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KEEP IT BEFORE THE PUBLIC

The aggregate carrier delivery circulation of The Evening Bec is double the aggregate carrier delivery can read his opinion of the outlook for circulation of the Evening World-Herald and more than six times. greater than the aggregate carrier delivery circulation of the Morning World-Herald in Omaha and South Omaha.

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It goes without saying that the number of copies of The Evening Bee or The Morning Bee sold by dealers and shire bill in the last legislature, which newsboys exceeds by a very considerable the number of World-Herald dailies, morning and evening, sold by denlers and newsboys.

In New York City the process of turn ing the caseals in is going on merrily.

Prospect of another war in the Yellow sea ought to give yellow journalism a little boom.

How much longer are the exposition buildings to be exposed to the risk of : conflagration?

The exposition builders are still favored by the weather clerk, but there is no telling what a day may bring forth.

for the country than to inspire confi- legal tender notes, but it will not dimin- both kinds of lange dence. As a practical man of affairs, ish the opposition to the withdrawal of viewing the conditions from the stand- that form of our currency and the placpoint of business experience, the secre- ing in the hands of the banks a monoptary of the treasury tells the country oly of the paper money of the country. that the outlook for prosperity is most The commission-uses the trite argument encouraging. His words of promise have that the greenbacks are an extremely in them nothing doubtful or equivocal, costly form of money, but what assur-4 They are in the spirit of a genuine and ance can there be that if they were eliu-

A BOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

indication of business unhealthfulness.

strength and resourcefulness. It is a

superficial view, says Secretary Gage,

judicious optimism. He sees things inated and the people made dependent Ormaha: The Bee Building. Ormaha: The Bee Building. Council Biors: 10 Pearl Street. Chinese Office: all Chamber of Commerce. New York: Rooms 1a, H and 15 Tribune Bilds Washington: 50 Fourteenth Street. Counces Biors. Measuring with practical judg-ment what was accomplished in the last year for the advancement of the general Counces Biors. Measuring with practical judg-ment what was accomplished in the last year for the advancement of the general prosperity and for the progress of the dations are sound and it is quite possicountry toward the goal of financial in- ble will be adopted by congress, par-

dependence, Mr. Gage looks to the future ticularly the one for permitting the with serene and unquestioning coufforganization of national banks with a dence. He sees in the great trade bal- capital stock of \$25,000 in places of 4,000 ance in favor of the United States a population or less. fact that has placed this nation already

The commission has worked faithfully in the position of a creditor country. He and earnestly to find a solution of the recognizes in the fact that we have been currency problem and the conclusions able to take care of the securities that reached merit careful consideration. The Europe has sent back to us, without the members of the commission are men of least financial disturbance, a degree of high ability and there can be no doubt financial power and independence unprec- of their patriotic desire that the counedented in our history. He recognizes try shall have a perfectly sound and in the accumulation of capital, as shown stable monetary system which will com-

in the increase of bank deposits, not an mand complete confidence at home and abroad-a system firmly based on the but rather an assurance of financial standard of the civilized world. POLICE BOARD DEPRAVITY.

to assume that merchants and manufac-Ten days ago the comparative sub cription lists of The Evening Bee with turers lack confidence and that the counthe lists of the Morning World-Herald 12.322 shrinkage. There'is simply natural cau- and Evening World-Herald in Omaha and South Omahn were published. In tion on the part of capital, after the ex-

perience of the last few years, but this the face of the fact that these published Swern to before me and subscribed in my resence this 1st day of January 1898. (Seal.) N. P. FEIL Notary Public. In the course give way to the at-tractions that are offering for investment and to the inducements which an inevitlists show that the carrier delivery cirtractions that are offering for investment culation of The Evening Bee alone exceeds by more than 4,000 the carrier delivery circulation of the Evening

able prosperity hold out. No capitalist, no business man, who World-Herald, and by more than 2,500 has confidence in the practical and conthe combined circulation of the Mornservative Judgment of Secretary Gage ing and Evening World-Herald, the dominant majority of the police commisthe country in a business way without sion, viz: Robert E. Lee Herdman, deriving from it great encouragement. Dr. John D. Peabody and J He considers the situation in a way so H. Gregory, have decreed under entirely business-like and logical that it oath that the Daily World-Herald, is almost impossible not to feel that his a fictitious name used to vepreoptimism is fully warranted and that his sent the arbitrary and lawless combination of papers published under heerful forecast is certain to be verified. The secretary of the treasury does an the name of Morning World-Herald invaluable service to the country in giv- and Evening World-Herald, have the ng out such expressions as that to which

ot the property.

