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trouble in making the agreement stick.

tion.

French toys are proverbially expensive, but the animated one which Anna Gould purchased appears to be more so than usual.

The republican city ticket will be neminated February 16. If the republicans of Omaha will get together they will nominate the winning ticket.

A Chadron judge has excluded testimony which was to have been given over a telephone, probably on the ground lican, which for a few years afforded an alarm at Washington over the althat it was hearsny and not the best evidence.

According to the stories told by Senator Clark to explain the boodle disbursements in the Montana senatorial contest Marcus Daly must be almost the bad man of Montana.

Whatever may be the case in other branches of the human race it is evident the birth rate of suckers must be increasing, when the quality of the present generation is such that even a St. Louis man is able to work them.

If the United States senate is having trouble finding some one willing to accept the secretaryship it might apply to Nebraska. Several of them are out of office and perfectly willing to get in.

It does not make much difference to the people of Omaha which bridge the Illinois Central uses for its passenger trains, providing only it brings its pas- present editor of The Bee. senger trains to this side of the river and lands them in convenient terminal

Unless General Buller does something soon which changes the situation in South Africa the strategists on the Lon- States" in the provision of the constitudon papers will run out of campaign plans for him. They present a new one every day, but the present field is about worked out.

Local populists are trying to find out how much of a dividend the democrats are going to allow them in the coming city campaign. The assets are not large enough to warrant the declaration of a very large dividend, even if most of them were not of doubtful value.

The size of the city tax levy is still undetermined. The people of Omaha are willing to pay as much taxes as are necessary to run an efficient government economically and honestly, but they are not willing to put up a cent for extravagance, sinecure jobs or corrupt steals.

Range stockmen demand the restoration of the feeding-in-transit rate, asserting they are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars by its abrogation. The feeders and farmers who have corn to sell are also losers, but the railroads are not letting anything get away from

Put it down that what has made Nebraska republicans a minority party is lican column right along.

For once the World-Herald is correct in its diagnosis of the allment of the who ascribes all the disasters which have befallen republicans during the last twenty-five years to factionism instead of boodlerism.

fail to see that their proposition is impracticable, in view of our treaties with which congress would enact for these Take a lesson from the party in New be the convention mouth in 1900. munds having been requested by the is no random statement, but a principle the one lifea of enhancing the silver senate committee on commerce to in which has been repeatedly asserted colonel's ambition. Local leaders of the vestigate the matter reported that whenever laws enacted by congress for party might be short on offices, but he had examined all the treaties be- the District of Columbia and the terri- furthering the Nebraska man's cause tween the United States and other tories have come before the courts for should be satisfaction enough for any countries on the subject of the ships of judicial construction. There are nu-sacrifice. other countries being entitled to boun merous decisions of the supreme court ties on exports if the United States which appear to fully warrant and susshould grant bounties to its own ships tain this view, and as a result found that there are | If it be a sound position that any there is a big job for us down in Kentucky. twenty-six countries whose ships would | legislation by congress for our jusular have a right to claim export bounties acquisitions will make them an integral if this country should grant them to part of the United States, entitled to its own vessels. Of course no one will all the guarantees of the constitution seriously contend for a policy that would the proposition that military governthus benefit the ship ewaers of nearly ment be maintained over them for an all the maritime and commercial com- indefinite time will find many supportpetitors of the United States and prob- ers, for there are extremely few of our building up of an American merchant acquisitions upon an equality with our tion calling on every burgher in the Trans- democrats of the south on this question is might be a very serious matter for our the members of the ways and means lar one to his people. The speciacle of commercial interests.

committee Judge Edmunds also pointed the expression of their opinion. out that if a bounty on exports is to be granted it must apply to all exports; it must be impartial and universal. It they desire is impracticable under ex- great weekly magazine. isting conditions.

