

lition, if we are to believe
nitors as Mr. Coolidge and
o have a scientific system of
uations for tax-assessment
Such systems, freed from
imb methods and political
s, usually yield "grand list"
it is factual. The increase of
eed not mean increased
on taxpayers and generally
break down a former con-
hich a favored few fared
7 well in paying taxes, as
ith the common lot of citi-
rs is that larger grand lists
rd larger budgets. It is a
which must be fought suc-
id can be where the people
ned upon it.

PRIDHAM CRASH.
Commissioner Clarence M. d
to have attributed Carey
s fatal accident at Brainerd
confidence and carelessness
s part. Whatever the case
been, a service which de-
personnel great faithfulness
and has for these virtues a
able tradition commands
It is pathetic to be obliged
ldham's passing away, leav-
ngton, Massachusetts, a wife
ildren, for whom Hartford
ympathy.

COLLECTING HORSES.
asas City information has
t the proprietor of a har-
ny in that town, at Mr.
st has shipped to Dearborn
ribed as a "wooden" horse,
hands high, which used to
nt of the store, years ago,
he line of goods sold there.
esires this horse for his
Americana. The fact that
ar "wooden" horse actually
f paper mache has not
lminish its curio value.
ndering if by any chance
ron horse is still in exist-
in the '90's stood in front
ven harness store, near the
apel and Church streets on
t side. The horse was a
geometrically round spots,
ose of a leopard. It was
with a most spirited ex-
l weighed in the neighbor-
pounds. In spite of its
ents carried it off in the
unted it on a stone coping
under the clock dial on
el. How it was done, no-
er told. A considerable
with scaffolding and tackle
horse down during the fol-
Next morning the horse
chapel tower again. This
e times in succession, fur-
h mystery for New Haven
ner of the spotted horse.
animal has not been de-
should think Mr. Ford
ling to give quite a hand-
: it, but it would be advis-
a to bolt the relic down
es in Dearborn, should it
d shipped.

TEK IS ENDORSED.
the unanimous favorable
sub-committee of the sen-
committee decided upon
the nomination of United
al Jacob D. Walter for
t, will bring to effective
sition to him which Con-
erally has regarded as
aracter. After examining
Senators Borah, Stewart
n have evidently formed
n, and it is to their credit
en that they have done
narrowly prejudiced view
tified, but it would have
thing to have terminated
term for the bare reason
not been an ardent pro-
the whole business would
by calling it a tempest in

LE AND COMMENT.
the Boston navy yard now
he work of rebuilding the
Constitution, "Old Iron-
95 per cent. completed.
conditioning job, includ-
riggering, has advanced to
The government appro-
for this work that it
carried on from popular
Those recently received
the enterprise through
bowsprit was shipped last
ld be of interest to learn
rebuilding of the hull
ibstituting a different keel
tution. The original keel
ularity of being made of
f oak. Maritime circles
l when the builder de-
but he insisted upon it



Now that the conference in dear ol'
London is off to a sure start, why not
give a little attention at home to a
parley between wardens and prisoners,
as regards disarmament?

Perhaps if wardens agreed to discon-
tinue the issuance of arms to guards,
convicts would throw aside their guns,
too. At least if guards weren't given
any, possibly the inmates wouldn't be
able to find any.
Personally we think disarmament in
prisons is putting the cart before the
horse, however. Furbish the cells with
all the comforts of home, cultivate
"color in the kitchen" behind the bars,
and raise prison shop wages to union
scale. Under these conditions the pris-
oners would fight for entirely different
reasons, if they fought at all. They
might fight for a foothold when in-
formed that their sentences were up.

The Open Door.
I'm a poor old bum. I'm down and
out;
No kith nor kin have I.
I'm more than three score years and
ten—
About time I should die.
For that's, you know, the Bible age,
When humans should be dead.
Yet here am I, I cannot die,
Until knocked on the head.

My poor old bones are full of aches,
And getting worse each day!
For which I can get no relief,
As I have naught to pay.
Relief! O, yes, the gods be praised—
That is, if gods there be:
The Open Door a wise old Greek
Did in my youth show me.

Now, fare you well, my fellow worms:
I've thought what I shall do:
I'll hie me from this crazy world,
Where things are all askew.
I hope to reach the clean green sea,
The grave that I'd like best:
The fish will find me coming down,
And I will find my rest.

