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Cripple Creek will soon be known as the Phoenix city of Colorado. Who does Attorney Covell represent in

the matter of the shortage in the school board funds? The Board of Education or the Bolla bondsmen? The faith healing messiah business

appears to have died a natural death. Now for the discovery of another fountain of perennial youth.

Bolln's bondsmen want to settle the Board of Education shortage at 75 cents on the dollar. But if nothing has to settle?

"Button, button, who's got the button?" is the favorite game just now with the presidential candidates. And the campaign buttonmakers thrive on the profits of an increased demand for their wares.

When the farmers of Nebraska bring the output of their sugar-beet fields to the market this fall they will be wishing they had shown more energy in the organization of co-operative beet sugar factories last winter

There will doubtless be considerable competition between Champ Clark and William J. Bryan to see which can outlive the other. Each would make such nounce a culogy over the other.

Ex-Assistant City Attorney Cornish bobs up as attorney for the Bolln interests. This is the natural sequence of the letter Cornish wrote to exonerate ncknowledged himself a defaulter.

Turkish newspapers were not allowed to give the details of the assassination of the slah of Persia. Truthful ac counts of that deplorable occurrence might have had a bad influence with reference to the safety of the Turkish sultan.

During the recent municipal election contest at New Orleans, nearly 14,000 fraudulently registered names were stricken from the polling lists. Manifestly it was high time for the advent of a reform movement in that flourishing southern city.

Uncle Sam's patent office cleared for him nearly \$200,000 during the year ending December 31, 1895. Uncle Sam ought to give up some of his unprofitable ventures like the Wilson tariff and embark in a few more enterprises that leave a balance to their accounts.

Wyoming republicans have arranged to secure the music for their state con vention next week from Nebraska. No braska will be pleased to furnish political music for all of its neighbors. It is admitted that Nebraska's political musicians are unequaled in the whole United States.

We have heard nothing of late about the determination of county officials to see that assessors shall return franchises of local corporations for taxation. If this is to be done, it has been suggested that the franchise of the Bridge Motor line be included in the list. It is one of the most valuable franchises in the city.

General James B. Weaver is out in Oregon trying to make the people believe that the populists are going to carry that state in the June election. This is the same General James B. Weaver who, when running for the presidency on the populist ticket four years ago, tried to make both himself and the people believe that he had a ghost of a chance of being elected Fortunately he was so well known that he deluded no one but himself, and he is likely to meet with similar success out on the Pacific coast.

The Real Estate exchange has taken issue with the trite saying: "It is cheaper to move than to pay rent." Its members have resolved to adopt defensive measures against the alleged increasing number of shifting tenants who get possession of a dwelling house only to be forced out for non-payment of rental. It has become manifest to house owners that they must know the record of prospective tenants in this regard. They will adopt a system of reports to the exchange, after the manner of the he will desert the republican party, credit agencies, and wee be unto the man who has successfully evaded the

landlord. The Real Estate exchange

mong tenants in this city.

AS TO NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

accept the senate's amendment,

made some statements and admissions favorable than it is made to appear by ment. He asserted that against the \$150,000,000 now in the treasury, not including fractional currency nor the \$100,000,000 reserved for the redemption of greenbacks, there stands a charge of \$116,000,000 which congress has appropriated prior to this session which has not been disbursed. He said that there are charges against the treasury today which would consume all of the funds in the treasury outside of the gold reserve, so that in point of fact the treasury would not have a dollar beyond the redemption fund if it should meet the charges against it, the alleged surplus existing, as the Maryland senator said, simply on paper. There can be no question that Mr. Gorman is well informed in this matter and in view of his statements, uncontradicted on the floor of the senate, the only conclusion is that the entire amount of money now in the treasury really represents obligations and cannot fairly be regarded as a resource, although been stolen, how can there be anything made to appear as such in the treasury reports that are given to the publie. Take out the gold reserve and the treasury has no money except what stands for charges against it. This is

brought under democratic policy. With this fact confronting it and the practical certainty that revenues will not greatly improve under the present tariff law, it is a question whether congress should appropriate so large a sum for additional naval vessels as is carried by the house appropriation bill. There can be no doubt that public sentiment is favorable to the policy of building up the navy as rapidly as practicable, but in doing this the financial condition and the resources of the treasury must, be considered, as well as other demands upon the government good use of the opportunity to pro- that cannot be disregarded. Coast defenses are quite as much needed as more war vessels and there should be a judicious distribution of money to both purposes. We are inclined to think that the senate decision in favor of authorizing only two battleships at this him nothing what the public interest time is prudent and will have the approval of the country when the real condition of the treasury is understood. It is indicated, however, that the house will strenuously insist upon the larger