DOCTOR BALCOMBE'S DIAGNOSIS.

afflicts the republican party of Nebraska. Like many medical doctors are due to factionism. In his narrow entire convention. The work of the new school board has and file of the party against dishonest Nelson. only commenced. After investigation public officials and corrupt methods of Among the other pictorial features of disease, and municipalities are heeding facedly iniquitous trust than that known through thick and thin so long as they ley, Ia., foot ball teams. held a commission from a party convention.

The good doctor started out as a drug- that will please the women. gist, got into politics and was rewarded The Bee Sunday will be the best dian agent, which enabled him to save newsdealers. up \$70,000 in less than four years on a salary of \$1,500 a year. With this jackpot he bought the old Omaha Repubhim a field for putting into practice his leged moral degeneracy of the Omaha

ideal of a party organ. good doctor did not swallow his own with field deputies connected with the pills. While he now arraigns The Bee United States marshal's office. Accordfor kicking over the traces when party ing to Mr. Matthewson the red and conventions have nominated notorious white bootleggers who supply Indians then owner, refused to support the reg- bauchery among Indians are on the inularly nominated republican legislative crease because the field marshals are no ticket, although a United States senator longer allowed to round up the standing honesty was made against a single candidate on that ticket.

expects to achieve by his distempered dissertation and why he has broken loose at this time after keeping silence eral Griggs that he has made a mistake the popocratic pie-biting contingent in for ten years is not conceivable. All we can glean from his screed is that has demoralized the United States marhe believes the party is split from cen- shal's force. The attorney general has ter to circumference by a factional division for which he prescribes no remedy and which in his opinion cannot possibly end during the lifetime of the

A PERPLEXING QUESTION.

A sub-committee of the house committee on ways and means has been tion which declares that "all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States." The determination of this perplexing question is of vital importance in its bearing upon the status of the new possessions and particularly in respect to whether our customs laws must be extended to the new territory.

It is contended on the one hand that although the new possessions are a part of the nation, it is entirely within the power of congress to say whether or not the customs laws or any other laws an officer will do more to restore good of the United States shall be applied to them. Those who hold this view urge that when the terms on which the new pussessions were acquired are not fixed by treaty they are such as the new master may impose. On the other hand it is argued that any general legislation by congress in behalf of these possessions will make them integral parts of the United States and therefore entitled to all the rights and privileges provided in the constitution.

The latter view has been strongly stated by a member of the insular commission, Hon, H. G. Curtis. He says "If a legislature is to be created under any system of franchise, or laws passed not Bryanism nor factionalism, but directly by congress, it must keep the boodlerism. Had the republicans al- constitution in full remembrance and ways possessed the courage to repudiate | not withhold any of the personal priviand punish boodlers and public thieves leges guaranteed to any people of the the state would have been in the republichted States. It must provide a government republican in form. It must insure trials by jury for all criminal of fenses and civil cases involving \$20. and a grand jury for all felonies. It republican party in Nebraska. And must see that no privilege of any citithat is not very complimentary to the zen is abridged. Tariff barriers must political sagacity or moral stamina of be destroyed; for, under the constituthe former proprietor of the Mammoth- tion, all duties must be uniform in all Consolidated Republican, newspaper, parts of the United States and no duties can be charged on imports from any state. Malays, Chinese and Taxa logs, as well as the Puerto Ricans, can

ably would not in the least promote the people who are disposed to place these treaties could be abrogated, but that light on the subject is expected from of the Orange Free State has issued a simis loyalty to Bryanism. committee having it under considera-In his communication to the senate tion and great interest will attach to has no parallel in any other nation of mod-

THE SUNDAY REE.

