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Every cloud has a silver lining. The shortest day of the year precedes the gradual lengthening of the days.

If Hobson had only made Omaha on his route the superiority of the Omaha girl would have been practically demonstrated.

What with mandamuses, appeals for re-trials and more than 200 applications for druggists' permits and liquor licenses the police board has its hands full.

Our amiable popocratic contemporary says it "desires to not be misunderstood." It certainly ought to be encouraged in this praiseworthy ambition. sonable limit.

Perhaps the remainder of that exposition surplus can be tied up so that what is left of it may come in handy about the time New Years, 1900, rolls around,

The vellow journals have put up another straw man in the rumored protime, that posal to pay \$100,000 for the services ficient opportunity for discussion, but as of Peace Commissioner Day and they a matter of fact it very rarely happens should be allowed to enjoy themselves that there is any good ground for such knocking him down with a stuffed club. complaint, though undoubtedly the plan capitalists presumed to be familiar with

A REPUBLICAN SENATE. When the United States senate, after steadily stronger. It is estimated that not to expend half as much on permanent im-March 4 next, is in complete control of less than \$70,000,000 of American money the republican party, there will not only is now loaned in Europe and it is the

be an entire reorganization of that body, judgment of sagacious financiers that but it is to be hoped that some needed we are very near the point where we reforms will be made in the rules. The can hold the reins of financial power New York Mail and Express suggests on two continents. Notwithstanding that the large republican majority ought the fact that interest rates in Europe to be sufficient to overcome that exag- are higher than here, we command gold gerated "courtesy" and impotency which of Europe, thus reversing all known have enabled the free silver contingent | rules governing the movement of gold. year after year to extort concessions. It is a very remarkable condition of from the republican party that should things and seems to fully warrant the never have been granted. "Under the most optimistic views regarding the ridiculous rules of the senate," says that financial future of this country. paper, "which enable any one senator Russia wants American money beto hold up legislation so long as his wind cause it is the cheapest in the world. and the dictionary hold out, the popu- This fact is commended to the thoughtlists and silverites have really con- ful consideration of the free silver peotrolled legislation in the senate for the ple and all others who urge that there last six years." Unfortunately some of is not enough money here to do the legitthe republicans are likely to be found | imate business of the country, for of

as ardent sticklers for the retention of course if that were the case the interest the ridiculous rules as the members of rate would at least be as high here as the minority. This has been the case in in Europe and instead of loaning money the past and is pretty certain to be so abroad it would all find employment at in the future. Efforts that have been home. Not only is the financial condimade in recent years to change the rules tion of the United States at present have come from republicans, but they most satisfactory, but there is every have not found much support from their reason to regard it as marking the beparty associates. Possibly there will ginning of our financial ascendancy and be in the senate after March 4 more independence.

republicans favorable to a reform in the

rules than there have been in the past.

but it is to be feared there will not be

changes.

NEBRASKA'S OPPORTUNITY. There was never a time in the history of Nebraska more opportune for ven-

enough of them to make the desired tures in manufacturing enterprises than the present. Capital is abundant in the That all senators understand that money centers of the country and conthere is a practically unanimous popular fidence in the west has been fully redemand for reform in this direction cannot be doubted. The people have little stored. The demand for factory and mill products is steadily growing and the respect for so-called senatorial courtesy, field for marketing the output is extendwhich is responsible for much that is not at all creditable to the senate, while ing.

The conversion of wheat, corn and oats the people regard the privilege of unrestricted debate, which permits senators not only to talk as long and as sugar beets and their profitable converoften as they please on any question, sion into sugar. but to embrace in their talk matters While the meat packing industry has

having no relation whatever to the subalready assumed immense proportions, ject under discussion, as a positive much more of the raw material could be abuse. And so it unquestionably is. It utilized as the basis for manufacturing should not be in the power of a few various articles for which there is a senators to obstruct or defeat by endsteady demand. less talk legislation that is desired

Minneapolis will in all probability by the majority. Such power is not continue to be the greatest flour manuconsistent with the cardinal principle facturing center, but there is every inof popular government. The house of centive for the establishment of great representatives for a considerable time after the organization of the government flouring mills not only at Omaha, but at other points in Nebraska.

