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Clean, Artistic and Entertaining. Publishers' Guide, New York.

The illustrated Thanksgiving edition of The Omaha Bee does great credit to the management. It is clean, artistic and entertaining.

The question is, Will the democrats risk carrying their nominating convention into the enemy's country?

Only one more day of Christmas shopping. Those who fail to come early will be unable to avoid the rush.

A Nebraska man is to be in charge of the failed Globe National bank of Boston as temporary receiver. This is a case where the west will give the east tips on finance.

Lincoln deserves congratulation on the fine Christmas present it is to receive from Andrew Carnegie. A city which is made the recipient of such beneficence is fortunate indeed.

Senator Jones. chairman of the democratic national committee, is reported to be full of hope for the coming campaign. His inflation is not likely to last longer than next Novem-

The Board of Education is not the only body which has a special disregard of the rights of the lowest bidder, but its conduct in a recent case gives rise to the suspicion that there is an Ethiopian in the woodpile.

With the death of Dwight L. Moody there has been removed a man whose labors for humanity are beyond computation. The world is brighter and better that he has lived and distinctly poorer that he is dead.

Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, most emphatically denies that he has discharged his campaign fund solicitors. The denial was entirely uncalled for. Nobody takes Mr. Jones for a fool.

Members of the Commercial club evidently did not know it was loaded when they commenced the agitation for the payment of delinquent personal Omaha have the benefit of the infortaxes. When people begin to throw stones in the air they should take in their glass roofs.

An indignant citizen profests against an order of the park board preventing skating on the upper lake. The point deep and is therefore a dangerous place there.

The recklessness of the school board as illustrated by the blackboard contract given to the higher bidder is only one example of extravagance in that quarter. The new board can earn public gratitude by returning to business methods and sticking to them.

. Another forefathers' day has been celebrated with feast of food and reason. If some of the ancient Puritans had only known what an excuse they were giving their successors to revel at the banquet board they might have turned back without landing on that historic December day.

The silver republicans are out with a call for their state committee to meet to fix the date of their state convention to select delegates to the national convention. How much longer is the farce to be kept up after the silver republicans, if there ever were any, have ceased to exist as a distinct organiza-

Cuban affairs are a source of constant surprises to people in this country. The latest is the consolidation of | for the paper currency for general use, | feetly legitimate. all the street car lines in the city with. For fourteen years after the resumpout any increase in the capital stock of then of specie payments the gold restituent parts. The job was accomplished by foreign capital, for no Amerrake a profit.

ANOTHER GRANDSTAND PLAY

companies. The text for this extraordinary edict is as rare as bluebirds in winter." Omaha: The Bes Building.

South Omaha: City Hall Building, decision of the supreme court on the has been freely exerted in the endeavor which would obliterate the present pressure and the building. South Omaha: City Hall Building, decision of the supreme court on the has been freely exerted in the endeavor which would obliterate the present pressure and the following with the American court of the supreme court of the supreme

> of State Board of Transportation. natural sense of gratitude to their corporate godfathers.

well that the present popocratic reform | people. board stood pledged to protect the producers against unjust discrimination and extortion, but had absolutely failed to redeem a single pledge. He knows that these men were chosen from among other aspirants because they were satisfactory to the corporations as well as to himself and the Jacksonian machine.

What possesses him so suddenly to slap his friends in the face and heap insult upon the state house machine we are not able to divine. The popocratic farmers may be fooled by this grand-26,346 stand play and high-sounding demand for action, but people who have been under the tent and know the performers cannot be fooled. The do-nothing board was purposely picked to do the bidding of the corporation managers. They are satisfied with their jobs and don't propose to resign or die just because the defuncto candidate for U.S. S. has the tantrums and feels pleasure in harpooning them.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

The Commercial club is to have a discussion of municipal ownership. It by the house. There is no doubt that is to be hoped it is not designed to at present the weight of public opinion manufacture political capital for any is in favor of the latter and the more party or candidate. The question of municipal ownership is in no sense a political issue and should not be decided upon political lines.

