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grate quite so badly as turning a school into a jail. That Jacksonian club kitty has appar-

Turning a jail into a school would not

ently been having company in its nightly purring parties.

South Dakota populists are for fusion, as usual, with the populist band wagon as the only vehicle in the procession. Nebraska has been officially dubbed

the Tree Planters state. Its inhabitants well-earned. Omaha's population is growing every

day. And people do not locate in a place conditions. It is not for this government unless they think the prosperity thermometer is on the rise. The raid on the tiger seems to have

shown the local knights of the green to have been a little premature in their what is necessary for our national de- a time would be parallel only to bidcelebration of St. Patrick's day. It is plain now that Lee Herdman made a bad bungle when he let that

\$3,000 boodle gambling bill get away from him at the last legislature. The Bee does not have to put up : bond to guarantee to advertisers that it has the largest circulation of any paper

published in the state. The Bee's de-

themselves. It may be stated officially that every all his friends and neighbors and neigh-

one side by the arcanoper and on the of a policy which has never had the other by the jabberwock is not exhibited slightest chance of success. somewhere in the exposition grounds the success of the great show will certainly be seriously imperilled.

as the best paying advertising mediums yet devised.

Omaha has been designated as the headquarters of the military Department of the Missouri because of its peculiar Atness for that purpose and rival cities will have to produce stronger claims than they have thus far advanced to take the headquarters away from this city.

The Rock Island \$100,000,000 mortgage that is being recorded in every county through which the Rock Island railroad and ocean routes consequently so long runs, as a result of the refunding of its that capitalists have heretofore shrunk bonded debt, will doubtless next fall in from the project of laying a cable to the scheduled list of popocratic evidences connect them. The commerce of the of the way the gold standard is crushing Pacific is growing, the cities on the westthe poor man.

Watch for the huge hunks of disgust on the face of the police board organ in case Police Judge Gordon, against whom it has been railing for his alleged There is no reason, however, why the leniency to prisoners, binds over for trial the batch of fraternity friends who tion of its subsidy experience with the have been enjoying next-door quarters Pacific railroads. The cable is not a to the mongrel sheet.

The owners of flocks of sheep on the western ranges ought to be able to answer intelligently all questions about government should be handled the same the advantages of a republican national as that of private individuals. administration. Their records of purchases and sales the past four or five on which to base a good argument.

Two members of the Iowa delegation in congress have publicly announced that they will not be candidates for renomination-Sam Clark of the First district and George M. Curtis of the Second district. Both are serving second terms and both assign as a reason for retirement the press of private business. The charms of public life always appear greater to those who are seeking them than to those who have them.

The California mining fair in connection with the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold was a success as an exhibition showing the progress that has clare themselves for protection in order been made in mining in the half century and calling attention to the resources, developed and undeveloped, of the Paeific coast. But the management faces feeling in favor of a protective tariff is a deficit of from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The growing with tremendous strides not San Francisco newspapers attribute this to the fact that the management did not also. The south, he says, is peculiarly on the opening furnish popular entertainment for the visitors in the evenings. by protection and with the bugaboo of However instructive a fair or exhibition negro supremacy out of the way the triot in the land his father had adopted,

DISLIKE OUR WAR PREPARATIONS. The representations submitted to the State department by the Spanish cabinet relative to the assembling of Amerwill, it is said, receive no official response, since they are not made in the nature of a protest and involve no acpreparations for possible hostilities, will of judicious protection. be prejudicial to the policy of autnomy in Cuba and encourage the insurgents.

any attention would be given It by this

governmend It is possible that the presence of the United States fleet near Cuba is somewhat encouraging to the insurgents, but out of the policy of autonomy it is sufficlent to say that that policy was doomed holds of protection. to failure before a single war ship of the fleet now off Key West was sent there. Autonomy was indignantly spurned by the insurgents as soon as it was decreed rated and carried on with the connivance and even before the Sagasta ministry of the police authorities during the past had formulated the new policy for Cuba four weeks must stop. No matter what it was told that it would be utterly use- may be the attitude of Governor Holless as a means of pacifying the island, comb's outlaw police board, which At no time since has there been the slightest indication that the new policy man as the representative of the could be put into effect outside of the gamblers' gang, the law-respecting even within that territory there is a tinuance of this kind of police-protected very considerable opposition to it, robbery. groundless and will be so regarded by all governments familiar with the situa-

