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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

The vocation of highwayman is unsafe in Omaha, especially on streets never visited by the police.

Is it not time for the populist state officials to commence pelting on another with bouquets once more?

The Lone Star state promises to be with us at the Transmississippi Exposition. We will see to it, however, that it will not be lonely.

The newspaper slot machine is still on tap. You drop in \$10 and draw out a worthless and unlawful certificate of license notice publication.

the new plan of assessment for municipal taxation were to be the railroads and the franchised corporations.

In Japan complaint is made that the adoption of the gold standard is resultdo the Bryanites explain this?

Nebraska never had a third-term governor. And it has had several popular governors too. But Governor Holcomb has a right to try for it if he wants to.

The bankruptcy bill will probably receive some serious attention from congress now that returned prosperity has removed the threat of bankruptcy from the business world.

An increase of 20 per cent in the postoffice business in Omaha for the month of November as compared with the November of a year ago is a showing of which Omaha people are not ashamed.

The Ohio State Federation of Labor has formally endorsed the proposed postal savings bank plan. Labor, unorganfzed as well as organized, would be the principal gainers from a postal savings system and it is very properly speaking out in its favor.

What has Judge Baker to do with collecting unclaimed witness fees due to than \$200,000 more must be raised by private parties? What has the judge of the management, of which not more to do with the controversy relating to from railroads and other outside corclaims and counterclaims of the clerk of porations that have not yet contributed. the court and the county of Douglas?

be misunderstood.

officials do not stand in awe of the that no public-spirited citizen can rea-British government.

The farmers of Marshall county, Iowa, have formed an organization to further a project for a beet sugar factory at Marshalltown. That is the proper course to pursue. Beet sugar factories are dependent on the farmers and are of greatest good to the farmers who supply them with beets. The farmers should take the initiative in movements looking toward factories.

The efforts of the postoffice officials to make the postmarks more legible deserve popular applause. The postmark on a letter is by no means an insignficant point. The time of mailing and of delivery stamped on the envelope often determines the most important matters. It may be of the very essence of a contract or constitute the determining evidence in a lawsuit or criminal prosecution. Legible postmarks, in fact, are as much to be desired as legible addresses on the correspondence.

THE PRESIDENTS MOTHER. been all that a dutiful son should be to

his parents it has been largely because Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley was a model mother. Between mother and son there was a closer bond than is usual even in this land of homes and loving glusive of cash in the treasury and eral Smyth take steps to bring all the families, and both mother and son drew from the nation at large affection like ento that which they felt for each other.

The president's mother had passed the meridian of life when the dark war clouds gathered over her country. Young William, though just emerging from boyhood, dropped his books at the academy at the call to arms for the protection of his country. His mother bade the boy God speed and cheerfuly sent him to the front to battle for the right. She was 51 and he was 18, but there was no such difference between their sympathies and impulses. She had loved her country and had taught him true patriotism. She had a mother's pride in her son and longed to see him well started upon a professional career in which she never doubted he would succeed. It must have been as great a trial to her as to him that he should cut short his studies to spend four years

in the service of his country. Thirty-six years afterwards Mrs. Mc-10.415 Kinley sat on the reviewing stand in the nation's capital and saw the throngs march past in honor of her son who had just taken the oath as president of the United States. There was not connected with the inaugural ceremonies a more impressive incident than that of the presence of the president's mother, at the age of 87, participating in the exercises of the day. Her joy was supreme. No American mother ever had greater cause for pride than she on that

> The intimate friends of the McKinleys have always agreed that the president owes to the good qualities of his mother a large proportion of that inheritance which has enabled him to attain to the highest position in the gift of the people. This tracing greatness back to the mother has been done for many of the world's greatest leaders and for a number of the American presidents, but seldom has the connection been more marked than in the case of President McKinley. Proud of their president, his patriotism, courage, eloquence and wisdom, the American people will not forget how much he and they owe to Mother McKinley.

> > TIME TO COME FORWARD.

The Transmississippi Exposition is the most stupendous enterprise ever imposed upon citizens of Omaha. Its stimulating effect has already made itself felt not only among workingmen and shopkeepers, but among owners of improved real estate and property owners in general. It looks as if the chief beneficiaries of The fact that Omaha enjoys greater prosperity than any city of equal population in the west is largely due to the advantage derived from the prominence given to it by the exposition.