There is practically no division of opinion among our citizens as to the desirability of the city owning and operating the water works, gas and electric lighting plants as soon as conditions will permit. The mere voting of bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000 or any other amount for the purchase of the water works or the construction of a rival water system will not solve the problem with which Omaha is confronted. Nor will the popular demand for municipal ownership be satisfied with the acquisition of the water works alone.

The people want cheaper light, heat and power as well as cheaper water. It may as well be understood from the outset, also, that the taxpayers of Omaha are not ready to embark in the experiment without full knowledge of what it will involve, not only in the way of original cost, but in the way of needed enlargements, extensions and operating expenses.

In dealing with the water works problem it becomes a question not merely of acquiring the plant at a reasonable price, but also of acquiring it without paying a large bonus for the brings up primarily the disputed question of the date when the city may take possession on an appraisement omitting the value of the franchise. So long as that question remains open no accurate estimate of the amount of bonds required can be made.

In any event it is well for the Commercial club to get as much light on the subject as it can and let the people of

mation. NO DANGER TO GREENBACKS. The professed apprehension of the opponents of the house currency bill that the provision relating to the redemption of the United States legal tenis not well taken. That lake is very der notes would eventually result in destroying the greenbacks is not well for sport in any season of the year, founded. This provision requires that Children should be forbidden to skate the legal tender notes redeemed in gold shall be retained in the treasury until exchanged for gold. In a transaction of this kind there would be neither contraction nor necessarily the permanent retirement of the notes. The place of the paper withdrawn from circulation would be filled by gold, so that the amount of currency in the hands of the people would remain unchanged. The redeemed notes would be retained in the treasury to be exchanged for gold whenever the public should call for such exchange. They would not be canceled or destroyed, but would continue to constitute a part of the financial resources of the treasury as the

in circulation. gold a large amount of legal tender normal conditions it has been conclusince the present administration came will save the companies a little money,

shape of a double-shotted prenuncial year (25,000,000 of gold was tendered commission, Bes (without Sunday), One Year \$5.00 mento to the State Board of Transported the treasury for paper which could not sunday and kinstrated, One Year \$2.20 on itself and take in band the telegraph of the supporters of the currency bill, fated Bee, One Year \$2.00 graph, telephone, express and railrand of the appearance of the supporters of the currency bill, one that the supporters of the currency bill, one that the supporters of the supporter

> mobility for the three eminent salary none of the assumptions will stand the a wave of calamity. grafters that hold a soft snap in the test of intelligent examination. There state house under the meaningless title is no danger to the greenbacks in the house measure. It is not hostile to According to this profound expounder that portion of the currency, but on of constitutional law, the decision on the contrary protects it by taking it out the insurance bill affirms beyond a of the power of speculators or others question the validity of Joe Edgerton, to use the greenbacks as an instrument Jim Dahlman and Gilbert L. Laws. As for harassing and embarrassing the a matter of fact, the authority vested national treasury. The provision reby the legislature in the railroad com- lating to the redemption of legal tenmission was affirmed by Maxwell, der notes was first suggested, we be-Reese and Cobb, acting as judges of lieve, by a former democratic secretary the supreme court years ago, and there of the treasury, Mr. Fairchild. It was has never been anything in the way of subsequently recommended by Presithe bogus commissioners except their dent McKinley and it has been approved by the best financial opinion in the country. It is practical and it is The defuncto candidate knows full just alike to the government and the

> > THE SUNDAY BEE Patrons of The Bee Sunday will be

reminded of the holiday season by receiving a special double Christmas number of The Illustrated Bee. This number is so filled with instruct-

ive and entertaining literary and pictorial features that it would be fruitess to attempt to enumerate them It has the Christmas flavor from first to last. It is encased in a handsome colored cover, printed in three

will want to read through and preserve | soldiers over in Luzon will look after for future reference and should be sent | their transfer to the United States. o friends in other cities as a most suitable souvenir of Christmas in Omaha.

