six complete sets of fairyland scenery, with dazzling electrical effects, and costumes that taxed the deson's reputation, but they are coming with not only a male chorus, but an augmented orchestra, the which will Fay and Billy Smythe, a pair of highschool comedians with Tyrolean voices. Miss Marie Hartman, a Broadway "fav.," has been corralled and what she doesn't know about musical comedy never was.

faruso's Observations of the Ways of Some Prima Donnas. "We of the opera," writes Caruso, ac-

cording to the Gentlewoman, "are often inclined to be superstitious. One woman, a distinguished and most intelligent artist, crosses herself repeatedly before taking her cue, and a prima donna who is a favorite of two continents and who is always escorted to the theater by her mother, invariably goes through the very solemn ceremony of kissing her mother good-hy and receiving her blessing before going on to sing. The young woman feels that she could not possibly sing a note if the mother's eye were not on her

every moment from the wings. "Another famous singer wears a small bracelet that was given to her when an infant by Gounod. She has grown somewhat stout of late years. forced so often that there is hardly any of the great composer's original gift left. Still, she feels that it is a charm which has made her success. and whether she sings the part of a lowly peasant or of a princess the bracelet is always visible

"These little customs are not consome little tradition to cheer them in their performance."

If a young wife sends to the drug store for baking powder her husband tion. All car lines in Chicago lead to need not expect biscuits like those his mother made.