O. B. JOYFUL.
Mr. Joyful, by the by, would like to
know how Jack London met his death,
and any enlightenment from readers,
through the column, would be appre-
ciated. This statement will probably
explain to Mr. Joyful that we are un-
able to accede to his request to tell it
ourselves.

"Bermuda, a tempting travel dish,"
says a travel ad in the Boston Tran-
script.
One might add as tempting travel
dishes, Madeira, Canary and Hamburg.

With all due respect, we note that
the latest chronicle of doings among
the newspaper force includes on the
composing room sick list, J. B., who is
now "about to get out, but still unable
to work." We have often been similarly
afflicted, though for no apparent rea-
son, whereas the composing room has
good cause every time our copy rears
its head from the pneumatic tube.

Speaking of groundhogs, it is also
evident that the humble seagull re-
mains north in wintertime with the
unfortunates unable to make Palm
Beach. As the Noank correspondent of
the Norwich Bulletin ushers in the sub-
ject in a paragraphical introduction:
Seagulls are birds that hang around
all winter. Cold weather doesn't both-
er them. A seagull doesn't have to go
south to get warm. In the worst storms
of the winter you can see them flying
around, also keeping the harbor clean
of dead fish. If you see a gull flying
over the land instead of the water,
that is a sure sign of a storm the next
day; it has never failed in the last 100
years—is better than a weather vane.
The law book reads that if a seagull
is shot by a hunter or one not a hunter,
there is a fine of \$50. For they are
birds that help do good work for their
country.

THE POETS' CORNER

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MOWING.
There was never a sound beside the
wood but one
As that was my long scythe whisper-
ing to the ground.
What was it it whispered? I knew not
well myself
For a it was something about the
heat of the sun,
Something, perhaps, about the lack of
sound—
As that was why it whispered and did
not speak—
I was no dream of the gift of idle
hours,
Easy gold at the hand of fay or elf,
Anything more than the truth would
have seemed too weak
The earnest love that laid the swale
in rows,
It without feeble—pointed spikes of
flowers
(ale orchises), and scared a bright
green snake.
The fact is the sweetest dream that
labor knows,
My long scythe whispered and left
and left the day to make.
—Robert Frost.

"Selected Poems."
Robert Frost, the poet, who expresses
ew England in some of its most im-
mate phases will be heard at Center
Church House Monday evening, Febru-
ry 17 at 8:15 under the auspices of
the Poetry Club—Tickets may be pro-
cured from club members or at the book
shops.

February promises to be an enter-
taining month for poetry lovers.
Odell Shepard of Trinity college, poet
and essayist, will give a series of read-
ing in the Colonial room of the Bush-
nell Memorial. The series opens this
evening at 8 o'clock with a joint recital
by Mr. Shepard and Mr. Moshe Parnov
of attending these poetry readings—with
Parnov playing the score composed by
Richard Strauss, as an accompaniment
for the reading voice.

Those who expressed the wish that
Professor Shepard had read more
poetry at his recent lecture before the
Poetry club may now have the pleasure
of attending these poetry readings—with
fulfillment of their desire to hear more
from this artist-reader.
On February 11 at 8 p. m. Henry
Harrison of the Poetry World (New
York) will give a lecture and recital
in Temple Beth Israel under the aus-
pices of the Council of Jewish Women.
He will read among other things ex-
tracts from his book "Myself-Limited."

At the January meeting of the Poetry
Club Professor Thurbur L. Hood of
Trinity college gave an informal criti-
cism of original verse by club members
and suggested reading that would
stimulate ideas and balance values.
He spoke particularly of phrasal
rhythm of poetry as shown in Shake-
spere to be more important than set
meter. Short poems are often more
lovely than long ones and there are in-
finite possibilities in a short poem.
"Good poetry," he said, "should con-
tain a philosophy of life." "Description
in itself may be good verse but it is not
great poetry."

One marveled at the strength of the
small, frail woman, who spoke of poets
and poetry at the Bushnell Memorial
last Monday evening; marveled at the
strength of mind, character and pur-
pose that has accomplished such a defi-
nite results. Harriet Monroe's name is
known wherever poetry is published or
poets congregate. With less to talk
about one might speak more fluently
than did Miss Monroe, but a person
who has edited the poetry of a thousand
poets in her magazine in the last seven-
teen years might well be tongue-tied
in trying to tell that endeavor. Friendly
in her analysis of the coming and go-
ing of these poets, Miss Monroe turned
to those whose verse has won a perma-
nent place. She speaks with authori-
ty when she says, "It has been a rich
period in American poetry."
The greatest pleasure of the evening
was the reading of her own poems
chosen with delightful variety.

