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Initiative and referendum up to date has been confined chiefly to Yeiser's initiative of suits in the courts to get the law in working order.

In the popocratic press Goebel has suddenly become a statesman. Martyrdom frequently turns petty political bosses into great heroes.

Some candidates who saw their own shadows yesterday might follow the example of the ground hog and retire to their burrows for another six weeks.

Governor Taylor might justify the adjournment of the legislature to London on the score that a state which had two governors ought to have two capitals.

Congressman Sibley's speeches are no longer marked "First page, slug head" in Bryanite papers. "Run of the paper" is the best contract he can make with them now.

With the contest in the Philippines, the fight in South Africa, several revolutions in South America and the war in Kentucky on his hands, the war editor | tent and faithful officers, is compelled to work overtime.

The organization of a silver republican club in this city should be an easy matter in one respect. The membership will be so small that each of those enrolled can have at least one club office.

Democrats must soon despair of the attempt to build the fence high enough and tight enough to keep the herd all inside. Joe Sibley is not only out, but declines to be brought into the herd again, even refusing to come up for salt and water.

Well, what has come between the Commercial club and our local popo cratic contemporary that it should be for the first time accused in its columns of playing in with the railroads? Does the sting of ingratitude include the Commercial club?

The republican city convention does not take place until February 16. That leaves two weeks yet for new entries into the race for all the different offices to be filled. There is a demand for good men from top to bottom and good men should not be backward about presenting themselves.

Councilman Stuht is another of the league patriots who wants to show his patriotism to the republican party by running as an independent candidate against the republican nominee. For this he has precedents among Patriotic leaguers. League patriotism does not extend beyond the offices.

State Labor Commissioner Kent thinks his work has been hampered because he has not had a branch employment bureau at Omaha. If he only had a branch in this city he would have an lyn bridge. excuse for locating himself here all the year round and making fusion medicine

present. Leading republicans in the state are united in the belief that with a strong ticket the party has nothing to fear from a thorough discussion of the issues in tem of the United States. Under the the coming campaign. With the record of incompetency or neglect of duty which the popocrats, by their own recent admissions, have made in Ne- its credit for \$35,000,000 to the syndicate braska, a thorough siring must redound

to the benefit of the republicans.

Attorney General Smyth has the right idea in reference to The Bee's suggestion for the reinforcement of the sudistrict Judges to act in an advisory capacity similar to that of the supreme commissioners

NO FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

President McKluley has very properly the end of fifty years. he regards the constitution and laws tions insuring safe and cheap transporof Kentucky as adequate. If they are tation, or to operate it at nominal fares respected, to a settlement of the conflict. for the benefit of its population. and so long as there is a disposition to | The experiment will doubtless be tol-Building, ing to the report of the interview be- about municipal ownership without im- upon the public. tween President McKinley and repressioning great burdens upon the taxpaylatter were entirely satisfied with the by incompetent or extravagant manageartitude of the president.

under which it would be the right and plan could be applied to other classes of the duty of the national government public works involving large outlays. to interpose. An insurrection which it was beyond the power of the authorities of the state to control would be such a circumstance, but there is no insurrection now in Kentucky. Interference sue will, as usual, contain the latest and with the regular operation of the fed- best foreign cable letters, the fullest eral courts, the postal service and interstate commerce would constitute cause able local news reports, to say nothing for action by the national government. but nothing of this kind has occurred. In a word, no federal interest is as yet involved in the Kentucky contest and

10 in the matter. It was a mistake, in our Judgment, on the part of Governor Taylor in attempting to draw the national govern-40 ment into the controversy. He should have been satisfied to leave the settlement of the contest to the means provided by the constitution and laws of 35 the state and we think that while he is unquestionably the legal governor he has not strengthened himself in the good opinion of the country by invoking the interference of the national government, Meanwhile the situation continues

.794,013 critical, though there appears to be an 25.645 improving prospect that reason will prevail over passion and that the danger Subscribed and sworn before me this lst lay of February, A. D. 1960.

(Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Notary Public. democratic representatives in congress from Kentucky have announced that they will exert their influence to restrain their political partisans, the younger element of whom has been manifesting an eager desire for a collision, and if they shall do this in good faith peace may be preserved. Among the republicans there is undoubtedly a general determination to stand by Governor Taylor, but it is to be hoped they will do nothing to incite an armed confliet. It is easy to understand, however, that there is great difficulty in holding in restraint the intense passion on both sides and it would not be surprising if this should find vent in a sanguinary outbreak that would give fresh significance to the designation of Kentucky as "the dark and bloody ground."

> A WORD WITH REPUBLICANS. As the initial skirmish of the great

battle of 1900, the impending city election is of special importance to republicans. Omaha is a republican city and the republican party has abundant material within its ranks to give the city good government under honest, compe-Republicans should, however, remem-

ber that party ties sit lightly upon the rank and file of the party when it comes to the choice of municipal officers. The taxpaying and law-abiding republicans may be depended on to give loyal support to every candidate on the republican ticket who enjoys public confidence, but they cannot be counted on to vote indiscriminately for yellow dog candidates even though nominated by ac-

The Bee has no disposition to foist any candidate upon the party. It earnestly desires to see a ticket nominated which every conscientious republican can vote for. Such a ticket, regardless of faction, will receive its cordial and vigórous sup-

The trouble with many republicans is that they do not protest against disreputable and notoriously rotten candidates until after they are nominated The time to enter objections is now, before the primary delegates are chosen. and The Bee invites the fullest discussion through its columns of the men who are being pushed for place on the republican city ticket. We do not invite libelous attacks or malicious gossip by irresponsible parties. But candid, fair criticism based on the records the men have made, with reasons why their nominations would jeopardize party success or be detrimental to the public welfare. will be given space within reasonable

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP EXPERIMENT | free interchange of views on subjects of Municipal ownership of street railways has proved a practical success in several of the largest cities of Great Britain. It is now on trial in a modified form in Toronto, Canada, and has for some years undergone a limited test in the operation of the railway between New York and Brooklyn over the Brook

with local labor organizations all the street railways in the country is in prostime instead of periodically, as at periment injects several novel couditions that may eventually revolutionize by any misfortune, come upon the the ownership of the entire railway sysagreement recently entered juto by the city of New York and a contracting syndicate the city of New York will loan for a period of fifty years, at the end of which time it will become the owner of the entire rapid transit system without the expenditure of a dollar.

The principle at the foundation is that the public can borrow money at a lower preme court by calling in unoccupied rate of interest than any citizen or private corporation and is entitled to the benefit of its superior credit. New York court commissioners. No good reason city is able to float bonds at 3 per cent. exists why the district judges could not while the contractor is glad to borrow furnish the same assistance now and at 41/2 per cent. By paying the city 41/4 without further legislation that was per cent on the value of the bonds issued previously given by the supreme court for the road the contractor not only covers the interest, but provides a sinking sion of their candidacies at the primary | No southern state has a chairmanship.

bedded that no cause has yet arisen to By the year 1950 New York City will pull out. justify the intervention of the national therefore own and control the new ungovernment in Kentucky. While the derground rapid transit system and be president, in common with all good citi- in position either to derive an enormous

abide by the laws there will be no ex- lowed by other American cities as the cuse for federal interference. Accord- most promising method of bringing adulteration of it has ever yet been sprung sentatives of Kentucky in congress the ers or running the risk of heavy deficits ment.

There are possible circumstances It goes without saying that the same

THE SUNDAY BEE. People who want the best paper will read The Sunday Bee. The coming istelegraphic service and the most readspecial literary features.

The Illustrated Bee Sunday will have as its frontispiece a fine portrait of consequently the general government Judge Eleazer A. Wakeley, who has just would not be justified in taking any part been chosen president of the newly-organized Nebraska State Bar association, Judge Wakeley also contributes by request an article explaining the origin of the bar association and outlining its program and purposes

Of interest in the sporting line is a review of the recent Omaha-Kansas City shoot, with illustrations reproducing photographs of the principal marksmen in attendance, as well as snap shots at the men in actual target practice.