it other more important reforms in the

not be got into the new Iowa code. It

will have a better show in the coming

legislature. The belief is general

whether it has any foundation or not,

that telegraph, telephone and express

companies doing business in the western

states escape taxation more easily than

ther companies, and that through some

such measure as this it would be possi-

Some of the opposition to this meas

nce to the three kinds of businesses

chises given by the states ordinary rules

are in a degree public monopolies. With

this distinction clearly made there is lit-

tle danger arising from adoption of the

principle, and unless some reforms are

A PROBLEM IN TAXATION. A measure of radical reform in the natter of assessment and taxation of elegraph, telephone and express compa-

nies doing business in Iowa is embodied in what was known as the Cheprovides for assessment of these corporations on the total market, value of their stock and apportioning to the several counties sums proportionate to the imount of business done or length of ine operated. This measure will be debauchery of truth and justice must earnestly urged upon the legislature which meets next week. It is an assessment plan differing from other plans in use in that note is taken of all the business done in all the states instead of simply regarding the value of the visi-

ble property in Iowa. In principle it is form of taxation of the business and Opposition to this measure was successful in the last legislature, because

organ.

the recommendation of the secretary of the Weisbach patents there ought to be Secretary Gage could do nothing better the treasury in regard to retiring the no difficulty in arranging contracts for Epoch-Making Events

> During the comfig year Omaha should have the best lighted thoroughfares of any city in the west. Five dollars a year more for a lamp that has three or four times the candle-power of the ordinary gas lamps signid not be in the way of contracting for the best.

### A Cluch at Both Ends, New York Trib

The Mediterranean was once a French lake. t isn't anybody's lake at pressor. But con-idering the control Great Britain has of the Suez canal and the way in which she is in-creasing her strength at Gibraltar it is apparently verging toward that condition again It does not matter so much who occupies the bottle as who drives in the stopper.

#### Weeps for Silver, Hustles for Gold. New York Mail and Expr

Colorado, the home of Belford, Teller an ther eminent weeping mourners at the tomb f free coinage, closes the year with a net gold production of about \$22,000,000, or per haps \$2,000,000 more than that of any other state in the union. The complicity of the Centennial state in the crime of 1873 is of the first degree and eighteen karats fine.

### Decline in Railway Construction. Philadelphia Time

While the railways already in operation carried more freight and passengers during the year just closing than in either of the two years preceding, the business revival started too late in the season to induce capitalists to put any considerable amount of money cew railway constructions. Low water mark in railway building was reached in 1895, when only 1,803 miles of new track were laid, and the increase over this record in 1897 was only sixty-cue miles, the new track for the year amounting to but 1,864 miles. In eleve states and territories not a mile of new track was laid and in five others the new track was limited to from a half mile to a mile and a quarter in each.

#### Practicing on Foreigners. PhilaCelphia Record

Turkish gunners seem to have acquired the babit of making largets of foreign gunboats. The firing on the Bancroft at Smyrna has The firing on een followed by two similar attacks made in rapid succession upon Greek gunboats a Prevesa, on the Gulf of Ambracia. It is serted that the assault upon the Greek vessels is to be construed as a notice from the Turkish government of the closure of the Ambracian gulf to navigation. The Turks should be careful to confine their rude methods of intimating their purposes Turkey. o the ships of poor, disspirited Greece; aner power might resent such discourte otification by knocking a few Turkish forts nto smithereeus.

### Spoils in China.

### Louisville Courier-Journal.

China, which was a nation thousands of cars before the birth of Christ, and which he German emperor says is an artichoke, to e caten by Europe bit by bit, contains about mensely ne-fourth of the globe's population, thus listributed:

Square miles, Population 'hina proper ..... Anchurla 115,000 8,000.00 4,009.00 6,090.00 ngolia.. .... ..... 650,000 uku-nor and Tsal-Kulja.... 26,000

Total.... 4,567,000 381,600,00 It is evidently not quantity but quality that distinguishes between artichokes and empires.

## True Civil Service Reform.

Philadelphia Ledger Labor Commissioner Wright tells the senate, officially, that if the last census had been taken by a force wroking on civil service principles nearly \$10,000,000 might have been saved from its cost. On the othe hand, Pension Commissioner Evans declares also efficially, that the civil service law does not accomplish the results expected of 1 and that he could dispense with at least 10 of the clerks in his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. The statements appear to be antagonistic. In reality they are not. Both are arguments for civil service form. True civil service principles woul

LOOKING FORWARD.