The Bee Sunday will be a most atvocates of export bountles make a will be unexcelled, as will also be the somewhat plausible plea, but the policy various features that distinguish a

The Illustrated Bee, which will be delivered to each subscriber, will present as the frontispiece a handsome por Doctor Saint A. D. Balcombe has un- trait of Iowa's newly elected United bosomed himself through the pepocratic States senator, John H. Gear. It will preparing a united protest against the re- object to a continuance of the "conspiracy." organ in a two-column diagnosis of the also show snap shots at the prominent cent changes in freight classifications by chronic disease which in his opinion figures in the senatorial contest just

closed at Des Moines, 24,602 Doctor Balcombe labors under the de- Omaha comes in for several striking lusion that all the ills that have be- views, including portraits of their offallen the party in the last twenty years | ficers and a group photograph of the

horizon he has been unable to see the The school serial discusses the study The cement manufacturers who have procession of vital issues by which the of English in the Nebraska schools agreed to raise the price should have no party has been torn up, nor is he able with pictures of school room work in the betterment of life in centers of populato conceive a state of affairs that would Fremont and views of the handsome ance than the general effort to improve the cause a general uprising among the rank | High school buildings in Hastings and | water supply of great cities. The finger of

must come retrenchment and regenera- administration. Doctor Balcombe has are a portrait of President Burgess of the warning. been reared in that old school of politics the Board of Education, a picture of the that fostered a subsidized press and ex- | Dewey cup, a portrait of a young Scotch pected party organs to stand up for bagpiper of Omaha in costume, groups thieves, jobbers and public plunderers of Beatrice, Neb., and Missouri Val-

The fashion page shows timely living models posed in latest garments

for his zeal with an appointment as In- newspaper. Don't fail to read it. All is harsh treatment, we know, but it goes.

THERE WAS NO MISTAKE MADE. Indian Agent Matthewson has sounded the Omaha Republican, of which he was out restraint and drunkenness and dewas to be elected and no charge of dis- witnesses, whom they escort in crowds and droves from the agency to Omaha and from Omaha to the agency every

What Doctor Balcombe is aiming at or time the federal court holds a session, It is doubtful, however, whether Agent Matthewson can convince Attorney Gen-In stopping the most flagrant abuse that never lived on an Indian reservation, but he knows enough to know that the periodic excursions of United States field marshals to the Indian reservations exert no restraint upon Indians addicted to bad habits. These Indians can get all the firewater they can pay for whether the deputy marshals are off or on the reservation. He knows, morecharged with the duty of determining over, that contact with the Indians and its vitality. The only thing of consequence the meaning of the term "United the opportunity to earn big mileage fees while traveling on railroad passes have had a demoralizing influence upon deputy marshals as well as upon the Indians, who become professional perjurers and habitual drunkards in order to have a good time every few weeks. This is why the same old Omaha and Winnebago braves and squaws have filled the corridors of the federal building year in

and year out. Instead of reviving the old practice the Indian bureau should employ a depnty agent specially detailed to keep down drunkenness on the agency. Such order and decency on the reservation than a small army of field marshals,

Democrats who are fighting Congress man Sutherland on the ground that the nomination next fall should go to a democrat are simply wasting time. If it is done for amusement at a period when politics is dull the fight is all right and will serve the purpose as well as any thing else. But when it comes to convention time the democrats will fail in line for Sutherland or some other populist "for Bryan's sake." Just for good mensure the populists may consent to give the democrats a road supervisor or

emething of equal caliber. Why should the county attorney carry the contention of Albyn Frank against the law making the office of clerk of the district court a salaried position to the supreme court? What has the county to gain by this course inasmuch as the fees collected by the district clerk since July are less than the aggregate of the salaries of his employes. On the other hand, why does the county attorney ig taken receipts in full from the employes while they received only part

It is really unkind of the Maryland democracy not to endorse Bryan and 1d freely enter our ports, for it is the right to 1. It is true they carried the state present session.

of any citizen to migrate from one part. by turning their lineks on free silver The advocates of bauntles on expects of the United States to any other part, and promising never to take it up again, n lieu of ship subsidies will bardly All these guarantees of the constitution, but Maryland democrats should not most be incorporated in the legislation take political promises so seriously. foreign countries. Ex-Senator Edvislands," This, declares Judge Curtis, braska and subordinate everything to

A dob for Civilization. Indianapolis Fres

Democracy's New Emblem. Let the demograts adopt the ostrich as their campaign emblem of 1900 by all means. Then prepare for fun when the republican elephant fans the ostrich with his

A Spectacle Without Parallel.

