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The government of Venezuela indignantly denies a revolution is in proxress in that country-they are simply settling an election squabble a la Kentucky.

The electric motor line from Omaha to

"My Dear Mr. Bryan: I am too busy assimilating my partners in the steel business at present to make any contribution to the democratic campaign fund,

of an opera singer while extracting a fluence those of the house to put aside tooth. The public will be immensely re- the shipping bill for the present session lieved if he will try his hand next on and while to do this would be somewhat the professional pugilists.

might resort to the airship plan and urgency in regard to this proposed legishang the structure overhead at the pre- lation that it cannot safely be postponed cise geographical center of the city.

ing obstructions in the middle of the road. Should they succeed in blocking the highway it will yet be another thing to compel the voters to travel the fusion towpath.

Edgar Howard has been amusing himself during the last year throwing stones over into the popocratic state house yard, and now, when he wants to be a candidate for office, finds that all of them have been gathered up into a nice little pile and are being dropped over on his own tin roof.

The populists seem to have a particular affinity for Omaha. It is "the Omaha platform" which all insist contains the basic principles of the party creed, and it is "the Omaha agreement" which is now the bone of contention. This is advertising for Omaha, but not just the kind it prefers.

In the meanwhile don't forget that the Jacksonians and the County Democracy have not yet agreed to live in peace. It is still a question which shall play the lion and which the lamb. If the Jacksonians should come out on top in the city election and the subsequent county primaries the County Democracy might as well disband.

Up to the close of business hours Treasurer Meserve had not made any statement as to why so much of the school fund is uninvested or as to the banks it is deposited in. The people of Nebraska are of the opinion that they still retain an equity in the money, though the treasurer acts much as though he were inclined to question it.

The first gun of the calamity campaign will be fired soon when the annual story about the failure of coming crops will be sent out. The report of damage to winter wheat is a little late. but will probably put in an appearance when the little differences with the middle-of-the-roaders have been settled. A popocratic campaign without a touch of calamity would not be worth the trouble of organizing.

speeches in support of democracy is a ger aste in appropriating any proporthan of it which can be distorted to its case, 'if democracy could only get there might be some hope of its ultimate there are at least nine democratic senredemption.

TURN IN THE WAR TIDE.

derstood to be carrying out will prove ing his term. Boers, but it may prove to be a ma- Hoar, which would be involved in the fenses of their own countries, in order to meet there the invasion of large Brit- Bryan.

At all events, one thing can be confidently said and that is that the war is yet in its first stage and that much heavy fighting and destruction of life are beyond. The British now have a force of upwards of 200,000 men in South Africa and more troops are to be sent there. The Boers have ordered out all males between 16 and 60 for military service. The British have yet before them the most difficult part of their task and their recent successes are mere skirmishes in comparison with what they must accomplish before the Boers are conquered.

## THE SHIPPING BILL

It is probable that the senate will not consider the Frye-Payne shipping bill at the present session, whatever the house may do. This was developed at the caucus of republican senators last Friday. According to Washington dispatches, the unusually large military bill, amounting to \$111,000,000, and the prospect of a naval bill reaching \$70. 000,000, made it morally certain, it was agreed, that the appropriations would reach a figure in this session never before touched, so that passing a measure providing for ship subsidies was not to Kansas City is still slightly remote, be seriously thought of. It was the We expect to see one operated between understanding that all legislation for Omaha and Fremont a few years the army and navy should have every possible chance, but beyond that and the regular appropriations for the running expenses of the government there would be small chance for legislation that would take money out of the treas-

If this correctly states the position of A Chicago dentist paraiyzed the jaw the republicans of the senate it may indisappointing to many advocates of the measure, it would unquestionably be If worse comes to worst in hunting judicious. This also applies to the Nicfor an auditorium site the committee araguan canal bill. There is no such a year, in the reasonable expectation that meanwhile the military expendi-Lord Roberts made a base hit his first tures will have been considerably retime up at bat and French advanced duced. An effort must be made to at him one, while Kitchener is expected to least keep the expenses of the governbring him to home plate. It is not an ment within its present income and in easy matter to place a safe drive when order to do this there must be no new the Boers are doing such sharp fielding. legislation involving any extensive demand upon the national treasury. The The fusionist members of the populist reported decision of the republican sennational committee put in the day plac- ators is wise and the house republicans should acquiesce in it.