> A DISCREET RULER. The speech of President Kruger to

the Transvaal parliament furnishes further evidence of the good judgment and sound discretion of the chief executive of the South African republic. There was plenty of invitation and incentive in the existing situation to expressions of harsh criticism and indignant protest on the part of the Boer president, but nothing of this kind appears in his speech, it being on the contrary distinctly pacific in language and spirit. He declares that he desires peace and expresses the hope that the parliament will contribute to the restoration of peace, to the end that the country may flourish and prosper for the benefit of all. This may seem somewhat inconsistent with the reports that have come from the South African republic of active military preparations which suggested a contemplated aggressive movement of some nature, but it is quite possible that those reports were exaggerated and if not it would be easy to understand such preparations in view of the fact that the Boer government had been given the strongest possible reason to apprehend that not only its peace but its existence might be menaced at any time. There is but one thing in the speech of President Kruger that can cause any concern to the enemies of the little republic and that is his reference to the prospect of more intimate relations with the Orange Free State. Undoubtedly an al-Hance between the two countries, for the better security of both against foreign interference, will be sooner or later consummated, for it is dictated by every consideration of self-interest and mutual advantage. The enemies of the Boer republic will find no cause of grievance in President Kruger's speech.

WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE?

Recent utterances of the Colorado senators suggest the question, Which one of them represents the dominant sentiment among the republicans of that state? Senator Wolcott, whose sincerity as a free silver advocate will not be questioned, has said that he intends to stand by the republican party, whatever may be the action of the national convention regarding silver. He proposes to do all that he can for the recognition of silver by the St. Louis con vention and if he fails to accomplish anything he will accept the result and like a true republican support the candidate of his party. Senator Teller, on the other hand, declares that if the national convention declares against silver

It is not to be doubted that a large number of Colorado republicans now feel as Mr. Teller does, but we believe ought to be able to check deadbeatism that when the day of election comes it

having been that the former body benefit to the country. But there is thousands of dollars. would be more liberally disposed than good reason to believe that most of the latter. The house authorized the them do not, like Senator Teller, put construction of four battleships, the ag- free silver above everything else and cision defining the rights of depositors gregate cost of which, with armament, are willing to abandon the party which in an insolvent bank which will meet was estimated at about \$25,000,000, stands for national progress and pros- with popular commendation. Some of The senate adopted an amendment re- perity if it refuses to accede to their the stockholders of the bank were also ducing the number to two and the mat- view regarding silver. And what is depositors. They demanded a share of ter will probably be settled by a confer- true of Colorado we have no doubt is the dividends to be declared by the reence of the two houses, since it is equally true of the republicans of most ceiver in settling up the affairs of the hardly probable that the house will or all of the other silver states. There bank. The court held that their inter-The opposition to the large appropri- sides silver which would be helped by until such time as it should be shown ation for additional battleships was led the restoration of republican policy, inby Senator Gorman of Maryland, on the terests of vastly more value and im- bank can be paid in full. In short, the score of economy. It was urged that portance than the white metal. The court has ordered that the stockholder under existing elecumstances the gov- wool industry alone of several of them ernment ought not to enter contracts for is worth many times more to their peo- billity assumed when he embarked in additional war yessels involving so ple than silver. We believe the gen- the banking business-a pretty safe large an outlay and that it would be eral idea that the republicans of the rule to abide by, unwise and unsafe to do so. In de- silver states will to any large extent fending his position Senator Gorman abandon their party if it does not recognize silver at St. Louis is erroneous which are interesting as showing that and we think it a safe prediction that the condition of the treasury is far less most of those states and probably all of them will be found in the republican the monthly statements of that depart- column next November. Senator Wolcott's wise and patriotic position cannot fail to have a salutary influence.

