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Subscribed and sworn to before me this and day of May, 1809. H. I. PLUMB Notary Public. (Seal.)

Queen Victoria is another woman who would not conceal her age if she could.

It looks as if Governor Poynter were also becoming addicted to the banquet linbit.

If Admiral Schley keeps this up he will soon be as proficient as a speechmaker as he is as a ship destroyer.

Unfortunately the soldiers over in the brate a peace jubilee like their comrades at Washington.

Admiral Dewey says he leaves Manila with regrets. But not half so many regrets as were experienced by the Spanish admiral when he left Manila.

Spanish paper for printing seditious matter. The expected sometimes happens.

Memorial day is only one week off. charge.

The next time Admiral Schley desires a rest be will know better than to come to Omaha. Barring possibly the 3d of last July there never was a time in his life when he has been kept busier.

Mayor Moores is using his veto pen without fear or favor and even his enemies will concede that in the discharge of his duty he stands for the interests of the taxpayers as against the taxshirkers.

Our popocratic friends are complaining because the expense of the Philippine commission is estimated at \$20,000 but when the Mutz \$10,000 sniffling committee is mentioned they become discreetly silent.

When our irascible county attorney comes in contact with a Herdmanite gambler he uses a feather duster, When he comes in contact with somebody who does not train with the Herd man gang he uses a club.

When it comes to voting away rightof-way privileges to railroads the council is always very prompt, but when it comes to ordering railroads to reciprocate by providing viaduct facilities the council is usually dilatory.

Governor Poynter has made public his appointments as members of the state brands and marks committee. As the jobs are chiefly honorary, none of them have been claimed by the Omaha gang of popocratic hold-ups.

Senator Platt is out in an interview advocating the renomination and reelection of both President McKinley and Vice President Hobart. This is where the New York senator has stolen a march on his less wily colleagues.

Neither County Attorney Shields nor employment of his brother as stenogstenographic work of his office is performed by a young woman paid by assessments on his deputies.

The council has finally mustered up more resolutions abrogating the fire point. limit ordinance in the interest of favored constituents.

As the grass begins to grow on the umu. range the stories of probable Indian the Cheyennes are on the eve of taking | interests. to the warpath. It will not require trouble.

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Revertheless reached the conclusion is greater than that of a part of the

tion of the policy of home rule. Under the circumstances, says Mr. threatens to affect it injuriously. Adams, "the true course for the antiimperialists would seem to be to develop to the utmost extent possible, policy and principle of autonomy-the 19 24,550 Aslatic archipelago within the area of to urge him to do so. It is stated that 24,329 domestic politics—to treat it, so far as there are other members who will ad-21...........24,240 possible, as a domain to be exploited- vise Mr. Reed not to withdraw from .24,470 the refuge of "our statesmen out of a the present congress. Of course if he

This view of the situation is certainly worthy of serious consideration, who will regard it as a complete surthere is not the least room for doubt, not receive the support of congress? Our judgment is that whatever recomsubmit to congress in regard to the future of the Philippines will be approved. We have observed no indications that there is likely to be serious dissension among the republicans of good for making further gains. the Fifty-sixth congress in respect to a Philippine policy. Opposition to retain-Philippines are not in a position to cele- ing the islands will be insignificant, so far as the republicans are concerned, have determined that question, if it be of them are disposed to accept the money not already determined, before the and surrender their arms and equip-

meeting of congress. In this view of the situation, there-The press censorship at Manila has lic sentiment in favor of giving the up of arms provides that they shall be culminated in the suppression of a Filipinos a liberal measure of autonomy kept in arsenals as souvenirs, in which -of enabling them to the fullest extent the soldiers will retain a proprietary practicable to show what capacity they interest and may recover them whenin this direction, there is every reason But the men appear to regard their guns Don't forget to lend support to the con- to think, would have good results. We as a possession more precious than the Philippine people. We believe he sincerely desires to give them a fair opportunity to show their fitness for selfgovernment. He will be strengthened in this by the support of intelligent public opinion and anti-imperialists can find no more profitable use of their influence.

> FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB. Henry W. Yates, president of the Neaddress before the South Omaha Commercial club on the uses and abuses of commercial clubs. According to Mr. Yates the only functions of a commercial club are to encourage manufacturing enterprises already launched in the community and induce other manufacjudgment it is better "to take care of and encourage the industries we now new institutions." On the other hand, Mr. Yates considers it an abuse of the functions of the commercial club for such bodies to discuss questions upon which the public is divided or which are likely to stir up opposing public sentiment. As an example he cites the postal savings bank proposition, to which he is opposed, and the controversy over the bank clearance system. which solely concerns the Omaha and South Omaha bankers, with which, being a strictly private interest, it would, in his opinion, be unwise for a commercial club to interfere.

In this narrow view of the functions of commercial clubs the great majority of business men will not concur. commercial clubs are to confine themselves simply to fostering industrial concerns already established and entertaining visitors at periodic banquets their usefulness will be circumscribed in very small limits. Passing resolutions to encourage home industry, providing dollar dinners and organizing occasional junkets would constitute the sum and substance of their contribuhis popocratic newspaper apologist has tions to the promotion of the public yet had a word of explanation as to his welfare. Surely that can not be the only object of business men's associarapher on the county pay roll while the tions, whether known as commercial clubs, boards of trade or chambers of

commerce. Such organizations on the contrary are expected to voice the demands of the business community on matters that courage to sustain the mayor's veto concern its prosperity and to take con- In the efforts to restore peace in the in the business district by special dis- abuse or wrong that tends to cripple or the commission can give an absolute pensation. The council should show impede its progress and growth. Both pledge as to the future because it has its sincerity by refusing to pass any the examples cited by Mr. Yates are in no power to bind congress, and those

The people may be divided on the absolutely compelled to do so, in the abquestion of postal savings banks, with bankers naturally in the opposition col-That division of sentiment should not, however, bar the subject outbreaks are started with as great reg. from being freely discussed by commer- that the factional feeling stimulated in ularity as the small boy brings out his cial clubs, if for no other reason than the recent city election in Chicago in marbles. Montana is the first of the for ascertaining to what extent postal which Altgeld, as the representative of

The same applies with greater force ticket against Carter Harrison, the many thousand troops to settle the to the clearing house controversy. The regular democratic nominee, cannot be British army that invades the Transvaal

ment and who yet believes that a most tional legislation and wherever the party in 1900.

and adopting that of Great Britain-has The Interest of the whole community expressed the opinion, that South less young man who enlisted to free Cuba nevertheless reached the conclusion is greater than that of a part of the Omaha may some day be annexed to and did not get beyond Chickamauga was Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed; Editorial Department, The Omaha Bee, Community and com work for the largest practicable applica- ence they may have for the protection city with a cemetery. Some people may emphasis. "Why? He's too quick. If the of the community from everything that not appreciate the senator's jokes.

SPEAKERSHIP GOSSIP. Perhaps the most interesting feature endeavor to limit the interference of some members of the house that Mr. men in the orchestra chairs. the United States to an absolute mini- Reed may be a candidate. Representamum." He suggests that here a wide tive Ray of New York expressed doubt field for the exercise of useful influence as to the alleged determination of Mr. is open to anti-imperialists, pointing out Reed to leave congress, while Reprethat they must endeavor to counteract | sentative Bromwell of Ohio is of the break down the barriers and bring the duced to accept re-election and proposes job." In the opinion of Mr. Adams it is should heed such advice he would have the civil service struggle over again and no difficulty in being again chosen the administration will need all the speaker, but it is not at all probable ess on the road, which is in turn due to the outside support it can possibly hope to that he will give it any serious atten-

receive not to find itself crowded to the tlon. In regard to the contest of the avowed candidates the situation appears to have Doubtless there are anti-imperialists past week. Sherman of New York is still regarded as the leading candidate, render and decline to accept it, but is but according to the Washington cor-Mr. Adams not correct in the opinion respondent of the New York Tribune that the policy of holding the Philip- his chances are less favorable than a pines will be adhered to? That this is fortnight ago, while those of Colonel the fixed purpose of the administration | Henderson appear to have improved. It is now said that the Iowa candidate is Is there any reason to believe it will likely to get the vote of Pennsylvania. while he will certainly have support from New England and he has a nummendations President McKinley shall ber of friends among the southern representatives. Conceding to Sherman the leading position at present there appears to be no doubt that Henderson theoretically preventable." is a close second, with the chances very