And yet scores of the largest property owners and business men have up to this ing in an all round rise of prices. How time failed to respond to the appeals for substantial aid to the exposition. Some of these men declined originally to become stock subscribers under pretext that the project was impracticable and would never materialize. Others found excuse in the delayed construction of exposition buildings and alleged extravagance in salaries to employes. These excuses can no longer be accepted in lieu of the much needed help that every person interested in Omaha's growth and prosperity should extend. The exposition is not only an assured fact, but will exceed in magnitude any similar undertaking in this country excepting alone the Philadelphia Centennial and the Columbian World's Fair. The difficulties that confront the management are not how to secure desirable exhibits in sufficient variety and number, but how to accommodate the exhibitors who want to be represented.

The most pressing need of the hour is to provide ways and means to meet the increased demands necessitated by the expansion of its scope and the call for funds to defray the expenses already incurred or under contract. Not less the criminal division of the district court than \$50,000 can be depended on to come The emergency calls for liberal subscriptions from those who have heretofore The strike record in England the past lagged behind and increased subscripyear indicates an unsettled condition of tions from those who, although they are Industrial affairs. A total of 201,638 to be the principal beneficiaries, have English workmen affected by strikes signed for ridiculously small amounts. and English trade suffering a loss of This second call for support would not

\$75,000,000, tells a story of industrial have been necessary had the men of and commercial depression that cannot Omaha who are most interested come to the front as they should have done with their due proportion of the contributions. During the past few months more than True, at the inception of the exposition \$10,000,000 worth of British gold coins in 1895 and early 1896, the prevailing have bee, recoined into United States business depression prompted caution money at the mint in San Francisco, and conservatism on the part of prudent In one month gold sovereigns to the business men. But the conditions are so value of \$3,500,000 were received at the greatly improved and the outlook for mint. It seems that the American mint | the exposition so much more promising

> sonably refuse to bear his full share of the burden which Omaha has assumed.

THE IOWA STATE DEBT. The report of State Auditor McCarthy on the financial transactions of the state of Iowa for the biennial period ended it will not require the permission of the June 30 last is a document Iowa people may study with profit. Some Iowa peobeen gross mismanagement of the finances of the state, and others, while denying this by word, evince a disposition to practically admit it by resort to extreme measures of retrenchment and reform: but the report shows that Iowa has not been extravagant and is not

now debt burdened. The state expenditure for all purposes during the blennial period mentioned amounted to \$4,731,764, or a trifle less than \$1 a year for each resident of the state. Of this sum fully one-third came column after column of instructions to from fees and licenses, so that, in fact, Judge Baker, in which it commands the the burden on the property of Iowa judge to institute criminal proceedings people for state purposes has been much against Mayor Moores. Why doesn't the

levy in recent years has varied from 2 have criminal proceedings instituted STATE PRESS EXPOSITION NOTES. With President William McKinley in to 2.8 mills, and in view of the fact that against its manner for aiding, abetting the sorrow of his aged mother's death the total levy for all purposes runs from and enjoying the profits of the emsympathize. If William McKinley has and city, it will be seen that Iowa tax- custody of cx-Treasurer Bartley for payers have little cause for complaint which a worthless third mortgage in the about their state taxes.

Last June the state debt of Iowa was of the register of deeds of this county? represented by outstanding warrants to If Judge Baker does not consider it his the amount of \$477,500, which was ex- province, why should not Attorney Geneven a bare statement of the net lin- school fund to instice? bility unfairly represents the condition of the Iowa treasury, for the reason that the biennial period ended at a time great interest in the forthcoming convenwhen collections were small and ex- tion of cattlenen and stock growers to penditures larger than for the year, be held in Denver in January. Several But at its worst the state debt is not cities will be applicants for the localarge enough to frighten anybody, and tion of the next convention, but not the state auditor estimates that the one can offer greater advantages than state tax levy can be reduced to the Omaha. May Denver make of the con-2-mill standard and the debt be paid in vention a success and then take pleasa few years without stinting the state ure in what Omaha does for the second institutions. As a bugaboo Iowa's debt | convention. is a failure. That it exists at all is due to a combination of unusual circumstances and it will disappear quickly enough under normal conditions.

ness of the state, and this while the ject. state is growing rapidly, yet Iowa has been paying its bills. All that Iowa people can now reasonably demand of their representatives in the legislature is that the conservative policy shall be continued, that no interest shall be allowed in its proper class in the family of states in every reasonable and proper way. The state debt affords no excuse whatever for any backward step.

THE POOLING PROBLEM.