allowed unrestricted debate, but it long The enormous demand for canned ago abandoned the practice and there is vegetables and fruits naturally suggests no good reason why the senate should profitable investment in canning plants not also abandon it and adopt a rule at places where the finest vegetables and which, while allowing all necessary defruits are raised. bate and treating the minority fairly in All these industrial projects, organized the discussion of questions, would en-

upon modern lines and operated with able the majority to close debate whenthe latest machinery and processes, ever it was being carried beyond a reawould receive encouragement from local consumers and wholesale dealers who The senate should follow the example handle and distribute such wares and

of the house, which under republican commodities. control is the most thoroughly business A general revival of public spirit and legislative body in the world. Of organized efforts to induce idle capital course there is complaint on the to engage in promising enterprises will part of the minority, from time to go far toward accomplishing desired reis not allowed sufsults. Experience has shown that the most effective inducement to foreign investors is the assurance that local

is every reason to believe will grow sum who would consider it a wicked waste provements at home

> Status of the National Game. Vashington Post An Omaha judge has decided that poker

is not a gambling game. He has evidently been participating in a sure-thing sitting.

And Grin and Bear It. Philadelphia Times.

Selecting and carrying home a Christmas tree is quite a responsibility, and it's interesting always to see men shouldering it.

> Sign of the Times. New York World.

In ordering five regiments of the regular infantry to Manila, with an intimation to the officers that it would be wise to prepare for an absence of two or three years, the War department gives the idea that "expansion has expanded."

> A Pass at the Pass. Minneapolis

The Nebraska State Board of Transportation has recommended the passage of a law making the giving of a pass to a state official or legislator, or the acceptance of a pass by any such official or legislator, a felony. Let the ball be kept rolling. Pass bribery is the most dangerous form of corruption.

An Absurd Proposition. Springfield Republican.

The Lodge immigration bill has been again thrown under the table in the house. Small wonder. It is about the last of that measure The absurdity of restricting European immigration while annexing vast bodies of savages and semi-savages in the Orient must strike the mind of the dullest congress man.

Nebraska's Genuine Soldier. Savannah Letter to Chicago Record. Next to Colonel Campbell the most soldierly figure on the field was Colonel Victor Vifquain, who succeeds ex-Colonel William Jennings Bryan as commander of the Third Nebraska. He looks like a splendid soldier, and everybody says he is one. The president congratulated him heartily upon the appearinto cereal products is no longer an ex- ance of his men, and asked if he had received periment. Neither is the growing of his commission as colonel to succeed Bryan, which was signed before the party lef Washington.

> A Joint Decoration Day. Philadelphia Record.

When the president declared to the southern people that the time had come "when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of confederate soldiers" he uttered an ennobling sentiment which touched the country and won the commendation of the civilized world; and the sentiment is not to perish with the blossoms of Atlanta's floral parade. It is found that the present system of national cemeteries can be so extended as to embrace the care of the confederate graves with little added cost; and that would be a species of expansion which would command the almost unanimous approval of congress. A dispatch from Washington adds that the probable result will be "a joint Decoration day through-

out the United States on May 30." May the forecast prove prophetic! But let it be Decoration day simply and unqualifiedly and let us drop the "joint" suggestion hereafter.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

It is said that when Allyn K. Capron wa killed at Guasimas, his father, the late captain of artillery, lifted the hat that covered the dead man's " face, looked for a moment and said, "Well done, my boy!" He then replaced the hat, turned on his heel and resumed his military duties.

Writing of the death of Hamilton Fish. Colonel Roosevelt says: "Fish and myself individually and the commonwealth as a by the same fire drying our clothe

OMAHA AS AN EXAMPLE.