DEMORALIZING THE SERVICE. When W. J. Broatch became mayor of Omaha for the first time, he at once assumed the position of an overlord, to whom all city officers, high and low, deal fairly with Omaha. owed personal service and allegiance. He talked about "my policemen," "my firemen," "my clerks," "my attorney" and "my street commissioner." Every man on the city pay roll was treated as a political vassal and expected to do the mayor's bidding without question and without complaint.

This autocratic notion still permeate: the brain of Mayor Broatch. He seems to have no conception of the fact that he is only a public servant charged with supervising the work of other public servants, or with co-operating with other public servants acting in different departments created by law and regulated by law. He still persists in viewing city employes as his body servants obligated to obey his orders and behests in all matters, whether pertaining to the duties of their office or his own political ambitions. He calls the muster the condition to which it has been roll of city hall inmates as if they were so many serfs, or a political chain gang dependent on him for their bread and water. The idea that every American citizen who accepts a co-ordinate or subordinate office remaining free to do his own political thinking and express his own political preferences is entirely foreign to his honor's mental makeup.

> The degradation and humiliation to which men in the municipal employ are subjected by Mayor Broatch has no parallel in this or any other city in the country. It is simply disgraceful to see the position of mayor prostituted to the insane ambition of an occupant who is willing to stoop to anything and make any promise or bargain to get a delegation from this county to the coming republican state convention that he may use as he pleases like so many pawns on a chess board. It matters to demands or whether the men who draw pay from the treasury render the city any service. It is only one single overshadowing and controlling mania to have each and every man on the city's pay roll enrolled as an active member

of a personal political machine. How far the rank and file of repub licans who are not on the public pay roll will sanction such abuse of power remains to be seen. While there is not even a remote probability of Mayor Broatch receiving the nomination for governor, the efficiency of the public service in this city is seriously impaired by the demoralizing influences being exerted by the mayor for the promotion of his hopeless candidacy.

THE SCHOOL FUND SHORTAGE.

The Board of Education is to be commended for not rushing headlong into a compromise whereby the amount due the school fund from Henry Bolln would

There are some features of the school fund shortage that have not been given the attention they deserve at the hands of members of the school board. In the first place, there was no shortage in the school fund, leaving out of account interest due, on the day that the defalcation in the treasury was exposed to the public. When the bondsmen of Bolln took possession of the treasurer's office it was found that some \$18,000 was credited to the school fund deposits in excess of the amount credited to it on the treasurer's books. Instead of a school fund deficit there was a school fund surplus. This surplus was dis tributed among a number of local banks not city depositories, including the Midland and the Globe.

On ascertaining these facts the bondsmen prevailed upon Boltn to check out this city money from the school fund deposits and trans fer it to the credit of the city in the approved city depositories. Six thousand dollars of this city money, for example, was on deposit in Councilman Taylor's Globe bank. Of this, \$2,027.29 was checked out on June 22, 1895, four days after the discovery of the embezzle. ment, another \$1,000 on June 22 and the final, \$3,208.96, on July 11, when Trens urer Dumont assumed office. In other words, the bondsmen had \$18,000 of available money taken out of the school fund and transferred to the city funds to apply on the city shortage and left the disputed \$10,000 Midland bank deposit to the school fund. This whole ransaction was clearly illegal and would not hold water for a moment in any court of justice.

It is unnecessary now to do more than allude to the large amount of interest on school fund deposits illegally withheld by Treasurer Bolln and converted to his own use. There may possibly be some question whether the sureties on his bond are liable for this money But if any adjustment of the school fund shortage is to be made, the bonds men ought to be glad to concede the payment of the balance of the \$10,000 will be found that Mr. Wolcott repre- Midland bank deposit and be satisfied been uniformly democratic at the last ten serve, \$123,977,251.

sents a majority of them. The repub- with negotiations to relieve them from A conflict between the senate and licans of Colorado are earnestly devoted claims on account of unpaid interest, house over naval appropriations was to the cause of free silver. They sin- which, if comfarted for the three and not expected, the general impression cerely think that it would be of great one-half years, would run into tens of

Judge Keysov has just rendered a deare other interests in those states be- est in the deposits would be withheld whether or not the depositors of the shall bear the full measure of responsi-

