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Niagara is said to have run nearly dry. And it is not located in the state of Maine cither.

upon favorable conditions.

appeared before the Iowa legislature.

Irrigation and the city engineer of else." Omaha are still one and the same person, drawing two salaries aggregating that congress should clearly define what \$5,000 per year.

York to start the boom for ex-Secreaway from home.

The best way for Dr. Nansen to prove a piece of it with him. Otherwise it is to be feared that he will have trouble in making people believe that he has found it.

Nebraska prohibitionists have declared for free silver, but they may rest assured that the free silverites will not declare for prohibition-at any rate not the democratic contribution to the free silver ranks.

What a streak of good luck that Pugilist Bruiser Maher's eyes are too sore to permit him to enter the squared circle? Those sore eyes are worth keepers and faro bankers of El Paso.

It is fortunate that the north pole has again been discovered. A number of disappointed statesmen may be seized with an irresistible desire to retire to that lonely spot as soon as the great national conventions shall have been held and adjourned.

Iowa is the first state to give official recognition to the Transmississippi exposition, which only goes to show that Iowa appreciates the magnitude of the enterprise and the advantages that must accrue from it to the people of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

The Illinois Central has kept its eye on Omaha for years and would have had its western terminus in this city long ago if it had been given reasonable encouragement. Why can't the the managers of the Central to extend their line this year?

However widely Nebraska republicans may differ in their personal preferences for presidential candidates, there can be no divergence of opinion as regards the high honor reflected upon Nebraska to the foremost champion of protection

populist representative of the Sixth concredited with delivering a sound money speech in the Congressional Record, erty that are overvalued. Comparanobody outside of Nebraska would have tively few taxpayers are willing to comthe remotest idea that such a person as the national legislature.

Keep it before the people of Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas, Wyoming. Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Orethat the Transmississippi exposition will attract more attention to the vast resources of the greater west than any and -all other advertising schemes and all the immigration bureaus.

the latest. If the by-products of the multiply, the prices obtained by the farmers will have a much wider basis of demand and in consequence tend to

There is no reasonable ground for paying married men preference in the days and step aside for the second shift. etc. A more satisfactory and humans means. Whatever is to be done in the under Congressman Kem's name may plan could not be adopted, and must way of lessening the evil must be done afford amusement to some of his assocommend itself to all fair-minded men. before the assessors begin their annual ciates in the house, but it is no joke

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

also as to what further legislation is needed to protect the people against trusts and combinations, points out why the act of 1800 has falled to accomplish its purpose and indicates what is necessary to make that act effective. It is somewhat reassuring to learn that the many complaints which have been received by the department of justice regarding alleged trusts, combinations and monopolies have not, as has been commonly supposed, wholly ignored by that department. The Attorney general says he has endeavored to investigate these complaints as well as the means at his disposal permitted, and that some such investigations are now in progress, while two actions are pending based partly or wholly on alleged violations of the Sherman act. The public will be glad to be disabused of the indifferent in this matter, even though blo.

Referring to the decision of the su-American Sugar Refining company, the plete monopolies acquired by unlawful combination of concerns which are nanot its direct and immediate object. Congress, in the exercise of its authorcould readily get offers from private states, may make it unlawful for comparties to construct a city jail building mercial combinations to ship from one state to another, but this is not done by the existing law, "The limitation of the Hon, Alvin Saunders, Nebraska's war present law," says the attorney general governor, has reason to feel proud of "enables those engaged in such attempts the ovation that greeted him when he to escape from both state and federal governments, the former having no authority over interstate commerce and the The secretary of the State Board of latter having authority over nothing

Attorney General Harmon suggests is meant by monopolies, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade Mississippi is pretty far from New and commerce and obviously the suggestion is wise, for although judicial detary of the Navy Whitney. But, then, cisions may make perfectly plain what people are usually most appreciated these are it is manifestly desirable that they be defined in legislation. He also makes the excellent suggestion that the law should contain a provision to prethat he found the north pole is to bring vent the refusal of witnesses to answer on the ground of self-incrimination. The attorney general also points out, as was done by the supreme court, that state anti-trust legislation, supplementing that of congress, is necessary for the suppression of these combinations. They government and the state governments, neither of which acting independently has the power to prevent or suppress them.

