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Duels by cable are the latest in French circles. Like many French duels, most of the damage is done by the verbosity

of the combatants.

Some day there may be a good office to give out for which W. H. Thompson popocratic crowd are likely to have an attack of heart failure.

The colonists who have been induced to settle in Paul Vandervoort's Cuban paradise are said to be greatly discouraged. The premoter will never be discouraged until the run of suckers starts up some other stream.

The Ak-Sar-Ben governors have reorganized for a year by the appointing of committees to take charge of the different sections of the work. The Ak-Sar-Ben week of 1900 should make the century mark in the history of Omaha.

From the fact that only one of the war of 1812 remains on the pension rolls and 1.998 widows of soldiers of that war it is evident the attraction of young wives for old men with pension possibilities is by no means a new fad.

The most important problem which the Commercial club should take up is the question of the coming census. If any possible way exists for uniting Omaha and South Omaha before the census is taken it should be mapped out at once.

Admiral Dewey has been invited to at tend the Beatrice chantauqua for July 4. but has had to decline on account of other engagements. Our Beatrice friends, however, are entitled to all the advertising they can get out of the invitation.

Admiral Schley has been honored in a brilliant reception at Buenes Ayres. We feel confident, however, that the warmth of the enthusiasm displayed for the admiral at Omaha last spring was not excelled, even though Buenos Ayres is nearer the equator.

The attraction of gravitation, which in the case of democrats is the offices, does not appear to be sufficient to produce harmony of action in congress The trouble is the offices are so far removed that their attractive force is diffused and conflicting.

The local mouthpiece of the Bryanites now demands the resignation of the sec retaries of the State Board of Transpor tation. If we remember correctly the same organ not long ago demanded the resignation of the state auditor, but the demand went to protest.

The school beard investigating committee has not been shooting off any fireworks in its last few sessions, but it upon questionable methods in vogue in of Puerto Rico. Representatives of various departments. The next thing is American sugar and tobacco industries to reorganize these branches and put all have appeared before the senate com- tional committee has called the committhe affairs of the schools on a strictly mittee on Pacific Islands and Puerto tee to meet at Lincoln, although one of business basis.

The South Omaha Live Stock exchange is urging congress to repeal the stamp tax on notes and mortgages While about it, the exchange should include in its petition a request for the repeal of the stamp tax on telegraph messages and express receipts, or at least a into the United States shall pay 80 per modification that would compel the tel- cent of the customs duties levied upon initiative for a reorganization of the the tax instead of shoving it on their States from fereign countries and that great democratic anti-monopoly, trustpatrons, as they now do.

portation are mistaken if they think they can shift all the edium of the doignorance, for it has been for some years but the American sugar and tobacco a matter of common-knowledge in the producers strongly insist that it would, their salaries.

DANGERS CONFRONTING ENGLAND. ley opposed war in South Africa, but he to our sugar producers, while it would they would adopt American cars their patrons to surrender to the Boers it was to an Irich but they will find opportunity in the fu- | sions. ture to revolt against British domination and will avail themselves of it.

But the most significant utterance of Mr. Morley was his statement regarding the point at which the conflict would time ago confidently declared that England had nothing to fear in other quarters, but while his opportunities for information are perhaps better than these tractors. too of Mr. Morley, we think the latter has in respect to the dangers confronting England the clearer vision and the 70 greater candor. He knows that most of Europe is hostile to Great Britain, that her reverses in South Africa are a cause 90 pean governments and particularly to France and Russia, and that these governments are hoping for an opportunity, through the weakening of British military power, to put into effect designs in Asia and elsewhere inimical to the interests of Great Britain.

What Mr. Morley probably had in mind are the generally suspected aims of Russia in China, Persia and on the frontier of India. That power, while would not hesitate to take advantage. even at the risk of war, of the first fathis direction, the time is not yet ripe gardless of creed or secret seciety relafor any aggressive demonstration, but tions. will not be a candidate. When this it may come in the not remote future if employ much more of her military resources in South Africa, as in all probability she will. As to France, bitterly hostile though her people are to England. she is not dangerous except as the ally of Russin, France will do nothing against Great Britain upon her own initiative, but undoubtedly she stands ready to aid Russia in whatever the latter may undertake.