The Elkhorn road, standing alone in its contention for equitable rates as between Omaha and Lincoln, has not received much encouragement at the hands of Omaha shippers. Its rate makers are liable to weaken because of the prospect that the state board will turn the Elkhorn down, since the Union Pacific took to the woods. It remains for the shippers of this city to stand by the Elkhorn in this matter and show its managers that they appreciate its efforts and intentions to

Managers of the June racing meet have asked the railways for a one-fare rate for visitors. Officials of the roads have taken the matter under advisement. It ought not to require an act of congress to induce them to grant this simple request. They will subserve their own interests by granting the reduced rate and they will also benefit the mercantile interests of Omaha by so doing. They made concessions for the society circus, and the racing meet is an event of interstate importance.

Another factory-a wood finishing mill-has been added to the list of industrial enterprises at East Omaha. It will employ thirty men. This means an acquisition of at least fifteen familiessay seventy-five people. It will also bring a large investment of money to swell the aggregate wealth of Omaha. For a quarter of a century The Bee has advocated the location of factories in Omaha. The subject is still paramount. We want more factories.

We note with satisfaction renewed activity in brick manufacture in this ity, an industry which has suffered almost total collapse in recent years. Anything that will strengthen the demand for brick will work incalculable benefits to this community. It will enable Omaha manufacturers to take Omaha clay and burn it into building material, causing an exchange of money from one citizen to another, keeping it all at home.

Judge Baker has ordered that attaches of his branch of the court shall put in longer hours hereafter. The regimen he prescribes will not meet the pproval of the par or the jurors, but it will be satisfactory to the taxpayers, who have already paid for one trial of the Bolln case and must now pay for another. The order of Judge Baker is calculated to reduce the cost of the econd trial to the minimum.

Oom Paul has shown the world by his exnibition of level head that a man may rise bove his whiskers.

Democracy and Debt.

A deficit of \$4.704.488 for April making \$23,455,190 for the ten months of the fiscal year, emphasizes the ugly fact that the longer democratic rule lasts the more it

A High Lonesome

Senator Hill will have to revise his famoumotto. He is no longer simply a democrat but "the democrat," and the only one apparently who dares or cares to stand up fo his party.

Wilson an Impossible Candidate.

For a political party in any country the United States, with an inkling of the laws of business, to put forward as its leader the representative of a policy steadily force extreme a departure from the common ways managing public affairs. The constant drain also on the treasury's gold reserve in order to pay the current expenses of the government must be stopped. A tariff for protection is a rational proposition; so is a tariff for revenue only. A "tariff for defi- no representative of the Lee family of Vircit"-dever!

Senatorial Inconsistency.

The number of battleships for which the ouse made appropriation has been reduced in the senate from four to two on the plea of lack of revenue. Nearly all the senators who voted for the reduction stood in th way of an increase in revenue by joining with the silver senators to sidetrack the Dingley bill. Most of them, too, favor a vigorous foreign policy, but are opposed to the nation providing for its defense in case of war The country needs both a stronger navy and a very considerably reconstructed senate, and in the next two years it will have both

SURE STATES. Only a Few Have Been Loyal to One Party for Many Years, New York Sun.

this year the fortieth year of existence. has participated in ten national elections, printe music. and this year's presidential contest will be the eleventh in which the two competitors for popular recognition have been the demo party on the one side and the repub lican on the other. Nine states of the union and nine only in the been uniformly republican in all national contests for forty years. These states are lorg, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebracke, since its admission, New Hampshire, Ohlo, Vermont, and Rhode Island. They are entitled to recognition as what, probably, may be called the 'sure republican states," and the list would be a longer one but for some political mischances and fatalities which have impaired the in tegrity of several. publican states, with otherwise an unbroken record of undeviating party support at presidential elections, is Pennsylvania, which the democrats carried in 1856; Kansas, which slipped into the populist column in 1892; Michigan, in which the adoption of 'district electors' gave the democrats four n 1892, and Oregon, which was carried by he democrats by a small majority in 1868.