Baltimore American: Last summer and fall Omaha held a Transmississippi Exposition. In spite of the war it was a success and the climax was reached when President McKinley paid it a visit. The attendance on that occasion was enormous, and the exposition closed with its finances in good 200 persons present at the meeting of the

Women's Board of Home Missions for the shape, and with everyone delighted at the results of the enterprise. Having had this Presbyterian church in this city today. The pleasant experience. Omaha now wants, and object of the meeting was to inaugurate an aggressive campaign to prevent the seating means to have, another exposition, one that shall be of a permanent character and of Brigham H. Roberts, an avowed polygagive it a chance to display to all who come mist, as representative from Utah in the its products, its resources, the factors that Fifty-sixth congress. Rev. William R. Campbell of Salt Lake have contributed to its development and City introduced Eugene Young, a grandson prosperity.

of Brigham Young, and Mrs. Fannie Sten-Buffalo Express: Omaha is rather doing house. Mr. Young said among other things the pig act when it decides to hold another "There seems to be a disposition in the exposition in 1899. Of course it has the east, particularly among the politicians, but buildings and it has the experience, both of even among the churches, to treat the rewhich count for a great deal, but just the vival of the Mormon issue as a minor mat same there is no need of trying to corral at ter. There is an inclination to view the once all the good things in the world. But election to congress of B. H. Roberts-a Omaha's engerness in this respect should be three or four-ply polygamist, still living in a hint for Buffalo. It is vigorous enough to be almost a kick. First it goes to show that that condition in Utah and a mere question a city not of the metropolitan class can give of personal morality. Some day they will an exposition that is worth while, providing see, as these who know Mormon ambitions it be advantageously located and has the see now, that Mr. Roberts is a mere instru-

necessary vim, energy, push and liberality. ment, a representative of mighty forces. Buffalo has the locality and it has made a They will hear that through his election a good start to prove that it possesses the people 300,000 strong have turned from other necessary qualities. The second hint American liberty and American morality and conveyed by Omaha's desire to hold an ex- have taken the initial step toward the esposition next year is that an exposition is tablishment of a hierarchy foreign to our good thing for a city. As an advertiseinstitutions and our social laws, in the ment it is splendid. It brings strangers, it midst of our republic. If, in dragging polygbrings business, it brings money, it brings amy into the house of representatives, Mr Roberts is representing the defiant sentipleasure and enjoyment, and it should prove the power of unified effort. ment of the whole Mormon people, the people must not rest until congress has cast

today:

Properties of Several Mis-

souri Concerns.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20 .- The Republic says

Negotiations are reported to be in prog-

ress for the consolidation of all the lead

companies in Missouri, with the intention

white lead plant in the United States -

about fifty in number. The promoters hope

to be able to bring into the consolidation

the St. Joseph Lead company, one of the

largest lead and mining corporations in the

world. The National company a short time

property in St. Francis county and already

has expended \$500,000 on it. Its departure

in this direction is considered by lead ex-

perts to be the entering wedge of the blg

deal in contemplation, as the first over-

tures were made to mining companies for

the purchase of their properties within a

few weeks after the Taylor tract was bought

in. With the St. Joe and National com-

panies as a nucleus, the capitalists behind

the deal expect to bring in big corporations

doing business in the Missouri lead fields

are large holders behind the St. Joe Lead

company and they are backed by John D.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE,

Joseph D. Savers, newly elected governo

Senator Mark Hanna and J. Wyman Jones

him out as a warning to all covenant-break NO PREMIUM FOR LIARS. ers and all polygamists."

Few Pertinent Remarks on the Revenue Laws of Nebraska. COMBINE OF LEAD COMPANIES J. Sterling Morton's Conservative. The present revenue laws of Nebraska are Overtures Being Made to Buy Up th merely a protective tariff to encourage the

pernicious industry of manufacturing lies. The present system of tax levying and tax ollecting in this state ought to be abolished. Under its inspiration mendacity has become epidemic. The biggest liar is rewarded with the least taxation

Under this system of swindles, precinct assessors, in the open daylight, assemble at he court house and deliberately agree to the of organizing one mammoth corporation. As les they will officially relate under their far as can be learned the promoters of the oaths of office. They arrange to put horses deal are capitalists interested in the Naat \$10, cows at \$5, and hogs at \$2.50 a head tional Lead company, controlling nearly every

or at some other absurdly ridiculous valua-They likewise determine to call a dollar 5 cents for the purpose of assessment. This compact for telling lies is made every year in every county in Nebraska. The law, however, declares that all property shall be ago bought what is known as the Taylor assessed at its selling or exchangeable value. But in Otoe county the precinct assessors declare that if this provision be adhered to and rigidly observed, in assessing and collecting revenues, we shall be obliged to pay more than our share of state taxes because Nemaha on the south of Otoe and Cass on the north of Otoe never comply with this provision of the law. In fact everybody knows that nobody obeys the law.