Prospect of Way Between Costa Rica Impending Throughout the World. H. Louis GI

Seldom in the world a history have so many poch-making events been impending in different parts of the earth at the beginning of a year as appear to be in sight at the Herald's correspondent in Managua. The present moment. The most important of these, because it promises to directly involve the largest number of nations is the coming lismemberment, or threatened dismember nent, of China, the division between Gernony, Russia and France on one side and charge against him was complicity in a revo-lutionary movement against President Zelaya. Ecgland and Japan on the other which it foreshadows, and the mighty conflict between Senor Bereche's exequateur was cancelled at these and perhaps other countries which it the time of his arrest. promises to cause. In another part of Asia, at the frontier of India, England's troubles, which have aroused a great deal of concern in that country are still in the acute stage. the Costa Rican government to Nicaragua t coure his release. with the chances that the uprising will spread. The work of the partitioning of aprend. Africa, which is still actively under way be finally he was release on bail. Considerable ween several of the large European nations. friction England's advance up the Nile, the general Egyptian question, the Boer republic's difficultics and other unsolved and more or less reasing problems threaten to precipitate a

were quietly preparing for war, and these re-ports were not altogether unfounded. onvuision on that continent. In Europe the political elements are also a condition of perturbation. Francis Finally, despite protegts from Costa Rice, the a condition of perturbation. Francis Joseph has suspended the constitution, and trial of Consul Bereche by court-martial began. President Zelaya swept aside Costa vill levy taxes, disburse moneys, conduc Rica's demanda and the administration without the sanction of ago he Parliament, and play the role of absolute tence. numarch until June 30 mext providing a rebellion powerful enough to upset his au-thority, like that which drove out his predecessor in 1848, does not intervene. The rebellion may not occur in that time, but it The though there was a report that he would be pardoned. It is supposed that he has gone is certain that the race feude in the polyglot to Costa Rica and will lay the case before impire which caused the deadlock in the president Austrian Parliament are increasing in in-This has aroused a new friction between ensity, and portend, in the opinion of many Austrian publicists, a general intelligent ollapse of the empire. The trail thread ters, will be the result. In the meantime which binds Norway to Sweden, which dual monarchy is a far looser league than even the Austro-Hungarian coulition has been Believing that war between that government and Costa Rica is probable, Nicaraguan exiles since 1867, threatens to either be cut or a Costa Rica are going to Salvador to try ightened by civil war. There is a growing to induce President Gutierrez to aid them against Niceragua. Salvador, however, is ension between Prussia and the couthern states of the German empire, which, how-ever, the kaiser's theatrical foreign policy in great danger of a revolution, so President Guilerrez in the present case is an unknown

may temporarily relieve. France's coming general election for members of the Chamber montity. ected daily. The Herall's correspondent n San Salvador telegraphs that the situation f Deputies excites among many republicans ears of a Bonapartist or Bourbon reaction financially and politically could not be worse. and the shadow of the man on horseback begins to foom above the horizon. Spain is in scrious ctraits on account of her vast and WEATHER IS CHILLY IN ALASKA. ain expenditure of life and money in the Thermometer Ranges from Fifty to Cutan conflict, and a possible Carlist or re ublicin rising, or both, is constantly in the

SEATTLE, Jan. 3 .- The Klondikers that minds of Spanish statesmen, while the Cretan ave arrived here on the steamer Corona. question is coming up in as monacing a shape as it took a year ago, when it prefrom Skagway and Talya say the weather s extremely cold, the thermometer ranging ipitated the war between Greece and from 50 to 70 below. The ice along the On the American continent the issues of river is piled up as high as fifteen feet and

vorld interest are the attitude of the United only the best climbers can get over it. The States toward the Spanish-Cubro conflict and nounted police, with sixteen horses and the question of Hawaii. Recognition of the colligerency of the insurgents seems to b wenty tons of provisions, were met at Ben-tet Lake, on the way down to Big Salmon, where Major Walsh is awaiting them. mpending in the first case and annexation ertain in the second. Alaska is about to b The town council of Skagway has adopted pened to development and the gold dis a set of resolutions protesting against the abolishment of the sub-port of Taiya. The overles in that region and in the Klondik

cality promises to immediately and Im colutions set forth that the duty collected ince the establishment of the port amounted increase the world's stock of tha metal, and to exercise an even more poter o \$50,000 and that the revenue to be de influence on the world's financial ideas on on international trade than the gold dis ived during the next twelve months will arobably exceed \$20,000. People are pour-ng into Skagway and Taiya on every

overies in California and Australia half entury ago caused. The federative idea steamer. lentral America is likely to extend and t Ind more practical and permanent expre sion in the coming twelve months than has thus far assumed, while down in th ie coast and deep snows on the summit.

150.00 southern Pacific the experiment in constitu tion framing on the United States model by Australia is likely to virtually add at an early 1.000.00300,000150,000lay another name to the roll of nations Not since Bonaparte's overthrow in 1815, ept in 1848, when France's expulsion of th

citizen king started a wave of revolution from St. George's channel to the Black sea when the cession of California and New Mexic o the United States advanced the country'

southwesterly boundary to the Pacific, and when the gold discoveries in California begar double the world's money stock of the etal, has so many events of universal importance been forestadowed at the coening lays of any year as appear to be impending day.