On the other side there are only two states which have been uniformly democratic a very election without a break, and are not, as might be supposed, either Ken or New Jersey, two democratic strong but Georgia, the "Empire State of the South," and Texas. Georgia and Texas are the only states in the union which have

presidential elections, but there are several other states which, during that time, hav been democratic with one break only. Among these are New Jersey and Delaware, which were lost to the democracy in the contest 1872 in consequence of the defection of democratic "straightouts" opposed to the democratic the nomination of Horace Greeley and B Gratz Brown. Kentucky has been demo-cratic except at one election, that of 1860 when the union party, which ran John Bel for president, got 66,000 votes in commonwealth, against 53,000 for Breckinridge, the southern democratic can-didate, and 25,000 for Douglas, the northern democratic candidate. Mr. Lincoln, though state when first a candidate for president only 1,300 votes. The second time he ran received 27,000. Immediately following was restricted, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and South Carolina were carried by the republicans. Virginia never has been carticket came withic a small fraction of carrying the Old Dominion in 1888. It went for the union party, Bell and Everett, slender plurality of 300 votes in 1860. vada has been carried once by the demo-crats and crice by the silverites. Florida has been twice republican. Wisconsin has been carried by the democrats in one national election, that of 1892, and Missouri twice for the republicans, in 1864 and 1868. Indiana has gone democratic in four pational

## POLITICAL SMALL TALK.

no national election in Texas in 1868.

elections and republican in six.

Springfield Republican: The miggestion of the southern paper that the democrats nominate some one who is dead might be considered on its merits. It would insure harmony, at any rate.

Indianapolis Journal: It is announced that the secretary of agriculture is going to issue a pamphlet on biliousness and advising all to eat lettuce, spinach and such. The secretary's party has been eating leeks for some

Chicago Record: After reviewing the rious political platforms lately adopted the unbiased observer must come to the conclusion that the terms "honest dellar" and "sound money" are the most comprehensive phrases known in the English vocabulary. Cincinnati Enquirer: It is not a matter of consequence to the democrats which par-With a silver icular republican they defeat. no chanco for a gold republican, or one who silver man.

New York Mail and Express: General against the Transvaal authorities. Weaver of Iowa is hard at work on the con-struction of his new political party. He has collected a fine lot of issues, including free trade, free silver and flat money, and now if he could only find a few voters to join the enterprise the new organization would soon size up as a formidable rival to the populist

Philadelphia Record: Senator Allen of Nebraska predicts the disruption of the demo-cratic and republican parties and the union of the people under the banner of populish On the other hand, Senator Wolcott of rado, who is as earnest a silverite as Allen. predicts that both the old parties will stand the gold standard of value, and says the silver cause is lost, and since he has proved his faith by returning to the republican camp it is very likely that he is in poccession of the better light upon the subject. Minneapolis Tribune: A story is going the rounds about how Senator Jones of Nevada, dressed in seedy costume, entered a New York lewelry store and astonished the clerk

selecting a \$1,000 gold watch and a chain and charm to match, and paying for them, laying two \$1,000 gold certificates on the counter, taking his change in gold, and de-parting as unestentatiously as he came in. So it seems that the Nevada senator, such a flerce and uncompromising advocate of the silver standard, carries a big roll of gold certificates in his pocket, purchases gold jewelry and takes his change in gold. While he wants everybody else to have silver h deals in nothing but gold himself. This is upon the principle that "the best place for a boil is upon somebody else's neck

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Prince Louis Napoleon to the rank of a State Laureate Austin's apostrophe to the Rand

alders should be read in connection with Paul Kruger's cipher contribution to the istory of the affair. The doctors having forbidden Mr. Glad-

stone to make any more speeches this year an address from the g. o. m. may be looked for at an early date. If any doubt remains as to the outcom

of the Cuban rebellion it will vanish like fog a-summer sun as soon as the Chi cago alderman and his guards sight th

Salt Lake City is arranging for a three days' jubilee in honor of the formal admission of Utah into the union, July 4. One of the features of the celebration will be a flower parade. One of the notable features of current life

is the profound thankfulness manifested by the afflicted when a state legislature adjourns. New York and Ohlo people are ow enjoying a season of bliesful relief. Handsome Elk, a Sloux afflicted with spring fever, is on the warpath with two evolvers and a rifle. le. Six deputy marshals determined to clip his are on his trail, antlers and reduce him to a "good" Indian

Prof. John Fiske relterates his belief in the truthfulness of the story of Pocahontae and John Smith. He says the latter's life was surely saved by the former, and that it cannot be doubted by any one who will take the trouble to investigate.