The sending of our fleet into southern necessary naval practice there was nothing critical in the situation, no severe strain upon the relations of the two countries. The Maine disaster has since come to create tension and anxiety should omit nothing to make the name and to justify the retention of our war ships off the Florida coast for a possible visitors to become the guests of the city emergency. No other government on earth would do otherwise under existing position. There is an obligation resting to consider what effect the presence of adequate protection against the lawless insurgents or upon Spanish policy in Cuba. It concerns itself entirely with give free sway to gamblers, bunco the interests of the United States, with steerers and confidence sharps at such fense. This applies also to the prepara- ding a friend to dinner for the purpose tions making for possible hostilities. It of waylaying and robbing him. is a matter of no consequence to our government what influence these preparations may exert upon Cuban affairs. Its duty to the American people is to be ready for any exigency that may be largely increased and the amount arise and it will abate no effort in this direction because of Spanish complaint

tailed circulation statements speak for necessary is unquestionable. If the representations of the Spanish cabinet are intended, as surmised, member of the Concatenated Order of effect in Europe, undoubtedly they will anxious to indulge vicious propensities. Hoo Hoos present in Omaha this week fail of their purpose, except with the one will come to the exposition and bring or two governments whose sympathy is already with Spain. It will be utterly futile for the Spanish government to attempt to fasten upon the United If the original hoo-hoo supported on States any responsibility for the failure

or displeasure. Our right to make what-

ever defensive preparations we deem

AFTER A CABLE SUBSIDY.

It is evident that another effort will be made in the present congress to work Business men cannot be warned too a subsidy out of the United States treasoften against the advertising fakir who uny for the benefit of the promoters of wants him to invest in some sure thing the Pacific cable scheme. The house publication. Legitimate and responsible committee on foreign commerce has newspapers have stood the test of time made a report favoring a bill to authorize construction of a cable across the Pacific ocean and proposing a subsidy of \$100,000 a year for twenty years, con ditioned only that the cable be subject to government control in case of war and that messages be transmitted for the government without expense.

A cable connecting the Pacific coast of China with the Pacific coast of the United States by way of Hawaii and the Japanese islands would doubtless facilitate commerce in that part of the world. The Pacific ocean is so large ern coast of the United States are more important and the trade with Japan and China is undergoing great changes, so the building of the cable may be justifled before many years have passed. government should go through a repetimilitary necessity nor is it required for the opening up of an undeveloped part of our country. It is a plain matter of business and the cable business of the

Before going into cable subsidies the United States will do well to acquire a years will furnish all the data needed postal telegraph system for internal communication

PROTECTION IN THE SOUTH.

No section of the country has profited more from protection in recent years than the south. In 1890 the number of cotton mills in the southern states was 254, employing \$61,000,000 capital, while according to the latest figures the present number of mills in 490, employing capital to the amount of \$125,000,000. In view of this and the growth of other manufacturing enterprises it is not surprising that protection sentiment is growing apace in the south and that numbers of leading democrats in that section have found it necessary to deto retain their political power.

A Virginia democrat who favors protection says to the New York Sun that the only in Virginia, but the entire south in a condition to be immensely benefited

the Florida coast, together with the to be accomplished only through a policy new name the first day.

The south has already realized a great deal of benefit from the present tariff The view in Washington is that this is and it is certain, in common with all ish cabinet doubtless having no idea that from it. Southern men who are not inthere are a great many such, will recogsection and array themselves in support of that policy. The time is not reas to its being prejudicial to the carrying mote when some of the states of the south will be among the greatest strong-

CLEAN OUT THE GAMBLERS. The reign of open gambling inaugunotoriously takes its orders from Herdterritory under Spanish control and people of Omaha will not tolerate a con-

Therefore the representation that our | Under the criminal code of Nebraska fleet in southern waters will prejudice the keeping of gambling resorts constithe effort of the Spanish authorities to tutes a penitentiary offense and there are carry out that policy is unreasonable and ways in which the laws can be enforced without resorting to the gamblers' tools who make up Governor Holcomb's police board as intermediaries. This has been demonstrated once in connection waters was not prompted by any appre- with the slot-machine gambling devices, hension of danger from our relations for which the bogus police reformers with Spain. When it went there for stood sponsor as long as they dared, and it can and must be demonstrated again by the prosecution of the gamblers who have been keeping open house in the very heart of the city.