Watch for The Sunday Bee and inbe complete without it. The usual price.

THE TWO CURRENCY BILLS. The currency bill framed by the senate finance committee will be presented as a substitute for the measure passed carefully the two measures are considered the stronger this opinion is likely to become. This should exert an influence upon the senate, though that public opinion.

We have already referred to some of the differences between the two measures and particularly to the refunding provision of the senate bill, which is perhaps its most vulnerable feature. In reference to this the Philadelphia Inquirer remarks that there is much room for doubt both as to its feasibility and States can borrow the vast amount involved at so low a rate as 2 per cent and we are not at all convinced as to the expediency of trying to do so. For the first time in many years England is likely soon to be a borrower in the market and this will further complicate braska within the last year, owing to the be necessary to decide whether operations certain that the government could not now carry out the proposed refunding plan, but it is very doubtful if the proposal to thus extend the public debt will receive public approval. It is a departure from the past policy of the senate finance committee would do well unexpired contract and franchise. That to abandon this provision, for the sucare obviously not auspicious.

Missouri congressmen are said to have under the present system of balloting. invaded the War department in a vain effort to secure the removal of military headquarters from Omaha to Kansas City or St. Louis. The incentive for this wild goose chase is doubtless to be traced directly to the splenetic rattle the Omaha World-Herald has made con- musical voice, like the tinkling of a crystal cerning the removal of army headquar- rivulet over the pebbles. ters from one building to another. The Washington correspondent of the Omaha Fakery is also correspondent for the Kansas City Journal and his dis- committee on pensions," said Mr. Depew. patches to the Kansas City paper con- Then silence fell again upon the senat; cerning the probable relocation of the chamber. army quarters at Omaha were the natural reflex of the work he has been ordered to do from this end to stir up the department. In reality there has never been any chance for Kansas City ment quarters from Omaha, not because the government is the owner of valuable public buildings in this city, but because Omaha is regarded by the war sissippi river. It goes without saying that the Missouri congressmen would the W.-H.

The Glass Tableware trust has is representative of gold withdrawn and sued an official circular from which it appears that the combined value of all It is conceivable that in the event of the property of the trust, including an extraordinary foreign demand for plants and goods on hand, is \$4,000,000, bonded for half that amount. In adnotes might be presented for redempe dition stock outstanding equals the tion and remain in the treasury until value of all the property the trust owns. is so remote a possibility as hardly to plants in the country it proposes to position to exchange legal tender notes in doing so. Still the trust managers for gold, the popular preference being contend that this institution is per-

trouble in this direction. On the con | playes? The railroads are certainly ters.

trary, millions of gold withdrawn from doing well enough now that no fur- OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. The popocrats of Nebraska have been the treasury in exchange for legal tend ther extension on the ground of excesfor the United States senate in the greenbacks. It is estimated that last pended by any interstate commerce Africa.

The popocratic organs are greatly on Itself and take in band the tele of the supporters of the currency bill, Worried because Secretary Gage has March 21, 1898 (the latest date for which graph, telephone, express and railr ad "the appearance of greenbacks at the taken steps to relieve the temporary exact statistics are available), was £585,counter of the treasury demanding gold monetary stringency. Nothing would 787,624, or nearly three billions of dollars, suit the purposes of the popocratic poll. The high-water mark of the British public Weaver insurance bill, which is luter- to show how destruction of the green. perity. It matters little to them what in foreign wars, beginning with the Ameripreted by the defuncto candidate for backs would be effected under the oper-distress might follow in its wake so can revolution and ending with the conflict the U. S. S. as a patent of ation of the house currency bill, but they be enabled to ride into office on

be established the first of the year in it down within the ensuing twenty years permanent headquarters, but whether It can outdo the Jacksonian club in the at a little over \$2,000,000 a month. The re- page of history can record no cleaner life. The duke of Wellington was also a native magnificence of its sideboard will only inforcements of the army will nearly double be determined after due examination this sum and, even if the war should con- than that of Lawton. and test by a commission of expects tinue a twelvementh, as seems probable. Chicago Record: His memory will en- the British army. selected by lot from the membership of of the permanent debt redeemable by the absolute and fearless and tireless soldier, and disputed that England, neglectful alike of

We are pleased to read among the local brevities of our amiable contemporary that "Prince Hobenlohe will lation, but the prince will be welcome just the same.