The suggestions of Attorney General Harmon will enable congress to improve the anti-trust law and it is presumed that an effort will be made to do this. thousands of dollars to the saloon for manifestly it is worthless as it stands. They should also impress upon in the determination that nothing shall state legislatures the duty and necessity of such action as it is within their authority to take.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK. The greatest obstacle to genuine tax reform is the inequitable and iniquitous assessment of taxes by which one property owner is favored at the expense of another. In fact, this discrimination in property valuation is the tap root of all the worst abuses of the prevailing system. For once the council is on the right track in its effort to inaugurate tax reform through the co-operation of the ward assessors. It is absolutely essential that a uniform method of property valuation be agreed on between all the assessors before the work of property appraisement is begun. It is not the question whether the ratio of assessment to actual value be one-Commercial club take steps to induce third or one-fifth, or even one-tenth, as it is that all property subject to taxation, real and personal, whether owned by an individual, a firm or a corporation, shall pay its due proportion of the taxes levied upon all other property. In other words, there must be uniformity of appraisement on a basis agreed upon before the assessment by Senator Thurston's eloquent tribute is begun.. Under the existing method of assessment boards of equalization to American industry, William McKin- are a farce. There can be no equalization so long as the boards are powerless to raise the assessor's return on any But for the cruel hoax by which the piece of property that has been undervalued, unless a specific complaint is gressional district of Nebraska has been filed and a corresponding reduction is made on one or more pieces of propplain about the undervaluation of the Omar M. Kem holds down a seat in property of other taxpayers, even where the assessor has committed the rankest of injustice or indulged in most flagrant

It is doubtful whether a perfectly equitable system of taxation will ever gon, Washington, Nevada and California be devised. And even if it were devised its efficiency must always depend on the men who are charged with its execution. The present system of ward assessment could be made equitable and fair provided, always, that the people of every ward would elect honest and Vinegar made from sugar beets is competent assessors. But the people as a rule pay less attention to the elecbeet sugar industry will continue to tion of assessors than they do to that of constables. And when an honest, yards company and the railroads anent painstaking and competent assessor is the switching charge at the South elected his returns come in conflict with Omaha yards. They want the charge greater steadiness. Sugar and vinegar those of the lazy, shiftless and dishonest reduced from \$2.50 to \$1 per car, in and out of one and the same vegetable is assessor and become the source of dis- out, and petition for immediate action something in the line of a natural nov- crimination against the property owners that further damage to the Omaha marof his ward. For this reason the work ket may be averted. All differences of of assessment by ward assessors causes this nature must, as a rule, be adjusted the greatest hardship to people in the at the end of a compromise. The incriticism of the street commissioner in wards that have elected the most con- terests of the stock market certainly his defermination to give resident tax- scientious assessors. It becomes a sort will be best subserved by an early setof devil-take-the-hindmost race, in tlement of the matter. street cleaning detail. He will make which the wealthlest and most influshifts of forty men, who will work three ential property owners outstrip the poor home owner and business man of small printed in the Congressional Record

The reply of Attorney General Har- mittee appointed by the council for versed and a violent free silver tirade mon to the request of congress for in- the systematizing of assessments will given to the public as coming from one formation as to what steps have been be able to secure the hearty co-operation of the pronounced opponents of free

The subcommittee of the house committee on commerce has under consideration a bill to legalize pooling which was drawn by Commissioner Knapp of permit pooling contracts.

be reported during the present session, impression that the legal department but it is not believed there is much of the government has not been entirely chance of any action being taken. This, like some other matters which under the promise of results in the public in- ordinary circumstances would receive law does not appear to be very favora- political considerations. It is believed that a majority in both branches of congress favor pooling, with stringent regpreme court, rendered in the case of the ulations under the supervision of the commission, but it is probable that a attorney general says that the act of great many senators and representatives 1890 does not apply to the most com- would prefer not to go on record in the matter at this time. Besides, there is a large number of new men in the house turally competitive, although these are who are presumably not as familiar engaged in interstate commerce, that with the question as they desire to be. being an incident of their business and Under the circumstances, therefore, it is pretty safe to say that there will be no legislation at the present session There is little doubt that the city ity to regulate commerce between the legalizing pooling, though the matter may receive some consideration, preparatory to action at the second session.