It must not be forgotten that Omaha has extended a general invitation to while attending the Transmississippi Exupon the community to afford strangers its war ships there may have upon the and vicious elements that are ever feady to prey upon the unwary. To

The idea that strangers will come to the exposition expecting to be plundered is simply preposterous. On the contrary, the exposition attendance will of money spent with local merchants and business men doubled if people know they are to be protected against fraud and will get full value for every dollar left with us. The people who want wholesome entertainment and recreation outnumber ten to one those So far as Omaha's good name is con

cerned and its reputation as a city suitable for homeseekers and promising to investors, it has everything to gain and nothing to lose by wiping out the entire gambling fraternity. Such a rigid enforcement of the law might shut certain popoeratic politicians out of a lucrative source of private revenue and campaign contributions, but it is the only way to enforce respect for the law and vindicate Omaha as a community of law-abiding and orderly people.

PROCTOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Senator Proctor yesterday gave the United States senate an account of what he saw on his recent visit to Cuba, in regard to which there has been a good deal of curiosity and some incorrect statements. It was the common impression that the senator went to Cuba at the instance of President McKinley, but it appears that his going there was simply to observe for himself the condition of affairs. Mr. Proctor took occasion to deny the report that he had said the Maine was blown up from the outside, remarking in this connection that there was no definite information to be obtained on this feature. This is still the case and all reports to the contrary should be discredited. The board of inquiry has made no disclosures to anybody and will not do so until it submits its report to the secretary of the

Senator Proctor confirms all previous estimony in regard to the terrible confound that such was not the case. In regard to autonomy, the senator found the general opinion to be that the policy came too late. Business and professional men were of the opinion that peace could not be restored under Spanish rule and he found some of them in favor of the United States annexing Cuba. If the statement is correct that the Spaniards have only 60,000 soldiers and the Cubans half that number it is evident that the latter can continue the conflict indefinitely if they can keep themselves supplied with ammunition. The statement of Senator Proctor does not indicate that the situation in Cuba is at all favorable to Spain.

Legislative carelessness promises to cost the state of Texas a pretty sum. Provision was made for voting on certain constitutional amendments and it was the intention that the election should be on the same day as the general election, but by a blunder the date was set a week earlier. Thus there will be two elections in the state only a week apart and the taxpayers will put up about \$100,000 to cover the expenses. It would be a measure of economy in most states to employ a legislative expert to revise the handiwork of the reformers who get into the general assemblies before it secures a place on the statute books.

The unfinished Chilian war ship which Spain has been trying to buy bears the may be the people demand something to southern democracy mean to be heard just as thousands of others of his race entertain them while they are learning. on this great and vital question. He have done in other lands. Bernado

declares that the Wilson bill was an O'Higgins, the Chillan hero, was the son aggregation of iniquities, while the only of a poor Irishman, who went to South objection to the Dingley bill is that it America to be missionary, but entered inet relative to the assembling of American war vessels and the defensive of protection. There is no doubt that the Spanish colony of Chili. When the preparations making by this government this Virginia democrat represents a insurgents declared for independence in large and growing element in the south, 1810 the son was chosen head of the which is steadily educating the people army. When the nation was formed he of that section to a recognition of the became dictator, but quickly resigned, cusation. They take the form of a com fact that the development of its re- owing to dissensions among the people. plaint that the presence of war ships oft sources and its material progress are If Spain had the ship it would give it a

The suggestion that the battle flags intended for effect in Europe, the Span- the rest of the country, to get more good southern neighbor was undoubtedly dissolubly bound to old prejudices, and hope that such generous action would nize what protection is doing for that nations. But there is every reason for cannot be changed.

A Yellow Handicap.

The Navy department wants dry docks on the Atlantic coast, but the naval commit-tee is hampered by the fact that under the is about time for some new legislation on

Why Boodlers Were Surprised.