PAYING CUBAN SOLDIERS. As now arranged payment of the Cuban soldiers will begin on Saturday and it is not improbable that events will next, when it will be shown how many ment. The present indications are that the men will generally refuse the confore, what better effort can the anti- ditions, although the modified order of imperialists make than to promote pub. General Brooke in regard to the giving have for self-government? Endeavor ever a Cuban government is established. that most of them will reject the offer of this government.

In that event the question will arise what the next step shall be in the work of pacification. It is announced that the American authorities will not undertake a house- to- house search for arms. but with 30,000 or 40,000 men having guns at their command and dissatisfied with their treatment the situation will be exceedingly unsatisfactory. These braska National bank, has delivered an men, destitute and having no immediate prospect of bettering their condition, may make no end of trouble. There is more or less threatening being heard and we may be very sure that those who are opposed to American authority will exert all the influence they can bring to bear to foster popular disconturers to locate there, although in his tent. Unquestionably the United States is fair and generous in this matter, but the majority of Cubans seem to have have than to be continually hunting for little conception of fairness and generosity. It would be most unfortunate if we should have to adopt aggressive measures, but this may become neces-

sary. chinery which is part of Iowa's revenue system gives promise of checking extensive tax shirking. It is a matter of common notoriety that the amount of moneys, credits and similar property returned for assessment as personalty year by year by rich men in particular is only a small percentage of the inventoried value of their estates after death The Iowa law allows suit to be brought for taxes evaded for ten years preceding the death of testator and in a number of instances large sums have been Millionaire Boardman of Marshalltown ventory showing that he had more money on deposit in one bank than the aggregate amount returned for taxation the resources of Iowa public treasuries.

One of the difficulties which will beset the United States in colonial government is already strikingly apparent in powerless to do more than execute laws passed by congress and can do nothing toward meeting unforeseen emergencies. under arms hesitate to give up, until sence of a definite pledge.

While municipal campaigns seldom cut any figure in national politics, it is plain racy, pitted bimself on an independent contention of Mr. Yates that this kept out of the rational councils of the will not have a picnic.

A LIBERAL POLICY OF AUTONOMY. damaging bank clearings exhibits are party. In that contest the Alige'd Bryan Admiral Dewey, before the beginning purely a private concern of the banks element was routed horse, foot and of hostilities in the Philippines, ex- is absurd and untenable. Anything that dragoon, notwithstanding the fact that gods and goddesses who blocked down pressed the opinion that the policy of vitally affects the reputation and busi- the democratic national committee had upon Rear Admiral Schley Tuesday night the United States should be to give the ness rank of a city becomes a matter of attempted to lend it the support of its were preserved and properly autographed nearly the Reed standard than will Hopkins. natives a liberal measure of autonomy. public concern and a proper subject for influence and recognition. The deter- the collection would take high rank among He gave it as his judgment that the action on the part of commercial bodies. mination who constitutes the democratic Filipinos are as well fitted for self- in fact, this is the paramount function party of illinois threatens to precipitate noted and many evoked remarks. "He is government as the Cubans. Mr. of commercial organizations. Banking as much democratic discord as the description of the plain people," whispered Charles Francis Adams, who has con- within itself is a quasi-public business cision whether the recalcitrant democrats graybeard. "Where is the sign?" asked his ern republicans in the next congress are tributed ably to anti-imperialist argu- carried on by virtue of state and na- of 1806 be permitted to help steer the companion. "Just watch him when he

with the Philippine problem—in aban- interest they are legitimate subjects for Senator Van Dusen perpetrated a ghastly if not ghostly joke when he

On the Front Row.