It will require something stronger tion from its slambers. Even if temporarily roused the board soon recase has pronounced it practically hopeless.

It is reported the Filipinos are buying artillery in Europe. It is to be colors characteristic of the season, and hoped the guns are modern and up to China. includes twenty pages of crisp reading date. The United States needs a few matter, set off with clear half-tone cuts. | more such weapons in its business, and It is a number which every person if the Filipinos will pay for them the Jected M. de Lanessan's proposal to con-

The coming of the new year will give several people hereabouts an opportusist upon having it. Christmas will not nity to discover how it feels after a long time to be separated from the publie pay roll. They can console them- definitely abandoned, and a prominent naval selves, however, with the knowledge officer, an admiral, who has been interthat others have gone through the same experience and survived.

Meeting New Conditions:

Baltimore American. Aguinaldo has changed his style of manifesto into that of a running com-

> Doping a Black Eye. Chicago Tribun

The democratic party in Nebraska is still body usually gives little attention to applying raw beef and profanity to the black eye it won in its recent victory.

> Now for a Tussle. Washington Post. The octopus is engaged in foreclosing mortgages on the property of Hon. John Peter Altgeld. This ought to produce some

fierce screaming. One Good Result.

sumalo Express. One result of the slump in stocks unwisdom. "We question very much." doubtedly will be the suspension for a time says that paper, "whether the United of the formation of new industrial consolidations. This will be regretted by no one for the public already has more of such books than it is able to digest.

How We Grow.

New York Mail and Express. Forty-one new towns have been establiehed in the states of Minnesota and Neusually high voltage.

> Machine Against Machine. Philadelphia Record.

There is no contrivance of which the political machinists are more afraid than government for which there appears to the voting machine. These contrivances be no good and sufficient reason. The bave now been so perfected as to insure They preserve the secrecy of the ballot effectively. The voter cannot put in gore votes for any single candidate than he cess of which the financial conditions is entitled to cast. The machine gives the result as soon as the voting is ended, and the voting is done with greater rapidity than

Washington Pos

Senator Depew arose nervously. He twirled his eye-glasses, adjusted his frock coat and these relations should be of the most corglanced around the senate. He was a picture dial character. He concludes with the asof manly beauty. "Mr. President," he said, in his soft,

The senators heard the voice and sat entranced. Perhaps, after all, the flood of oratory was to be loosened.

'I present a bill for reference to the The junior senator from New York had made his matden senatorial

speech Dewey Asks Too Much. Admiral Dewey may plead for the admission tuto this country of the Chineze who or St. Louis taking away the depart- served under him at Manila, but it will be a somewhat delicate matter for congress to grant the desired permission. It is true that a man who is good enough to serve on a nation's war ship ought to be office as the most strategic point and umphant cruise, but congress can hardly best distribution center west of the Mis. | concede to Dewey's Chinese, who are not citizens, rights which are denied to the Filipinos, who are under the benign and never have thought of the possible words, it would be somewhat inconsistent \$290,000 at a sale. change had it not been for the malicious | to admit the Chinese while the collector at as well as stupid canards gotten up by the port of San Francisco continues to grab by the nape of the neck and the seat of the trousers every Filipino in sight, to be pitched on board the first steamer bound for our Philippine "possessions.

A Cheerful Colonel.