> A DANGEROUS ALTERNATIVE. Senator Hear is the leader of the opposition to the Philippine policy of the government, but he does not think that If the party in power will not desist from this policy the people should place the control of national affairs in the hands of the popocratic party. In a recent interview the distinguished Massachusetts senator said: "The alternative of electing Mr. Bryan is not, in my judgment, to be contemplated for a moment. His election means, if he and his party can have their way, the destruction of our unrivaled prosperity, lower wages, a scantier employment for our workingmen, the debasing of our standard of value, tarnishing the national faith, the destruction of credit, the arraying class against class, bringing into contempt the authority of the supreme court and undermining the security of property and values." It is a comprehensive and accurate statement of the purpose of the Bryanite party and of

the inevitable effect of its success. The people who are willing all these things should happen rather than that the policy of so-called imperialism shall prevail are told by Senator Hoar that it is not the question whether Bryanism or imperialism be the worse for the American people. "The question is whether anything that Mr. Bryan can be trusted to accomplish in opposition to imperialism is worth attaining at the price of all these sacrifices." That is the question which every intelligent the interpretation of the district court American citizen should thoughtfully and carefully consider and those who will do so are very likely to conclude with Senator Hoar that there is nothing to expect in the way of a return to ancient principles by the election of

Mr. Bryan. Having pointed out that Bryan is in large measure responsible for the ratification of the treaty of Paris, which created the existing situation, and expressed the opinion that he did this for the purpose of keeping the question open as an issue for the campaign, Senator Hear proceeds to show that if The use of Lincoln's writings and elected president Bryan could do little or nothing in regard to the policy in the clear case of stealing the livery of a Philippines. So far as a government saint to serve the devil. Lincoln's life for the archipelago is concerned the and utterances are an inspiration to all question will be settled by congress be his countrymen and democracy shows fore the present administration shall go out of power and whatever the fate of the presidential election the republican ascendency in the senate is assured for nearer to the great republican president at least four years longer. Besides,

Phillippines. Consequently Mr. Bryan tastes. If the matter comes up to the Although the advices from South Af- as president, even with the support of county commissioners we fear the only to show some real generalship on the must execute the law which he will find at the jail. part of the British, a condition that, on the statute book," says Senator Hoar, judging by results, has been conspicu- "whether he likes it or does not like it ously lacking. It would be unwise, how- until a majority of both houses of conever, to assume that the new plan of gress shall order otherwise." It is campaign which Lord Roberts is un bardly possible that could happen dur-

entirely successful, for there is no rea- It is very remarkable that any intelson to suppose that Boer strategy has ligent person should be deluded with the Omaha: The Bee Bullding.
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Are now to be steadily forced back into yet there are many who believe this and yet the their own territory without inflicting are supporting the popocratic leader for some heavy blows upon their enemy. no other reason. Some of these people The reported retreat of General Cronje understand the danger to our domestic does indeed look rather serious for the interests, as pointed out by Senator neuver to entrap the British or draw success of the Bryanite party, but they them into a position where they will be are willing to make this sacrifice in at a greater disadvantage than at prest the fallacious hope that the election of forcible plea against woman suffrage by ent. Again, it may turn out to be the Bryan would in some way help the beginning of a general Boer movement cause of anti-imperialism. There is, as out of British territory and into the de- Senator Hoar declares, no spark of hope for that cause in the election of Mr.

AN ISSUE FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN, The decision rendered by Judge Estelle declaring void the law passed by the last legislature making the office with the amount of property owned by the of clerk of the district court a salarled testator, on legacies for educational purposition injects a new issue into the fall campaign.

The court holds the law unconstitutional by reason of alleged defects in title and conflicting provisions relating to the appointment of the clerk's deputy. Whether this view is finally upheld by the supreme court or not, the total abolition of the pernicious fee system, by which one officer can rake in from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year, is imperatively demanded by the taxpayers, In fact the salary of \$5,000 allowed by the new law to the clerk of the court is in reality double what the service is worth and what competent men would gladly perform it for. The governor of Nebraska and the judges of the supreme and district courts must be content with \$2,500 a year and the clerk of the court is surely worth no more.