Globe-Democrat. America's representatives at the peace though under the English system, the in the current gossip regarding the front row. It is an appreciated honor, and in the remark of the hero of Santiago, speakership of the next house of rep- if the congress adjourns without making fact of native home rule. We should resentatives is the opinion expressed by some headway it will not be the fault of the

There Are Others.

St. Louis Republic Germany's naval attache in Washington likable lot-even the Spaniards will admit of a rather unconventional introduction.

Effect of Trust Methods.

Springfield Republican The statement come from New York that hotel proprietors throughout the country are complaining of loss of business due to the decline in the numbers of commercial travelformation of trusts. It is asserted that something like 75,000 "drummers" have been thrown out of employment recently under the rapid reorganization of industry into sick and wounded soldiers at Santlago. large monopolistic combinations. This is undergone no material change in the a surprising figure, but it may be a of the trusts, and the subject is one of very serious discussion among them as a class.

Agricultural Improvidence.

Chicago News. The Department of Agriculture at Washngton reports that the losses of farm animals from disease and exposure in the twelve months ended March 1 last amounted average values ascertained by the department in January the loss from exposure

Five-sixths of the aggregate loss named is. of course, \$62,500,000, and the loss in the year reviewed was only slightly larger than the average.

The theory of prevention is wrong in half the cases and only \$30,000,000 yearly of the loss is really preventable by means within the possible reach of the farmers and cattlemen; still this smaller sum represents 5 per cent yearly interest on \$600,000,000, and few industries would bear so enormous a waste if it were possible to prevent it. Most of the success of the great organized

lines of industry is in fact directly due to elimination of waste.

LOTS OF ROOM AT HOME.

No Need of Going to Asia for Land to Sprend On. St. Louis Republic.

In his recent interview in the Republic, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson extols exment in its support to the committee which has the preparations for mittee which has the preparations for mittee which has the preparations for mittee which has the preparations for money offered them would be, badly as other old fellows could get along very well in enced all his opponents when Mr. Wilson, T. C. Platt, in which the latter is quoted the Memorial day demonstration in of President McKinley toward the they need the latter, and it is expected this country, but we want some place for who was one of the party, said: "Proctor as strongly advocating the renomination of our young men to go, spread out and de-

Right after saying this the secretary to development. He mentions the profit that harvest the advantages.

Texas alone, with its 274,000 square miles orrid zone, is capable, if settled as popu- desired. ously as Germany of supporting as many at present contain. Now it has about 3,500, 000 inhabitants and there is abundance of room and opportunity for our young men to the entire archipelago." 'go, spread out and develop" within its

In Missouri and all the states of the west and south and in many of the northwest and entral states, in the territories and in the owlands along the Mississippi millions of untilled, untenanted and undeveloped acres await the skill and industry of our young

It is meet that our merchants, manu acturers and sailors should carry trade into lands beyond our rightful political sphere of nfluence, but the time has not yet arrived when we can justifiably withdraw the brawn brains and industry of our young manhood from the forces and activities needed to develop to the full the resources of our own The post-mortem tax collection ma- political institutions on a plane of integrity and efficiency. Why should be send them upon a questionable quest into unfriendly climes and among alien and enervating peoples?

"WHAT A CHANGE."