# EXPORT RECORD.

overing a great variety of goods, from

pewriting machine to a locomotive. In the ten months under consideration this class

of exports amounted in value to \$51,333,000

nd showed an increase over the same perio

ur exports are indeed astonishing.

ports in various lines might be cited.

ments published by the chief of the

RECOGNIZES THE NEW KING.

is Its Oyster.

acres are devoted to wheat raising, and the

yield of that crop is about 450,000,000 bushela on the average. Of course wheat brings more

years from and ideluding 1890

Leader

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industrial career.

### Yankee Push and Enterprise Permente the Earth.

and one-half ounces. One of Bostor in Captain Carroll's room was packed with It is not too much to say that the year nuggets of all sizes. The correspondent had at going out has been the most remark ie opportunity of seeing this wealth through

#### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. THOUBLES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

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Seventy Below Zero.

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It is still believed to be literally true that the powers interested in the partition of Thina are too strong to fight. NEW YORK, Jun. 3 .- A dispatch to the

Herald from Panama says: The trouble be-Senator William B, Bate of Tennessee egan life as an underclerk on a steamboat tween Costa Rica and Nicaragua has taken a He owes his position entirely to his own new phase, according to advices from the nergy and persistence.

Theodore S. Parvin of Cedar Rapids, Ia., Costa Rican consul at Managua has been senhas scent his whole life collecting books on Masonty and how has a library of about tenced to five years imprisonment and has flied. The Costa Rican consul, Senor Eduardo Horeche, was arrested in that city on Sep-tember 17 of last year and imprisoned. The 0,000 volumes-said to be the best in the world.

Mrs. Hesing, widow of the last postmaster Chicago, has received a letter of con-lence from the Newsboys' association of Graud Rapide, Mich., and says that she prizes it as highly as any letter she has received.

Senor Bereche was in prison for several weeks despite the representation made by A Chicago witness testified that he drank seventy-two bottles of weiss beer in one fternoon and did not think It was intoxicat-Costa Rica demonded ng. It would be interesting to know how that proofs against its consul be produced, many he would have to drink in order to be though ertain about H.

After gravely reflecting for a few mements between the two governments was Joseph Jefferson replied as follows to a Cin-cinnati bore who asked him when an actor aused and this was followed by the interchange of several sharp motes. There were reports that both Nicaragua and Costa Rica ought to retire: "Well, counting the time getting out of costume and the slowners of hackmen. I think an actor should retire at about 11:45.

Governor Pingres of Michigan says that the newspapers have done him a great deal of harm recently in a matter of business. According to his statement he had a phos-CRUYN 8011-This sentence was kept secret yesterday. Senor Bereche in phate mine in Venezuela that he was going to buy for \$80,000. The papers took the matter some way learned of this sentence about a up and the owners at once doubled their eek ago, and immediately lef. Nicaragua, price.

John Campbell, proprietor of a hotel at Warren, O., enjoys the distinction of being a double cousin of President McKinley. His father and Mr. McKinley's grandmother were brother and sister, his mother and the presi-dent's father having been crusins. Not only the government and the end came as before dent's father having been cousins. Not only told. War, it is believed in many quar-that, Mr. Campbell bears a remarkable persoral likeness to the nation's chief magis-Nicaragua is threatened from another source. trate.

In Pomona, Colo., there died the other day man who was born in New York City in 812, but went west in 1831 and knew Daniel Boons. He was William Blake, and was a cutenant under Frement on the first expelition to California. He often told of his participation in the first planting of the flag An outbreak in Salvador is exon Pike's Peak. He made several fortunes, but left only a few thousand dollars.

Governor Bushnell of Ohio gave a pardon o Ralph Wintersgill, a life prisoner, on Infistmas day, which was promptly refused. Wintersgill is now 70 years old and has erved twenty years. In declining the parhe said the state had unfitted him for

We and that he did not care to go back in 143 old age to a world that had forgetten him and preferred that the state should continue o cure for him to the end.

### LAST YEAR'S GAGS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The sultan's srestler is coming to this country," "He's a Mussulman, of course,"

Brooklyn Life: "Darlins!" he cried, and throw himself at hor feet. The haughty damsel salvered, as in apprehension, "That low Princeton tackle!" she muttered, striv-ing to be caim.