J. Sterling Morton's Conservative The hilarity and exuberance of Colonel Edgar Howard over the nomination of Silas Holcomb to the supreme court has been duplicated by that game and gallant disciple of populism in his rejoicings because the gold sent abroad returned, but this As the trust controls practically all the of the appointment of Allen to the secute by death and Governor Poynter. Death primerit serious consideration. Under make the public pay dividends on this dered Howard the happiest of all the hypomarily, and Poynter secondly, have renenormous overcapitalization and during crites now pretending to trust in the visions sively shown that there is little dis | the past year seems to have succeeded and vagaries of fesion, illusion, delusion and confusion as represented by a leadership which in Nebraska at all times has sacrificed principle, friends and party for нетвопал We congratulate Colonel Heward upon having said "amen" The railroads have been granted to Governor Poynter's senator-making and the new company over that of its con- serve was never seriously depleted seven months more in which to com- also upon his having avoided the utterance every officer who kills a footpad. "Mind through redemption of greenbacks and ply with the safety appliance law. This of the terrible profanity which his volcanic you." he says. "the footpads must be dead; heart threw up to his lips on that tempestus I must have the coroner's certificate before ican would overlook such a chance to in the treasury has experienced no but how about the lives of the em- similated" democrat he so pathetically re- hide that I will pay for not a live robber

There are rumors in London that the manent funded debt of Great Britain on wherever it goes. which brought about the downfail of Napoleon. During the past fifteen years the funded debt of Great Britain, which as late as 1883 was 42713,000,000, has been rapidly The Douglas county democracy is to reduced, and it had been expected to cut and one-half years.

spend the Christmas holidays with his advantage of England's troubles in Africa best type of American soldier. We were not aware that Omaha to obtain fresh concessions in the Chinese had the distinguished honor of counting empire. The held which the Japanese have a son of Prince Hohenl he in its popul gained upon the empress dowager and the strongest of her associates in the Chinese government seems to be growing more and more secure. The feeling spreads in China that the best friends of the nations of Asia which are still independent will be found than double column editorials to in the same continent, not in Europe or and it may have a great influence upon in the hour of almost completed triumph. the development of China. If the Japanese lapses into a comatose state. Every like the life which Japan enjoys all projects between the ever-hungry land-grabbing powers of Europe will have to be abandoned. Then Asia would be more likely to be ruled and led by Asiatics, permanently, than it has seemed possible it should be at any time since the war between Japan and

> The French budget committee has restruct two immense ironclads of 14,800 tons each and his amended scheme of construct ing two ironclad cruisers. It has decided that the money available for next year must be devoted to hastening the completion of vessels already on the stocks. The construction of these gigantic vessels, each costing 35,000,000 francs, is thought, however, to have been simply postponed, not viewed by the Paris Figaro, maintains that they are absolutely necessary, as combining all the requisite qualities offensive and defensive. It is better, he holds, to expend 35,000,000 francs on a single vessel than to spend 25,000,000 or 26,000,000 france on one which might be shattered by a shell. Had the unanimous decision of the admiralty council in 1889 been carried out the French fleet, he remarks, would have ships to vie plaining of the cost and risk of loss, are increasing the size of their ships.

From time to time rumors of the existence of gold in the Italian colony of Erythrea have raised hopes that the territory the past. Within the last few months these to warrant the employment of two mining experts, one from New Zealand and the other from Alaska, in order to investigate reefs. Replying to questions on the subject in the Italian Chamber the other day Signor Fusinato, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, confirmed the existence of deposits and added that the results of expert investigation were of a nature to justify hopes, though further examination would the situation." Not only is it practically necessity for more receiving and distributing on a considerable scale would be profitable points for business. The prosperity boom Meanwhile the Italian government would in that part of the country evidently has an | treat all applications for concessions with the utmost favor and do everything possible to encourage private enterprise.