The security of Great Britain against the hostile designs of continental powers is in the friendship of Germany and this friendship England, there is no doubt, will spare no effort to maintain. The course of the British government in respect to the seizures of German ships, in promptly yielding to the German de anxiety to retain the friendship of Germany. That is Britain's bulwark against her European enemies that is hardly less valuable to her than her mighty naval power.

# CARING FOR PUERTO RICO.

The question of remedial legislation for Puerto Rico is unquestionably ur. footing. gent. The island is in an impoverished condition. The coffee crop, which has hurricane that swept over the island some months ago, a loss that is severely there show there is general industrial prostration and the outlook is most unpromising unless something be done by our government to relieve the situation | whether a Mason or not a Mason, and much suffering seems to be inevitable if the relief is not soon supplied.

How to do this and not injure any American interest is the problem. Preschandise coming into the United States | compliment. from the island of Puerto Rico and all Rico and declaimed against the free the members asserts that he presented admission of the products of Puerto the chairman with a petition, signed by Rico to our ports. Senator Platt of a majority of the members, asking that Connecticut, the tobacco interest of the meeting be called for Chicago. which state is much concerned in the There must be something wrong with

articles originating in the United States smashing attorney general is also a and shipped to Puerto Rico are to pay member of the board? Why should the Members of the State Board of Trans- 80 per cent of the duty imposed up n attorney general allow a populist to habiting what is plainly American territory. importations from other countries, What effect, if any, the free admission nothing policy of the board onto the into the United States of the sugar and secretaries. The members of the board tobacco of Puerto Rico would have upon are themselves primarily responsible for these home industries must be to a the acts or the failure to act of their large extent conjectural. In the opinion subordinates. They cannot even plead of some it will not be at all serious.

ment to the Puerto Rican bill providing

that articles imported from the island

men Mr. John Morley is one of the mest it can be produced more clearly than the max have trouble in twisting his tongue distinguished and the warning he has here, the price of labor on plantant as just uttered in an address to his con- being from 33 to 40 cents per day. It stituents should receive the earnest con- is hardly to be doubted that this comsideration of his countrymen. Mr. Mer- petition would be more or less injurious is not now saying anything to influence not necessarily reduce the price of would be entitled to congratulations. public sentiment against the govern sugar to the American consumer. As ment. He probably believes that En- to tobacco, while the Pacrto Rican gland will triumph, but he told his con- product is of a different and higher

general belief among Englishmen that | Thus the question of caring for the conquering the Roers in this conflict will industrial interests of this new posses-CORRESPONDENCE.

Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha in that quarter. There is no doubt, however, that Mr. Morley's is the same industries of this new possession, while at the same time doing no injury to the industries of our own proever, that Mr. Morley's is the samer ple, is a perplexing problem. Its solu-BUSINESS LETTERS.

Business letters and remittances should early the Boers may be beaten in this business letters and remittances should war and have to give up their country.

The Boers may be beaten in this tion will establish a precedent for our set apart a day as a day of humiliation and war and have to give up their country. It ade relations with the other possess prayer and will hold three services, in each of the centuries, and the subject of severe criticism and courts.

STERN DUTY OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP. The Bee regarding the course pursued by Mr. Hayward in connection with the come to an end, that "something de exposure of the school board boodlers, praying for, pends on a chance which I hope is re. Mr. Mackay in the letter over his name mote, but is certainly not invisible, of in another column reiterates that it was our being called off to meet dangers in the sworn duty of Mr. Hayward as a other quarters," Mr. Balfour a short fellow Mason to warn Mr. Cowle playing the part of school supply con-

In support of his ideal of brotherly duty Mr. Mackay cites Victor Hugo's Valjean to carry off the silver candlesticks after he had been arrested with the stolen property. In this instance, of gratification to nearly all the Euro- however, there is no parallel. The bishop was not a Mason. The stolen property was his own, he was the only person in jured and had taken no oath to administer a sacred trust like the public schools fearlessly and honestly.