Russell Sage is very fond of driving and has ecarcely missed a daily ride in Central park in thirty years, except when he was absent from the city. He generally drive two horses, but is trying a team of four which will not trot evenly together.

It is rather remarkable that for more than thirty-four years the federal army has had ginia. The succession in the service is to be renewed, however, by George Mason Lee. the 19-year-old son of General Fitzhugh Les Young Lee will enter the West Point military academy in June.

The arrangements are now completed for the unveiling of the statue of General Han-cock in Washington on May 12. Invitations to take part in the ceremonies have been issued by General Miles to the National Guard of the District of Columbia, various Grand Army posts and prominent men in various cities of the country. Detachments from the army and navy will also be present. The program for the religious ceremonies is also complete. The opening prayer will be delivered by Bishop Satterlee of the Episcopai diocese of Washington, and the benedic-tion sell be pronounced by Rev. W. H. Gotwald, the well-known Lutheran minister of Washington. The latter is a membe the Department of the Potomac, G. A. New York Sun.

As the republican party was established as a national organization in 1856, it celebrates after from Illinois, will deliver the oration. and the full Marine band will play appro

Silver's Waning Fight

The men who are putting Illinois' vote in the democratic national convention in the silver column are preparing a surprise for theniselves. Henrichsen and Altgeld ran the snap convention last June because the gold men made no fight. That convention was an empty demonstration. It decided nothing The convention soon to take place, how ever, is of the highest kind of importance the democracy of the state and siderable consequence to the party through out the nation. The administration at Wash ington is understood to be using its influence to down the 16 to 1 men, and there is reason to believe that its weight in the scale will be decisive. In Illinois the sound mone lemograts comprise the brains and wealth of the party in the state, and they are full; impressed with the importance of this con-The free coiners in Michigan wer boasting up to the day of their recent con vention that they would sweep their state yet they were overwhelmingly beaten. A like result may reasonably be looked for in

Cash Balance in the Treasury WASHINGTON, May 5 .- Today's state ment of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$259,358,349; gold reKRUGER'S PACIFIC MESSAGE

President of South African Republic is Not Warlike.

SPEAKS AT THE OPENING OF VOLKSRAADT

Passes Over the Recent Crisis with Great Britain with a Few Words of Moderate Tone and Spirit.

(Convright, :896 by the Associated Press.) PRETORIA, South African Republic, May 4 .- (Delayed in Transmission.) - The Volksroadt (parliament of the Transvaal) ried by the republican party in a cational was opened today by President Kruger, election, although the Fearrison and Morton Great and most unusual interest was taken in the proceedings, in view of the recent disclosures made by the publication of the cipher telegrams exchanged between Cecil Rhodes, then premier of Cape Colony, and others, who took more or less important parts in the Jameson raid in the territory of the Boer republic. The town was crowded with Boers, many

of whom had ridden hundreds of miles in

order to be present here when the Volksrandt reassembled, as its present session is looked upon as being one of the most important in the history of the little republic. Numbers of these sturdy, fighting farmers came here days ago in order to bring their influence to bear upon members of the executive council in the hope of bringing about the mitigation, if not the entire commutation, of the sentences of the convicted lead-ers of the Johannesburg reform committee. But it is useless to deny that the publication of the series of incriminating telegrams has put a decided damper upon the efforts of the Boers to lessen the punishment of the prisoners, but it is said much may depend upon the action of the British government toward Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit, the di rector of the British South African company, who took such an important part in organizing the raid, and toward the company itself, to say nothing of the punishmen which may be meted out to Dr. Jameson and his immediate associates. John Hays platform and candidates at Chicago there is Hammond, the convicted American engineer will, however, be more leniently dealt with quite know whether he is a gold or than his fellow prisoners, in view of the fact that he was opposed to actual rebellion

The vicinity of the Parliament building was crowded with a picturesque gathering of Boers long before the hour set for the opening of its proceedings, who were in the commendations passed upon the diplomacy of "Oom Paul," who has cleverly outfenced the British secretary of he colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain first to last, and who is now so completely master of the situation that he towers head and shoulders above everybody and everything connected with South Africa.