The development among western shippers of a strong opposition to proposed legislation for railway pooling will, if it assume the proportions now indicated as probable, exert a very decided influence. While it has been known that there was a good deal of hostility in this section to the legalization of pooling, it appears to be much stronger than had been supposed and the promise is that this opposition will manifest itself with a force that cannot fail to make an impression on congress. The common ground of this opposition is that to allow the railroads to make pooling contracts would be to sacrifice all the advantages from competition. Meanwhile another and no less serious

obstacle to the proposed legislation is in the unsettled condition of the railroad mind in regard to the terms of an acceptable pooling bill. Interest in this subject has recently been very much stimulated by the public expression of the views of the president of the Louisvills & Nashville Railway company, Milton H. Smith, adverse to giving the Interstate Commerce commission the authority to regulate rates proposed in the bills that have been introduced in congress from time to time. Mr. Smith is not opposed to an amendment of the law authorizing carriers to apportion traffic, but he contends that to grant the commission authority to adjust rates of transportation would result in the bankruptey of most of the corporations Mississippi river. This railroad president also appears not to regard legalized it. Much that republicans said about deficpooling as an absolutely certain remedy for rate cutting, for he says: "Some temporary and partial relief may be experienced if carriers are given the right to apportion traffic, and yet, though they possessed that right as to interstate traffic for many years prior to mon and prevalent then as now." On who may be presumed to represent the views of the eastern trunk line managers, believes that if pooling were allowed it would put a stop to rate cutting and he is entirely willing that the Interstate Commerce commission be given the fullest authority in regard to the adjustment of rates. Mr. Depew takes the position that whatever might be the danger of entrusting to the commission the power proposed, he would prefer to do business under a uniform rate fixed by a public body rather than under a demoralized rate.

There are many other railroad officials besides the president of the Louisville & Nashville road who object to any inmatter of rate adjustment and there are some who are opposed to any pooling He believes that if the senate does not rat-legislation. With such divergence of ify the pending treaty with Hawali, a joint views among the representatives of the railroads and with a numerous body of shippers opposed to any change in the United law, the chances of any pooling legislation are obviously not great. One thing is entirely certain, there will be no such legislation that does not give the Interstate Commerce commission ample autherity to protect the public in the matter of rates. This is an absolutely essential condition to granting the railroads the privilege of apportioning competitive traffic. In regard to this there can be no question that public opinion is practically unanimous.

The Central Pacific wants to reorganize and pay off its indebtedness to the government without going through the tortures of a receivership. If the Central Pacific wants to pay its debt in full government to pay it. All Mr. Huntington has to do is to plank down the ple have been claiming that there has cash and take a receipt in full from the treasury.

The longer the popocrats study the election returns, the plainer it becomes to them that the new election law while facilitating their schemes for duplicating names on the official ballot also complicates matters to their disadvantage. It is hard to enact partisan legislation that will not cut both ways.

The local political fence directs

sum of \$3,000 is on record in the office

The Denver people are working up ing the exposition would be a great thing

Five of the Iowa congressmen have expressed themselves in favor of Hawalian annexation and the six others are either The Iowa people deserve congratula- opposed to it or have not yet decided on significance of their state debt. Edu- member of the subcommittee of the cational, charitable and penal institu- house foreign affairs committee to contions have been built and supported in sider the subject of Hawaii, and he has a manner commensurate with the great- not expressed any opinion on the sub-

Referring to the Iowa "debt" about which some persons in Iowa are so much concerned the Sloux City Journal Missouri has just called \$400,000 of to suffer and that the state shall be kept | Missouri state bonds for payment; but when this is done Missouri will still reality. have a bonded debt of \$4,500,000.

The Rubble of Fools.

Minneapolis Journal. The silly talk of "sham prosperity," when work is increasingly abundant and wages higher, is the babble of fools, and the fool democratic organs ought to see that they can make no political capital by continuing it in the face of accomplished facts.

Filibustering Prevented.

Secretary Gage shows very clearly that the United States has practically prevented filbustering Cubaward and if Spain had made half an effort there would have been none at

A Century Behind the Times.

Chicago Tribune The manner of the French government in dealing with the Dreyfus case is strongly suggestive of old inquisition methods. This is true both of the secret trial, in which the prisoner was kept ignorant of the testimony against him, as well as the torture to which he has since been subjected. In its judicial methods France would seem not yet to have emerged from the eighteenth century.

Boston's Limited Klondike.