Mr. Mackay may be high up in Ma sonry, but he has a very crude conception of the obligations it imposes. Masonry does not absolve men from their stern duties as citizens. The duty of Protty scon the borse will be a show feature the citizen to the public is higher than in the parks and boulevards and electricity strongly professing a desire for peace, his duty to the individual. The outh will have the call on all utilitarian locomo which Mr. Hayward took as member of tion. It is a condition, not a theory, that the Board of Education made it his parvorable opportunity to increase its amount duty to protect the public dominion and augment its power. What schools against corrupt machinations, ever efforts it may now be making in either inside or outside of the board, re-

The assumption of Mr. Mackay that happens, however, the remainder of the Great Britain shall find it necessary to Cowie and Hayward were contending for mastery in the board is baseless. The simple truth is that Cowie was the cause the detectives set a trap, but he merely to get evidence of the combine's insignificant matter. crooked work. It was moreover a matter of self-protection to locate the source of the corruption, which, if not uncovered, would have scandalized Hayward and all other members of the body,

It is one thing to practice brotherly charity and another to discharge a sworn duty. If Mr. Hayward had disdissipation and debauchery by bad com- attendant in the prison mands, was striking proof of British panions, it would have been his duty as hundred women are confined. The sanitary detectives. That would have been sim- eral Wood's tour of inquiry. ply shielding him in his criminal practices and left Mr. Hayward on the same the liberating army of America.

Mr. Mackay's contention that it would be the duty of a postmaster if he susconstituted about 60 per cent of the pected an employe of dishonesty to products, was entirely destroyed by the try to save him from the consequences warning him shows what loose ideas felt by all interests. Reports from Mr. Mackay has about official duty. A the penitentiary on short notice,

This may not be according to Victor Hugo, but it is according to taw.

Some time ago ex-Governor Boies anident McKinley in his annual message | nounced that the democrats should relerecommended free trade between gate silver to a subordinate place, if not Puerto Rico and the United States completely retired, as a campaign issue proper. The bill introduced in con- this year. It is now announced by his pension sharks. gress, providing a government for the next best friend that Boles is a candiisland, follows his recommendation. It date for the democratic nomination for proposes to extend the revenue laws of the presidency. The Nebraska delega- High Tariff People and Anti-Expanthe United States to Puerto Rico in the tion played a confidence game on Uncle following provision: "That on and Horace in the last national campaign after the passage of this act all mer, and perhaps he is bent on returning the

merchandise going from the Unite I The Bryan flank movement on the pop-States into the island of Puerto ulist party appears to have been suc-Rico shall be admitted into the cessful up to date. Of course no sigall laws and parts of laws to all the influence of surroundings is the contrary notwithstanding." A vig- favorable to the scheme of turning the orous opposition to this section has populist party over to the democrats. terests here which would be affected in the present organization is small at has been throwing a strong searchlight by the free competition of the products present and being rapidly extinguished.

> Chairman Butler of the populist namatter, has given notice of an amend-the "initiative and referendum."

How could it have remained for the populist secretary of state to take the steal his campaign thunder?

# Provoking Grip of Joubert.

inside his lines.

#### Surgical Operation Needed. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

I there is no doubt that if given a free toriquenes. As the name is of their own full of interest,

MISTAKE OF THE ANGLO-SAXON. market here the production of sugar velection. If must be assumed that it will Among contemporary British states would be carried to the limit. Of course be satisfactory to them, but Uncle Sam Thoughts Suggested by a South Me-

Catching On Slowly.

phasized on Anglo-Saxon mistake which has New the French railroad companies are no excuse for further existence.

## Higher Koples in Prospect.

The friends of Governor Shaw of Iowa stituents not to be duped with the idea grade than that grown in this country, accur the idea of his becoming a candidate that the Boers, after defeat, would set still its free admission would doubtless for vice president. They are looking farther new which demanded their attention. tle down quietly. It is undoubtedly the unfavorably affect the home industry, about, and think he will been up to the

#### Praying for Kentucky.

It is not surprising that the ministers of six denominations in Frankfort, Ky., have prayer and will hold three services, in each the strangeness of it is its most unaccount- martial. The Seventy-first New York heads all parties will act with wisdom and modera- were unfair to the common people of all Rev. T. J. Mackay takes issue with bloodshed. It was high time that the min- that the citizen became a recognized factor volunteers are also crowding to the front. isters should units in their prayers for the and felt securs in his rights. The process although few of them were within gunsho salvation of godlesa Kentucky. The only was a little slower in Ireland than in Engdanger is that this wicked state is past land, but it was accomplished nevertheless.