The French minister of war, the Marquis de Galliffet, has just issued a significant circular to the generals commanding the different army corps. He begins by saying that it is well understood that the best interests of the public service require that there should be mutual understanding and consent between the civil and the military authorities and he then proceeds to remark that the establishment and maintenance of these friendly and co-operative relations de pend mainly upon the manner in which the representatives of the two authorities behave to each other. It is especially to the integest of the army, he maintains, that sertion that the order is one to which he attaches especial importance and with a request that commanding generals will direct all their subordinates to pay particular attention to it.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Nets are now to be tried as a means of essening the motion and force of sea waves. While all sympathize with the small dealer They are floated on the surface of the water who is being driven out of business because by an invention of Baron d'Alesandro and Lis customers leave him and flock to the are said to be more efficacious than oil when big stores where prices are lower, no used for the same purpose.

mas trees piled up along the water front in charge in order to realize the amount of his New York, varying from six to thirty feet rent and other expenses, saying nothing in height Times, "are for churches and for the outside small retail dealer on the far north side or of saloons." Thus do extremes meet in a west side or in the southern wards, but common interest, at Christmas.

Book lovers in London and oven on this enough to step ashore at the end of a tri- side are already greatly interested in the probability of the cale at public auction of the collection of Bernard Quaritch, the famous and eccentric bibliophile of London, who has just died. Some single volumes of sheltering folds of the Old Flag. In other his cost \$5,000 and he once spent as much as The orders of decoration worn by the Ger-

> Bittle more than \$230,000. The kalser's prinrosses, stars, badges and other insignia. Whether the question as to which shall would increase their sales. have precodence in official functions, Dewey or Miles, is settled or not-and no one

seems to know-the controversy has resulted in a new rule that no unmarried woman shall precede a married woman. Thus when a sabinet matron sends her daughter to repreeent her at a state affair the daughter must take her place below the wives of all abinet officers. Chief of Police Broder of St. Joseph, Mo.

evidently believes that the way to surb highway robbery is to kill the footpads. With this end in view he has posted a notice a headquarters offering a reward of \$100 to ous occasion to which as a "benevolently as- the reward will be paid. It's the footpad's We have too many of that kind now.

DEATH OF GEVERAL LAWTON.

Minneapolis Journal: Lawton's heroic treated to another dose of gall and der notes under the preceding administ sive cost will be tenable. But the New British government intends to negotiate death will fill the army in Luzen with fresh vermifuge from the defuncto candidate trailed went back to the treasury for braska law stands and can not be sus- a lean to meet the cost of the war in South determination to make complete and thor- and no flercer foes than the Irish at home. The addition of \$100,000,000 or so ough the dispersion and suppression of the It's queer. to the public debt of Great Britain would misguided men who dared in the hour of | Springfield Republican: Now is the time be the least serious of the consequences a new birth for their country to strike at for the apologists for war as a birasing to of the conflict with the Boers. The per- the flag which carries freedom and light nations to show what good this South African

Kansaa City Star: There is no other man or what is being benefited." in the American army who can exactly fill | Philadelphia Press. It is strange that General Lawton's place. In the days of the no one has suggested that the monocle habit crusades he would have been found for ahead of Socretary Joe Chamberlain may be re-The text for this extraordinary edict is as rare as bluebirds in winter.

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It is as rare as bluebirds in winter. of the column, seeking adventure with his sponsible for the misdirected view he is soldier's death. His memory will be hou- tairs, ored for all time by the nation which he served with single and brave purpose.

Indianapolis Press: Happy is the hero that dies in battle. Upon the shining record is something more than a mild indication of this man is no single blot of folly in of why the czar's peace conference was a peaceful life, such as has made so many frost. by at least £200,000,000. Several weeks ago world. There is not even so much as a born in Ireland. Lord Kitchener comes the outlay for the Boer war was estimated mistake of judgment to dim its laster. The from the Emerald Isle; so does Wolseley.

the total cost would not exceed the amount dure in the annals of the army as that of an | New York Tribune: It can scarcely be British treasury at the current rate in two indomitable fighter and a military leader of genius. He had no superior among the generals in service at the time of his Japanese influence is said to be so strong death, and, in some respects, no equal. The in Peking that the Russian representatives rare combination of pluck and judgment in the Chinese capital are unable to take which he possessed marked him as of the