How Imperialism Turned American Sentiment from the Boers.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, When the Transvaal was raided by Jameson's band of buccaneers the occasion was a rich treat to that great party of Americans who then were unfriendly to Eng. land. The contrast between remarks made in 1895 and remarks made today by subthus recovered. The estate of the late stantially the same party offer a remarkable contrast. The Boers now get precious is thus to be brought to account, the in- little sympathy from American imperialists, who evidently regard them as "standing in the way of civilization," and as deserving to be brushed aside by the strong arm of the empire. It is true the, the outlanders at El Caney." "Perhaps not," replied Genfor the past ten years. The collection in the Transvaal have man grievances, yet of this class of back taxes, if persist- they are oppressed no more than England ently followed up, will add materially to oppresses India. How the lordly Britisher Juan." doth chafe and howl when he happens to be one of a "subject race!" But he has only to put himself in the place of the Boer to since she caused herself to be crowned queen see that he would act as the Boers do under of the Holland Dames, two or three years the same circumstances. Over in India ago, is now being sued by her brother, John coma smelter. The other two-thirds, the Englishman forbids a free press and A. Dempsey, for \$2,500, which he says he \$3,380 per day, is the amount of gold the Philippines. The executive author- free speech to the natives, who create loaned her. Mr. Dempsey says of his sister: ity under our form of government is about all of India's wealth, in order to insure his grip upon the country. Transvaal the Boers hold the English in rational on all points but one that it would check in order to prevent them from seizing | be hard to prove it in court." the state and making it a colony of Great The Boers, in short, are strug-Britain. against the erection of more fire traps certed action for remedying any islands neither the army authorities nor gling for their country and for their independence, however wicked that may be. If permanent citizens of the Transvaal, throw off their alfegiance to England and give no thought to expunging the Boer republic the spirit of confiscation! from the list of commonwealths, all of these very desirable reforms would be granted to them and there would be no quarrel be tween Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Krueger. But the Boers know that the Jameson raid was immensely popular in England, that Cecil Rhodes had lost no influence in im perialistic London and that the autonomy of no state was ever more seriously threatnorthern states to spring a report that savings banks would benefit mercantile the extreme Bryan wing of the democ- end than their own. Hence the present situation. It looks like a bloody fight in the The Boers have 25,000 fighting men end. modern arms, and plenty of dynamite. The

ECHOES OF THE WAR

If the comment indulged in by the gallety the trophies of the distinguished officer. Every move made, every attitude, were stands up. See-see how naturally his left hand goes into his pocket. That's an infallible sign of unaffected greatness. "More likely a symptom of being overbored," retorted the companion. A beardhadn't sunk Cervera's fleet so darn suddenly I would have seen Cuba." And the disconsolate patriot glued his eyes on the stage and tried in vain to forget his hopes f glory prematurely wrecked with the Span-

from 1,000 to 10,000 population. The fact is, finds much to admire in our war ships, offi- as shown by the latest census, that the popu- kins or Mr. Henderson. Neither of these cers and bluejackets. They are certainly a lation of the whole Island of Luzon averages candidates would consider an alliance for more persons to the square mile than many the betrayal of the west. that when they recover from the first shock | parts of the United States. By the census of 1890, Illinois had sixty-eight persons to the square mile of territory, and Indiana had sixty-one. Luzon, by the census of 1889, had seventy-nine.

Miss Annie Wheeler, daughter of General oe Wheeler, has asked the War department send her as an army nurse to the Philiplines. If her request is not granted she vill probably go to Montgomery, Ala., in June to receive a beautiful silver set presented to her by the women of Alabama as a testimonial for her heroic work among the

General Fred Funston is steadily gaining measurably true one. Many commercial in weight, notwithstanding the hardships of ington. Let the fund be subscribed and let travelers are losing their places on account the campaign. Before his promotion the Dewey himself be consulted as to where his newspapers which described him said that home shall be. he weighed ninety-five pounds. One day a Buffalo paper said that he weighed 110 Dewey has done are history. The things pounds and the next day a paper in Albany which he has left undone are equal evidences put his weight at 130. At this rate of increase he will be a giant when he returns to the United States.

Admiral Dewey has covered 800 miles of to more than 7,500,000 head. On the basis of his journey homeward. When the Olympia has had necessary repairs made at Hong Kong, which will require about two weeks amounted to \$26,000,000 and that from disease time, it will turn its prow southeastward to \$49,000,000, a total of \$75,000,000, "five- and go down to Singapore on the equator, sixths of which," says the department, "is a little jaunt of 1,700 miles. Around the Malay peninsula and up to Penang is 450 miles; then comes a splendid voyage of ,800 miles across the Indian ocean to 500 miles more to Aden-this on the asumption that the admiral will take the shortest route to the Suez. From Aden sent Dewey with a mansion in Washington. through the Red Sea and canal to Port Said will add some 1,500 miles more to his log. Through the Mediterranean, with perhaps a stop for fireworks at Malta, will add say 2,000 miles more, to Gibreltar, and to New York 2,000 more; an inside total of 13,750 miles to get the hero home.