"How the weather man performs his work" is the subject of another timely homespun trousers and carry Mausers. contribution, with pictures showing the local forecaster and his assistants attending to the details of the Omaha office. Few people know just what the weather man does to be able to tell in advance impending changes in climatic terview with Forecaster Welsh, telling soldiers fell, 2,952 confederates, a total of all about it.

Frank G. Carpenter's series of Philippine letters of travel begins in this number, under date of Honoiulu, with a of the Franco-Prussian war was Gravelotte, description of the Hawaiian Islands as where the Germans lost 4,449 killed and they are in the year 1900. As a fore, mortally wounded, the French much less, taste of what is to come in this excellent series, the present installment should make readers on the alert for though greater, are not known. The loser what is to follow. The illustrations show the public buildings and the main street in Honolulu.

As introductions to the prominent men about whom we read in the congressional proceedings, the face-to-face photographs of senators and representatives taken by Frances B. Johnston are striking novelties. The two men introduced this week are Senator Henry Cabol Lodge of Massachusetts, known as the scholar in politics, and General Charles | we remember the humbers the Army of the H. Grosvenor of Ohio, recognized as the principal spokesman for President Me-Kinley on the floor of the house.

Among the miscellaneous subjects ington, the noted negro educator who learn the gravity of the task that had been will of the people visited Omaha last week; the commence so lightly undertaken. ment of work on the new Sixteenth street viaduct; the new Odd Fellows lodge room at South Omaha; the escort and pallbearers at the funeral of the late General T. H. Stanton; the company of little girls organized as Woodmen cadets by one of the Omaha camps, and several others.

The woman's page this week presents a novelty in the form of a series of photographs picturing the latest in women's veils, which will be accepted as timely hints by women who wish to that Harpers Ferry should be held, after he be known as well dressed in every par-

Every one concedes that The Sunday Bee is far above all alleged competitors. if not a subscriber, buy it from your urely existence." The British seem to have newsdealer or newsboy and convince their Halleck.

The symposium furnished by The Bee presenting the views of the different fill the congressional seat Mr. Roberts hairmen of the republican state committee during the last few years on the questions of the number and time of state conventions and the general conduct of the campaign should give food want to see Nebraska brought back into tional convention. the republican column in the coming year. While there is a considerable difference of opinion expressed in these communications, there is a certain musnimity about the necessity of an early and active campaign for a ticket made commend them to popular favor. A such vital importance to the party can-

not fall to prove beneficial. admits in his report that the employ, aldermen. ment bureau has been able to find work for all the laborers who applied, but that not many applied. He ascribes The most extensive and far-reaching bureau. Thinking people will attribute 79, was 77 at the close of his term in 1897. experiment in municipal ownership of the scarcity of applications to the fact that labor has been able to find employpect in the construction of the proposed | ment without the Intervention of the underground rapid transit railway sys. authorities. In order to find much to tem for Greater New York. This ex. do the bureau should adjourn until democratic times, if such should ever, grounds.

> country. The statement of an English clergyman that Pretoria was provisioned for two years, added to the known fact that the Boers have a large supply of ammunition, does not lend encouragement to is strongly fortified, and with the stubborn character of the Boers it is evident the present year may not see the end of the struggle if it is continued until one or the other of the parties is ex-

> hausted. said to have encountered difficulty in securing the requisite names of fifty voters registered in their own party on-

fund sufficient to pay the principal at election. The councilmanic candidate KENTUCKY'S POLITICAL TRAGEDY. who cannot find fifty backers ought to

Rice Levels Promote Speed. When it comes to running instead of gunzens, deplores the state of affairs there, revenue from its rental under restrict under for fiberty Agulnaido holds that a level except insofar as it makes clear to everyrice field beats a kopje all to pieces.

# The Lundulterated Goober.

Four millions bushels of peanuts are used annually in this country. In behalf of the tisanship, peanur it can be said that no successful

#### Our Superior Ways. Indianapolis Press.

Americans no longer have any right to shake their heads and smile in a superior and the trifling rlots in which the volatile Parisians occasionally mingle. Not in many years has France been so darkened by disgraze and bloudshed as is Kentucky.