Others may get excited over and prefer Clondike, but Boston is satisfied with copper. The Calumet and Heck company has just declared another \$10 divideed, making \$50 a share in all paid this year on stares of \$25 par value. The original investment was only \$12.50 a share, and the dividend thus amounts to 400 per cent for the original investor. He could not be drawn to Alaska with a certainty of a pailful of gold a day and immunity from starvation

Milwaukee Sentinei (rep.)
The republican party, according to Secreproduce a deficit for the year ending June 30, 1898, and another deficit for the year ending June 30, 1899. It is plainly the part ending June 30, 1899 are expenditures can be so deficit for the year ending June picture be on one of them. ry has had enough of deficits. It wants an operating railroads in the territory ample revenue. During the Wilson-Gorman south of the Ohio and east of the regime there was every opportunity to observe that a deficit is a weapon for the political opponents of the party responsible for

its two years ago is equaly true now. Colning Silver Dollars. Springfield (Mass.) Republic It will be noticed from Secreatry Gage's report that the coinage into standard silver dollars of the bullion purchased under the Sherman act of 1890 is steadily going on. Altogether 68,748,477 of these dollars have been struck from the bullion, of which 17 .the enactment of the act to regulate 216,322 represent seigniorage or the flat ele-commerce, 'wars of rates' were as comproviding for this coinage that it would inthe other hand, Mr. Chauncey Depew, evitably be executed, whether commanded by legislation or not, but some of our contemporaries threatened to go into a panic If they are ever to have a on that score, now would seem to be the time.

## NEED OF BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Congressman Strode Discusses Necessities of Business. Washington Post, Dec. 4

Hon, Jesse B. Strode of the First Nebraska district, who succeeded William J. Bryan in the house of representatives, was among the noted congressicual arrivals you lawyers in Nebraska, and has given much ime and attention to the bankruptey which he expects to see discussed in this congress.

Judge Strode, in speaking of the probabilities of legislation by the coming session, said that he had so thought that any cur terposition by the commission in the rency bill could be passed with the senate in its present condition, and doubted that any trial would be made by the administration. resolution will be passed providing for annexation of the labords, and that the Cuban difficulty will also be settled as far as the United States is concerned. As for him-self, Judge Strode said he would exert himself to the utmost in the interest of a bankruptcy bill, which he trusted would be

passed during the coming session. "Some bill," said Judge Strode, said Judge Strode, "is sure to get through the house and senate, my judgment, but the form of the bill is uncertain. I shall work for a measure along the lines of the Nelson bill, and trust that it or a similar one can be passed. rather than a substitute in the shape of the Torrey bill. "d"would prefer a bill with the involuntary feature only, leaving it for any man to decide whether he should go into bankruptey This however, I realize would be difficult to obtake, and I would then favor a bill carrying also provisions for involun-tary bankruptey only in such cases where fraud had been committed.

"My city of Laccoln and my state of Ne-

brasks contain many mea that have lost everything they once possessed on account of the recent long extended financial and business depression. The very best men in most of the enterprising towns of my state and district today are men who were at shrinkage in values and enforced collec-tions against them have driven them to the wall. Deferred judgments in large amounts wall. are binging over them and prevent them from again engaging in business enterprises until such time as they can make some kind of settlement with their creditors, and there is no prespect of their ever belog able to do except through the agency of a favor able bankruptcy law.

"Such cities in Nebroska as Lincoln Grand Island, and other enterprising towns of the state have numbers of men in this condition, and they need relief by a bank ruptcy law, so that they may again engag in active and open business in their ow cames and not under the names of their wives or other relatives and not with the suspicion of having property secreted 1. some other person's name. The whole cour of the Micsissippi river demand such legislation to would be granted inbankruptey law as outlined by the Nelson hill, and the passage of a good bill would g people for state purposes has been much against anyor stoores. Why doesn't the a long way toward a more general reviva less than the above sum. The state political fence call upon Judge Baker to of business in our section."

Wahoo New Era: The birdseye view the exposition grounds and buildings by seventy million Americans sincerely 50 to 85 mills, according to the county bezzlement of state school money in the Omaha Dally Bee that accompanied its last Sunday edition was a beauty.

Allen News: The Omaha Bee gave beautiful full page view of the exposition as Sunday supplement to The Bee. It was a dandy and shows The Bee's usual enterprise. Tekamah Herald: The Sunday Bee cor talced a beautiful view of the Transmississippl Exposition that reflects much credit upon the board of management. amounts overdue and collectible, and parties implicated in this robbery of the pleced it will almost equal the World's fair

Blair Courier: The Omaha Bee's Sunday ment was a most excellent piece of We could see little similarity between The Bee's view of the great Transmississippi Exposition and the one that recently appeared in Harper's Weekly. Exeter Democrat: A Transmississipp teachers' convention to meet in Omaha dur

our educational workers and every or of them should lend their assistance by words of encouragement if nothing else. Hastings Tribune: The official birdseye view of the Transmississippi and International Exposition, which was a supplement to the Omaha Bee, was a beauty and shows that the Omaha Exposition will eclipse any held in the United States

since the World's fair. Kearney New Era: The Omaha Sunday Bee presented its readers with a very hand-"birdseye" view of the Transmissis-The only startling feasippi Exposition tions because of the comparative in their course. Mr. Cousins of Iowa is a ture discovered is the long lost flying machine which hovers over the Indian camp The supplement, however, is handsome enough to frame.