William L. Wilson, former chairman o the ways and means committee and postmaster general under Cleveland's last administration, has given a new and novel illustration of expansion and the existing Philippine situation, John R. Proctor, president of the Civil Service commission, and an ardent expansionist, was arguing to a group of friends in a fashionable club pansion, but makes a rather limping argu- in Washington on the beauties and necessiand scenery, saying that for an annual renawaits those who will go upon its soil and tal of £500 he obtained his residence and in addition was entitled to shooting privileges on 1,100 acres of adjoining land. It of area, on which can be grown all the was his right to go on this adjacent terproducts of the temperate and many of the ritory and kill whatever game might be

"That seems to be the situation in the human beings as the entire United States Philippines. We bought from Spain the city and the bay of Manila, and at the same time acquired shooting privileges in

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Filipino junta in Hong Kong is acting a good deal like the fish dealer whose motto was: "Toot your horn if you don't sell a clam.

When Seth Low was told of his appointent as a member of the peace congress, he remarked: "I have always loved peace, but now that I come to think of it, I've been fighting all my life." Governor Stanley of Kansas has decided to

try the conditional pardon plan on the better grade of prisoners in the state penitentiary. The conditions are that the person released shall not drink, gamble or loaf,

Ex-Governor Flower's fortune, it is authoritatively stated, aggregates \$75,000 in real estate and about \$6,000,000 in personal property. It is further stated that he gave away as much as \$1,000,000 within the last year in quiet aids and charities which would never be proclaimed from the housetops, so far as Mr. Flower was concerned.

D. C. French, the sculptor, says that there is more chance for young Americans in sculpture than in painting. "I believe," he adds, "that our national character is more adapted to working in stone than in oil." Mark Twain, hearing this, replied: "Well, give me the oil well, and the French can take the quarry every time." Admiral Sampson has never regained the

weight he lost while in Cuban waters. General Ludlow is also in this difficulty. of the latter's friends recently said to him "Well, at any rate, you didn't leave a limb eral Ludlow, "but I left nearly forty pounds scattered all the way from Siboney to San Miss Lavinia Dempsey, with whom the

New York newspapers have had fun ever ago, is now being sued by her brother, John "It would be a slander for me to say that she In the is crazy, and some insane people are so

Howling Restrained.

It is a good thing the Ford tax bill of the English residents would become loyal, New York was not proposed by a Kansas or a Nebraska legislature. What a howl

CONTEST FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP,

Minneapolis Times: As to qualifications for the duties of the speakership, it is conceded that Henderson will approach more His popularity among the members is one of his towers of strength, but at the same time he is said to have the band of steel

beneath the glove of velvet. Boston Globe: The manner in which westdividing up on the speakership question clearly indicates that none of the avowel candidates for the speakership who live west of the Alleghanies possesses conspicuous abilities for the post. As between a mediocre man from the central or eastern states and a mediocre man from the west, of course the latter will have the better chances of speakership ought to go to one who is worthy of such a distinguished office.

Chicago Times-Herald: The east will go into the caucus hopelessly divided among favorite sons. New England will support Congressman Moody of Massachusetts, several members of the New Jersey delegation will support a western candidate; the New York delegation will be divided between conference have been given seats in the ish fleet. For him there was no consolation Sherman and Payne, while Congressmen Bingham and Dalzell will divide the vote of There is glory enough for all in the vic- Pennsylvania. The west will go into a preliminary caucus to test the relative strength Malolor is less than thirty miles from lows. The one that polls the larger number Manila, yet day after day the American of votes will be the candidate of the west columns advanced through towns and cities The west has no other candidates. The next speaker, therefore, will be either Mr. Hop-

HOYORS FOR DEWEY.

Chicago Record: If all the donations now projected are carried through, Dewey won't need a home so much as a real estate office and a department store.