Detroit Journal: The country will particularly regret his death at this time, when all General Buller's defeat that "God is punthe conditions of the campaign favor the ishing an arrogant and rapacious people who probability that he would soon have had the have oppressed and persecuted other races rest he had so completely earned and so in order to enrich themselves." This curious fully deserved. That the war in Luzon item will be read with mingled emotions promises an early ending is perhaps due as of amusement and surprise in Poland, Finmuch to Lawton as to any other one man land, the Caucasus and other sections which awaken the State Board of Transporta- America. This is a very natural sentiment, and it is a cruel blow that takes him away have been incorporated into the Bussian

Minneapolis Times: In the minds of the can wake their big neighbor to anything American people the names of El Caney and San Isidro will always be associated expert who has ever diagnosed the for the partitioning of the Chinese empire with that of Lawton. In the hearts of his countrymen his name will dwell as that of a man without guile, a soldier of undimmed brilliancy and a public servant of quality the highest and aspirations the purest. To his ashes, peace! To his memory, laurel! To his comrades, high example! Kansas City Journal: General Lawton's

Kansas City Journal: General Lawton's part in the battle of Santlago was instrumental in giving him a particularly strong hold upon the affections of the people. His hold upon the affections of the people. His fearless exposure in leading the charge at El Caney and the success that attended both the plan and the action of that charge once more demonstrated the superior stuff of which great soldiers are made and vindicated been up to now? the judgment that governed his selection for such a great responsibility.

LAW OF LIFE AND TRADE.

Illinois Supreme Court Rules on De partment Store Regulation.

Chicago Chronicle, The supreme court of Illinois has decided that the ordinances of the city council of Chicago regulating the business of depart ment stores are not constitutional and are vold. One of the ordinances prohibited the sale of meats, butter, lard, vegetables and other provisions in the same building where with the Majestic and Magnificent, of which dry goods, clothing, jewelry and other England is so proud, and he proceeds to articles were sold. The other ordinance propoint out that all the countries, while com- hibited the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in store where dry goods were sold. The cases against several proprietors of deliquors in stores where dry goods were sold. of the peace, from whose judgment an appeal was taken to the criminal court. From the judgment in that court an appeal was might prove less burdensome to the Italian taken to the supreme court. The highest exchequer in the future than it has been in tribunal holds that the multifarious business of department stores is legitimate and s entitled to the protection of law

The decision is based on first principles. man has a natural right and a right under the constitution to enjoy his property the nature and extent of the gold-bearing and to dispose of it in his discretion. This right is subject to police regulations for the protection of the public. A man cannot use his property nor dispose of it in a way to injure the general health, the morals of the community or the safety of individuals. The police power of the city and the state is confined in its exercise to the protection of the public health, morals and safety. yond this line all interference with individwals and individual rights violates the constitution, which was ordained for all. The public are not injured if meat, vegetables, iquor and dry goods are sold in the same

A long line of decisions by the supremourt of this state affirm the rights of own rship and the right of contract by individuals. When these rights are violated by any ordinance or law not necessary to the protection of the public safety, health and morals the ordinance or the law has been declared invalid. Paternalism in govern ment-manifested in statutes and municipal regulations which take a man's busines ut of his own hands, which tell him how he shall buy and how he shall sell, which destroy individualism and establish government regulations for personal conduct or for the use of private property-is incompatible with the enjoyment of natural rights and violates both the federal and state consti tutions, which surround life, liberty an property with their protection. As a practical matter, the department

stores exist because they sell goods for les than the same articles cost in stores which have but one line of trade. They advertise extensively and offer every class of merchandise at prices with which dealers in but one class of merchandise cannot compete. numerous class stay by him and pay the During the week there were 250,000 Christ- higher prices which he is competled to The latter, according to the about profits. The public wish well to the they pay a nickel each for a ride to the busy center of trade, where all kinds of goods are cheaper. Sympathy is good, but it counts for nothing against the attractions of a bargain counter.