#### A Commercial Outerst.

Philadelphia Record. There can be no sufficient argument but trish patriotism is not one whit stronger has 418 claims on file. against the plea of the people of Puerlo than the Scotch, and yet the latter are the against accepting the bribes that were Rico for admission to the freedom of our stanchest upholders of the empire. It cannot to be offered him by disguised detectives | markets as well as to the larger freedom | be for want of political concession, for the of our system of government. The island story of the nineteenth century has been belongs to the United States. By annexa- one of constant amendment of bad laws. It tion it has been cut off from its markets in cannot be for withholding of patronage for Spain and Cuba. It is an unworthy refine- Irishmen, and Catholic Irishmen at that ment of cruelty, under the special circum- have been rewarded out of all proportion to benevolent bishop who allowed Jean stances which have wrought industrial ruin their numbers in the empire, and its crownfor the people of Puerto Rico, to delay giv- ing evidence is the presence of Lord Russell ing them the commercial shelter which in the chair of chief justice. they ask for under the wing of the republic.

### Cruel Blow to Equine Pride

Chicago Chroniele In a desperate race on a south-side boule- ness with which all this has been done. The ard an automobile easily defeated a swift manner in which a gift is given often efsaddle horse, and again the triumph of faces the gift itself. A little soul thrown science over sentiment and tradition is into the relations between the two races French spoliation claims the grandchildren femonstrated. When a fleet equine would make of the Irish even a more loyal boroughbrol allows himself to be over- ally, if possible, than the Scotch. The failtaken and the dust thrown in his eyes by a ure to inject the spirit into the relations of machine that is worked with a lever and Ireland and England is a strong evidence runs on rubber tires it is evident that the that the greatest victory which can be won spirit of his Arab forefathers is lacking, is self-conquest. Revelations in Senator Clark's Case

#### Symptoms of Crookedness. Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Some careful inquiry in Washington esablishes the fact that the construction of seat in the highest legislative body of the he Nicaragua canal is to be insisted upon world is simply damning. All manner of n both houses of congress without waiting men appear to have been contaminated, the to hear the report of the commission appointed by the president to consider the itself. Men were bought as openly as though feasibility of the various routes. It is offered from the block in the slave market, thought that the Hepburn bill, appropriating \$140,000,000, will pass at the present head of a boodlers' combine that had session. In this connection congress should been operating in jobs and steals for at move with caution. There must be no sugleast a year. Mr. Cowie did not fall be- gestion of jobbery in this canal business If the people become suspicious there will had already fallen and the trap was set Mobilier business will seem a small and be an explosion beside which the old Credit

## Spanish Dungeons in Cuba.

Spanish misrule in Cuba has written its own indictment. It seems to have been most notably bad in the prisons which it tolerated

on the island. In a report of his investigation of the place to be "a den of filth and iniquity." He a brother Mason and as a man to warn conditions are vile almost beyond descriphim and to endeavor to turn him back to garding the hospital for lepers, which he the right path. But it would have been describes as a "filthy bog pen." Further eriminal collusion for him to have given disclosures of prison horrors in Cuba will the popular conscience is aroused to action. him a tip to keep out of the way of the doubtless soon be made as a result of Gen-It was a happy day for Cuba when Spanish

#### Outlawing Pension Sharks. thiladelphia Time

Congress should at once provide for official El Dorado. He appealed to cupidity as pasagents of the government in every state of the union, and in such number as would make of his crime by taking him aside and them reasonably accessible to pension claimants, and these official agents, without pecuniary interest in their labors, should postmaster who should follow Mr. the government by a pension applicant. be the only means of communicating with Mackay's advice would find himself in They could give petitioners all needed information and perform every duty that is necessary to be performed to secure pension for any honest claimant. Only by this method can the pension sharks be entirely eliminated from our pension system, and it should be done at once. They have robbed pension claimants, and very much more robbed the government by perjury and forgery, and the pension shark must go or surely provoke a fearful popular reaction against the whole system. Kick out the

# A POSSIBLE COMBINATION.

sionists May Get Together.