The whole present system should be erased from our statute books. The actual value of all property, real and personal, should be given in by all owners. The truth should e told. There should be only one assessor for each

county. That assessor should have power to appoint deputies and authority to revise their returns. One man, one mind, should bring about just and uniform valuations for each county.

of Texas, would have completed on March If Nebraska could achieve a just and next fourteen continuous years in congress equitable revenue law at the coming session of the legislature the good name, high

NONSENSE ABOUT VOLUNTEERS.

If General Ludlow can make a clean and healthful city of Havana, the fame of the credit and financial solidity of the citizens late Mr. Hercules will be decidedly eclipsed. It is said that when Cornelius Bliss was

Rockefeller.

YOUNG ARRAIGNS MORMONISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- There were about

Puck: She-You forgot to take the price-mark off my Christmas present, Jack. He-No; I didn't, my dear; I thought it would save you a trip down town. Doctrines of the Church Condemned by the Grandson of Its Founder.

Brooklyn Life: First Goose-Mrs. Farmer ald today that I was getting nice and Second Goose-Don't let her stuff you.

Detroit Journal: Rude Molly-You remind Dude Colly-What kind of a one? "A spruce evergreen."

LINES TO A LAUGH.

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Washington Star: "Don't nebber com-plain dat somebody hab made a fool o' you," said Uncle Eben. "Mebbee all he done was to expose yoh true character."

Indianapolis Journal: "And what is your definition of the womanly woman?" "A womanly woman," said the gent from the lake shore, "is a woman who dearly loves whatever husband she happens to have."

Chicago Tribune: "Better stand a little further back from that sign, Lobelia. Don't you see it says. "Paint?" "It's quite dry, Billiger. Don't you see it dosen't come off?"

"That's all right, but you'd better stand a little further away, all the same. People are looking at that sign and then looking at you.

Detroit Free Press: "What have you ther?" asked the fresh young man of the

"Everything, sir." "Everything, sir." "Everything?" sneeringly. "Have it served at once." "Hash for que," yelled the waiter.

Washington Star: "Do you think this here Philippine question is in the way to get straightened out?" said Mrs. Corn-

tossel. "I dunno," answered her husband, "but I'm afeared not. I haven't heard of any banquets bein' got up so's to have after dinner speeches on it."

Indianapolis Journal: "That woman showed wonderful presence of mind when her horse ran away." "Is that what you call it? Bhe threw down the reins and yelled." "I know she did, and the horse ran straight down the street. If she had held on to the reins she would have doubtless steered him into the fence."

WILLIE'S LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Boston Globe

Dear Santa Claus, mama told me, That I might write to you, To ask you if you mean to come Adown our chimney flue.

For if you do, we mean to hang Eight stockings on the wall; And hope that you will not forget To bring enough for all.

There's father's blue and mother's brown, And sister's long and black; The striped one belongs to Lew, The red belongs to Jack.

And there is Sue's and Uncle Joe's, You surely must not miss. But something put in every one, And make mine look like this:

I want it stretched across the top so very, very wide: I want it big and broad and thick, and bulging at the side. I want a top. I want a ball. I want a trumpet, too; I want a dandy jumping-jack all dressed in red and blue; I want a little trotting horse that's made to go on wheels; I want a dog that snaps and barks, I want a little trotting horse that's made to go on wheels; I want a sied with runners bright, the top all painted green, with stripes of gold, and letters, too, the neatest ever seen; and then I want a pair of skates, for skating has begun, and all the boys a nd girls in school are hav-ing lots of fun. Mama says I'm not big enough, and that I'd b u mp m y head then I want it stretched across bump my head then I'd have to

Under the existing system of taxation every block of ground acquired by railroads within the city limits takes just that much land out of the city tax list and shifts the burden of maintaining city government upon other property.