If the members of common council were astounded yesterday when one of their num-ber, Mr. Stevenson of the Thirty-second ward, deciared that he had been offered orthe of \$5,000 for his vote for the Schuylkill Valley water ordinance, it was not because the bribe had been offered, but because a member to whom it had been offered told about it, instead of taking it.

Advancing Prices.

Minneapolis Tribune,
Recent statistics show that 80 out of 110 commodities in general use, chiefly agri-cultural, have risen in price within the last hortage and in spite of the downward tendency of the price of silver. If this means anything, then, it means that the consumers have increased their purchasing power eason of having a wider distribution of employment and better wages.

A Continuous Performance. New York Sun. Hon. Benjamin Tillman, the dispensary statesman, faced a rapt audience at Balti-

"I believe in free silver at 16 to 1 or It is depressing to believe that Hon. Benjamin Tillman bas to "bust." but he has been detonating direfully for about thirteen years. No constitution can endure these fre

more and remarked

Gold Flowing In.

Springfield Republican Gold never flowed out of the country in the most panicky times so pientifully as it is flowing in at present. Monday's engagements of the metal for import from abroad rise above \$4,000,000, and bring the total for three weeks above \$20,000,000. Sterling exchange remained weak even after these heavy transctions, indicating that the movement is no yet at an end. The effect upon the foreign money and exchange markets is highly disturbing, and depressing to speculation and

A Military Astemus Ward.

General Weyler declares that the Ameri cans shall not have Cuba if it takes the las Spanish peseta and all the dearest sons o panish mothers to prevent it. Weyler i like Artemus Ward-who was ready to sacrifice all his wife's relations to put down the rebellion. He took precious good care of his own skin when he was in Cuba, and according to report robbed the Spanish excheque of several millions of pesetas that had been raised to put down the rebellion. The rebellion constantly grew and become more formidable while Weyler was in command. What he wants probably is another chance

Wonderful Resources of Missouri.

The secretary of the Missouri Transmis sissippi Exposition commission says, with just pride, that his state will exhibit at that exposition "the finest mules, saddle beef and dairy cattle and hogs of any state in the world." Missouri will also show wheat, oats, flax, tobacco, lead, zinc, hard pine, limestone, sandstone, onyx and a corr pyramid, all articles of purest ray serene and deserving honorable mention. But Missouri has nobler products than these and more beloved. She has the Free Silver club of the town of Mexico, that intellectual capital. She has Hon. Grube Sinkenzooper, the silver bard of the Ozarka. She has Hon. Chump Clark, a natural-born statesman.

Rome's Curse of Gold.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan spoke his piece at Rome, Ga., last week. In introduc-ing him, Captain John J. Seay, "Mayor-elect." complimented both the Italian Rome and the Georgian. The latter, "built seven hills, at the confluence of two magnificent navigable streams, surrounded by rich valleys and beautiful mountains, lies in a panorama unsurpassed in natural beauty and grandeur by any city in the world."

Ancient Rome "was once mistress of the world; to her all nations of the earth paid dition of the reconcentradoes. He went to Cuba thinking that the sufferings of the people had been overdrawn, but he mist like the fearless, eloquent and sagacious William J. Bryan Latin would be the native language of Lincoln, Neb., today."

GENUINE UMPROVEMENT. Statistical Proof of Business Revival

During Last Year.

Statistician Hyde of the Department of Agriculture, being challenged to prove the genuiness of the alleged improvement in business during the past twelve months, has shown that the figures which have been correctly published do not lie.

In the first place it is beyond question that the farmers of the United States have received for their cereal crops of 1897 some-thing like \$130,000,000 more than for those of 1896, and \$80,000,000 more than for those

Furthermore, it cannot be dealed that during the year 1897 the farm horse of the country increased in value over \$25,000,000, the mules over \$6,000,000, the milch cows over \$65,000,000, other cattle over \$104,000,-000, sheep over \$25,000,000, and swine over \$8,000,000—a total increase of value during the year of over \$236,000,000. And this remarkable increase was generally distributed,

of any preceding year since 1892. So much

If anybody would question what we have profited by increased exports, he can find no better index than is afforded in the transportation receipts. These, gathered from many sources, are shown to have in-creased from 15 to 35 per cent on all lines of lake, river and seaboard traffic.