# Not in Need of Tenchers.

German officers with the Boers, writing friends in this country, say that, while they went to the Transvanl to be teachers. they find that there is little for them to teach, but a good deal for them to learn General Joubert understands the men he of the regular Sunday departments and has to lead and is too wise to attempt to curb their enthusiasm by trying to teach them new methods in the midst of war.

## War Maxims Up to Date.

Trust in God and get the best guns. God is apt to be on the side of the strong-

Uniforms do not make soldiers, nor doegold lace make generals. After a raid prepare against an invasion. Thrice is he armed who can shoot straight

at long range. To underrate your enemy is even more foolish than to overrate yourself. Men who prepare for battle by saying prayers and singing psalms must not be

desnised because they seldom take a bath. Fighting colored races who wear only a breechcloth or pajamas is a different proposition than fighting Dutchmen who wear

### PARALLELS IN WAR.

Boston Herald: The death roll in South Africa is long enough, but we must hearken back to our own civil war for the story of great carnage on the battlefield. At Gettysburg more men were killed than in any conditions. This article reports an in- other battle of the civil war; 3.070 union 5.562, and those who died of wounds are not included. The total federal death list of the war was 359,528; the confederate losses amounted to 133,735. The bloodiest battle though no figures are kept; the total Ger man losses of the war were 28,277 killed and died of wounds, the total French losses in a war seldom has accurate records.

Philadelphia Times: Buller's retreat cross the Tugela inevitably recalls, to those old enough to remember it. Burnside's recrossing of the Rappahannock after his dreadful fallure at Fredericksburg. The attempt at Spionkop was not so desperate as Burnside's insensate attack upon the left o the confederate line on Mayne's heights, that sacrificed 8,000 men needlessly and without result. The British losses are horrible to read of, but they evem almost trivial when Potomac left behind on that bloody field. Burnside's toses at Fredericksburg were 12,653, and the confederate losses 4,854. And battles of the war. It was only one of those voting will destroy any boss system that

Springfield Republican: The desperate po sition of the British garrieon in Ladysmith which is a hollow surrounded by hills, re calls the surrender of Harpers Ferry, with 11,500 federal soldiers, to Stonewall Jackson in September, 1862. The military post at the Ferry was in a deep ravine and was commanded on three eides by steep mountains. Jackson gained the heights and made quick and easy game of the garrison with all the war material collected there. Horaco Greeley, in "The American Conflict," expressed picturesquely the popular feeling of the day by writing: "Halleck's insistin: knew that the robel army had crossed into Maryland, is one of the puzzles so frequently exhibited in the strategy of that generalissimo, which must find their solution in some higher, subtler and more leis-

# POLITICAL DRIFT.

Utah will hold an election on April 2 to sought to warm

Rhode Island is the first of the states to hold a general election in 1900, when a gov ernor and other officers will be voted for. The democratic national committee will meet in Chicago on Washington's birthday to for thought to loyal republicans who determine the place of holding the next na-

> Galdbug democratic newspapers are ready to join Bourke Cockran in crawling under the democratic canvas if given reasonable assurance that the family silverware is kept out of sight.

Milwaukee is shaking a purse of \$6,000 to attract the democratic national convention up of men whose record and experience Kansas City has \$5,000 in its sock for the same purpose. Democratic managers will revel in clover presently.

There has been a new city in Massachusetts since January 1-the former town of Melrose. It has a mayor, seven aldermen at-large and two ward aldermen from Nebraska's state labor commissioner each ward, making one board of twenty-one

The junior senator from Alabams in point of service, but not in years, is Edmund W. Petrus, who is 78 years of age. His time ex-Massachusetts legislature this year, two physicians, two fishermen, one janitor, a winmerchant, a caterer, a laundryman, a silverplater and one statesman, who gives his oc cupation as "superintendent of seminar,

The city of Chicago has now 3,600 electric lamps for purposes of illumination. as increase of 1,000 over the number of ; year ago. As the territorial boundaries o Chicago are extended from time to time the requirements of public lighting are