Indianapolis News (ind.) It would indeed be strange if there were a combination between the high tariff people and the anti-expansionists against prince of protectionists, the present president of the United States. This possibility is suggested by the protests of the sugar and tobacco men against free trade with Puerto Rico. Whether or not l'uerto respective ports of entry free of nificance attaches to the meeting of Rico is a part of the United States in such all turiffs, customs and duties, the national committee at Lincoln, where a sense as to bring it within the constitutional requirement that imposts and excise shall be uniform throughout the United States is not, perhaps, clear. But it is clear that the logic of the situation and justic been manifested on the part of the in- The equity of the founders of populism to the people of the island require that they should have free access to our markets.

in carload lots at about \$1.50 a keg. They had been quoted at below \$1 before the combination movement began. They are now quoted at above \$3.50 a keg, representing an gross has in its possession. We may as well make up our eninds that we cannot expand and at the same time advance within a single year by the trust maintain our present isolated status. The protectionists of the old days saw this very clearly. They objected to free trade with and rolling mills, it cannot say this advance was forced by the demands or exactions o people not in political union with ourselves. others in control of its raw material supply out they always held that political union should carry with it commercial union. These are the prices charged to home consumers in wholesale lots, and the retail They would not hear of free trade with while it remained a British colony, prices are much higher and increase accordbut they all admitted that if Canada were ing to distance from the centers of distribua part of the union the only possible thing tion. Meantime the trust is doing a large to do would be to remove the tariff barriers. export business at very different prices. Of course, if free trade were had, it would Says Mr. Warner: "It will make farmer bave been as bad in one case as in the feel happy to know that this same trust other. But the theory was, that, as a political which charges them at a 'basis' of \$3.53 per matter, it would never do to protect one keg for nails (about \$4.50 at retail), experts set of American citizens against another. In these nails and sells them to Europeans egraph and express companies to pay like articles imported into the United State Board of Transportation when the men were breader than their economic views. ported about 70,000,000 pounds in 1899 to all Thus an American But now we see the representatives of a parts of the earth." few comparatively unimportant industries concern favors foreigners with a reduction urging. In their own interest, the main- of nearly 40 per cent from the prices thurged enance of turiff duties against a people in- to home consumers and the trust is quite likely making a profit on the export trade. The same arguments will apply to Hawait | It is either doing that or compelling Ameriand yet it has been suggested that that can consumers to contribute in order to latter as to the formidable character of the island should at once be made a territory, furnish nails to foreigners at less than chatacle. This commission is now examin-

How far the sugar and tobacco men will cost. Which shall it be? General Joubert has a provoking habit of go cannot be foretold. They are evidently. And where in this business, in any event, coully holding all that he cares to keep very much in earnest. And if they find that can be found the slightest excuse for smain-And where in this business, in any event, caral. It would not be surprising if we should see sidering other measures for smashing or state that the secretaries were doing Poerto Rico is capable of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neight of producing decided that the people of one of our neighbors are represented as far and the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of one of our neighbors are represented that the people of our neighbors are conferred by law?

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

el ... u Incident Atlanta Constitution

the Boers native to the soil,

Where, then, is to be sought the mistake

win their alliance? It is in the heart-cold-

DORMANT PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

Too Lightly Received.

Detroit Free Press (dem.)

It is only within a modern period that

such a case as is being made against Sena-

tor Clark of Montana would attract so little

attention. The evidence that he bought his

plague of corruption entering the pulpit

and the prices paid tell of affluence

The most threatening and alarming feature

of the whole affair is that it is so lightly

received. The very foundations of govern-

corruption and the people show that suicidal

contempt that is born of familiarity. They

devour the news of war, of society and

crime, yet overlook or scan but the head-

lines of this most treasonable attack upon

the life and integrity of the government.

They have looked upon the danger, but, in-

stead of destroying, they invite.

theme, hence the right to steal them.

they are and get back to the purity of

public and private life that was founded by

OUTRAGES OF THE NAIL TRUST.

Prices at Home Double What th

Springfield (Mass.) Republican

Product Demands Abroad.

Much light is shed upon the doings of the

American Steel and Wire trust-a fair

sample of other combinations-by ex-Con-

gresoman John De Witt Warner. This trust

succeeded to previous unsuccessful or short-

lived efforts to monopolize the American

has a capitalization of \$90,000,000 and em-

braces twenty-six mills and other property

having an actual value, it is estimated, o

Prior to the organization of this con

market at the beginning of last year.

roduction of the country.

ment are being sapped by the waters

allied with grossness.

fight his decrees?