General Blanco is back in Madrid and the reports of his arrival say he appeared to be greatly depressed. As he had his salary warrant cashed before leaving Havana he should have money enough to keep him until he can procure another job.

The purchase of a site for a freight depot for the Illinois Central is another assurance that that road is entering Omaha for business. The coming year promises to be even more notable than the past year for improvements in railway facilities at Omaha.

It may be put down as an established fact that politics has caused more harm to the public schools than incompetency among the teaching force. Abolish the annual election of teachers and compresident. petency will be cultivated rather than the art of political wire-pulling.

Senator Hale has some old-fashioned notions which do not comport with modern ideas. He actually advances the theory that senators can best serve the public by staying in Washington and attending to business instead of going to Cuba, Porto Rico and elsewhere on junketing trips.

St. Louis clergymen have concluded that the fear of footpads is the cause of light attendance upon Sunday evening services and have agreed to unite in taking steps to overcome the difficulty. They might try to induce the knights of the mask to adopt a six-night-in-theweek schedule.

The prospect of a deficit instead of a surplus in the Cuban revenues is likely to have a cooling effect upon the ardor of local patriots to share in the responsibility for administering the affairs of the island. Drafts drawn on the strong box at Washington are much more likely to be honored than those on the treasurer of the Cuban republic.

Now that the council has decided to in this country than in Europe. There turn over to the school fund the money is no financial center in the world where paid by druggists for permits to sell money can be obtained at present on liquor, it becomes a question to what good security at as low a rate of interest fund money derived from the issue of as in New York, while the supply is other permits under various ordinances abundant and steadily increasing. In is to be credited. It will also be a mat- the course of a speech in the house a ter of some concern to the school board few days ago, Representative Brosius of to see that all druggists shall take out Pennsylvania said: "Financial empire permits as required by law.

Kansas City announces with consideranation. Power and dominion in the ble exultation that more girls from the financial world follow the track of combanks of the Kaw have kissed Lieutenmerce and manufactures. The scepter ant Hobson than were granted the priv- is passing from the old to the new ilege in Chicago. If the ratio keeps up world and New York will supplant Lonby the time the popular idol reaches his don in the near future." This correctly destination he will easily be the cham- describes the condition.

pion of the world and the man who would attempt to break the record must in the financial world it has never held be possessed of ample nerve.

conditions will join with them and share of limiting debate does often interfere whatever risk there may be in the venwith the desire of some members to air ture. Nearly all our great industrial their opinions. The house rule, howenterprises that have survived business ever, has the valuable virtues of expeditdepression have had their origin in ing business and of enabling the majorsmall beginnings, backed by local busiity to carry out its will in legislation ness men whose confidence in eventual without needless obstruction. It is a success was attested by the investment good rule for the house and would be of their own money. equally so for the senate.

Court dockets in the southwest, those LOOKING FORWARD TO STATEHOOD. of the supreme court and court of The convention of representatives of claims at Washington and the files of the towns of Porto Rico, assembled to the Congressional Record are remindexpress the popular will in regard to the ers of the annoyances and troublesome future of the island, declared for a terriquestions which come to us through the torial organization with a view to state. taking over of Spanish possessions hood at an early date. Immediately after Wherever Spanish rule has extended the American occupation of Porto Rico there is an entanglement of public some of the prominent citizens of the grants and concessions to corporations island made known their desire to be and individuals, vast in their scope and accorded all the political privileges of indefinite in their terms, which two gen-American citizens and there can be no erations of litigation have not been able doubt that this is the expectation of the to settle in the territory now within the better class of the people of Porto Rico. borders of the United States. One court They do not wish to be kept in a colonial has been created for no other purpose relation to this government, but desire and having no other jurisdiction than opportunity to govern themselves, with a adjudication of these claims in the view to ultimately being represented in southwest and the work is by no means the United States senate and voting for completed. Spanish methods of trans-

acting public business are destined to What response will we make to this leave Uncle Sam a large legacy of litigaaspiration? A considerable number of tion. the people of Porto Rico are undoubt-