Politicians of Philadelphia, who cheer fully guaranteed \$100,000 for the expense the view that the war in South Africa of the republican national convention were is to be speedily terminated. The town not quite so gay when called upon to put Very little of the amoun has been raised, and envious rivals cruelly hint that the Quakers unloaded a gold brick. It is pointed out that in the distribution of chairmanships of the Fifty-sixth house of representatives' committees Ohio is not the most favored state. Ohio has four chairmanships, Illinois S. New York 5, Pennsyl-Connecticut 3, California 1, Kansas 2, Wis

Philadelphia Record: The fact that Goebel is one of the worst politicians before the American public, and one of the most dangerous, unscrupulous bosses in the country, should not be considered in the case at all, body the danger which necessarily will fellow when the people permit such reckless and unworthy men as Goebel to gain the power and influence to arouse violent pos-sions by the exercise of unscrapulous par-

Springfield Republican. It is idle to place the entire responsibility for this bloodshed the embarrassing result of which political upon the strained status of Kentucky poll- indiscretion was that, while Russin was burics, for other commonwealths have passed through partisan controversies over an of- freedom of action in other parts of the world fice without resort to assussination. The seriously crippled, Germany was absorbing of Mr. Goebel results not from abled to complete her diplomatic inroad into Nebraska Howlers of Pioneer Days way over the political troubles of the French political tension so much as from the spirit Asia Minor without opposition. The Novoyo of lawieseness which the universal pictol habit and the prevalence of lynch law have | "should be careful to restrain her activity blown as a dark cloud over the civilization in Persia within such limits as will not imof the state.

New York World: Goebel became conspicuous by making himself an assassin. He plotted to make himself governor of Kentucky by the assussination of representative government under the cover of a cunningly unjust eystem of laws of his own devising. There was a counter plot to deeat him in this assassination by the counter assassination of that which is even more fundamental than representative government -escial order itself. Yesterday in the very fulling apparently mortally wounded into the arms of two of his friends, one a notorious

assassin, the other a notorious bravo. not even the poor merit of open attack. He did not emulate the hoodlum who faces his enemy in full view. He shot from cover, from treacherous ambush, and he was at chronicle of crime. No cause can prosper any part in or guilty knowledge of this that opposition will be injured in the public mind and that infinite harm to all worthy nterests will be its evil fruit.

Indianapolis Press: All this but emchasizes what we said a day or two ago, hat it is "a time for cool counsel," a time for submission to law as it stands. There will be time enough for justice to be done by legal methods. The thing to do now is to prevent further violence and preserve the fabric, if not the dignity, of popular goverament in Kentucky. It is a time for reckless youth and furious manhood to be taken quietly by the shoulder and sent home, to stay until hot blood has time to sool and excited brains have time to think rationally. It is possible that the appalling khedive. Abbas Pasha, heard of shock of this dastardly crime may have the effect of sobering men's judgments. Let us to the sultan that there was really no cause hope that this much of good may come of for punishing Mukhatav Pasha, as he had great evil.

Baltimore Sun: The situation in Kentucky exemplifies anew the evils of bossism in ollties. There is an irreconcilable conflict selves if they would preserve their liberties | believed in Cairo, however, that Great Brit When they fully appreciate the enormity of the Egyptian government. the crime involved in the deliberate suppres sion or subversion of the will of the majority they will find an ample remedy in the ballot box. Honest election laws, enlight-Fredericksburg was not one of the great ened public sentiment and independence in treated pictorially are Booker T. Wush- terrible experiences by which we slowly was ever devised to thwart and nullify the total number of trade unions, due to amalga-

# Perplexing Problem Up to Congress

for Settlement. Buffalo Express (rep.) Both the president in his message and

the secretary of war in his annual report recommended free trade with Porto Ricc It was thought that settled the attitude o the administration. Apparently the arguments of the opposition have made considerable impression on the president, and I is now said he is willing a nominal rate of duty should be imposed on Porto Rican roducts. The senate committee on Porto P Rico is favorable to a nominal duty, while the house ways and means committee i for free trade. There is a prospect of a This was due, apparently, to the effect of sharp contest over this question. It may the great engineering strike. The report prove to be the most interesting topic rought up in congress at this session The Washington correspondents differ as to the reasons for imposing a nominal duty.