FROM LOCAL WRITERS.

"That Particular Bird—"
"That particular bird with his jet-
black body
And flaming wing
May see my home this summer."
My thought can no longer
Bridge the distance—
Only a bird flight from season to
season—
A small nest up there,
Half hidden in the narrow cedar boughs
That cradle it.
They remember,
They wing straight home.
Honeysuckle—
Bird songs, sweet, mysterious,
From the heart of a tall cedar.
Not I—not I
But this small bird shall bring my
message.
Speak not of north and south,
Speak not of time or distance,
Not of hepatica
Nor yet arbutus hidden under a heavy
carpet
In dim, sweet-scented woods.
Here where crisp palms
Rustle impatient fronds
Against hot sultry winds—
Here where the scent of orange blos-
soms
Hangs too heavy on the air—
I cannot quite remember
My New England.
—MIRIAM POMEROY ROGERS.

Letters of General Joseph R. Hawley

Hero of the Civil War, Hartford Editor, Governor of Connecticut,
Congressman and United States Senator.
Written to
CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER
His Lifelong Friend and Associate in Newspaper Work.
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NO. LXXII.
In 1879 the legislature convened in
January for the first session to be held
in the new capitol, the structure which
has been in use ever since. January
sessions had begun in 1877. Therefore
the general assembly had convened in
May.
Hawley's friends had gotten up a
circular discussing him in connection
with the senatorship which was dis-
tributed among the members of the
legislature without the general's knowl-
edge. Editorially the Courant said it
would be "false modesty to ignore the
fact that General Hawley was the first
choice of a majority of republicans for
senator."

One argument used against Hawley
was that if he were elected senator the
First district congress seat might be
lost to the republicans. There also
were suggestions that he should wait
until the next year before seeking pro-
motion to the upper house. However,
the Hawley men had their answer to
all this and were not deterred.

Jewell Versus Hawley.
The rivalry between Marshall Jewell
and Hawley came to a head in this
contest. The republican caucus for the
choice of a candidate took place on
the afternoon of January 17, resulting
in the choice of Orville H. Platt on
the thirty-eighth ballot, when the Jewell
men had thrown their support to him
rather than let Hawley have the honor.

An informal ballot was taken with
148 voting and 75 necessary for a
choice. Hawley led with 49 votes,
Jewell had 35, Platt 24, Henry B. Har-
rison 14, W. T. Minor of Stamford 14,
P. T. Barnum, of circus fame, 10, Gov-
ernor Andrews 1, Benjamin Douglas of
Middletown 1.

The caucus then proceeded to formal
balloting. Two ballots were thrown out
during the progress of the voting be-
cause the count did not agree with
the number present. On the second
formal ballot Hawley had 55, Jewell 39,
Platt 25, Harrison 13, Minor 9, Bar-
num 7. Hawley gained slowly up to
the eleventh ballot. On the tenth he
had 71, Jewell 51, Harrison 25, Platt 5.
But 77 votes were needed to win.

On the succeeding ballot Hawley's
vote dropped to 64 and Jewell's rose to
53. Jewell men began going over to
Platt. On the seventeenth ballot, Haw-
ley was down to 59, Jewell to 41, Platt
had 29, Harrison 20 and Andrews 1.
For a half dozen ballots there was not
much change in the relative standing.
On the twenty-sixth ballot Hawley got
up to 67 again, Jewell had 43 and
Platt 29.

Launch Drive to Beat Hawley.
Then the Jewell men began their
drive to beat Hawley. On the thirty-
second ballot they had put Platt in
second place with 43 votes to 64 for
Hawley while 34 were still voting for
Jewell and Harrison had 8. On the
thirty-fourth Platt's vote was pushed
up to 51 while Jewell had dropped off
to 26, Hawley holding 64. More Jewell
men drifted to Platt on the next bal-
lot and he had 61 votes. Hawley, how-
ever, got two of Harrison's votes and
rose to 66. Jewell had 18.

Platt was put into the lead on the
thirty-sixth ballot, having 74 votes,
two short of majority. Hawley had 72
and Jewell was down to three, while
Harrison had two. The thirty-sev-
enth ballot showed Platt within one of
the necessary 76 while Hawley was
down to 71. Finally two more Jewell
votes went over to Platt on the thirty-
eight ballot and he was nominated.
Hawley had 72 votes and Jewell 1.

