J. T. Somes, an old union veteran of Fort Dodge, has a pension on file at Washington. He also has a bright 8-year-old boy named Melvin, who has been promised divers and sundry things to eat, wear, and play with when that pension comes. A couple of weeks ago the boy got tired of waiting, and without consulting anyone he wrote a letter to President Harrison asking him to "please hurry up that pension a little." Mr. Somes was surprised recently to receive a letter addressed "Melvin P. Somes, Fort Dodge, Iowa." It proved to be a personal letter from President Harrison in response to the boy's childish petition, assuring the little fellow that his father's pension would be acted upon by the department just as soon as possible. Melvin is the proudest boy in the state.