The decision of Judge Estelle will therefore make it incumbent upon the ing its ordinary supply are over. England political conventions to pledge candidates for the legislature to re-enact the law without flaws or defects and to for American coal means that naval preparareduce the salary of the clerk to \$2,500 tions adverse to England are being made

It is not likely that the Albyn Frank act of 1899 the outcome of the appeal of the market staying open hereafter. will be immaterial except as to Frank's settlement and the amount which Clerk Broadwell might claim for the period up to the time when the new law goes into effect.

In its anxiets to defeat the republican where did any member of the Ninth ward delegation violate the ordinary tickets are always put up by trades? like the wildest dream. This is not merely common practice in city and county conventions, but also in state and national conventions. For example, General John A. Logan was a Grant stalwart, always opposed to James G. Blaine, and yet he was nomfor his own nomination, Mr. Hennings sity above the constant. It is United States senators and in the nom-

is vote was cast for himself. Dairymen is in session in this state we might suggest that an annual exhibiphasize and interest the public in what the dairymen are doing as well as call attention of buttermakers to the latest and most approved machinery. By locating the exhibit at different cities in the various sections that are the stringholds of the dairy industry the entire country would be covered in the course of a comparatively few years. And while making the suggestion we might also venture to say that Omaha would be a good place to hold the first exhibi-

County Attorney Shields made a good showing in the case brought to test the validity of the district court clerk law and seems to have succeeded in convincing the judge that the act was passed by due legislative process, notwithstanding the mutilation of the records The judge's adverse decision rests entirely upon points of law rather than of fact, and if the appeal is pressed the supreme court will have to say whether is correct or incorrect.

Wool at 20 cents a pounds and good prices for live stock are worth more to Wyoming and Colorado than free coinage of silver and its accompanying demoralization of business. One is the result of republican policy and the other the promise of democracy. It ought not to take the people of these states long to decide with which side of the contest they should line up.

The next two weeks will be devoted to city politics as distinguished from state and national politics. Keep track of the meetings as announced in the different wards of the city and get acquainted with the candidates who are running for office. No intelligent voter will have any excuse for easting his ballot in ignorance of the candidates or the issues.

A decided divergence of opinion seems to prevail among the boarders at the county jail upon the question whether ators who are in favor of holding the the diet is sufficient for their epicurean way the men talk."

## Currency Expansion.

try was \$4.99. In 1860 it was \$13.85 and at least, and lessens the likelihood of the is now \$25.98. If the per capita man is question ever becoming the paramount issue patient he may be happy yet.

#### Few Drinks on a Hot Run. New York Work

General Roberts reports that General French, after a twenty-five-mile march, threatening looseness of the old financial As laws. took three of the enemy's langers." he march was made in "excessive heat and blinding dust storm" the only wonder is senate of the currency bill marks the secthat General French stopped with the third,

#### When Women Disagree Who'll Decide Cincinnati Tribune.

The women suffragists were presenting heir case to congress, when it was shown who wear skirts. The latter made a rather sking what would women do in a situation like the one existing in Kentucky? Yet, it might be urged that if women were in politics the Kentucky situation, or similar ituations, would not exist.

## Good Time for Tax Repeal.

One of the war taxes that ought to be imnediately repealed is that which imposes a rate of from 21/2 to 15 per cent, varying poscs. The tax operates as a discouragement to this form of beneficence. It is not good policy to build up any harrier between the colleges and the most munificent endowment that may be bestowed upon them by persons of wealth.

## Sympathy and Congratulations.

Washington Post We offer to the widow of the late Mr. Chickering, representative in congress from New York, not only our profound sympathy in the less of her distinguished husband, but our sincere compliments and felicitations on her refusal to countenance "the congressional funeral." The country has been waiting for some years to find an individual courageous and sensible enough to rebuke and forbid this preposterous and discreditable custom.