> Tecumsch Chieftain: Omaha will have the opportunity of its life next year to impres a knowledge of its greatness and resources on the rest of the world. Its citizens are alive to the possibilities awaiting them, and if Omaha doesn't force recognition of every merit it has ever claimed it will fall short of its privileges.

Ord Quiz: The Omeha Sunday Bee con is reminded that the state treasury of tained a handsome birdseye view of the proposed Transmississippl Exposition grounds and buildings. The picture is a dream of beauty, but no doubt will fall short of the It is called official, so that the bis air ship floating high over all may be counted upon as showing up when the season coens. Beatrice Democrat: The Omaha Bee o last issued as a supplement a executed picture of the exposition grounds it being the "official birdseye view." was a most creditable enterprise, and give a much more perfect idea of the location and elevation of buildings than could possibly be obtained from descriptive reading mat-

West Point Advertiser: The Sunday Bee contained a beautiful steel engraving birds-eye view of the Transmississippi Exposition. It shows very distinctly all the main build ings, the lagoon, the Midway Plaisance, the mammoth umbrella and other interesting all. The Cubars rather than the Spaniards sites. It will do much to advertise the exhave cause of complaint against Uncle Sam. position and give the public an idea of the immensity of the undertaking.

York Times: The Transmississippl Expo tion at Omaha is taking definite shape an will be a much larger affair than was sup posed by most people. Omaha is taking ilively interest and the interest is gaining ground in the state. It will be a grand success and a big thing for the state. Every citizen of Nebraska ought to feel that he has a personal interest in it and do what he can to push it along.

Stanton Register: Stanton county should represented at the Transmississippi Expo sition. Who'll be the patriots that will sac rifice time and money to see that this county is properly advertised at the greatest ex position of the west? We will do all newspaper advertising that is needed fre of charge and help it along in other ways Enough should take hold so as to have county represented.

Greenwood Record: The Transmississipp Exposition will have special stamps which will be sold at the Omaha postoffice and on the Exposition grounds, but will be receive as postage at any postoffice in the United States. It is said that Edward Rosewate was the first man to suggest that there be stamps of special design for the exposition tary Gage, has fromed a tariff which will Allow us to suggest that Mr. Rosewater's Schuyler Herald: The Transmississipp

ending June 30, 1899. It is plainly the part Exposition is the one grand epoch in the of wisdom, unless expenditures can be so history of Nebraska, where it shall be the honored host of visiting millions. It will acquaint these visitors with its vast re sources which will inure to the lasting ber efit of our coterprising state. We are glad to see Douglas county, the commercial pivot of the state, take such deep interest in the enterprise, and hope that all the other countries of the state will at least make a cred itable showing of their natural resources a the great exposition.

Valentine Republican: Immediate steps should be taken to have Cherry county proerly represented at the Transmississippi Exposition. That will be a time when the mac advantages of the county can be properly presented to a larger number of people a a less actual cost than by any other of the kind. It may be years before such an opportunity presents itself again-President Cleveland vetoed and killed the bill | that, too, practically at our own door-there foro it would be suicidal to let inactiveness or our part cheat us out of a rich heritage that should be reaped while within grasping distance.

Omaha will attract thousands of people from different states, and many of them will doubtless visit other towns in Nebraska, the sugar-best producing sections attracting es pecial attention from those who desire to investigate the future industry of the state. Norfolk, as the center of the sugar industry of Nebraska, will receive many of these visitors, and it would be good business policy on the part of Madison county to provide for the prieting cod distribution of advertis-ing matter at the exposition and thus attract additional interest in beet culture and other locality for the investment of capital. Norfolk, as the metropolis of Madison county, should take the lead in this motter.