Chicago New President Kruger has issued a proclamaern times.

Germany and Its Colonies. San Francisco Call.

According to a recent official report the could not be confined to the products tractive number from every point of entire trade between Germany and its of agriculture, but must also include view. Its special cable letters, tele-colonies last year amounted to 14,766,000 publican campaign fund if President Mcthose of the mill and factory. The ad- graphic news and local news reports marks, while the cost of maintaining them was 14,788,000 marks., It will be seen from the figures that the colony business is much more glorious than profitable, as we are will have a first-class article or none. likely to find out before we get through with the Philippines.

Fruitless Protests of Shippers.

the trunk line roads, which have operated to materially advance railway charges. the Interstate Commerce commission tells The recent convention of Iowa and them there is no power left under the federal it out with the roads on their own unaided strength.

Warning Signals for Cities.

The last ten years of the closing century have witnessed many notable movements for the betterment of life in centers of populascience has pointed unerringly to polluted drinking water as the most prolific source

Hadley's Idea Goes. Kansas City Journal.

family." That is the right idea. We heretrusts that their invitations to dine with to call on their families will not be met. This President Hadley has our warm thanks for his eminently practical, cogent and timely suggestion.

Theories of Suffragists. New York Tribune.

The woman suffragists of South Dakota are generous if they are foolish. They not and Winnebago Indians since the De- only want to vote themselves, but want the Like other doctors we know of, the partment of Justice decided to do away women of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines to vote also. It is a question how many men in some of those places could vote wisely, and inasmuch as in primitive countries the women are largely drudges and less fitted for affairs than their husbands the corruptionists he forgets that in 1870 with firewater are now operating with- utility of ballots in their hands might well be questioned even by the most ardent theoretical woman suffragists.

REGULATING RAILROAD RATES.

Indianapolis Press: The commission has peatedly pleaded for legislation, and the demand for it from shippers and commercial organizations has been incessant. It is not understand, and he is proverbially slow to undertake the study of complicated subjects. The commission makes a suggestion that may well be taken to heart by those railroad managers that have been so active in opposing such legislation, when it declares that reasonable legislation now would be better for all concerned than to let the matter drift along until it gives rise to a general demand for radical and drastic measures

Springfield Republican: The Interstate Commerce commission is powerless to enforce the law in any or all of its essential purposes. Step by step, through the efforts of the roads and the judgments of the courts, the commission has been divested of its powers and the act has been robbed of which has been effected against the roads other great consolidations, is the breaking up of such rate agreements as were represented in the transmissouri and the traffic associations, and this was effected under the federal anti-trust law and no Minneapolis Times: The report points to

under the interstate commerce law. the danger that continued failure to make the law operative will result in an irresistible demand for the most radical and drastic legiciation, such as government ownership of railroads. Vast schemes of railway combination are under way and threaten to restrain competition between rival lines The movement has not as yet resulted in the actual consolidation of the great rallroad companies, but enough has transpired to show that a great railroad trust is not impossibility. Under these circumstances it is doubly important that there should be control necessary to prevent excessive rates and unjust discrimination

Philadelphia Press: The present congress congress will. The "wholesale" principle has probably come to stay. In the long run it is probably best for the individual. though the postoffice gets on without it, waxes and serves the public liberally. But the public is sure to demand some summary and direct authority to page on the reasonable character of railroad rates. If a conservative congress does not provide this tribunal and its swift remedies the Interstate Commerce commission is right in thinking that it will be provided by a radimeasure in the next business depression.