Detroit Journal: "A woman may con-sider herself tactful," remarked the ob-server of men and things, "when she is able to which a man around her fingers without breaking aim all up,"

Detroit Free Press; "You live by butch-ry," declared the manufacturer of pills to Hotels and lodging houses are axed to their full capacity. The trails across "And you by pillage," came the quick the mountains are not in good condition at resent, owing to raw and warm weather o 05Uot

Chicago Tribune: "Mrs. Gaswell, your daughter's visit to Europe seems to have made her quite a polished young woman." "I should say so. My land! You ought The estimates of the amount of gold They range all the way from \$100,000 t "I should say so. My fand! You ougl to hear hor say, 'I shall be very pleased,' Dr. Vanzandt of Peorla, Ill., and

Washington Star: "He doesn't seem to ERINGING GOLD FROM KLONDIKE. amount to much in the community?" "No. He's so unimportant that nobody ever sends him a calendar," Last Steamer Said to Have Carried a

Cincinnati Enquirer: "False-hearted scauty," he sobbingly shricked, "I shall SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- A Chronicle special from Port Townsend, Wash, says "No?" asked the heartless one. "No." I shall start in now and try to save There was \$627,050 in gold nuggets in the

steamer Corona, which has just arrived from money.' Alaska. The gold was carefully guarded on

Many of the nuggets weighed as high as fifteen ounces. A man named J. Davidson, who says he halls from Cripple Creek, Cole. Philadelphia Bulletin. "I wish to estab-lish a fine private library. What book is the best to start on?" "I would advise a pocketbook." has a nugget which he says weighs fifteen

Memphis Appeal: "Jones thinks a great drawers "We're not; I owe him money."

and he never talks shop at the table.

Cleveland Plain Dealer; "No, I never hear invihing about the bread that mother used to bake," "Why not?"

Indianapolis Journal: The Youthful En-husiast-I have just heard that two people, who have lived with each other in the bonds of matrimony for a long time, comi-to look much alike. Isn't it beautiful to

The Savage Bachelor-I don't see anything

grade

married a partner in a wholesale bakery

a rank partisan machine, operated in total disregard of law or equity for promothing the schemes of political heelers and levying tribute upon the liquor in-

has no binding force upon a police com-

missioner why should he have any re-

gard for the oath of a policeman? If

the men who keep disorderly resorts

can buy immunity from the law by sub-

commissioners' organ, why should a

policeman have computetions about ac

cepting tips from the keepers of gam-

bling houses and worse places? The

of law and justice on the part of the

force that is expected under its direc-

for this community the police commis-

usurpation and compel it to act within

the bounds which the lawmakers have

largest bona fide circulation of any

newspaper published in this county. A more shameless perversion of the facts and the law and a more reckless violation of the oath that binds each mem

ber of the police board to act impartially and without partisan prejudice in the discharge of their duties could not well be imagined. And yet two of these men have heretofore enjoyed a fair reputation for integrity and honor. How these men can unblushingly lend them selves to such a piece of dishonest jugglery passes our comprehension. They certainly must realize that their brazen deprive them of every vestige of popular respect and confidence, and affords the most convincing proof that the so called nonpartisan reform police board

is a monumental fraud. Instead of being nonpartisan and impartial it is

terest to feed an unscrupulous partisan some members said it was too radicai organ. In making itself a party to deand others feared that by insisting upon sention and fraud the dominant majority

reference is here made.

New York custom house officials have matter of assessment and taxation could abolished the farewell kiss. European travel will not be as popular as heretofore.

The troubles of the Spanish government multiply. Last year it had the Cuban war on its hands and now it also has General Weyler in the same uncomfortable position.

ble to compel them to bear their just Although Major McKinley was elected share of the burdens of government. president on a platform that gave no promise about opening the mints it will ure came from those who feared that if be recalled that none of the mints have the principle was adopted with referclosed recently.

mentioned it would be gradually ex-A Pacific slope paper hits the nail on the head when it declares that if this tended to others and ultimately a sysem would be built up approaching the country will redeem its waste and arid lands it will have quite enough to do ncome tax principle of raising revenue. There is this difference, that in the case without annexing the waste and arid of these companies doing an interstate lands of other countries. business and having rights and fran------

The Chinese emperor was badly frightened by that eclipse of the sun, but he of competition do not apply and they has not lost his wits, as shown by the fact that he has again called Li Hung Chang from retirement as chief counselor of the empire.

made in the matter of assessing the property of these companies still more This year the American laboring men will attend to their work and go on radical measures are sure to be atdrawing fair wages and not trouble themselves about the demands of the silver bullionaire. The lesson learned the past year has been valuable,

A Salt Lake alchemist claims to be able to convert antimony into gold. As his process requires a heat of 5,000 degrees, which is higher than the thermometer goes even in Arizona, he has not turned out a large amount of the precious metal.