And this is the law of life and trade. It would seem that the only way for the retail dealers in single lines of goods to protect themselves from extinction is by unit ing their amounts of capital or credit and organizing department stores in their reman emperor, according to a Berlin news- spective neighborhoods. By making large paper, are worth about 1,000,000 marks, or a purchases they could buy cheaper and could reduce prices to customers. By advertising ipal and most valuable decorations are the extensively they could attract purchasers. insignia of the Black Eagle, the Order of St. There are instances of large department John, the Order of the Garter and the Order stores at a distance from the downtown of the Tolson d'Or. In all he has over 200 center. By giving publicity to their facitities for supplying the local trade the



STOTS OF THE ROME GUARD.

Philadelphia Ledger: England has no better fighters than the Irish to her armies

herror is doing any one to particular. Who

San Francisco Call: The glee with which French, German and Austrian newspapers welcome British reverses in South Africa.

military heroes suffer in the history of the Boston Transcript: Lord Roberts was no more honorable mind, no braver spirits of Ireland. Somehow it seems as if none but Irish need apply for high commands in

> sacred and secular admonitions, was altogether too boastful while putting on her armor. It looks as if she would have abundant opportunity to regret the indiscretion before she is permitted to take her

armor off. Kansas City Star: A Russian newspaper which is called Sylet says in regard to empire within a century or so

## BREEZY LINES.

Chicago Record: "What's the difference etween a plebelan and a patrician?"
"A plebelan has to pay cash, but a patrician gets it charged."

New York Journal: Milligan-Did yez onvince Casey that he wor in the wrong? Mulligan-Oi dinnaw if Oi convinced him, but Of med him own up to it.

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Chicago News: Young Wife-Tom pre-sented me with a lovely pair of diamond earrings this morning. Her Mother-Indeed! I wonder what he's

Washington Star: "Can that prima donna each a high note?" asked the man who lidn't know much about music. "A high note!" exclaimed the enthusiastic nanager, "I should say so. A \$100 bill is asy for her." Indianapolis Journal: "Do you believe Presbyterians are an unemotional

'Naw: I know a Presbyterian girl whose attentions scared a young Methodist clergy-man clear out of the state. Somerville Journal: Higglety-Why do ou say that Watson is extravagant? Pigglety-Because he has three silk hats.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "My wife asked ne yesterday what I wanted for Christ-

'YesT'
'I told her a rug for her sewing room, pair of chenille curtains, or a new set silver toilet accessories for the guest

Indianapolis Journal: "If the Boers keep Indianapolis Journal: "If the Boers Keep in taking prisoners and adding to their ulinary responsibilities they'll have the ghiing and go back to farming." "That's right. If they don't, first ou know we'll be hearing that the particles captives are reduced to one kopies."

## SEASONABLE RHYMES.

Charge of the Christmas Brigade.

Chicago Times-Herald. Half a foot, half a foot, Half a foot onward! Down on the Christmas toys Swooped the six hundred. Grabbing for drum and horn— Many a skirt was torn, Many a toe was crushed By the six hundred!

Clerks to the right of them. Clerks to the right of them, Clerks to the left of them, Clerks massed in front of them Fumbled and blundered! Things ripped to pieces there. Arms reaching through the air, Mad women jamming and Grabbing things everywhere— Frightful six hundred.

Somerville Journal. I wish that I was Santa Claus, With loads of things to give aw I'd give mamma a new slik dress And to papa a horse and sleigh I'd give a watch to Brother Ned bicycle to Sister Nell pair of dandy skates to Jack

A diamond plu to Cousin Belle. I d give nice gifts to every Then what was left upon the shelf I'd label plain: "For a good boy," And scoop in the whole lot myself. Gee! What a lead-pipe clinch I'd have, And what a merry Christmas day, If I were only Santa Claus With all those things to give away!

## "fire in the Window"

would hardly cause more comment than they do now. Loaded as they are with such choice offering for Christmas day. Have you seen them? If you are in doubt about what to get for a present it will be well worth your time to walk around and look at them. You will see what you want. But if not there, you will surely find it on the inside.

We close all day 

So do your trading Satur day. مد مد مد مد مد مد مد



Open Evenings.