Chicago Post: Obviously the commission believes that there is considerable truth to the recent rumors of railrand consolidation. though the railway officials have depled or pooh-poohed them. It does not say that the tendency and destroy the incentive to unifit would then exercise would render comination comparatively harmless, since exnore the charge that the late clerk has cessive and oppressive rates would be set even though production should continue aside and only reasonable charges allowed to be imposed. In the absolute of such control, and with the disappearance of the only are so large that we can afford to draw upon existing check-competition-the resulting them far more lavishly than we have done evils would be remeditess. There is, however, no prospect of the elastment of any compresensive railroad legislation at the kers of the world while there is an un-

The fusion populists are considering the roject of holding a national convention in habitants. It has a high death rate, like is being built across the river, and in a few Indianapolis in the month of June. June will most Oriental and practically all large to months it will be possible to run trains

missary department. In 1898 the venerable Massachusetts town

way, 2,957 for Decose and 2,820 against,

Mr. Goebel of Kentucky is striving to executive mansion. But Governor Taylor has taken his measure and may be relied upon to dress him down at the right moment. Senator Sullivan of Mississippi is an outpoken advocate of expansion, favoring pernament control of the islands taken from Spain. The division among the leading

A bill has been introduced in the Masevery able-bodied man in the little South sachusetts legislature providing for the African republics at the front is one that compulsory tagging of lobbyists. Shades of the Spered Codfish, has It come to this? Are Bay state lawmakers so dull or blind inc. They will be natural prey for the stands is therefore about \$61,000,000. The that they must tag their friends? Better plague, tie a can on the solons.

The Americus club of Pittsburg is said to be ready to contribute \$200,000 to the re-Kinley will address the club at the Grant anniversary April 27. That is a pretty high figure for a campaign speech, but the club

A party by the name of Bryan, surnamed John, who halls from Indiana, emerges from the timber long enough to say that advances in the wages of workingmen are a deep and dark conspiracy of the pluto-The commercial bodies of the country are crats. Workingmen thus favored will not

The republican national committee at its recent meeting in Washington fixed the representation of the territories in the next national convention as follows: Six delegates each for Arizona, New Mexico, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma and four delegates for Alaska. The plan of admitting territorial delegates to the national convention of either political party is based upon the theory that having representatives in congress they should be represented in national

FREE WOOD PULP.

A Hog Combine Whose Bristles Ar-Constantly in Evidence." Minneapolis Times.

is not in existence a more bareas the International Paper company. Enormously overcapitalized, without bowels of prudence or compassion, a "hog combine" whose bristles are constantly in evidence, "When a man operates a trust against the a restraint upon brains as well as upon public good," says President Hadley, "don't labor, a deterrent, an obstruction and a invite him to dinner, don't call on his gouge, with one manifest destiny-to make enormous profits at the expense of patrons the possession of Kabul. In such a case by give notice to all men who operate bad and public and to throttle competition in embryo-this association of greed should no us are canceled and that our engagements longer be buttressed by law and upheld by statutory provision. The Times has a right to speak its mind about the Paper trust York von Wartenburg believes that diplobecause it has spoken in similar reprehension of brethren of the brood. This paper hension of brethren of the brood. This paper ameer before a military struggle arises for is not a convert because of the wringing the possession of Afghanistan, and that of personal withers. It has contended earn- the victor in diplomacy will then proceed estly and insistently that when a trust bebusiness enterprise, it should be wounded eventuality Russia's position is not unfavorin a vital part when the weapon is at hand in a vital part when the weapon is at hand with which to inflict the wound. Such a weapon we have as against the Paper trust dahar, since the latter place, in comparison and it is the same that could be wielded with advantage against others of like ilk.