Judge Keysor has not said a word for two weeks, but when he does speak the police board organ may hear something The report makes the familiar asserabout the freedom of the press to hold up people without being subject to the penalties imposed on individuals guilty value is not firmly enough fixed, that of the same practices. he large amount of government demand

Trade reports from New Orleans indicate that that city has recovered almost wholly from the disastrous effects plicit legislative definition of the gold of the yellow fever plague of last fall. The movement of cotton is brisk and maintained; also a requirement that all southern trade in general is good. But obligations, public and private, unless for the paralysis of business due to the f ver epidemic the south would have shall be payable in conformity with that had the past year one of the most prosperous on record.

sistent that the government cannot well

deer route will be given a fair trial.

say that with a majority of silver men Dr. Nansen is quoted as predicting in the senate it will not be done by this failure of the project of sending relief congress. It is also recommended, of to the miners in Alaska on sledges drawn course, that the outstanding note issues by reindeer imported from Norway. He of the government be gradually retired says the deer will starve before they get and this is really the central point of the to the miners. It certainly looks like a

tempted. defined for it. MONETARY COMMISSION REPORT. Up to this day no member of the The report of the monetary commis-Board of Education has yet shown any ion contains a large amount of informadisposition to ascertain by personal inion that will be useful to those who are interested in the currency question. It gives a clear statement of the different forms of currency, with the legislation providing for them, and presents a brief, hough adequate, "story of the stand-

quiry how the income of the school board can be increased so as to enable the board to erect a \$10,000 school house each year. Had The Bee made an offer to show how the board could turn an honest penny in a school lot ard." All this the general reader will real estate deal, twenty-four hours find instructive. In its discussion of the

would not have elapsed before some encurrency problem we do not find anyterprising member would have applied thing essentially new and perhaps there for the information. is nothing new to be said on the subject. The exposition buildings should not tions that our currency system is defecremain exposed to the imminent danger tive and unsafe, that the standard of of being destroyed by fire for want of water. Some action should be taken

to secure fire protection either by conobligations is a menace and that the curnecting the water mains and hydrants ency is not sufficiently elastic.

that have been placed on the grounds The commission recommends an exwith the water works mains or by the acquisition of a steam five engine that standard and a pledge that it will be can be kept in readiness at all times to suppress a fire.

otherwise stipulated in the contract. The Bee is still waiting for some mem ber of the Board of Education to call standard. There is no doubt that this for the prize package which contains ought to be done, but it is needless to the information that will enable the

> board to add \$10,000 to the school fund annually without involving the board in the expenditure of one dollar or requiring it to scale anybody's wages or decrease the number of its employes.

commission's plan of currency revision. Why cannot the city contract for foolhardy venture, but the rumors of The process of retirement suggested Welsbach lamps for the principal thordanger to the miners have been so per- would cover a period of ten years, at the oughfares and for ordinary gas lights end of which time the legal tender qual- for the side streets and suburban loafford to do nothing for them. The rein- ity of any notes then outstanding would calities? Inasmuch as the United Gas cease. This is more conservative than concern owns the gas works as well as any claim to be civilized.

clerks, nor would the spollsmen who are now of the board has said in so many words that it will tolerate lawlessness, provid rying to defeat the civil service law reduce ing that it contributes toward the supis force. They would dismiss one clerks, but would immediately lostall an port of the Herdman gang and their other, and, if possible, a larger one. If Mr

Evans thought he was presenting an argu-With such an example before them ment for the repeal of a law which has been what is to be expected from the police roved to be just and wholesome he showed lamentable confusion of ideas. force? Do figs grow from thistles? When a policeman knows that an oath

# A Social Function in Kansas.

Miss Dorothy Pozzleman gave one of th bet delightful whist parties of the season There were seven tables, and resterday. he refreshments consisted of the usual stuff served on such occasions. Among the ucets were Miss Alice Blimsor, who holds a mitting to being plucked by the police ecord of having attended every whist party of 1896 of 32 per cent. ast season and this; Mrs. John Linderman who is always bumming around when sh ught to be at home attending to household utles; Miss Marguerite Hilling, who loafs at neonle's houses so much that several hua inevitable tendency of the perversion ands have privately threatened to thro her out; Mrs. Jim Slaugh, who has a sick ning habit of "falling in love" with other police board must be to destroy what vomen; Mins Martha Pink, who thinks she little moral stamina there is left in the is so pretty that she will marry well, no difference whether she knows anything or not. Miss Edith Wyandorfer the old maid tion to maintain law and order and who tries to create the impression that she suppress vice and crime. Fortunately is a very devout church worker, but who is such an awful gessip and so disagreeabl that no man will have anything to do with sion is not clothed with absolute her; Miss Jane Ranfoley, whose parents are power, nor is it above all law in cartoo poor to support her in idleness, and who rying on the affairs entrusted to it. ught to go to work. And there were others. of statistics. There is still a power that can curb its

#### Small Talk. New York Sun.

Mr. Albion W. Small, described as "head rofessor of sociology at the University of hicsgo," has returned to Cook county 'from a five menths' trip abroad." We ha As befits a professor of "sociology"

ciolistics, Prof. Small is full of observa-ions which he bestows freely upon his les ifted fellow citizens. One of these observa ona is that "American dio! macy has mad is the laughing stock of Europe.