WHEAT PROSPECTS AND PRICES. Present Condition of the World's Supply and the Coming Crop. Philadelphia Record.

The price of wheat has been tending downward of late not alone because speculative conditions are adversely affected by the "war scare," but because speculators have more generally begun to believe that the statistical and crop positions are less favorable for the maintenance of recent advances. The Federal it does not interfere with the work of the maintenance of recent advances. The Federal it does not interfere with the work of the Department of Agriculture says that there were 121,000,000 bushels of wheat still on the farms in this country on March 1. For We have already pointed out the advantages well understood reasons government estimates of crops and reserves are likely to be under rather than above the actual figures. Some private estimates place the farm reserves at 157,000,000 bushels. If, however, the state of the boys who are graduated from the New York Trade school, which was established by the energy and foresight of the late Colonel Auctualusy. Such a school easily serves at 157,000,000 bushels. If, however, the serves are figure or the server and without such as the server and without such as the server and such as the server as the

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supply food and seed requirements for four
the money, of the public. Once started the
wish the teachers all manner of enjoyment supply food and seed requirements for four months of 123,000,000 bushels, which, being deducted, would leave 53,000,000 bushels available for export and reserves. Exports to March I were approximately 153,000,000 bushels; and if they should continue at anything. The same months of 121,000,000 bushels to make the process of the public. Once started the school grows itself. With the easy practical training to our future skilled workmen there is not the least reason to doubt our ability to come through an industrial conflict victoriously. Philadelphia Record.

The yellow journals of Madrid are close seconds to the yellows of the United States; but they are handleapped by the fact that 68 but they are handleapped by the fact that 68 per cent of the Spanish people can neither read nor write.

American granaries would be scraped pretty bare. There are reasons for believing, however, that exports in the last third of the crop year will fall Boston Transcript.

in the last third of the crop year will fall below the average of the previous eight months. They are not likely to fall so much months. They are not likely to fall so much short of that average, however, as to leave any important surplus of the 1897 erop availhouse rules an appropriation for that purpose able on July 1 if government estimates of the supply be correct. The uncertain element in the calculation is the extent to which commissioners to Europe to buy other ships. able on July 1 if government estimates of surance business done by its companies for the supply be correct. The uncertain element in the calculation is the extent to which the figures of the Department of Agriculture stock and 107 mutual companies of Connectimay prove to have been an underestimate. Some experts of reputation believe that the Some experts of reputation believe that the existing supply in first hands is not far short of 150.000,000 bushels, as which case there would be 97,000,000 bushels to draw more for panies reached the sum of \$1.658,000, an inwould be 97,000,000 bushels to draw upon for export and reserves to July 1.

Factors which count for a great deal in restraint of European eagerness to replenish upplies are the increase in recent exports from Russia and Argentina and the prespect that India will this season be able to spare 35,000,000 bushels or more for shipment Europe. The London Times credits India with an exporting capacity for 1898 of 37,000,-000 bushels. The prospect of larger supplies from countries whose resources have been greatly crippled during the past year is naturally relied upon to relieve anxiety about future supplies and thus to weaken the support of prices in the markets. the price position of the remainder of the present crop year is concerned, however, wheat operators will have to reckon with the obvious fact of strong clique cuitrol of the Chicago market; and the outcome of the manipulation of the "bull" syndicate which be foretold.

WHAT MUST PRECEDE WAR.

Review of the Situation by a Conservative Journal. Brooklyn Eagle (dem.) The yellow journals, in the habit of going