McCook Tribune: The indications are that which have been held in the south since the famous display of the world's made in 1893 at Chicago. It will have the advantage of better times and of sill more notable development of the art and sciences. It will appeal directly to a richer and more advanced section of the country, and climatic conditions are likely to be more favorable. Phla means great things for the Transm's sirsippi Exposition. Atlanta and Nushville Hid so well that their record cannot easily be surpassed, and to keep the scale rising in such enterprises must imply large achievements. That is what the west is equal to and fitted for by training and temperament.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The carcasses of over 3,000 horses mark the trail over Chilkoot pass. Notwithstanding and nevertheless, wartship Kentucky will take water in due

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" troupe is playing in Dawson City. Strange things happen sometimes,

There are some things worse than hunger.

Mrs. Langtry's winnings were \$33,000. Mr. John Hooper, who died in Ireland not long ago, was one of the most prominent journalists of his country. To him is mainly due the ascendency of Parnellism in Cork. One railroad in New Jersey is going to dis-

charge all of its engineers when they reach

the age of 50. Thus is the conservatism of

age to be crowded into the ditch by the rashness of youth. Prof. Charles W. Kent has been named

15 in war, os so many voice it.

VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Holdrege Citizen: If any one can tell o boon the present State Board o Transportation has conferred upon the peo-ple of Nebraska since they took their office

the public would be glad to hear from them. Nebraeka Farmer: Buying range bred cattle for our corn belt feed lots is all well enough to a certain extent, and during an off season for our farm reared cattle, prices that are ruling today on such cattle show to what extent the feeder of the corn belt places himself at the mercy of the range cattle kings, when he can no longer fill his feed yards with a fair propor-tion of cattle raised on his own farm. The farmer has no business to be paying out this enormous tax. Let him grow good cattle of his own.

Holdrege Citizen: The State Board of Agdeulture has announced that it can pay but 55 per cent of its premiums for State fair of 1897. Somehow the state board as managed during the last few years has not been such as to inspire the people of Nebraska with confidence. Rightly or wrongly many people have got the idea into one name. too much for the interests of a few favorites and not enough for the people of Nebraska. It is too bad that this should be so, for the state fair has been and ought to be an important factor in the development of the state. The board should turn over a new leaf. There seems to be a need of a change of some sort in the board.

North Platte Tribune: Past experience shows that the present method of state and county officials, of receiving security for funds from bondsmen, is in some instances entirely inadequate. As the state grows larger in assessment the amount of bonds required by the men who handle the state and counties' money will increase in pro-portion, which, in fact excludes the man of but small means and without rich friends from holding office where a bond is required, for be it either private individual or bank. whoever goes on an official bond for \$10,00 or whatever the sum might be, expects : compensation in proportion, and herein lies the inception of peculation-robbing Peter to pay Paul. But the greatest danger is the fact that the bondsmen have the right tate the wording of the bond, as has been proven whenever a case of default has come to light. The bond is so full of loopholes for escape that It is only rarely that the state or county recovers a cent. Would it not be advisable that some new method be embraced and tried; for instance a bond company, even if the treasurer's deputy to subject to the bond company's appointment and the premium to be paid by the state and county. This plan would be more se-cure and at the same time leave the treasurer to attend to his business unhamper any obligation. The matter should b acted upon by our legislature at its nex

## STATE PRESS PLEASANTRIES.

Plainview News: A Plainview girl fold her best fellow that he was a Venus of Milo and when he got home and looked it up he found the Venus of Milo was chiefly distinguished from having no arms. But he has feet and is kicking himself.

Wayne Herald: A "Jack-the-hugger" tack-eled a lone Winside girl the other night After he had embraced the damsel printed a few caresses upon her cheek was surprised that she offered no resistance but politely said 'thank you" and went or Rushville Standard: A man jumped into the Mississippi river at St. Louis last week from the center of the Eads bridge, 123 feet from the water. The press report says on coming to the surface he was arrester and at once bailed out. It seems reasonable that after jumping 129 feet into thirty fee of water he should be at once bailed out.

Nelson Herald: Here is a drouth story told by a traveling man: "I was driving across the country to a little town in west-ern Kansas the other day when I met a farmer hauling a wagon load of 'Where do you get water?' said I. water road about seven miles,' he reolied. 'And you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?" 'Yep.' 'Why in the name of sense don't you dig a well?" 'Because it's just as far one way as the other, stranger.' Allen Reporter: There is a reporter of The Omaha Bee who deserves to lose his job In a recent issue of the daily he give very graphic and exciting description of the runaway of an old and staid family horse, which nearly resulted in the death of the driver. The fraces was caused by a bleareyed bulldog rushing out from a house and tackling the driver's dog, which was minding his own business under the buggy being drawn by the s. f. h. A desperate fight ensued which caused the trouble. Here the reporter left his readers and told what happened to the driver and vehicle. what the writer wants to know is how that dog fight came out?