Some call it protection. It cannot be that, A merely nominal ad valorem duty would not afford enough protecti n to be worth The total amount of the funds held by the while. If a protectionist duty is to be put on Porto Rican products, it must be large enough to protect, and even the presen eneral rates, especially on sugar, are no large enough for that. We have to pay shillings, bounties in addition to the tariff protection n order to produce sugar in this country. Another explanation is that a duty is de sired to vindicate the contention that Porto Rico is not under the constitution of the United States and not, therefore, entitled to free trade with the United States. The sounds puerile. The supreme court suusettle the constitutional question. It would be reflecting on the integrity of the court t suppose that its decision could be affecte by the desire of sustaining a political policy The sensible plan would be to follow suc lecizione as have been made, put Porto Rican products on the free list for the present and await the decision of a test ise. If the court holds that the constitution does not apply to Porto Rico, congress can then impose such duties as it thinks desirable. In the meantime the Porto Ricans will have been carried over the first pinel f the hard times resulting from annexation and the great tempest and will be in better position to adapt themselves to new conditions. By the course now being followe pires on March 4, 1903, in which year he will an enormous amount of claims will be piled this to the location of the office of the attain his 82d birthday. His predecessor, now up against the United States in case the court should decide that the constitution There are fifteen insurance men in the applies to Porto Rico. It is always harder pay a claim for the illegal collection of a tax than to fail to collect the tax in the first place. The strongest argument of ill, however, is the humane one. driving the Porto Ricans to ruin and starvaion by denying them access to our markets. So long as there is a doubt as to what the onstitution requires, we should give the enefit of the doubt to humanity and duty. To the Express it seems a monstrous

proposition that the United States can own any land which is not a part of it; that the congress or president of this republic can govern any people without reference to the fundamental law which created congress and resident and defines their duties. If these things are possible under our constitution. is no less monstrous that they should be lone in practice. We have no right to per mit our government to exercise powers over others which we would not permit it to exercise over ourselves. Having raised the United States flag over Porto Rico, we have no more right to protect Florida and Louisiana from Porto Rican competition than we have to protect New England from Some of the candidates for council are vania 4. Iowa 5. Maine 2, Vermont 2, Minne- Georgia competition. If it involves to sola 3. New Hampshire 1. Massachusetts 3. great a sacrifice of our domestic interests : treat Porto Rico as a part of the United consin 2. Nebraska 1. Michigan 4. Indiana 1. States, then the only honorable course is t Missouri I. Oregon 2. New Jersey 2. South haul down our flag and deal with it as ar the petitions providing for the submis- Dakota I. Rhode Island 1 and Maryland 1. independent nation thrown by the fortunes

OTHER LANDS TRAN OURS.

With regard to the frequent rumors that Russia is meditating some sort of anti-Britthat the St. Petersburg Novoye Vremys. which is supposed to receive hints from the ago that Russia would not commit the blunder which she is invited to make by the German press-the blunder, that is, of compromising her freedom of action elsowhere too deeply engaging herself in Persia. That would be repeating the mistake of the occupation of Port Arthur after the disclosure of Germany's action in Kiao Chou; dened with anxiety and expense, and her Vremya then goes on to ear that Russla pedo the wider freedom of action which she may desire to exert at any moment, to safe-East.