The Magnanimous Hawley.
Hawley showed his magnanimity by
sitting down in the Courant office and
writing a laudatory editorial of Platt,
concluding with this sentence: "This
much his chief competitor takes pleas-
ure in writing hastily at the late hour
which announces his nomination."
Platt was almost an untried man in
public service. He was then 51 years
old, a native of the town of Washing-
ton. He had been state secretary in
1857 and 1858, in the legislature as a
member of both senate and house, be-
ing speaker of the latter body in 1869.
When nominated for senator he was

state's attorney for New Haven county.
He had by no means the stature as a
public man of either Hawley or Jewell.

Hawley's Defeat Regretted.
Of course, the defeat of Hawley at
the hands of his fellow townsman
rankled. Newspapers all over the
country lamented the setting aside
of the brilliant Hawley. The Spring-
field Republican, in a Hartford dis-
patch, said the Jewell forces were led
by Samuel Fessenden of Stamford. He
was later to contest with Hawley for
the senatorship. According to this ac-
count Fessenden was a Minor man,
to the Minor men and to the Haw-
ley men he pretended to be one
of them. When taken to task
later by Henry C. Robinson he said "I
was deceiving you." According to the
Republican's account the "men to go
over to Platt on each ballot were desig-
nated, marked off and delivered."

Editorially the Boston Transcript
commented that "There is a set of
wooden nutmeg politicians in Con-
necticut who cannot rise sufficiently to
appreciate a public man of the stamp
of the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley."

Hawley Heads Off a Bolt.
The democrats renominated Senator
Barnum as their candidate. On the
day of election Hawley got wind of the
fact that some democrats were dis-
gruntled because debate had been cut
off in their caucus and were willing to
desert Barnum and vote for Hawley if
the Hawley republicans would put him
up. Hawley had once been defeated
by a deal of this kind and he had once
refused to be a party to another plan
having similar purpose in his behalf.
He spurned this proposal with vehe-
mence and dispatched letters to his
leaders in the house and senate asking
republicans to vote for the republican
candidate.

Platt was elected easily over Bar-
num. On the day following Hawley
emphasized his freedom from the
rancor shown by some of his followers,
also his goodwill toward Platt, by writ-
ing an editorial concerning the elec-
tion of senators in several states the
day before, closing with the comment:
"None of the new senators and very
few of those re-elected are the equals
of Mr. O. H. Platt."

A Dig At Jewell.
That Hawley did not feel as kindly
toward Jewell after the latter's activity
was indicated by a paragraph which
the Courant lifted from the Hartford
Post, of which Jewell was chief owner,
and its own comment, which showed
some asperity. The Post paragraph
dealt with comment by The Times on
the incident of 1871 when the Courant
published the alleged telegram from
Governor English to "Boss" Tweed,
supposedly calling for help. Jewell had
been blamed for intercepting the tele-
gram and giving it out. The Times re-
called that and expressed doubt if Haw-
ley was even in town on the day of the
incident. Apparently Jewell's paper
felt that some pseudo defense ought to
be made for his act of throwing the
senatorial election to Platt rather than
let Hawley have it. So the Post made
this comment:

"The 'forged dispatch' is trotted out
again by The Times, for the purpose
of exonerating Gen. Hawley from all
connection with the publication—a
point that has been industriously used
privately among the democrats for a
week or two past. The explanation of-
fered by The Times letting Gen. Haw-
ley out, is laughable to those who know
the facts in the case."

Hawley's Challenge to Jewell.
The Courant's—perhaps it should be
said Hawley's—rejoinder was sharp.
Here it is:
"Perhaps the editor of Gov. Jewell's
paper had better publish the history of
the dispatch. Gen. Hawley has never at-
tempted to shirk any responsibility in
the matter; let us know whether the
man who first received the dispatch in
this city is inclined to do so."

The Times had insisted that Jewell
had received the dispatch from Platt,
who was reported to have gotten it
from a telegraph operator in Meriden.
The newspaper thought it striking that
Platt should now have had Jewell's
help in getting the senatorship.

(Continued To-morrow.)

The willing heart to answer heaven's
call;
To dare to serve, to trust and not re-
pine,
Assured our Father marks the sparrow's
fall.

(h) First basemen in the National
league lecture on the Einstein theory
during the off season.
(i) Drug stores give almost as much
attention to drugs as to soups, salads
and sandwiches.
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NEW DAY

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