press every fifteen minutes, seem to think hat war can be declared within twenty-four nours without previous warning. They are attempting to create the impression that the next "extra" will contain the announcement that the president has informed the Span-lards that we will fight them. A moment's reflection based on elementary knowledge of the practices of civilized nations should show the folly on which this plan to sell papers is Let us make the most violent as sumption which has been considered in con-nection with the disaster to the Maine, namely, that the ship was blown up by a or a mine set and explodes by Spanish fanatics. The idea that Spain herself was officially responsible for the de-struction of the ship is too preposterous for Official knowledge of the cause cause is now in progress. Until the naval board makes its report meither Spain nor the United States will make a hostile demonstratite. Spain dare not provoke us in this period of suspense and we are disposed to follow Captain Sigsbee's advice to form no theories on inadequate knowledge. After theories on inadequate knowledge. After the report is made there would follow period of discussion. Demands would be made upon Spain for reparation for the injury done by her subjects. There would follow a long or short season of diplomatic Then if satisfaction wer correspondence. not obtained in this way the president would make an ultimate demand. In the case of its refusal a message to congress would immediately follow asking for authority to enforce the demand by war i Such a proposition might or might not be debated, but whether it received instant approval or not, no war could be waged without the sanction of congress. Before heatilities began it is probable that offers of arbitration would be made. The people who do not believe in war would unite with the European sympathizers with Spain in an attempt to prevent bloodshed; the Spanover a profusion of white linen under ish sympathizers to protect the bonds which they hold and to make unnecessary the incurring of a larger debt by a country that finds it difficult to pay the interest on what she already owes, and the peace party, bemake morey has not passed. Less than ten cause it prefers peace to other things which A war scare may grow up in a night like

Jonah's gourd and die the next day when the sun of sense shines upon it. But with war dred thousand dollars and was interested itself it is different. Force is the last resort of the civilized men of might. We know that General Sherman spoke with au-thority when he declared that war was hell. The men in authority here do not propose to get into the heaven of humanity from that hell by way of the purgatory of ruined homes and orphaned children and widowed wives, if it is possible to go by any other way. Men and not children are in control way. Men and not children are in their in Washington and if it is within their in Washington and if it is within their power to bring the present complications to a peaceful solution they will not resort to force. If force is necessary, towever, warning of its contemplated use will be given more than twenty-four hours in advance.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL CONFLICT. Interne Rivalry Among the Nations of

Washington Star. The coming century is to be remarkable for an intense industrial conflict between the most advanced nations. It has already begun between Germany and England, and the obvious gains of the former are ascribed chiefly to her system of industrial education. The government has established, and it maintains, trade schools in every section for the special training of future workmen. Reports on the work of these schools and reports from British consuls as to the enterports of Germany manufacturing agents seekprise of Germany manufacturing agents seek-ing new markets have raised almost a pas-sion for industrial training in England. It is urged that in the urged that in the matter of machinery, notion can have any permanent advantage: and that while English workmen are superior to the German for the moment, it is because they have been better paid, a condition that cannot continue when the rivairy for cheapness of production becomes sharper. There-fore, the tide of battle will turn in favor of the nation whose workmen have had the

best special training.
At the recent conference of American manufacturers, the question of our need of industrial education was raised and discussed. Some took a gloomy view of the future of America as an industrial nation, ecause of the popular objection to the teaching of trades as a part of common school training. It was considered doubtful whether private enterprise would establish schools, the lack of which must reduce the American workmen to an inferior rank. examination of the situation does not w of lake, river and seaboard traffic.

Mr. Hyde also shows from the national bank statistics that during the last year there has been an increase of individual deposits and over \$174,000,000 in the total amount of leans and discounts, while it is also shown that the number of failures during the six months ending January 31 were 6,337, as compared with 8,547 in the six months ending January 31, 1897, and the liabilities only \$66,000,000, as against \$131,-000,000 during the corresponding period with which the comparison is made.

No party and no policy can claim the credit for this brighter and brightening condition. It is assuring, because generated by satural factors. rant any depression of spirits. Hitherto

which offer opportunities for individual growth that are not found in Europe. He has every inducement to be ambitious and thorough. The common school education is an excellent ground-work for any after build-ing. As long as the influence of our institu-tions is not killed by the policy of the trade unions, there is reason to believe the Ameri-can workman will continue to be superior.