> which have weight in determining prices of We are informed that the resolutions introduced by Mr. Gaines, providing for a material reduction in the duty on wood pulp, have been pigeon-holed in the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. They must come out of that receptacle or others must be introduced and the question made vital by debate. Republicans will find it hard to defend the Paper rust, for whose sole use and benefit the pulp ariff exists, and democrats will violate an article of doctrinal faith if they oppose such

Make wood pulp free of duty and the price

of paper would fall almost as rapidly as it

has risen-not quite, for it is true that lack

of water in many streams and the scarcity

spruce in the United States are factors

esolutions. We desire to make it plain that we believe duction, or abolition, of the duties on nany articles of common use and consumpon would be effective in scotching, if no illing, numerous harmful trusts. Let wood ulp be the entering wedge, as it were and if we bring the Paper trust to its enses by putting it on a level with other ndustries, we may reasonably hope that the advantage will be followed up and other hogs find their bristles shaven, their tusks crawn and their stomachs constricted.

OLD KING COAL.

The Merry Old Soul Extending His Power Abroad.

Philadelphia Record For the first time in its history the United States has surpassed Great Britain in the production of coal. Year by year we have been chronicling the increasing production of bituminous coal in this country through the constant development of pensation from a concession to prolong the new sources of supply, and we have also Beirut-Damaseus railway to Mesopotamia. from time to time noted the fact that and connect it with the new Bagdad line. Britain's great coal fields are slowly but surely becoming exhausted. thi statement was first put forth tentatively not many years ago by a few careful observers in England it was greeted with derision; now, however, it is accepted as a fact and its truth is admitted by the highest authorities. If we may accept the preliminary essome public authority which may exert the timates of the Engineering and Mining Journal as approximately correct this country produced in 1899 no less than 244,581,875 tons of coal. The official record of the United States geographical survey shows that in 1898 (which was itself a record year) we produced 166,592,023 short tons of bi tuminous coal and 47,663,075 long tons anthracito coal, all of the latter having been mined in Pennsylvania. Ten years ago we mined but \$5,685,543 short tons o bituminous and 40,714,721 long tons of an thracite coal. Recent cable dispatches from various part

of Europe have mentioned that a serior and widespread coal famine is now prevail ing-to such an extent, indeed, that in man cal congress. If the ratificids are wise they places industrial manufactories have be stil now favor a conservative measure. If obliged to shut down for want of fuel. The they are not wise they will get a radical price of coal has been steadily rising Europe on account of increased cost production, while in this country the co has been steadily declining. The experts tion of American scal to Europe has becoma reality and we venture to predict that one of the surprises of the near future will be ameniment proposed by it would arrest the an enormous expansion of this business. cation, but it implies that he control which United States is of unknown quantity, but enough has been uncovered to enable us know that it is practically inexhaustible

increase at a more rapid rate than in the

last ten years. Our known supplies of coal

as yet; therefore, it is eminently proper

that we should take the product to the mar-

limited demand for it.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Bombay is a city of about 1,000,000 in-

The total number of paid employes of the about seventy-five persons die there every The Japanese have a concession for another New York state government is 9,321, of day. That number is about twice as great railroad from Fisco, on the southeastern whom fully 5,000 are directly connected with as it would be if the mortality were no coast, to the capital, and will, by means of Albany departments, and a majority of these heavier than it is in Cleveland, in propor- it, increase their hold upon the country. In Colonel Jack Chinn, Kentucky's famous late in Bombay has risen to more than 500 being multiplied. In view of the present political marksman, was not on the firing a day. It is nearly five times as great as strength of Japan's fleet it is unlikely that line at the recent skirmish. The colonel is the normal mortality. The cause is the bu- Russia will ask her cut of Korea as she shrewd enough to stick close to the com- bonic plague. The pestilence is killing the asked her out of China. people of Bombay at the rate of about 90,000 a year. If its ravages cannot be If we are really trustees of civilization, of Salem voted against the granting of liquor checked soon, the great western port of tion of December, 1899, it voted the other persance. So far, there is little to justify 16,350, hope of such a change. The plague has been increasing in virulence and the extent execute a flank movement on the Blue Grass of its deadly work. India has many other infected cities. The same destroyer which is reaping an awful harvest in Bombay is spreading through the neighboring provinces. It will surely find easy food for and last year these gave 301,468 free baths greater ravages where the famine now bringing tens of millions to the verge of starvation and death is leaving multirudes feeble cial Chronicle'ss record, aggregated \$118,and desperately poor. About 3,000,000 men 113,005, against \$103,084,793 during the premarine. It may be said that these states and territories. Meanwhile much vaal to go to the front and President Steyn very marked, but it does not affect their are working on government relief undertak- ceding year. legs to get food enough to keep life in their. The original cost of the Eric canal, carryhodies. Including their families and the ing four feet of water, was \$7,602,000. Its millions who are being fed by charity and first enlargement cost \$44,465,414. Since theft, there must be a population of 20,- then \$9,000,000 more has been spent in im-000,000 or more sorely afflicted by the fam- proving it. Its total construction cost as it