Central City Democrat: Postmaster Agney receiving mail addressed to Worms, Merrick county. Neb. The communications are from the Pestoffice department and that your Uncle Samuel knows what he is talking about. But what troubles "Grover' is to find where it is located. Tuesday he wanted us to help him find Worms. We suggested that he get a bottle of worm medicine, or, better still, he might get the famed carly bird. What will the bean-eaters of Boston or the F. F. V.'s think of us when they find we have Worms? This is too much. We in Nebraska have been accused of nearly every crime in the decalogue, but this is the first time that the fact has been established that we had Worms. Probably it is owing to the late republican victory in Merrick county. If that is not enough to give us Worms, we do not know what is.

ANNEXATION ON THE WANE.

A Marked Change of Sentiment Apparent in Congress. It would be interesting to know what are

the reasons for the remarkable change of interests, which make this county a destrable front to be observed in some of the senators and representatives who were formerly te voted to the cause of Hawaiian annexation. At the time of the Harrison administration the Omahn exposition next year will be the annexation sentiment was strong enough larger and finer than either of like nature and the criticism of Mr. Cleveland for his interference was as severe as any administered to him during his term of office. At moved with wholly unwonted celerity toward annexation.

Now, however, immediately after the president himself has conveyed to congress through official channels his desire that Hawaii be anaexed, congressmen who were formerly enthusiastic manifest only indifference, while those who had been more con servative in their approval of the pian are openly hostile. If it is true, as reported, that Speaker Reed and some of the New England secators are firmly opposed to nexation they are in a position to defeat proposition in spite of the wishes of the resident.

The fact seems to be that in the long tin vouchsafed for the consideration of this important question many of the congressmen have come to doubt the expediency of tak ing possession of the distant inlands. Cer tain it is that many powerful arguments lately have been urged against annexation. Setting aside entirely the question of the constitutionality of the proceeding, there are questions of self-interest which cannot be Russell Sage's significant smile when told of it is the best comment on that story that he has devised \$50,600,000 to charity.

On the English turf, during the last seaChinese, Portuguese, British, Americans and son, Pierre Lorillard's horses won \$32,000 Germans, of whom less than one-sixteenth and Richard Croker's horses won \$5,000, are of educated European stock, is a serious are of educated European stock, is a serious matter. A colonial government such as is conducted by Great Britain in the case of its colonies is contrary to the traditions and principles of American government. Shall Hawaii be a territory or a state? As a state shall it be a democracy giving equal rights of suffrage to all residents? If the suffrage be universal, how long will it be suffrage be universal, how long will it be before the Hawaiians and Japanese, and not Americans, control the new American commonwealth?

These are questions which cannot be avoided, and yet which are immensely difficult to answer. Whether or not it is true, \$5,000 are of educated European stock, is a serious matter. A colonial government such as is conducted by Great Britain in the case of its

Prof. Charles W. Kent has been named president of a committee that is now at work raising funds to place a suitable monument to Edgar Allen Poe in the library of the University of Virginia.

Joel Chandler Harris has sent a Jersey cow to young Richard Folsom Cleveland. He raised the cow himself, and hopes its milk will help to make the former president's son as big a min as his father.

Longfellow's daughter has written to the publishers of his father's works to explain that his pronunciation of the word Hiawatha was "He-awa-tha" with the accent on the was "He-awa-tha" with the accent on the was "He-awa-tha" with the accent on the was "Grown which are immensely difficult to answer. Whether or not it is true, as has been urged, that the American occupation of the American policy, deprives the nation of its detached independence and thrusts it into the embroilment of international interests, the questions relating solely to the listental life of Hawaii would be sufficient to give the legislators pause. It may be assumed from the sudden change in their that his pronunciation of the word Hiawatha was "He-awa-tha" with the accent on the was "He-awa-tha" with the accent on the was "Grown has the sound of a in mar, not is in war, as so many voice it.

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THE QUESTION OF FUSION.

Wilber Independent (pop.): There is some talk of a meeting to be held somewhere in the state for the purpose of uniting all the fusion forces into one party under a winning The sooner action of that kind is

taken the sooner a better feeling will pre-vail among the people. Let us have one big vall among the people. Let us have one b Schuyler Quill (pop.): The editor of this paper has not changed one of his ideas or beliefs, but he has bad a sufficiency of beliefs, but he use fuelon in Colfax county. We are still a populist and shall be if such a thing is populist and want no more pooling of possible, but we want no more pooling o crats for the sole purpose of beating the republicans and getting the spoils populists of this county want fusion they can have it, but this paper from that time

becomes mugwump. Silver City Times (sil. rep.): free silver friends are discussing the ques-tion of the organization of a new party the different forces united consist of the divisions of silver However desirable such an organization might be, the thing is imprac ticable at this time and an attempt to effect such an organization would only failure or still further division. T y result in Things are working all right as they are, and can safely left to regulate themselves. Let us be wise and let well enough alone.