KRUGER'S PACIFIC MESSAGE. The president, in his speech, said in brief that the recent raids due to "malevolent and selfish motives," had seriously affected the seace and welfare of the South African Republic, adding: "It has been ever my wish to promote the development and properity of the republic in the most peaceable manner possible, so I am firmly convinced that it is your spicere wish to co-operate with me in this policy, and that you expect, with the fullest confidence, that this session of the Velksraadt will contribute in no small manner to the restoration of peacin this state, in order that, through our mited co-operation, our country may ish and prosper for the benefit of all." (Loud

The president then touched upon the foreign-relations of the South African Republic the most delicate and eagerly anticipate portion of the speech, saying: "In spite o past troubles, the republic continues to main tain friendly relations with foreign powers. This subject was there significantly droppe

and the president turned to the relations between the South African Republic and its sister republic, the Orange Free State It seems to be generally believed in Russia remarking: "I hope that a meeting bethat at his coronation the czar will raise tween representatives of the Orange Free and representatives of the South frican Republic will shortly be held an plans for a closer union between the two countries will be discussed." (Applause.) This utterance of President Kruger was poked upon as confirming the report that negotiations have for some time past been on foot for an alliance, offensive and de fensive, between the South African Re public and the Orange Free State, looking to resisting any attempt upon the part Great Britain to interfere with the internal

affairs of the country. The president afterward alluded in an ap propriate manner to the terrible dynamite disaster just outside of Johannesburg on February 19, when about 120 persons were killed and thousands were rendered home-less. In this connection the president ac-knowledged the assistance rendered by the uitlanders of the Rand to the Boer author ities, the foreigners having tenderly care for the wounded and collected about \$500,000 the first twenty-four hours ofter the ex

plosion for the relief of the suffering. Continuing, the president turned to the nining interests of the South African Republic, declaring that the mining was progressing in a prosperous manner, and the labor question, which at one time threatened to interfere with the development of this feature of the country's resources, had now assumed a much brighter aspect The president, in his speech later, that proposals dealing with education and farming were being prepared for submission

to the Volksraadt FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Referring to the finances of the republic the president assured parliament that they were in a sound condition, although the expenditures of the country were growing But this, he explained, was in view fact that it was necessary to keep pace with the progress of the country In conclusion President Kruger said: "N

oubt, especially in these troublesome times you will strive to fill your onerous duties and devote your highest powers to the earn est consideration of the cherished interest of the commonwealth."

The president's speech was very well re ceived. being considered most moderate i tone, although meeting every oltuation firm! and squarely, without bombast or bluster Those who read between the lines notice in it a continuance of the same strong, though peace loving, policy, which the president has followed from the first, and it likely that there has been any deviation from the course he was called upon by force of circumstances to rteer after the conspiracy British South African company wa

Dispatches from Buluwayo say that Earl Grey, the newly arrived co-administrator with Cecil Rhodes, of the territory of the British South African company, now charge there, has officially expressed the opinion that the "back of the Matabele re-bellion is broken." Continuing, he said he that all disorder will have been crushed before the imperial troops arrive Buluwayo, he asserts, although at one time in the greatest of peril, is now, thanks to the perfected defense, and to the lessons taught by the natives by the repeated sorties "as safe as London or Paris."
The reformers now in prison and awaiting

their final sentences have recently been allowed many more privileges than when at first incarcerated. They are allowed better food, can send for little delicacies if re-quired, and can enjoy as much exercise as possible under the circumstances.

Files the Papers on the Coast. PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.-An order of oreclosure and sale of the Northern Pacific railroad has been taken in the United States sircuit court before Judge Gilbert. The complainant is the Farmers' Loan & Trust company of New York and the decree of this court is in accordance with the decree of Judge Jenkins of Milwaukee and other judge. baving jurisdiction over sections of the Northern Pacific.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 5 .- Mrs. H. Lasthe nd her daughter Clara started here today o walk to New York. They live on a farm near here and hope to make enough money in the venture to lift the mortgage. They are under contract to a manufacturer of health costume.

THE STEEL POOL AT WORK.