We have already pointed out the advantages of the boys who are graduated from the New York Trade school, which was established by the energy and foresight of the late Colonel Auchmuty. Such a school easily becomes self-supporting and without expense to the young workmen. All the buildings, machinery and other pecessary appliances. The suggestion that the battle flags captured by the United States troops in the war with Mexico be returned to our southern neighbor was undoubtedly made in the kindest spirit and in the hope that such generous action would nations. But there is every reason for continued friendship between the United States and Mexico without any exchange of war trophles. The fact of history in the control of the sudding wheat in the fact of history in the suggestion that the battle flags captured by the United States troops in scaptured by the United States and Mexico without any exchange of the school very community. Such a school easily become self-supporting and without expense to the young workmen. All the buildings, machinery and other necessary appliances are constructed by the pupils, and many of the products of the intervent of the young workmen. All the buildings, machinery and other necessary appliances are constructed by the pupils, and many of the products of the pupils, and many of the control of the school very and will enable instruction to the young workmen. All the buildings, and many of the pupils, and many of the pupils, and many of the pupils, and many of the control of the school very and the school very and the pupils, and many of the school very and will enable instruction to the young workmen. All the buildings, and many of the pupils, and many of the school very and the pupils, and many of the school very and the theorem to the young workmen.

Boston Transcript.

Connecticut is one of the great insurance states of the country, and the report of ita cut amount to \$2,567,102,210, of which \$1,cut amount to \$2,567,102,210, of which \$1.889,501,362 was written during the year. The
dividends paid by the home stock companies reached the sum of \$1,658,000, an increase of about \$50,000, but there went to
the surplus account \$3,508,224 as against \$1.517,397 in 1896, an increase of considerably
over 100 per cent. The capital of these
stock companies is \$10,175,000, so the dividends were considerably over 10 per cent
outside the fat surplus which would have outside the fat surplus which would have favorable market and tariff conditions; but made a dividend of nearly 20 per cent more. fact and theory do not pull together. The Still, a Hartford paper, which congratulates general improvement in industrial condithe city upon this prosperity in one of its tions is also unexplainal largest interests, says that "the idea that dollar basis of argument. rates can be reduced every time a good year sets in is fallacious. Some store has to be set against the future." True, but as yet reductions already made are premature, or to indicate that the justifiable limit of cession has yet been reached. Most of the insurance stock is held in Hartford, and with a million in insurance dividends and another million from an extra dividend of the Adams Express company the people of Hartford do not seem to have much use for

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Catching the spirit of modern warfare, the Salvation Army of Jersey City has decided to War inventions, it seems, are not confined to the sensational newspapers. The

patent office is flooded with them. The ice companies reluctantly confess that the season's crop is a failure. This clears the way for the peach crop prophets. A Kansas paper has come to the sage conclusion that Captain Sigsbee of the Maine would never be a Kansas populist. He does not talk enough.

Eighteen hundred and nine, the year of Gladstone's birth, produced, also, Tennyson, Abraham Lincoln, Darwin, Blackie, Mark Lemon and Oliver Wendell Holmes. Of them Mr. Gladstone is now the only one left. Amos J. Cummings' first act after his ar-

rival at Havana was to invest \$18 in a Panama hat. These bats, as Senator Gallin-Charles Rotter, a Chicago cigar dealer, two weeks ago, gave a lottery ticket to his friend, Joseph Dost, as a birthday present. Saturday Dost was notified that his ticket had drawn \$15,000, and when Rotter heard the news he fell dead.

Prof. Replaced To dealers in Havana Cincinnati Enquirer: "While the dumb man may talk with his fingers," said the obnoxious boarder, "he cannot laugh with "Why not?" asked Asbury Peppers. "Did you ever hear of the glad hand?"

Chicago Best

Prof. Benjamin Howard is the only American who has thus far been able to reach the Siberian island of Saghallen, where the worst Russian criminals are sent. He asserts

that the commonly accepted tales of the horrors of this prison are exaggerations. Major John N. Burke, the noted scout and former partner of Buffalo Bill, left Tampa Thursday for Cuba, at the head of twenty veterans of the ten years' war. Major Burke refused to talk about his mission further

han to state that he goes on business for The emperor of Abyssinia is six feet in stature without shoes. He is very dark and wears a short curly beard and I He usually wears a large Quaker hat over a white handkerchief, which is held over his head, and a gold-embroidered cloak

make money has not passed. Less than ten years ago Mr. Ferree and an associate went from the north with a capital of less than \$10,000. He leaves an estate of several hun

of the \$50,000,000 defense bill, is one of the old landmarks of congress. For almost twenty years he has been a member of that body, first taking his seat Blaine was speaker. Mr. Cannon is southerner by birth, having been born North Carolina sixty-two years ago. childhood was spent in Indiana. In 1859 he moved to Danville, Ill., and has lived there and in Washington since that time.