that the condition of the island has really There was not enough meat, per capita, in heen very greatly improved. A correspondent | circulation from his wolfish and indolent of a London newspaper, not an organ of the standpoint of view. The coyote was the government, gives a very favorable account original walking delegate. He never worked of the progress made under the govern- except to destroy. He never sought any job hour of his evil triumph he was assassinated. ment of Prince George. He says that since except a job of feeding, eating, devouring public affairs have been administered with common justice and honesty, Christians and Mussulmans have been living in harmony. Washington Pest: Goebel's assailant has Not only they, but many of the Cretan Mus- on a knob of prairie and raising his wicked sulmans who emigrated at first have returned to enjoy the benefits of a rule far like a populist orator-talking of the money preferable to that of the Turks in Asia octopus-howl his discordant discontent at Minor. Meanwhile, the mountaineers have the starry skies. The coyote was the primiheart and in intention, as craven and as surrendered their arms, and a force of 1,200 ruel an assassin as ever figured in the gendarmeric has been found sufficient to keep order in a country that was seething He could not fatten on discontent. The pon such wicked methods. No good end in turbulence a short time ago. The corcan be served through the operation of such respondent goes on to declare that, in his nfamous machinery. We have no right to opinion, the present political experiment in remembered as a nuisance. ssume that the opposition to Goebel had Crete should be allowed to continue long enough for the Cretans to acquire better frightful deed. But we are quite sure that political morals than the mother country can boast of. He thinks that if the union of the two countries is judiciously deferred Crete will be able to teach Greece some salutary lessons in the art of government when it does ultimately take place. For some time past rumors have come

from Cairo to the London press that the reations between the khedive of Egypt and his nominal master, the sultan of Turkey, had become intensely strained. It seems that the trouble began when Ghazi Ahmed Mukhatar Pasha, the Turkish high commisdoner in Egypt, wrote to the sultan a frank etter regarding the necessity of certain reforms in Turkey, and was promptly diemissed for his impertinence. When the dismissal, he caused it to be intimated only expressed the views of all the Mohammedans in Egypt, who, without distinction were most auxious to see reforms introduced throughout the empire. The khedive's mesbetween good government and bossism and sage closed with the remark that, in his until the people of Kentucky put an end to opinion, the best way of raising the prestige political despots they will always be exposed of Islam in Europe would be to take the ado the intrigues and the lawlessness of des- vice offered by the high commissioner. Since perate men. But violent measures are not this outspoken message, it is said, the relanecessary. Murder is not required to con- tions between the sultan and the khedive ince Kentuckians that boss rule is a have become so strained that the former is yranny of which they should rid them- contemplating deposing Abbas Pasha. It is under a republican form of government, ain would not permit such interference with Some curious and interesting facts in con-

oction with English trade unions are consined in a report of the Board of Trade, which has just been issued. It appears that n 1898 there was a decrease of forty in the mations as well as to dissolutions. On the ther hand, there was an increase by several FREE TRADE WITH PORTO RICO, hundreds in the number of branch unions. The growth in the membership of trade unions fell from 8 per cent in 1897 to 2 per ent in 1898-a phenomenon which is atributed to a decline in the membership of the railway group of unions. Unregistered scrietics include more than three-quarters of the total members-and more than twohirds belong to the building, mining, shipuilding, metal, engineering and textile rades. A considerable number of unions, hiefly relating to the textile trades, admit female members, and some, but very few. He'd popped the vital question, her answer are wholly feminine. During 1898 there was decrease alike in the income and in the expenditure of the principal unions, as compared with the figures for the previous year. gives some noteworthy figures in regard to utlay. It shows that in seven years, out of sum of nearly £11,000,000, about 60 per ent was expended on friendly and benevoent purposes, 23 per cent on disputed pay nd the remainder on working expenses ringinal unions appears to be increasing t the end of 1892 it was about 35 shilling member; in 1897 it had reached the sum o guineas, in 1898 it was a little over 50 The Russian administration in Finland

the Russian administration in Finance of the Russian administration in Finance e imposed for any attempt to clude a prohibition to publish. The right is given the governor general to demand a change of he responsible publishers on pain of supression of the journal. A consultative con cittee on press affairs, which is to include consor's bureau, composed of six members az also been apprinted by the governor Moreover, the Finnish journals my not publish imperial decisions until they have appeared in the government or gans, nor the doings of scientific societies inferences, public speeches, nor commer ial affairs without having first obtained the posent of the governor general

Probably the status of the British army the matter of racial representation has ot changed greatly since January 1, 1898.