The reports filed by the superintend edly capable of self-government. Shall we say to them that they must not have ents of the various state institutions it, but will have to be satisfied with govand the recommendations for appropria ernment from Washington? And if we tions for the forthcoming biennial period say this, will they be satisfied? Can we show that the amount now considered expect to have the unqualified loyalty necessary is \$1,500,000 in excess of the of these people if we deny them the appropriations made by the last legislapolitical status they desire and hold ture. In this amount is included about them in practically a state of vassalage? \$200,000 of deficiencies. It would seem Of course we shall treat alike the people

that a small increase over the amount of all the new possessions. If Hawaii actually expended in the last two years to and the Philippines are not to be acallow for added burdens should be ample corded a political status from which to conduct these institutions. This, with statehood might ultimately come Porto the money to pay deficiencies, would Rico cannot be given such status. But amount to an increased appropriation of we cannot reasonably expect under such no more than \$500,000. As a matter of to keep up her courage. circumstances a satisfied and contented fact, however, it is by no means certain

people. It will not be promotive of loythat with economic management the apalty to the new sovereign or love of the propriations made two years ago should flag that brings them no political elevanot have been ample for the purpose. tion.

Omaha is not particular who draws RUSSIA WANTS AMERICAN MONEY. the plans for the proposed new viaducts. The report that Russia is endeavor-Omaha, however, is vitally interested ing to negotiate a loan in the United that the plans shall be such as will States appears to be well founded. provide permanent and safe structures, There is nothing surprising in the fact adequate in every way to meet all the when it is stated that money is cheaper demands made upon them. If the roads,

in an effort to save money in construction, wish to foist structures upon the community which will be periodically closed for repairs or of insufficient ca- favor. pacity, such plans will be vigorously combated. Omaha has had enough ex-

is coming our way. We are advancing rapidly toward the position of a creditor

changed to meet existing conditions.

Blowing Our Wealth Abroad. Philadelphia Ledger.

The United States occupies a position Senator Hale figures out that our new possessions will cost us \$200,000,000 a year. before and it is a position which there and statesmen will cheerfully vote that an outery."

tood after a heavy tropic rainstorm the nigh the world. In the clear light of plain before he was killed, and I remember then truth, as to its property, real and personal as we talked over the morrow's fight 1 Nebraska will demonstrate its wealth to be said, 'Well, Fish, we have all got to die five to ten times greater than it seems whe some time; and, after all, we cannot die lighted up by liars competing-with each in a better way,' and he nodded and said, other-to see who shall pay the smallest "That is just how I feel, Colonel, and it sum into the public treasury. is one of the reasons that made me come."

"'Time,' cried another sailor boy.

"'Well,' she said, tartly, as she

was anxious to hide her flushed face.

abilities.

confiscation of sweets.

A correspondent of the Chicago Record relates that General Garcia had an eged

Uncalled-For Lamentations Garrison Duty. Chicago Chronicle (dem.). colored servant who was born a slave upon his father's plantation and was brought up

with him from childhood. The old negro In common with a good many other est had followed him in all his wars, and had mable people Colonel William J. Bryan is shared his prison cells, and sat beside his considerably exercised over the retention bed when the general breathed his last. the volunteers in the service now that the Every time his master groaned he would war is ended. He wants them all mustered groan also, and the death which came to out, which is clearly impossible pending an one will not let the other linger much increase of the regular army to a strengt longer. The faithful servant does not care sufficient to garrison our new possessions to live now. His interest in life is gone Colonel Bryan is quite consistent in his atti and no one would be surprised if he died of tude, however. When he felt that the volun eers should be mustered out he mustered grief within a short time.