Did the head professor of "sociology" o inlistica become to hear anybody in Europ ughing at the Monroe doctrine, the reasse n of which is the most important ork of American diplomacy? With th oper length of ears one may hear much al surely nobody can hear more than

refessor of "sociology" or sciolistics. "Our country," continues the great Smal a veparded by Europe much as is Kansas y the New York papers; still, I am proud to a citizen of this country."

Very nice of Email, but can the countr ay conscientiously that it is proud of the ofessor of "sociology" or sciolatics? Amer on "sociology" or spelolistics has made it elf the laughing stock of all men of sense

# A Financial Anomaly.

One of the unexplained anomalies of the world of finance is found in the fact that is no country that leads the world in its gol

tion a great barty should be agitating year, however, a change is taking place. For he first nine months of 1897 the exports of r the free coinage of ellver at a ratio cer in to drive its gold to the countries which roduce less gold, but have the good sense wheat and flour were valued at \$95,000,000, while these of corn reached the total of \$47,600,000, and the exports of wheat and o try to keep what they have at home and

flour for a part of this year have been ex-Of the \$240,000,000 of gold produced in the ceptionally large. Corn is likely to become more important as year just closed the share of the Unite States will reach \$61,500,000, or a trifle mor

than one-fourth of the total. South Afric comes second on the list, with about \$58,000, oth as a human food and for hogs and cattle but there is now a promise that parts of the 00: Australia third with \$51,000,000 an Russia fourth, with \$25,000,000. The tota gold product of the world is 20 per cent morcorn plan; which have heretofore been dis-carded as of no utility can be made to yield than in 1896, and with a Kiondike just op a revenue equal to if not in excess of what the farmer receives for the grain. Indeed it has been estimated that the core crop may, to the prospects are that the increase in 1898 vill be still greater.

exported.

with the help of science, he made to yield the farmer \$40 an acre where it yields but he world should have a large body of citizen intent on driving gold out of circulation by an unlimited issue of 40-cent silver dollars \$14 now.

The American farmer has been sympathized is explainable only on the theory that there with for years, and there has been good cause is more financial ignorance to the square for sympathy, but there are possibilities to mild in this country than in any other with agriculture in this country that were not is explainable only on the theory that there is more financial ignorance to the square dreamed of, perhaps, a dozen years ago.

the kindness of Captain Carroll. In addition able in our history as to gains in foreign o this amount there was considerably more

carefully tied up in sacks, distributed among the returning Klondikers. A careful esti-mate made of drafts and gold dust shows Is the Yankee manufacturer yet to overshadow the earth? It would appear so, as here was about \$1,200,000 in wealth aboard one looks over the figures of exports for 1897 In the first ten months our increase in he Corona.

domestic exports, as compared with the same months of 1896, was more than 10 per cent, or \$79,250,000. The ratio of gain in manu-F. Harmon McConciell of San Francisc as one of the returning passengers. rerified the estimates given that over \$1.000,-000 was brought out by the miners. In his actures exported was, in fact, greater than in agriculture-a most remarkable and grati pointen that is a conservative estimate. ying achievement.

FRAGMENTS OF '97. Even more astonishing have been our gains exports of iron and steel manufactures

### Statistics of Suicides, Epidemics, Wars, Lynchings, Embezzlements.

Chicago Tribune During the year 1897 there have been 6,600 uicides in the United States, against 6,520 or the previous year-an increase of 80.

As for iron and steel in their crude form There has been a more favorable showing as nd in manufactured articles of great bull to murders, however, the number showing a decrease from 10,652 in 1896 to 9,520 in Te ears ago the exports of iron and steel wer 897, in spite of holdups and burgiaries in They crept up to \$30,000,000 i 1893, to \$41,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year 1896, and at the end of the fiscal year Chicago. The embezziements in the United States in-

reased from \$9,465,921 to \$11,248,084 in 1897. June of the outgoing year they were \$57 while the donations to educational and char-They are still growing. Our ex table purposes remained nearly stationary. ort of steel rails has made a commotion i the world's markets. As for pig iron, from having but an export of \$143,000 worth in The aggregate of the latter for the year wa 33,612,814, of which \$10,203,450 was for col-