Indianapolis News: The home-coming of Dewey threatens to exhaust the supply of system. bunting. The manufacturers are missing a great opportunity in not forming a trust. Buffalo Express: Dewey's intimation that

he hopes to lead a quiet, retired life at his old home in Montpelier should be a warning to those who are planning to give him a house not to insist on locating it in Wash

New York World: The things which of true greatness. Dewey has not involved this country in complications with European powers. He has not repudiated the doctrines of our Declaration of Independence. He has not denied the right of the Filipinos to liberty or their capacity for self-government. He has not favored their extermination as an alternative to nonsurrender. He has not developed the "big head," He has never "slopped over." Dewey's don'ts are as memorable as Dewey's deeds,

Globe-Democrat: Admiral Dewey is universafly admired by his fellow-countrymen Colombo, and a longer one yet of some and a testimonial in his behalf is certain of general and hearty support. It is proposed that a popular fund be raised to pre-If the idea is acceptable to the admiral there is no doubt of its success. As ye there has been no expression from him on this point. Both Grant and Sherman were presented with mansions, but fixed their residences elsewhere than the cities selected While the country desires to honor Dewey, it also wants to hit the mark in accordance with his own judgment and wishes.

PLATT TALKS OF POLITICS

Says McKinley and Hobart Will Be Renominated and Elected-Democracy Hopeless.

NEW YORK, May 24.-The Evening ment in its support. He says: "I and the ties of colonial development. He had sil- World prints an interview with Senator friend over in England. He invited me Hobart. The interview says: Senator Platt to visit him at his country seat and I went. said that all the criticism which had been speaks in glowing terms about the resources He had a splendid place of 350 acres. He flung at McKinley cannot alter facts and f Texas, the vast opportunities it holds out pointed out all the advantages of location that the president has conducted in magnificent style the shortest and most decisive war of modern times and simply astonished the old world by the way in which he did it. "This general satisfaction," continue

Senator Platt, "has had undoubted demonstration by the president's reception wher ever he has been. Without a shadow of doubt he will be renominated and elected. "The republican party is stronger than i ever was. Vice President Hobart will be re-elected with McKinley. He is my choic for vice president, just as McKinley is for president. As for the democratic party, it has only one issue-silver-and that has been repudiated by the entire country.

"So far as we have gone American commercial interests will assuredly benefit my rate there is a certainty no land ever held by the United States must ever be relinquished. That would be impossible. He spoke of the peace conference at The Hague as "visionary, beautiful, but impracticable." Universal peace, he said, is not for this age.

CROPS DAMAGED BY THE HAIL Cattle and Many Chickens and

Birds Killed by a Kansas Storm. KANSAS CITY, May 24.-Rain and hail

did much damage to crops and property in central Kansas last night. In Saline county wheat and other crops for miles were completely destroyed by the heavy hail, many buildings were damaged and thousands o window lights were broken. Some cattle and many chickens and birds were killed At Eldorado, Newton, Abilene and Perry more or less minor damage was sustained In the vicinity of Perry the proportions of a cloudburst were reached and small stream overflowed their banks, flooding farm proj

Biggest Stamp Mill in the World. TACOMA, Wash., May 24.—The large stamp mill in the world was started up of May 13 by D. O. Mills at the Treadwell mine on Douglas island, Alaska. The new mill contains sixty batteries of five stamps each, with a crushing capacity of four tens to each stamp every twenty-four hours. The Treadwell and its associated mines no have 880 stamps in operation. They crus 2,520 tons of ore every twenty-four hours averaging about \$4 per ion in gold, or \$14. 900 daily. One-third of this output is a tled in concentrators and shipped to the To tually released on Douglas island.

One of Moore's Victims Dies KANSAS CITY, May 24.-Mrs. Anna Mec

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SANSAS CITT. May 21.—318. Anna Aleca, 36 years old, of Turner, Kan. who was shot on Sunday by Levi Moore, a city market clerk, died of her injuries today. Mrs. Jen-nie Campbell and Mrs. Ella Landts, Moore's other two victims, are believed to be dying Mrs. Campbell had described Moore for other man and he shot her. Mrs. Meck Mrs. Landis tried to protect Mrs. Campbell, which prompted Moore to shoot them also. there would have been about the revival of Moore has a family in Anniston, Ala. He is in jail.

KNOCK-OUT FOR PREE COINAGE.

Increased Production of Gold Paralyzes a Political Issue.