The osculatory performance of Osborne himself out with an alacrity which was Deignan of Merrimac fame at Stuart has disappointment to his friends and well-wish been classed as an unapproachable record. ers. It is creditable to his sense of justic that he should now seek to secure the re Compared with the sustained effort of Hob son at Chicago it is not to be mentioned on lease of those who cannot leave the army s the same day. The lieutenant made a rec readily as himself. Nevertheless we are inord of 163 women kissed, giving two smacks clined to believe that he exaggerates the anxiety of the volunteers to leave the serv to several blooming buds. Accounts agree that Hobson did not dispense his osculatory

favors promiscuously. He showed consid There has been little evidence of such erable discrimination and was materially feeling. It is altogether probable that many aided by a guard of marines, which rigor perhaps most-of the citizen soldiers would ously excluded from the line a class of the be glad to return to their peaceful occupa-The fair sex known as "battleaxes." tions. Many of them are making great per

designation is a mystery beyond Chicago. sonal and pecuniary sacrifices by remaining in the army. Yet the percentage of officers The battleaxes were sufficiently numerous however, to give the marines a hot job who, like Colonel Bryan, have tendered their which they performed with distinguished resignations is small, and among the enlisted success. "When Hobson reached the cennen there is a manifest willingness to "stick tury mark." reports the Chronicle, "a beauit out" as long as their services are required tiful young girl, accompanied by her father. Most of the petitions for the mustering ou came along in the line. She may have been of this, that or the other regiment come no She was tall, willowy, fair and shy from the regiments themselves, but from the Her father wore side-whiskers with beat friends of the soldiers or the authorities of he states to which they are accredited grease in them. "This is my daughter, who wants to kiss The volunteers may not enjoy garrison duty

ou," said the father. but they are making no complaint about it "Why certainly," said Hobson, as he put As a matter of fact they are debarred from the strangle hold on the girl.

doing so. "She was wiry as well as willowy, and she They enlisted for a period of three year if the government should need their serv broke his hold. Then he tried the half-Nelson hold on her. It looked as if she would ices for that length of time. There was no stipulation that they should be discharged lose the bout and the jack tars yelled to her the moment the war was over, and such "'Ain't she putting up a dead stipulation would have been manifestly un game

wise and inadvisable. The term of enlistfight?" " cried one enthusiastic tar. 'Two to one she wins,' cried another, as ment was fixed to meet the exact contin gency which has arisen-the insufficiency she threw her right elbow under Hobson' chin and got free from his half-Nelson hold of regular troops to meet the exigencies of

the "reconstruction period" in Cuba and the the "reconstruction period" in Cuba and the Philippines. Every man who was sworn into the service knew exactly the obligations he Rev. Taibot Smith and other notables. "For a moment the girl and the kisse stood facing each other and both were spar was assuming, and it is not at all compliring for wind. Hobson led for a waist hold. She threw out her right elbow and mentary to the volunteers to assume that caught him on his wide, white shirt front. At the same time she ducked, but Hobson doing anything of the kind. It is their illwas too quick and his reach too long. He advised friends who are placing them in a got a waist hold on her with his left, tried false position. first the strangle hold and then a half-Nel-

The volunteers will stand by their conson and failed. Then he tried a hamme tract, not only because they must do so lock; she tipped over to the right and quick perforce, but because they don't care to a smack and the contest was ended in his justed her hat and sailed away, as if she copularity by the adoption of any measures

"During rush minutes he kissed as high tending to keep the volunteers in the servas ten pairs of lips, making up for the ice a day longer than necessary. The regearlier minutes when modesty held him ular army will be strengthened at once-un back from making a demonstration of his less there is foolish and useless opposition In the last ten minutes he lefrom the "last ditch" anti-expansionistsvied tribute, allowing no girl or woman to and the volunteers will be relieved at the pass free. In some instances it was like a earliest possible moment. Until that time it will be useless for Colonel Bryan or any "The lieutenant, however, would not be one else to talk about mustering out the vanquished, and when lips were not profvolunteers and leaving Cuba, Porto Rico

fered he searched for them. Throwing his and the Philippines without proper milliarms around waist and shoulders he held the apparently deflant victims until he tary defense. The volunteers are not pleading the could lay his face against their cheeks and "haby act" and it is no part of true friendfind their lips with his mustache. His ac-tions caused blushes in plenty, but never

ship to represent them as occupying that

concrete, and composite also, would amaze a small schoolboy his teacher asked him i Jerusalem was a common or proper noun. "Netther," replied the little pupil. "It is an ejaculation." A New York burglar, on opening six bottles

labeled "old bourbon." which he had stolen from a saloon, found they contained water. He was so mortified that he gave himsel up to the police.