> NO RELIEF FOR THE TREASURY. The vote in the senate Thursday on emergency revenue bill, shows that the senate cannot be depended upon to do anything for the relief of the treasury. The democrats, of course, are unanimous against the measure and with the aid of the populists and a few of the free silver republicans they can prevent action on it. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger said in his dispatches of a few days ago pending bill before the expiration of the time fixed for the payment of the new issue of bonds, and the people may therefore look for another emergency before the close of the current year requiring still further issue of interestbearing bonds to maintain the parity of the national currency and the maintenance of the public credit. The action of the silver men in the

senate in passing a free coinage substitute for the bond bill passed by the body by a decisive majority. This and breech clout Indians at Pine Ridge. should be accepted by the free silver When these all-the-year-round high pend for the present efforts to advance their policy. Some of the republican at the national capital they will come he will in the end accept any terms on free silver senators are disposed to do back in wild goose file to the old stampthis and are willing to take up and consider the revenue bill, but others persist silver and it seems to be assured that prevent any legislation for giving the treasury more revenue. If the measure for this purpose fails, as all signs indicate it will, to pass the senate, the chief responsibility will rest upon the free silver republican senators who persist in urging their policy as the only

panacea for financial and business ills. Meanwhile the treasury deficit grows and all the conditions which have compelled the government to borrow \$262, 000,000 in the last two years continue in full operation, with no promise or prospect of a change for the better. The house of representatives has done its duty. It met the demands of the emergency promptly. It is the senate, with ts free silver majority, that is blocking the way to legislation necessary to the relief of the treasury and the mainte-

nance of the government credit. That eminent scholar, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who is now in the city has many times suggested the town meeting as a remedy for municipal mis government. This, of course, includes abuses pointed out by the council when it declared that The owners of small houses and real state are paying an unjust proportion of taxes." This has always been the case, and under the system of taxation now in vogue in this state it may grow worse. Wealthy realty owners and corporations make a business of treating with assessors, while the great majority of small home owners pay no attention to the assessors. If the latter class would meet frequently during the spring months when assessors are at work, demand that the assessor show his books and make a report to his con stituency of work performed, there would be little cause for complaint. The average assessor needs looking after. The rich men cultivate him to their great advantage; the poor man might do the same if so disposed. In short, there is not an abuse in local government which cannot be checked and remedied by the people if they go

about it in the right way. The stock commission men have taken up the controversy between the stock

That sound money speech accidentally

round-up. It is to be hoped the com- for Kem. Imagine the proceeding re taken to enforce the anti-trust law and of the county commissioners and city coinage. No wonder Mr. Kem protests or the results that have been achieved. It against having the suspicion forced has added nothing to the British empire, upon his populist constituents that he since Ashantee was already within the sphere has changed front completely on the of English influence. It cannot be said to money question.

Senator Thurston is to be commended the Interstate Commerce commission. for the active interest he is taking in that he agreed to all the conditions im-It somewhat modifies the measure that the Transmississippi exposition. He has was before the last congress, especially come to Omaha expressly to confer with in the direction of providing stronger the board of managers with a view to safeguards for the protection of the perfecting the Transmississippi exposipublic. The bill is understood to have tion bill now before the committee on the approval of the Interstate Com- international expositions, of which Senmerce commission, and also to be ac. ator Thurston is chairman. It is to be ceptable to the railway people, who, it hoped that the board will avail itself may be remarked, manifest a willing of the opportunity for submitting such ness to accept almost anything that will suggestions as would make the bill which was formulated for the Atlanta It is expected that a pooling bill will Cotton States exposition apply to the varied conditions of the vast section of country that will participate in the greater exposition to be held at Omaha. Senator Thurston's presence in Omaha will also enable all citizens who take an terest from the efforts to enforce the attention, is likely to be laid aside for interest in the proposed exposition to submit any plan of campaign which in their opinion would expedite the pas-