Striking evidence of the activity of pen-The British campaign against the sturdy burghers of the Transvant has again emregiment under the green flag that the surrender was made. The event caused sainfaction to the Boors. It was amounted by ted, furnish all the soldiers needed. them as an omen that in the unequal strughave patiently waited for thirty years," he gle they might be successful, and putting it behind them, they turned to the new busi-The opportunity shall not ever pass through it. pension woll. escape." But the south is not breaking into the Irish regiment, however, the members the pension roll very rapidly. Possibly the dimensions of good presidential timber in of which had neither ties of blood nor tra- southern soldier is too modest or his ills dition with the cause for which they were too few. For the moment the northern confighting, the capture of an English regiment tingent has the dubious honor of making was a cause for extravagant jubilation, in an unseemly rush for the pension office. strange contrast with the stelld behavior of remarkable feature of the claims filed is that the greatest proportion comes from Here, then, was a cropping out of the regiments whose conduct in the war was which prayers will be offered that men of able feature. Three hundred years ago laws the list, with the Wisconsin Therees of tion and will cease attering memores of countries. It was only through evolution Massachusetts and the District of Columbia Aguadores" a close second. The Ninth of the firing line. The percentage of applicants from nine volunteer regiments that Still the thorn stuck in the breast of the went to Cuba or Puerro Rico is much agricultural Trishman long after the wound greater from all the regular regiments and had healed over in the breast of his Engbatteries. One of the nine regiments that lish brother. Nationalism may be pleaded. lest none in "killed, wounded or missing."

> So far the pensions claims are insignificant compared with the claims for damages to property in Cuba which the United States generously assumed when Spain packed its grip and moved. A stipulation was inserted in the treaty of peace providing that all claims of American citizens against Spair growing out of the insurrection in Cuba should be assumed by the United States. These claims are numerous and high Those already filed aggregate \$32,000,000 by which Englishmen, granting every frish What will be done with them remains to be claim with becoming celerity, have failed to seen. The claimants are active and aggressive, and are loudly clamoring at the doors of congress for payment. Should these claims follow the routine of the of the present claimants may extract a few dollars from the national treasury half century hence.

> > A writer in Ainslee's Magazine reinforce Senator Beveridge's prediction that Manile will eventually surpass Hong Kong as the metropolis of the Orient. "The moment we lecided to annex the Philippines," says the writer, "we felt surprised that there had been any hesitation. We saw that our new expansion was in all respects the most im portant in our history. Not only are ther magnificent opportunities in the Philippine for American civilization, commerce and in dustry, but there is the dazzling possibility of making Manila the center of western Pacific trade. Manila, adjacent to a popula tion of 850,000,000 people, should, before many years, surpass Hong Kong, to which Gre-Britain owes such a large part of its Chinese commerce. The chief distributing centers of China, Japan, Corea, Siam, Annan and the East Indies are as near to Manila as Havana is to New York; and the distribut ing centers of British India and Australasi are nearer to Manila than to any other great emporium. At present we furnish only one twentieth of the \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods that the countries within easy commercia range of Manila purchase yearly. Yet the larger part of these imports is made un of goods that we can supply at a lower price than any other country-tools and machinery cotton and cotton products, provisions and mineral oils."