On that date, out of 212,393 officers and men onstituting the British regular army. 566 were natives of England: 16.485 were born in Scotland and 26,374 were born in ish action in Persia it may be worth noting feeland. Of the test 8,275 were natives of India and the colonies, 142 foreigners and the nativity of 2,551 was upt reported. Russian foreign office, said only a few days will be seen that rather less than 13 per cent of British soldiers were Irish, not 112 per cent, as might have been expected from the eglogiums which their countrymen have passed upon them as the mainstay of British military power. If Great Britain finds it difficult now to obtain recruits in Ireland it probably is neither surprised not discouraged in view of the slight contributions Ireland has for years made to the strength of the regular army.

#### LOOKING BACKWARD.

and Today. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative

When The Conservative first settled upon Nebraska prairie in 1854 the covote was a majority of the animal world along the west bank of the Missouri. A little further guard her more vital interests in the near towards sunset, just beyond where Lincoln, embellished with statesmen, salt wells, universities and the penitentiary, now flour-Although there was a good deal that was ishes, were vast herds of buffalo, bands of comis in the conduct of the powers in innumerable antelope and great droves of settling the affairs of Creic, it appears deer. But the coyote was discontented. something which he did not earn. And even when his stomach was full of stolen food he would uncomfortably seat himself eves and bad little face towards heaven tive populist and original howler of Nebraska. But he perished from the earth. politicians who imitate the coyote will likewise vanish from sight and like him only be

### TART TRIFLES.

Chicago Post: "Oh, Polly! What a stylish hat?"
"Isn't it sweet? Jack trimmed it for me

Indianapolis Journal: "What do you think of the ostrich as a democratic campaign bird?" "Just the thing! The ostrich, you know, has a more powerful kick than a horse."

Detroit Journal: "Pabson Johnsing," remarked the good Mrs. Washington upon returning home from services, "he preach today on de tex", Tek no thawt ob termorrer," Guess he done pipose habbin' de washin' did Toosd'ys!"

Washington Star: "It seems to me," said the diplomat, "that there is something to be said on both sides of this question." "Maybe so," answered the Boer general, "But you'll have to get somebody else to say it. I'm not talking these days." Chicago Record: "Miss Bing, why do you

cefuse to marry me?"
"Because you are in the dry goods bus-ness and I'd never have a chance to pick p bargains at other shops Philadelphia Press: "That's a funny habit the ostrich has of sticking his bill in the sand," remarked the monkey. "Yes," snickered the laughing hyena, "If he has sund chough to cover the bill why doesn't he pay it?"

Detroit Journal-First Citizen of the Republic-Candilly, did you see any reason why the church should be exempt from tax-Second Citizen of the Republic-Well, the

church is very wealthy, you know Cleveland Plain Dealer: "See here, my son, tell me honestly, don't you consider clgarette smoking injurious?" "For a man of your age, yes, daddy-don't begin."

Detroit Free Press: "How did you like the symphony concert?" asked the young There wasn't anything suggestive

Indianapolis Press: Miss Passay—Though I do say so, I had a reputation as a beauty when I was your age.

The Other Girl—Oh, no doubt, but standards of beauty have had so much time to change since then.

Philadelphia Press: Bob-I'm a victim of hat faitheure myself. Billy-How so?

Bob-1 lent poor Dave \$10 to pay his men-tal healer, and he died.

A CASE OF TIT FOR TAT. Denver Post. had been prompt.

And on his breast was glued her little bead.

read,
Thile through their love-thrilled bosoms
the god of rapture romped.
As swiftly on the happy moments sped. turning up her glances to mingle This query at her darling one she shoved, ler accent half a dove coo and half a doubtful moan:

"Am I the only girl you ever loved?" He swallowed a lump that arose in his His face wore a second-hand blush. His voice seemed a sad unavailable

Refusing to banish the hush, And into her eyes came a flicker of Her lips pursed in questioning pout. And quickly she fired the same query

Her bosom all riddled with doubt,

The hot, rose-tinted blushes quit his face, Like retributive music the painful sen And struck her pinky ears with cruel As quietly he asked her: "Am I the only

You ever fired that old conundrum at?" She snuggled again awful close to his

breast,
The heat of her blushes he felt
Clear through his shirt front and re-Till he thought they would blister his And he grinned like a field from adown Where the red fire unquenchably

And they handled their subsequent sparking affairs Without going behind the returns.



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