> gress and the executive. The enterprising citizens of Knox county will endeavor to close the gar between Verdigre and Niobrara by the construction of a trolley line. Should this be done the practicability of a twelve-mile freight and passenger tramway can be readily demonstrated. The taxpayers of Knox county can well afford to bond the county to pay for the construction and equipment of this proposed line. The only thing to be regretted is that the constitution of Nebraska prohibits cities and counties from owning stock in any railroad. The rica is quite nominal. On the other hand, the motion of Mr. Morrill, chairman of county can, however, retain ownership the committee on finance, to take up the of the right-of-way and exercise control over the road.

sage of the bill or secure for it favor-

able consideration with members of con-

Congressman Hall's public acknowledgment of his conversion to the sound money view of the currency question has naturally turned the love of all his former free-silver democratic associates to hate, and all their hate to gall. Only a little while ago they could not say too much in commendation of his that there was no hope for action on the work for the Wilson tariff bill, and particularly its defunct income tax schedule. Now there is no epithet too mean to be hurled at Mr. Hall's head. From the free silver man's standpoint, even a loathsome gold bug has some persons below it in the scale.

Little-Wound, Fire-Thunder and Kickng-Bear have been selected, after a protracted pow-wow, to formulate a long string of aboriginal grievances to be duly presented to the great big father house has been rejected by the latter at Washington on behalf of the blanket men as conclusive and lead them to sus- kickers have been feasted to their hearts content on apple jack and baked clams | We opine, therefore, that whatever protests and petitions may be made by Signor Crispi, ing ground and resume their customary diet of fried dog and raw tripe.

does not carry with it a recognition of built this year if possible. In any event the terminal company is expected to these, in union with the democrats, will make ready this spring for active operations next summer by acquiring the necessary right of way and depot

> The Old Dodge of Partisans. The attempt to make independence in politics a crime is by no means new.

Admirable Unselfishness

There is a noble and beautiful disposition among some of the great men in the demo cratic party to stand aside and give some person a chance for the presidential

A Tempting Opportunity.

Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota has the government claims on the Southern Pa-cific railroad, which looks like an opening wedge to government ownership. If the experiment is to be tried in this country, nowever, the condition of this property offers a good opportunity.

Fusion Must Be Discouraged.

There is talk among a few republicans of Alabama of fusion with the populists. Proj-ects of this kind should be discountenanced by the party. The republicans can win with-out Alabama. It is not at all certain that they could carry that state even if allied with the populists. It is entirely certain, though, that such an alliance would embarrass the party all over the country.

A Common Senatorial Spectacle.

In addition to all that has been said re States senators by the people, it is in order to remark that if the legislatures were re-lieved of that task we should not have at present in Kentucky the spectacle of a gen-eral assembly in which the friends of one senatorial candidate threaten to block all legislation favored by those who do not vote legislation favored by those who do not vote or their candidate.

The Case of Waller. Chicago Times-Herald.

Summing up the evidence, the secretary of state concludes that Waller's guilt is be-yond doubt, and that his punishment is moderate. There was no ground of international law upon which the United States could appeal for leniency. Still, unusual representa-tions were made at Paris, and the French government responded with such good grace that after the customary exchange of notes the prisoner wilf be released. The United States will, not—in fact, cannot—make a claim for damages in his behalf, but he will be at liberty to proceed in the French courts on his own account the American ambases. or at Paris providing security for the costs