The cause of this indifference accentuates its element of danger. Many of the United American customs are not supplanting women's prison Major Runsie declares the States senators have bought their seats in Spanish customs in Cubs, in the matter of the great American club. The people are funerals. "Among the rich," says a letter covered that Cowie was being fured to did not find a cot, a blanket or a female growing accustomed to it, and acquiescent, from Hovana, "the old-time Spanish splender A funeral It is the usual way. Men buy political honstill prevails. ors as they used to buy titles of nobility. trimmed in gold, surmounted with a figure What's the difference? Money is king, why of the virgin, drawn by six and sometime by eight black horses caparisoned in harnes It is only a question of time when this of the most prefentious designs and elaborate sordid spirit will govern the country unless trappings, their nets being of red and yellow the royal Spanish colors, footmen and driver being likewise elaborately bedecked with Michigan is having its lesson. Quey, a wig, kneebreeches and the buckled shoe veritable political roue, is hammering at of olden days, characterize the funeral of a the doors of the senate on the mocking claim ideas and Spanish methods gave way before that the other fellows of his kidney have wealthy or prominent citizen. Expensive artificial flowers of bisque and metal take been admitted. The senator from Indiana. the place of natural floral offerings, these but a few years ago, made a spread-cagle being carried to the cemetery in anothe speech that caused honesty to hide its face. nearse, of the same general design but He pletured the Philippines as the modern smaller, and drawn by a single pair o herses. The women never attend funerals sion in imperial purple appeals to slavish but a long line of coaches of gentlemen virtue in sackcloth. Here are riches beyond friends forms the cortege. If it is not con compare, was the unceasing burden of his venient for a friend of the deceased to at end, his carriage is sent, it occasionally We will have no polygamist in the house: bappening that a score or more of elegan why have a briber and a seducer of the equipages form a funeral procession, with public conscience in the senate? If liberty but a few of the friends and acquaintances and individual sovereignty be for sale, make of the departed accompanying the remains the deal an open one. Give all a show in to their resting-place. the despoliation of the temple. If not, choke these political corruptionists off right where

Lieutenant Ward Cheney of Connecticut who has just died of wounds received in a skirmish in the Philippines, was a graduate of Yale college in the class of 1896 and was on the staff of the Hartford Courant when he enlisted, in 1898. When he left he remarked laughingly to his associates that he supposed be ought to write his own oblituary before he should go away. The suggestion was taken seriously, and at the request of one of the editors he wrote a paragraph covering his life, which has just been published.

# EXPENSIVE CANAL PROJECT.

Suspicious Haste Shown by Promo tera in Washington. Baltimore American.

only about \$20,000,000. Thus for every bucket The rumor has been widely circulated that the Nicaragua canal is to be rushed through of real value in the capital there are from three to four buckets of water. The presi- both branches of congress. Rumors of a dent of the company is responsible for the similar character have been circulated for statement that it possesses a practical more than ten years when congress has been in session. There may be no more truth in monoply of the wire, wire rod and wire nail the rumor now than on former occasions Reckless men are to be found in all legisintures, but it is difficult to believe that pany wire nalls were selling at New York there are enough reckless men in congress to raddle the country with this impossible enterprise on the information which concreated a committee to investigate this proof over 130 per cent. As the trust owns its ject, and three of the most skillful engineers own iron ore supply and pig-iron furnaces in the United States were named. After spending ten times as much time on the route as did the present commission they reported that with the knowledge at their mmand the project was impracticable This commission candidly admitted that the time allowed-eighteen months-was in-

Congress created another commission, on which there was only one engineer, an able one, it is true; but it was easy to outvote That this was done is obvious from the compromise on the alleged cost. There was a difference of \$50,000,000 in the estimates, and the largest was that made by the engineer on the commission. This commission, owing to the prevalence of war, was able to spend only a few weeks in Nicaragua, and only a few days on the route. On the most vital point-the entrance to the canal-it differed in tota with In materials we have anything its predecessor, but fully agreed with the ing the other routes for an inter-oceanic

It will scarcely be pretended that this expansion means the relaxing of our tariff taining a tariff on nails, which only operates commission is blased in favor of any other restrictions, free trade with Puerto Rico and to protect this trust in its palpable extor. route. One of its members has, in defiance Hawali, and the open-door in the Philippines, tions." Would it not be well first, before con- of propriety, violently attacked those who believe that there are better routes than The board of geographical names has a political combination between them and controlling these combinations, to take away Nicaragoa, and has been officially rebuked nothing more onerous than drawing 80,000 tons of sugar per annum and boring acquisitions are to be called Puer- by Edward Atkinson. So the situation is to encouply and extortion as have been votable to Nicaragua. It must be obvious that if they report in favor of any other Exclusive and Reliable Clothiers

reute it will be an absolutely sineere report based upon facts which they cannot disregard. It is difficult to believe, therefore, sion claim agents is furnished by the that congress will commit the government number of pension applications filed by and people of the United States to the exsoldiers of the Spanish-American war. Up- penditure of hundreds of millions of dollars wards of 40,000 claims are now on file, and without a scintilla of information upon which they are pouring in at such a rate as will a private citizen would feel justified in double the number before the year is out, digging a well or an ordinary ditch. The A southern congressman, stirred with pa- canal can be dug, just as a canal across the triotic fervor at the outbreak of the war, Rocky mountains can be dug, if enough declared that the south would, if permit- men are employed and enough money is "We spent; but until some scheme is devised for camming the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific said. "for an opportunity to break into the becan no ship that is worth preserving will

#### LAUGHING GAS

Somerville Journal: The home may be where the heart is, but the bearding house is where the liver is.