Philadelphia Times (dem.) The stars in their courses may not be fighting against the 16 to 1 free coinage heresy, but about everything else animate and insnimate joined the army of the single standard advocates. The gold production of the world is increasing at the rate of fifty millions annually, and the aggregate annual production is already so large that the Bryan argument that there is not gold enough for monetary purposes is already furnished i.

In 1806 the gold and silver available for coinage were not more than equal to the prospective gold output of the year 1900, success, but so important a place as the showing that we are already able to add to the world's coinage of the metal, about the intrinsic value of which there is no question, quite enough to meet the demands of increasing trade. The gold production for 1897 was \$237,000,000, for 1898 \$287,000,000 and the prospect is that for 1899 It will reach nearly quite \$340,000,000. At this steady ratio of increase next year's production will be \$400,000,000, more than three-fourths of which will be available for colnage. An in teresting feature of the statistics of gold production is that of the proportion supplied by the leading countries. Of this year's of Hopkins of Illinois and Henderson of production South Africa will supply \$50,000. 000. Australia \$68,000,000 and the United States \$66,000,000.

These statistics are especially valuable at this juncture as indicating that the time is past for any gingerliness or hesitation on the part of congress in the treatment of the currency question. No party can hope to make a winning fight on a dead issue, and there never was a deader issue than that of a lightweight silver coinage. With an already enormous gold production increasing at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year no considerable body of voters is going to be convinced in the future that there is not gold enough to furnish the basis of the world's monetary

LIGHT AND BREEZY.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Mrs. Stormer an enthusiastic expansionist, isn't she?" "I didn't know it." "Yes, she has left off corsets."

Detroit Journal: "I wonder why they put such exaggirated heads on canes?" "So the chappies will know which end to hold toward the ground, I suppose,"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The usher took is all the way down the aisle and then trowded the six of us into one little pew," "Weren't you inconsed." rowded the six of us into one little pew,
"Weren't you incensed?"
"Incensed? No. It isn't a high church."

Indianapolis Journal: "By the way, what is the difference in time between here and New York?"
"It depends upon what kind of a time you mean to have, but in a general way \$20 an hour ought to cover it." Washington Star: "These Americans won't meet us half way," said the Filipino, discontentedly. "No." answered the general. "We've both heen traveling in the same direction. They couldn't."

Richmond Dispatch: A one-armed lecturer was arguing the pros and cons of a certain subject, and having concluded his summing up of one side of the case went an with: "And now, on the other hand—" Whereupon a boy in the front row interected: "But you aln't got no other hand."

Somerville Journal: A sign in a country store up in New Hampshire reads as follows: "If you don't see what you want, ask for it, and if you get it congratulate yourself."

Chicago News: "You told the conductor Willie was under 5?"
"Hush! That's a new scheme I've discovered."
"Tell me the secret."
"Well, you see, 5 is the number in Willie's hat."

New York Journal: Penn-Can you suggest any way in which I might improve my new novel? Brushe-You might put the last chapter Penn-But all the characters die in the Brushe-Yes, I know.

MY GRANDPA.

Frances Hodges White. Say, have you seen my grandpa? He's o'd and lame and gray; And his feet they totter along the Where he tries to find his way. ng the road

My clothes are always warm and new; They lead me when the path is rough,
But he must walk alone I wonder wonder why it is? I'm 'fraid it's 'cause he's old.

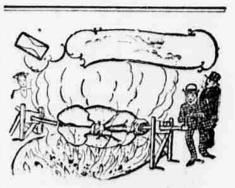
My mamma hears me say my prayer. And kisses me good night;
But grandpa says his jest to God,
Alone, without a light.
But maybe God can hear his t
Because he is so old! hear his best

.

Say, have you seen my grandpa? His clothes are black and fine: There's flowers all round his head like those He used to love, of mine.

He never seems to smell the flowers, Nor open once his eyes To see how much we love him now, As pale and still he lies. And oh! I wonder why they kept

Their kind words, flowers and love From grandpa till his sad old heart Had gone to God above. And why he wears that smile that says, "I'm now no longer old?"



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