> Japan has offered to establish a school at an additional cost of almost exactly the of instruction for Chinese army officers in same amount, the estimate being \$50,000,000, Pekin and it is reported the Chinese gov- In 1895 the number of savings banks in connent is likely to so far smother its the United States was 1,017, with deposits pride as to accept such aid in developing amounting to \$1,841,000,000 and surplus and decent power of resistance to outside en- other assets making their holdings \$2,013,encles. Japan is anxious to fortify the 000,000. In 1899 the number of such banks Chinese empire, if possible, against division was 942, with deposits aggregating \$2,199,among the great powers of Europe. For 000,000 and other assets making a total of Japan that means more chance to escape \$2,401,000,000. Thus the savings banks inultimate engulfing in the tide of Russian creased their deposits and assets \$338,000,000 growth and conquest. But what China in five years. The number of depositors has needs is not so much better training for increased 693,000 and the average deposit her officers as it is something of the love per person has risen from \$369 to \$335. of country and willingness to die in its defense that have made Japan one of the great powers of the world. Chinese patrictism means little more than dislike of the ways and characteristics of other people. It knows hardly anything of devotion to China, steadfastly as it clings to Chinese habits. In the light of the contradictory reports

that come by cable concerning Russia's

menace to Afghanistan, a paper read recently before the kaiser at the Berlin Milltary society is deemed to have considerable significance. Colonel Count York von Wartenburg, chief of a department of the gen eral staff, was the author of the paper, the title of which was "Afghanistan and the Anglo-Russian Rivalry in Asia." The count, after comparing the Russian and British military forces in Asia that would immediately be engaged should war break out revealed the probable plan of operations of both countries. He said that the occupation of Herat by Ruseia would be followed by the seizure of Kandahar by the British, and this would give rise to a struggle for an important point would be the attitude of the natives of Afghanistan, and it would remain to be seen which eide the Afghan forces of 37,000 men would espouse. Count macy will be employed in winning over the to decide the question by war, for which with Herat, is more closely allied to Afghanistan. Moreover, Great Britain has so frequently, while Russia given way hitherto has always steadily carried out its own aims. The count asserted that if once the Russians gained Kabul, India would be seriously threatened. On the other hand, if Great Britain succeeded in preventing Russia from occupying Kabul and driving it from Herat, then the present condition of affairs would simply be restored. It was impossible, he said, for Great Britain to attack and defeat decisively the Russian fighting strength at Samarcand and Mery, and in the event of war in that region Russia would have at stake only a part of its forces and political position in Asia, while Great Britain would be risking its all. As Count York von Warten burg is an acknowledged military authority in Germany, his remarks are widely cited and commented on by the military press of According to the correspondent of the

London Times in Vienna, Germany, in seturing the concession from Turkey for the oposed Bagdad railway, was careful of the susceptibilities of other interested powers. In order not to offend Russia, the new line will not start from Angora, but from Konich, thus avoiding too close an

approach to the Russian frontier. France is directly interested in the new undertaking. Last summer an agreement was ar rived at between the Deutsche bank in Ber lin and the Ottoman bank in Paris, that the latter should supply 40 per cent of the capital required. Immediately after the imperial irade had been issued the German ambassador gave official information thereoto the French, which is held to prove that the agreement in question is still in force Moreover, the French expect to obtain con As regards the English they are supposed to have too much upon their hands in Africa to be looking for any trouble elsewhere. Russian comment, as might be expected, is no altogether favorable. The Novosti of St Petersburg, for instance, maintains that Germany meditates a peaceful conquest o Turkey by means of a campaign of railroad; and colonization, and suggests that her policy in Asia Minor is an example of what Russia ought to do in Persia.