Chicago News: Jimmy-Wot made dat Hamlet git d' blues so bad" Joey-Wy, Phely went an' got drownded cause he hed on her rathy-day skirt.

Indianapolis Journal: "What is your idea, "H'm: well, a statesman is a politician who gots what he wants without letting his own party know how he got it.

Chicago Post: "Where do you live?" asked the kindly old gentleman.
"We don't live," answered the little girl with unconscious sarcasm; "we board."

Somerville Journal: When a man of 40 wants to make a man of 30 feel small in an argument he addresses him as "My young friend." Chicago Record: Stubb-I thought Smythe wore off from smoking six months ago. Penn—He did. Christmas, however, so me presented him with an elaborate ecciver, and he says he can't bear to

Chicago Post: "I'll tell you what the iomogratic party wants," said the free silter man,
"You needn't tell me," replied the practical politician, "I've been in politics long
enough to know that,"
"What is 10?"
"The offices."

things of no use lying around the house

Chicago Tribune: "Still," said the old friend who had called to converse with the venorable sage, "in your advancing age it must be a great comfort to know your fame is secure." arme is secure. "Yes," replied the agod scientist, "I am told there is a new disease and a 3-cent told there is a new disease and a 5-cent dgar named for me."

New York Press: Mrs. Gasket—I do hink Mr. and Mrs. Opdyke are so well sulted; don't you? Mrs. Gillesple—Yes, indeed. He is always alking to my husband about the way he ised to play billiards, and she is always elling me what long hair she had before the was married. he was married.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "New York's arbage collectors are hereafter to be pro-libited from receiving tips, no matter how Well, there are a few scents they can't

Washington Star: "I suppose you have fiven a great deal of study to the subject ou are going to discuss."
"No." answered the ready talker; "I "No," answered the ready talker; "I didn't dare. If I did that, I might get convinced that the other side has som ments in its favor, and that might spoil

Detroit Journal: "Money," remarked the ay Figure, "Is a hard master! The Unconscious Imbecile artfully af-ected to fall into the spirit of the occa-"But that," he protested, "is no valid rgument in favor of soft money."

As for the Others, they shifted uneasily in their seats; for this trenched upon the political issues of the day.

## THE FOUR-FOOT FILIPINO.

Henry L. Menchen in Loslie's Weekly. We have chased the slick Apachy over desert, plain and hill. We have trailed the sly Osagy through the bresh,
We have followed Ute and Sloux all their blasted country through.
When their liquor made them get a little

We have seen our share of fightin', we have stopped our share of lead, We have fought all sorts of fighters, great foot Filipino, when it come to doin' harm.
Is the toughest proposition of them all.

With his buby bow and arrow, and his Maxim rapid-fire-For he carries ev'ry kind of arm that's He's uncommonly successful as a plantin'squad supplier—
On the list of dead his handiwork is

There he squats out in the jungle with his wearon in his hand, And a dozen brothers waitin' for his Till a message from your rifle makes him slowly understand That it's risky business fightin' face to

Then he shuffles to a safer place and waits until you come, For he knows you'll travel that way by when across the swamps and rivers with your rifle you have swum.

Why, he hots you 'fore the mud upon you's dry!

Ain't he quick! Ain't he slick! Ain't he just a dazzlin' brick!

Taough he's nothin' but a Chinaman, they say.

they say.

It is like the crack of doom when you here his rifle click— Bet your life the Filipine ain't a jay!

We have seen our share of fightin', we have stopped our share of lead.

We have fought all kinds of fighters, great and small.

But the four-foot Filipino, when it comes to pilin' dead,

Is the most successful piler of them all!

# Back View

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