Although the shah of Persia does not de vote a penny to supporting his ambassado at Constantinople, Mirza Mahmoud Khan his representative at Stamboul has a hand some income, raised by means character istically oriental. The shah has in Constantinople about 15,000 subjects, and these ar taxed for the purpose. Mirza Mahmoud ha no reason to complain of the arrangement for by the help of half a dozen abl collectors he secures an income of abou \$100,000.

THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION. Fenst in Store for Teachers Who At-

tend the Exposition. Sloug City Tribune. The educational features of the World's fair were of the greatest value to teachers, and it is planned by the educators of the northwest to duplicate the experience Transmississippi Exposition as far as pos-

tion will be held at Omaha June 28 to 30 inclusive, and the program offered, while

from the feast of reason that will be se before them

FACT AND THEORY.

Popocratic Assertions Paralyzed by Passing Events. Philadelphia Record.

Silver continues to go down, while farm products advance in price. This is in precise contradiction of the arguments and prophecies of the friends of free silver coinage. The course of the markets as

represented by prices is shown in the following table:

tions is also unexplainable on the 200-cent

POINTED REMARKS.

Brooklyn Life: He-Then I go-and for-She-Very well! But don't call tomorrow evening; for I shan't be in.

Detroit Journal: "The average man," remarked the observer of men and things, "has no reason to think his wife two-faced except that she doesn't look as pretty as Chicago Record: "Why are you so sure

he never will be a diplomat?"
"Because he sometimes says what he means." Puck: "Did you lose any valuables when

that burglar got into your flat?"
"Valuables? He stole a folding mince
pie that cost 35 cents."

Detroit Free Press: "What is investment, grandpa?"
"Well, it is giving a man a \$5 dinner and then selling him a \$2,000 bill of goods." Cleveland Plain Dealer: "It is singular that those Spaniards seem to be making little or no effort to develop one of their most deadly weapons."
"What's that?"

Indianapolis Journal: Yabsley-The war excitement has done me some good at last.
Wickwire—As to how?
Yabsley—The landlady won't let her
daughter play the Spanish fandango on the
guitar any more.

Chicago Post: He knew what they always say, so he thought he would forestall her.
"I suppose you've never been kissed by a man before," he said. "Do I look as homely as all that?" she demanded, haughtily.

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Flickensplutter— Yes, there's some advantage, of course, in being the only man of that name in the city. My mail never gets mixed with anybeing the only had city. My mail never gets mixed with any-body else's.

Mr. Smith—Yes, and it's handler for the police when they have to look you up in the city directory.

Washington Star: "I'm afeard," remarked Farmer Corntassel, "thet the period of usefulness fur that politician is about to be drawed to a close."
"What's the matter?" inquired his wife. "Is it a case of overwork?"
"No," was the answer; "tain't nothin' so onusual as overwork. It's a plain, old-fashioned case of overtalk."

SCOOP OF THE SPRING POET.

Chicago News Up, Pegasus! Up, Pegasus! Tis Spring and we must spring it. And scoop the weather and the bards Who into verse would sling it.

Get up and dust, for you must trot Full fourteen laps of sonnet, And many a kite-shaped roundelay Must have your hoof marks on it.

'Tis true a frosty, lcy blast We meet where'er we turn us, But we can catch the proper glow By gazing in the furnace. Where birds would flit about the wold The icicles are clinging, But there are pet canary birds To glad us with their singin

Of flowers in field and woodland now There's not the slightest rumor, But in the florist's shop they bloom At fifty cents a bloomer.

The mossy banks are banked with snow. Their ancient verdure willing, But there are banks with long, green bills That we may cuil by lilting.

So up, my nimble Pegasus! Get up and hump and show 'em How we can scoop all others with A springy, Spring-sprung poem.

This time It's Hats.

The clever judge of headwear who does the style making for our hat department, says, "Spring shapes are ready." That is good news, because it means money in your pocket-if you are satisfied to take the exclusive hatter's shape with our label in the crown. Our own shapes may suit you better-they do so many-and are \$1.00 up to \$4.00. Some styles in our window -see if you like them. If not, we have more inside that may.