For commercial and political reasons the Japanese have secured control of the rail road, twenty-six miles long, from Chemulpe on the coast of Korea, to Seoul, the capital

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The road was begun by Americans three years ago and has now been completed to the Hau river. A bridge costing \$1,000,000 dian centers of population. Ordinarily, from the coast right into the city of Seoul. tion to the size of the city. Now the death many ways Japanese interests in Korea are

IMPRESSIVE FIGURES.

In four years the convict population of licenses within its boundaries. In the elec- India will rapidly dwindle in size and im- New York state has declined from 12,661 to

> There were only 107 lynchings in the United States last year, against 235 in the year 1892.

Chicago neoole appreciate the public boths The city has two houses for the purpose, Municipal bond issues and sales last year in the United States, according to the Finan-

gevernor's canal commission now recommends that it be converted into a ship canal

FLASHES OF FUN.

Detroit Journal: The Boer should bow to the inevitable. It would be very nice if he would also say "chawmed!"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "There are 70,000 times in that Dewey loving cup."
"Think of it! That's equal to 70,000

Brooklyn Life: Baffling,-"It's a very un-attsfactory story!" "Yes?"
"Oh, very! I've read the first chapter

and the inst chapter, and I don't know yet how it turns out." Chicago News: "That palm reader said he had the most unbounded faith in my

Well 2" "Then he made me plank down \$1 in ad-

Detroit Free Press: "Our literary club is going to study the Elizabethan era."
"Isn't that rather hackneved?"
"Yes; but in discussing people who are dead, you know, we won't be tempted to

Chicago Tribune: "All the same," mut-tered Aladdin, "It keeps me scratching to get even the necessaries of life!" Hereupon he wearily rubbed the old lamp gain and ordered his faithful gente to ring him a fresh lump of ice from the north pole. Indianapolis Journal: "His editorials are

not so intensely mugwump as they were."
"Oh, not by any means. I haven't seen
the expression 'right-thinking people' in them to exceed a dozen times in the last six months isn't much of a criminal lawyer?"

"He completed his speech in three hours, when he might just as well have strung it out for as many days and added several hundred dollars to his bill."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I see that Cap-tain Bob Evans is again by the side of Grover Cleveland."
"Perhaps he can do those rheumatic twinges verbal justice when they begin to

pull taut. Washington Star: "What I want," said Senator Sorghum, "is the most stringent laws to punish any irregularities in an

"What for?" "Why to scare the other fellows with We folks know where we stand, all right."

SUBLIME FOLLY.

Sublimest folly!—from their camps uprise Two mighty armies, eager for the fray; The drumbeat rolls, the brazen trumpets And guns and bayonets flush against the skies

Now shall be shown on which side victory Swords gleam, the booming cannon hurl quick, sharp rifleshots for death On high the bird of evil omen cries.

Mon fall as in the field the full ripe grain. Where bending respers swing the sickle's in ranks they fall, never to rise again-

But wherefore the dread holocaust thus past all doubt man may make this truth plain, honor, more than life, his heart is

"Untold Riches"

Await the man who will find a way to keep trousers from bagging at the knees —up to this time the nearest approach to such a boon is an extra pair. In our fall and winter suits were many extra pairs of trousers-and there are many pairs of odd ones-several hundred altogether - and more than we want right now-and some very tempting prices have been placed on them to help this decrease. You can find just what you want at

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