Both nations have come out of this case ith honor, and the friendly ties between the sister republics have been strengthened vastly. Waller has had more sympathy than vastly. Waller has had more sympathy than he deserves, but he has been useful as an impressive proof of the fact that American citizenship is a sufficient panoply in any corner of the earth. May it never cover a ess worthy object than this recreant.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

one is able to understand either its purpose have subdued King Prempeh, since the latter was already subdued long before the expedition started from England, his envoys having told Mr. Chamberlain in London There has been no fighting, in paign have been by fever, the queen's favor-ite son-in-law being among the victims. Nor do these deaths represent the sum total of the cost, since the expedition has in-volved an expense of many millions of dollars. True, King Prempeh has sworn with his head between the feet of the English commander, Sir Francis Scott, to pay this; but his assurances with regard to the mat-ter need not be taken into serious consideration, and the money will have to come out of the pocket of the British taxpayer. The last Ashantee war in 1873 cost England some \$20,000,000, and resulted in the capture of King Coffee's umbrella of state, which is now preserved as a trophy at Windsor castle, and it is probable that the only tangible result of the present expedition will be the acquisition by Great Britain of anof King Prempeh's footstool.

peror's recent deliverances on the subject of colonial expansion is provided by the official report on the German colonies. which has fust been laid before the imperial Diet. Of the thousands and thousands of Germans described by the emperor as dwelling beyond the seas, only 700 have apparently so far elected to take up their residence in "Greater Germany," and of these 700 about 250 are officials, military and civil. These figures, however, do not include southwest Africa, concerning which no detailed statistics of the European pop-ulation are given. The economic situation ulation are given. The economic situation seems to be less encouraging than ever. Even in Togoland, the only colony which hitherto has subsisted without large subsidies from the imperial treasury, the imports have decreased to about 2,000,000 marks, or over 30 per cent, as compared with preceding years. In East Africa, as well as in the Cameroons, the exports have also dimin-ished. The trade of German southwest Aftion from the imperial treasury for the sup port of these colonies must be increased by 1,400,000 marks, and their total cost, including subsidies for postal, telegraphic and steamship communication, is expected to exceed 11,000,000 marks.

What would be the consequences for Italy of a substitution of the Drei Kaiser Bund for the existing Triple Alliance? The change would give momentum to the disintegarting forces by which she is already honeycombed, She would lose the powerful moral support of Germany and Austria, which hitherto has never failed her in her duel with the Vatican Henceforth the pope could probably rely upon the active sympathy of the vast conservative The first attempt upon the part of King despoilment and coercion of the papacy would be, doubtless, made the pretext for an ad-monition from beyond the Alps. Nor would the altered circumstances permit of any marked reduction of Italy's military burdens. An ally no longer, Austria might cast once more an eye of longing on Venetia, while France would have nothing to gain from a combination with Italy unless the army the latter power were kept up nearly to its present standard. No one believes that Italy, unaided, could maintain her unity. She ower , not to her own right arm, but to battles fought for her by others; by France in 1859 by Prussla in 1866, and by Germany in 1870. For her, isolation would mean dissolution and Austria will consent to renew the Trople Alliance.

Omaha wants to see the union depot low sea, is significant chiefly as disclosing manger policy. The harbor in question will serve well enough a temporary purpose, but for a permanent naval stronghold Russia needs not only a seaport that is free from ice all the year round, but one that lies as near as possible to Russian territory, and is thus capable of being easily brought into connection with the Trans-Siberian railway. The harbor that best fulfills all conditions is Port Lazareff, in Corea, and next in point of desirability would be Port Arthur. If the British foreign office holds no objection to the leasing of a harbor on Kyan-Chan bay, there is no reason why it should not waive the agrement whereby in consequence of England's evacuation of Port Hamilton, Russis bound herself not to occupy Port Lazareff.

> The temples of India are to be lighted with electricity, the example having been set by the great shrine of Siva, at Kochloaddie, near Mutwal, in Ceylon, and is to be speedily followed by the equally vast and ancient foundation of the Natukotta, in the same island. In no long time others will adopt the same improvement till all the hely places of the pensinula are so equipped that by ressing a button they can be instantly il-iminated, like a modern hotel or theater. The innovation is enough to make Siva and Vishnu, and even the great Brahma himself, gasp and stare. There are some 3,000,000 gods in the Hindoo pantheon, more or less, and they are entitled to a degree of surprise at the introduction to their shrines of a miracle surpassing any of their own. The old cressets of bitumen and flick-ering lamps of perfumed oil, which shone around them age after age since the days of Sesostris and Scylax, gave way finally to Pennsylvania petroleum and illuminating gas, now substituted by the nimbler and more radiant flame bright enough to purge the temples of their shadowy gods and spread the glow of the more wholesome and rathe glow of the more wholestional faith around their altars.