1887 we have mounted to an export of \$2 552 leges, \$14,785,626 for charities, \$5,023,738 for 000 during the last year, or a gain of 380 per urches, and \$1,218,000 for museums and ublic galleries Many astonishing figures of increased ex-The losses of life by epidemics and famine They eported throughout the world in 1897 have may be found in detail in the elaborate docu ggregated 222,902. Of these it is estimated bureau that 40,000 succumbed to the plague in India And what is all the more and 150,000 from famine, the result of Wey gratifying is the fact that these increasing er's concentration policy in Cuba. Some of exports are not accidental, except possibly the estimates of American consuls in Cuba place the locs of life from starvation in the this year's export of cereals, but may be

island at a still higher figure. reckoned as permanent facts in our future The destruction of life by battle through-Barring too much tariff tinkering and a out the world shows a decrease in 1897 as compared with 1896, the number for the narrow, selfish spirit in our general foreign policy, our trade abroad must go on increas-ing, filling our workshops, enriching our ormer being 103,451, against 129,080 for the our atter. As might be expected, Cuba was the reasury, and removing discontent and dis worst sufferer, the sacrifice there being 24,303; rust among the producing classes generally Africa, 18,205; Brazil, 10,859; China 15,000; Turkey and Greece (in Turko-Greeian war), 11,839; Philippine Islands, 759, and in the campaigning in India, Corn Holds the Throne and the World 7.024. The statistics of lynchings in the United

States indicate that this reprehensible crime The New York Journal of Commerce attinues to flourish in spite of the wellmeant efforts in some parts of the country crowns corn as the king of American cereal The whole number of stamp it out. crops, and declares that it is now ahead of lynchings for the year amounted to wheat in all respects but one-the volume gainst 131 in 1896. Of those occurring during the last year, 146 were in the That is true, too. The corn crop occupies and twenty in the northern states, 122 of \$2,000,000 acres and the yield averages about the victims being negroes, thirty-nine whites 2,000,000,000 bushels; while only 34,000,000 and five Indians.

> LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT. Americans Hendy to Replenish the

be the average selling value of the corn crop is \$500,000,000, while that of wheat is only \$300,000,000. During the nix Commissary Department. San Franc We read in the daily papers that the wholesale provision houses in San Francisco average exports of wheat and flour were valued at \$157,000,000 a year, while those of have been invited to make bids for provisions even were only valued at \$60,000,000. This for the Russian military pasts on the Pacific have been invited to make bids for provisions that the "mercantile community is con that the "mercanic consequence;" that "the ably excited in consequence;" that "the prices of cannel goods and flour are rising;" prices of cannel goods & Co. have been inthat "Dodge, Sweency & Co. have been in-vited to bid on 1,299 tons of groceries;" that "an order had been received for several shiploads of flour for the use of Russian gar-risons," that "agents of the czar have ordered 10,000 tons of barreled beef from Chi-

ago for delivery at Vladivostok." The Argonaut is aware that many apparently same individuals look with scorn very American who does not want to interfere in every row that is going on in every quarter of the globe. None the less, it may be permitted to remark that the gentle men who wish us to intervene with force of arms and prevent Europe from gobbling up China are not nearly so sensible as the raders in San Francisco who advocate nonintervention, and who will have an oppor

tunity in case of war to dispose of canned meats, groceries, canned fruits, flour, mess pork and canned beel to the combatants-for consideration.

beautiful in the thought of two people gra ually taking on a look of chronic worry. WHEN WHEAT WENT TO PAR. J. F. Gill in Northwestern Miller, Once on a time, it matters not when, There was much discontent, and many wise men Said the not distant future in prephetic would

see mighty evils triumphant o'er right There was little to call for prediction so dire. Save the one lonesome fact that men did

aspire. To get all they could and keep what they Whether feeble and helpless should suffer or not

From pulpit and platform and well informed press Were issued appeals for relief of distress; While victims of sweat shops sought pity

for wee. And thousands of idlers had nowhere to go; From morning till night and from night until for a Phroughout a fair land fresh troubles were

horn, In city and hamlet, in palace and cot. No place could be found where depression was not.

The poverty-stricken with hunger made Would seek consolation where others were giad. When asked a crumb at the wealthiest door, When asked a trumb at the wealthiest door, Were told that too many had been there Were before; Thus hunger made beggars and beggars made crime When two loaves of bread could be bought for a dime, The end came at last of this hopeless con-Saw faith lost in sight, hope end in fruition,

it was not solemn pleadings, for pleadings vero vain, Not so much because men found employment again, that confidence ruled where once was despair, banquets where lately the cupboards living were hare When it was, where it was, you may readily also the cause of this awful distress; longed-for relief shone forth like a And als

silver went down and wheat went to When par.



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a crop from year to year. Not only is less consumption in the United States chormous.

That the leading gold producing country of