General Wheeler was asked the other day by a very young woman of Washington: 'How is it you never wear any medals' You surely have some." "No," answered the soldier, "I have not. I am no bleyclis George West, a brother-in-law of the late George M. Pullman, has just paid with his life the penalty of eccentricity. He rarely wore an overcoat even in the dead of winter and it was while braving cold weather with out that garment that he contracted a cold which resulted in his death. Mr. West was widely known tailor.

Superintendent E. B. Andrews of the Chi cago School board writes thus to a friend apropos of the report that he had resigned: 'Do not have a funeral sermon until there is a corpse. The newspapers have been too previous. I am still at the head of the Chi cago public schools, and hope to be so for a long time to come. It's a great and gloriou work!'

George H. Baillie of Kansas City has had curious career. He is a native of Spain graduate of the University of Heidelberg and served this country as a soldier in the Mexican war, the civil war, and in the campaign against the Modocs in 1870. H has been a mechanic, a physician, a plano tuner, a teacher of modern languages, and a professor of German and chemistry in the University of Kansas. But he is now in straitened circumstances, and depends wholly on his pension of \$30 a month.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The attendance at the schools of Buffalo

Alumni and friends of the University of Pennsylvania are making an effort to faise a fund of \$300,000 with which to construct building and establish therein pharmace logical, physiological and pathological labor-

atories. Cornell university's register for 1898-99 shows a large gain in students, the total to date being 2,038, as against 1,790 at this time last year. The faculty also shows an increase. It consists of 281 professors, etc.,

against 191 last year. The Catholic winter school of America opens at New Orleans February 16 under the immediate supervision of Archbishop Chap-

P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia has given to the free library of that city a valthey are now striving to "beg off" from their contract. As a matter of fact they are not lector, containing many choice specimens of incunabula. Every book in the collection, which numbers 500, was printed prior to the year 1501.

Timothy B. Blackstone of Chicago, who gave the Blackstone Memorial library or three years ago to his native town of Brandford, Conn., has now added \$109,000 to be considered as ruing a bargain which they knowingly entered into. And the ordeal will not be a long one. Neither congress nor the president will risk un-popularity by the adoption of any measures gate of his benefactions is more than \$600.

Frank Pierrepont Graves, LL. D., who ha just been instituted president of the University of Washington, in Seattle, is said to be the youngest college president in Amer ica. He was born in Brooklyn in 1869, was graduated from Columbia university in 1890 graduated from Columbia university in 1880, became an instructor in Greek in his alma mater and later became professor of classical philology in Tufts college, the chair having been created for him. He remained there five years, until the spring of 1896, when he accepted the presidency of the University of Wyoming. He is the author of three Greek books and has contributed numerous articles to educational journals. He was married in

to educational journals. He was married in 1895 to Miss Helen Hope Wadsworth, a gradunte of Boston university in the class





A popular and dressy business man of this town was overheard in the corridor of a hotel the other evening to say of our store windows that no man of taste could pass them without stopping to admire their arrangement and the goods with which they are decorated.

"Whoever buys neckwear and furnishings from Browning, King & Co.", he said with some real enthusiasm, "has got taste." It's the only store in town where one can get really handsome neckwear and underwear and at reasonable prices too.

A good opinion is worth winning. We think we do choose with taste, and buying for fourteen stores at once gives us a great advantage in the matter of prices.

Look at the holiday goods in our Furnishing Departmenthouse coats, bath gowns, hosiery. handkerchiefs, fancy shirts, tasteful neckwear, comfortable underwear-in fact everything, but shoes, for men's wear.

OPEN EVENINGS.





perience of this kind to satisfy one generation.

It develops that the school board has ssued over \$100,000 of warrants in anticipation of the revenue from licenses for 1899. There is no authority of law

for this method of doing business. The practice should be stopped or the law