> The new census of Mexico just completed eveals a population of 12,547,057 to the credit of the twenty-seven states and two territories of that republic, and this compared with the census of 1891, which shows 11,-632,924, is an exhibit of increase amounting to only a little over 900,000. But it, has been a healthy and profitable increase. Capital from the states has been pouring into building up the rallway developing the enormously valuable mine properties, establishing lines of industries never before attempted below the Rio Grande and working a great change in the agricul tural interests. There is a new, fresh im pulse abroad in the country, the revolution ary spirit so long prevalent among the natives to the detriment and injury of the nation has been subdued by a wise and liberal administration of government, and capital is protected and encouraged. Evidently the growing days of Mexico are just at the

Luitpold, the regent of Bavaria, a field marshal. There are hints that within the next two or three months Luitpold will be proclaimed king, in place of the poor imbecile Otto; and that that will mark the beginning of active resistence on the part of Bayarla to the present policy of the emperor, which exalts Prussia at the expense of the

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U.S. Gov't Report



British expedition to Coomassie the less

other states. It is even intimated that Bavaria, and Baden and Wurtemberg with here would not hesitate to seede from the empire, should good occasion come. It may well be that the emperor has these in mind, and is trying to guard against them by bestowing this field marshalship upon the prince, who would be the natural upon the prince, who leader of such a revolt. THE COOING OF THE LION.

Indianapolis News: After the speeches for peace in the British Parliament, it is two to one that the fortifications bill will not be passed by our congress. It is just like us to wait for the next time.

St. Louis Republic: Queen Victoria talks angels of peace were the barshest sound shi had heard since last she exchanged confidences with her constitutional advisors. As a diplomatic dissembler the queen is first of her sex, and her sex has long been placed by novelists at the head.

New York Mall and Express: Altogether, the speech from the throne is of the usual colorless character, save for these few positive items. The suggestion with regard to Venezuela is probably a maneuver of Lord Salisbury to disarm the opposition, and, partly with the same purpose in view, will undoubt-edly be followed out on the line here defined. Pittsburg Dispatch: The queen's speech is chiefly interesting as an illustration of cov-ering up international acts with euphuisms, and as an exhibition of the desire of the Salisbury cabinet to keep the peace at any price. The allusion to the Venezuelan difficulty presents the alternative of considering it as a continuation of the jocces vein, or as

Denver Republican: Lord Salisbury's answer to Mr. Bayard's note in regard to supplying the Venezuela commissi formation in possession of the British government concerning the Venezuela boundary a step toward an amicable settlement o the dispute. It is probable that the conclusion reached by the commission will form the basis for an agreement between the interested powers.

a change of front on the part of Lord Salis-

Buffalo Express: The present disposition of the English with regard to the Venezuelan controversy leaves not the slightest reason to doubt that it will speedily be settled by a practical concession of the justice of the stand taken by the United States. The speech of Sir William Vernon Harcourt on the Monroe doctrine and the Anglo-American dispute followed exactly the lines which have been taken by best American thinkers from the very first.

Chicago Post: What the speeches from the throne and by Sallsbury and Balfour do prove is that the British cabinet is in a conciliatory mood and anxious to avoid any rupture with the United States based upon an in-fringement of the Monroe doctrine. England loes not want war with us, and there has never been any serious danger of war with The formal recognition by European powers of the Monroe doctrine as a rule

policy is what we have been seeking to se-Great Britain has formally recognized t as "Monroe understood it."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Ezekiel J. Donnell, the New York cotton merchant who died recently, left an estate of \$600,000, which, in case of the decease his wife and daughters, is to be used to establish a free circulating library in New

Senator Hill is gaining some reputation as wit. His speech at the Grildiron club the ther night is said by those who heard it to save been humorous. Even in the senate he has lost his seriousness and appears to see the humorous side of everything.

General Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky, who has always claimed the credit for the nego tiation of the Alaska purchase, is writing a book to refute William H. Seward's claim to that honor. General Clay was the Amer transaction was closed.

Joseph H. Choate recently stated to group of statesmen in Washington that h never attended a horse race and never traveled on a pass. "I wish I could say that!" exclaimed a senator. "Why can't you?" cried Speaker Reed. "Choate does." Addison Cammack, the veteran bear of Wall street, like all the tribe of bruin, is somewhat brusque to strangers, and not to His operations are not as be toyed with. The leasing by Russia of a harbor on Kyan-Chang bay, which opens into the Yellow sea, is significant chiefly as disclosing any of the sprightly lads of 50.

ment from public life has no foundation in act. She has arranged to appear in opera in London during the season of 1897. She has decided to accept the advice of severat iends and allow a the engagement referred to above, and will enjoy perfect leisure in the interval.

There is every indication that the Venezuelan commission will soon cross the Schomburgk line of its resources. Its quarters in Washington are luxuriously appointed and a large staff of clerks and secretaries are diligently rooting into the \$100,000 appro emplation, as well as an expedition to the national strong box for additional means.

Senator Wolcott is described as looking nough like Olney to be his brother, although he is much younger in years than the secre and size, both are athletic and they have the same short neck and broad shoulders. Senator Wolcott is a man of very engaging personality and of great popularity in the point of sarcasm.

The author of that Canadian resolution expressing "unalterable loyalty to the British throne," and reiterating "the oft expressed desire of the people of Canada to maintain the most friendly relations with their kinsmen of the United States" is wasting us time by remaining on the north of the border. A man who can squint both boys so charmingly can achieve fame and an office by rearing political platforms in the United States.

Nonaka, the Japanese meteorologist, who, with his wife, decided to spend a winter on the top of Fuji-Yama, Japan's sacred mountain, has been brought down by his friends who would not allow him to sacrifice himsel and wife to the cause of science. A relief party was sent up in December and found both near collapse. When this was reported to Japan generally with one voice the peo-ple said he must be saved. Another relief party went up and brought both in safety to earth again. Fuji-Yama is 12,365 fee

MIRTH IN RHYME.

Philadelphia Record. Into our minds this thought doth creep.
That seemeth just and right;
The girls can't look before they leap
Because they're out of sight.

Washington Star. Now the limid, doubting sultor, By Prof. Roentgen's art, May, before he speaks, discover If she has a marble heart,

Detroit Tribune. "You're mean enough to steal," she cried.
As at her side I sat.
All I stole was just a kiss—
And I was approxized at that.

Cincinnati Enquirer The lion who tackled the Boer Is now peaceful and wants no more, We may gay, forsooth, As a positive trooth.

There's a most gentle tone in his roer.

Indianapolis Journal. A young man who burned lime in a kill Loved a maiden who lived at the miln, And one night he sighed "Will you be my dear brighed?" And she blushingly answered, "I wiln."

The general drew his belt tighter,
And exclaimed, "I'm a wonderful fighter—
Ahem! That is to say
When I enter the fray
With a shorthand man and a typewriter."

Washington Star. Jes' remember—it's a comfort
Dat yoh ortenter disdain—
How much wus you'd mind de wedder
Ef 'twus snow instid o' rain.

Colonel Joyce. Colonel Joyce,

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone;
This grand old earth must borrow its mirth,
It has troubles enough of its own.

Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

THE MAIDEN'S SOLILOQUY.

To love, or not to love? that is the question:
Whether it is better, in the end, to suffer
off and on the pangs of jealousy.
Or, by remaining adamant, escape it.
To love, to be unhappy, very off; and, by
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There is a consummation devoutly to be wished:
For who would stand the fickleness of men.
The old man's jealousy, the young man's tyranny,
When she herself might so much happier be by remaining single?
Who would these fardels bear, to give up all that girls hold dear,
But that the dread of being an old maid, With unkind epithets bestowed upon her, Causes her to pause, and make herself attractive ere it is too late?

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