Pierce Leader (dem.): The Stanton Regiser uses bold and strong language asserts that nothing else is possible but a populist to succeed Governor Holcomb, For four years the democrats have assisted the populists to elect their state ticket. It was their votes that elected Senator Allen and populists expect to receive their assistance him. In almost every re-elect ional district a populist candidate stand for election next year and the Leader wonders where the democrats are to get anything. We do not presume to say the candidate shall not be a populist, but we do deprecate such assertions as those of the editor of the Register as being apt stroy the harmony that is essential to success next year, besides not being conducive to win the support of democrats.

Broken Bow Beacon (pop.): A movement s now on foot which has for its object the nion of all elements favoring the free and inlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1 under one banner and one name. There isn't much in a name and it may be if all prejudices were laid aside and the forces would get together as soldiers of the same great army, more could be done than by a union of elements which combine or a single compaign and then disanite to lock by Chemselves. There are thousands of good, well meaning people wedded to a name Populists are not entirely free weakness if such it may properly be called, and any proposition that they disband as a party and join the democratic party would be spurned-repudiated without considera-Among democrats the prejudice for a name is more marked than in any other party unless it be the republicate party. It is useless to entertain for a moparty. ment the idea that the democratic party will abandon its name and odopt any other So it appears that if either party does the abandoning act is must be the populist party.

## CHUNKS OF FUN.

Judge: Ethel-Who was that man you Penelope-That was Dobson, the great emposer." Ethel—A composer, did you say? manufactures syrup,

Detroit Free Press: "The old-fashioned ather believed in the co-operation of parent and teacher. "Yes; when I was whipped at school my father always whipped me again when got home.

Yonkers Statesman: Julia-Did you say Jeannette is trying to get into business? Jennie-Yes "What kind of business does she want to 'Everybody's "

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What in thun-der do you call that affair? Is it a new fangled thrashing machine?" "Naw That's a steam mortgage can-Puck: Kate-He seems extremely devoted He talks of going to the Klondike for my

Beatrice—Well, that would give you twt chances, He might come back with a fortune or he might not come back at all, Indianapolis Journal: "I hear," said the zephyr, "that you have been raging through the northwest,"
"Never was a worse mistake," howled the blizzard. "I was quite cool,"

Chicago Tribune: Rapturous Youth-Mildred. I would ask for no happier eternity
than to be permitted to sit by your -ids
and press your hand once in a great, great
while!

Miss Mildred-Well, you're entirely too

lazy a lover to suit me Somerville Journal: "Just ran against another proof of the revival of business," "What's that?" "Last winter I had plenty of time to read the president's message."

Washington Star: "You must admit that Spain's offer of autonomy is generously in-tended," remarked the Spanish sympathizer, "Perhaps so," repiled the obstinate Cuban, "It is always unpleasant to humiliate a conquered foe, and Spain doubtless wishes to spare us the embarrassmett."

Detroit Journal: The speaker had do with telling of the wrongs of woman, and had sunk back into her seat. "She makes a mountain out of a mole-hill" whispered the personly person in the nt person. Yes, and such a botch, too!" repoined the other.

THE SENATE SAHARA.

New York Sun. ("On Tuesday the senate reconsidered its provious action and ordered that the sale of liquors be continued at the senate restaurant,")

On Monday when the senate met,
What seemed a shadox lay
Upon the grave and reverend men
Collected there that day
To fix the great affairs of state
And bring them squarely up to date, Just what the shadew was did not Appear distinctly: dras As if some strange, uncanny Thing, Beyond all natural tawa, Were broading over the place and made Its grussome presence felt in shade,

Along the marble corridors
Great statemen moved, and each
Seemed chasing some chimera which
Was still beyond his reach,
And yet about liself had cast
A shade of something from the past,

'Twas in the air, this Presence which
Was Absonce, more or less,
And like a desert's wraith had brought
To senators distress
Of mind and body, so that they Wished they were camels on the way,

All day the shadow rested thera; Then Tuesday came, and still That gruesome shadow rested; then The senate passed a bill Which let the restaurant once more Dispense its dampness as of yore.

## CRISP FLAVOR.

Proper Way to Prepare Food Elements.