Probability of the Combination Being Hauted Into Court.

One of the first fruits of the formation of the steel and from pool will be the closing of the works of the Ohio Steel company at Youngstown, which have been turning out nearly 1,000 tons of billets a day. The works are to be idle, but the stockholders of the company are guaranteed profits equal to what they would make if their plant produce 10 per cent of the total output of country.

This arrangement satisfies most of the stockholders, but there are other individuals who are not happy. The workingmen, who are to be deprived of employment, do not think it fair that profits should be guaranteed while wages are not. As far as they can see there is nothing in the pool arrangement which recognizes them.

Some of the stockholders are also discon-ented. They are the owners of mills which have been consuming the product of the Ohio Steel company. They took stock in it to help it along, supposing they could secure all the steel billets they wanted at a lower rate, because they would not have to pay freight charges on them. Now will have to pay much more for their the price of which has been advanced by the trust, and as they will have Homestead or elsewhere they will have to pay freight.

It is the intention of these stockholders to begin court proceedings to see if they can-not block the game of the trust and compel the continued operation of the Youngstown works. These stockholders have the law on their side. The pool arrangement, whose aim is to destroy competition and advance prices beyond what they would be if regulated by healthy competition, is utterly illegal and ought to be smashed.

## TERSE TRIFLES.

Texas Sifter: You can't tell anything Philadelphia Record: "Money may be the rolt of all evil." says the Manayunk Philosopher, "but everybody is on the root for it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Miss Anteek—Do you suppose Eve had any desire to vote? Mr. Slimmer—But, she couldn't, you know, Miss Anteek—Why hot? Mr. Slimmer—She was paired with Adam.

Harper's Weekly: Patsy Finnegan-Pa, Alderman Finnsgan (complacently)-Wal, if dunno that Of kin jest deschroibe ut,

(disgusted)-Ow! An' is that all Truth: "Papa, what is meant by having horse-sense?"
"It means knowing enough to make hay
while the sun shines! Run now and talk
to your grandmother."

Washington Times: "You never loved me," she cried, hysterically, "and now, only to think of it, I am married to you."
"You seem to forget." he answered, unfeelingly, "that I am also married to you."

Harper's Bazar: 'Oh, don't get blue, Hicks. Life is full of ups and downs. I've heard you say so many a time yourself." "That's true enough, but mine are all hard ups and cast downs," sighed Hicks.

Somerville Journal: Winks-My wife has got a new degree. She is an M. A. now. ot a new degree. She is an M. A. ne Binks-You don't say so. Winks-Yes, I do; and I am A. P. A.

Philadelphia North American: Reporter-Here's a bit of news that is a scoop. City Editor-What is it? Reporter-The shovel manufacturers have

Chicago Tribune: "My wife wants a lot of statues to put up in the front yard," said Mr. Boodelle, the eminent contractor, who had stopped at the art store on his way down town. "Send her three or four tons of the best you've got, and mail the bill to me. Goodday."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "I intend leaving all my fortune to some hospital," said the man who blows and owes. "Dear me, is it so feeble as all that?" asked the girl who is still so young as to not mind making masculine enemics.

Indianapolis Journal: Rev. Mr. Wilgus-Brother Backelide, I was shocked deeply to see you coming out of a common drinking salogn. Think of the example to the young. Brother Backelide—Yes, I know, but none of the drug stores keep the kind of goods I want.

Washington Star In this hour of renovation Miss Columbia should not pause O'er the musty legislation Waiting to be turned to laws, Often have her thrift and bustle Been the wonder of ea ood Columbia, prithee It is now housecleaning time

WHEN EVERYBODY IS RICH.

Washington Post. all have made our millions, and on terrapin we sup. And play at stocks and railroads instead o seven-up, Do you think our thoughts will linger with persistency intense i the time when we were dining for the sum of fifteen cents?

Do you think we'll feel a yearning for the days before the boom.

When we stored our few po sessions in a sixby-seven room?

Do you think will linger sadly at the Greenback club to quote Reminiscences of dinners at the side-street table d'hote?

have known them do it often-in a novel It is true— Weep for days when coats were threadbare and the bills were always oue; And my fond anticipation is that some day Shall I be in the proud position where we'll have a chance to try.

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