#### American Coal Going Abroad. New York Tribune

American coal is flowing into the Mediterranean in a swelling stream, cutting a channel for itself which will probably not rup dry when the present conditions interrupthas hitherto sent it, but now has use for all its product elsewhere. It is not necessary to assume that the present large demand in the Mediterranean, though that is the view of some continental military observers. Its most direct interest to Americans Is case will be reached by the supreme that it opens a practically new market for court in less than two years. If a new an important commodity hitherio jealously law is enacted taking the place of the shut out and that there is a good chance

## Men of Good Will.

Baltimore American The stories pouring in from British correspondents and published in British newscivilization. In the essential elements of tions of the intentions of the British gen- pinos are not remarkable as shots." city ticket the organ of the defuncto manhood, in love of peace and horror of crals, and so prepare for whatever is going candidate for U. S. S. expresses its war, in courage and endurance and in hu- to occur. abhorrence of the awful deal by which man sympathy they have no superiors. The A letter signed by "Colonel Lamar Fon- tiago. They say that almost every Span- all friends of the people of that island will A. H. Hennings secured the nomination cruelties inflicted by the British in the taine," which went the rounds a few mouths ish riffeman hidden away in a treetop had have reason for gratification if the adfor city treasurer. The great crime carlier part of the conflict contrast strangely ago, claiming that General Joubert served a scale of distances carefully noted by ministration of affairs under civil rule with the burial of the English dead at under Stonewall Jackson in the civil war, charged against Hennings is that he Stormberg, when the Boers sang hymns turns out to be a raw fake. Diligent in- range-finders acquired sinister fame. Some This ought to be possible, but there is made his alliance with the Moores fac- at the graves and expressed in their speeches quiry shows that Colonel Fontaine is the tion instead of with Bingham. But abborrence of the war and hope that it name assumed by southern Munchausens would soon end. Such a spectacle has never while in action. ethics of political conventions in which the resources now in South Africa seems Frere Camp, the Boer Irish brigade sent a

# Business or "Glory."

It would be far more commendable and encouraging, it seems to us, if the opponexts of the ratification would give their thoughts and enthusiasm in larger measinated with Blaine in 1884. As to voting itary. It is placing the infrequent necesure to commercial matters and less to mildid nothing more than what has been the cause of wastage and destruction done time and again in the election of for the source of increase and progress If all the canal confroversialists would at tend strictly to the problems of home deination of presidents. Bryan was a velopment and advancement, political, indelegate to the Chicago convention and dustrial and social, it is more than possible that they would come speedily to realize that there are domestic projects and im-While the National Association of provements more urgent and beneficent than in isthmian canal of any kind at this time. But it is difficult to get the statesmanship of the times, especially the "world sution of dairy utensils and dairy prod- premacy" style of statesmanship, to give nets and processes would do much to em- a little thought to the needs and interests the old United States. It is too true in the present state of the legislative mind that distance lends enchantment.

# OUTLANDERS ON THE YUKON.

How American Miners Are Skinner Under British Laws. Some America defenders of the British war n the republies of South Africa justify is n the ground that England could not do less han demand relief for British subjects from he alleged actions of the Transvaal repub-Mine owners were obliged to pay 21/2 purr fund. er cent of the gross output of the mines to the government. A parity of reasoning the list of states whose legislatures believe would require the American government to in the election of United States senators vage war for the relief of American out- by the people. landers on the Yukon. Miners in that region have larger grievances than the Britishers n the Transwaal, for while the latter pay only 21/2 per cent, miners in the Yukon district are obliged to give up 10 per cent of the gold dug out of the ground. Neill Vawter, United States marshal of Alaska, who is in Washington, was asked about it by a reporter of the Washington Post, annot speak from personal knowledge, for I've never been there," said Mr. Vawter, but there is much complaint among Amercan miners who have come to Cape Nome and who have been operating there. You know the Americans constitute about nineenths of the mining population in British to the city of Philadelphia his beautiful territory. They are deeply aggrieved by mansion and its contents for a free library the way they have been treated and de- It will be known as the H. Josephine Wide clare the British system of dealing with the ner Memorial library, in memory of his late nining privileges is extortionate and thor- wife. oughly corrupt. Miners have to give up per cent of their gross output to the Magersfontein, Oliphantsfontein, Bloemfongovernment. In the United States there is tein and other fonteins. Should a few of no charge whatever on the output and 10 these fonteins get lost on the way they previously established lines there and to rofit in mining. Besides this, they claim news. the land office officials, or whatever designaion they have in Canada, issue leases to vorites-that is, to these who 'fix' them advance, or fee them. They have to be een' before they grant any privileges. In British territory there are no patents is ued to mining claims. They are leased. The applications are so numerous that the men who want to take up claims stand in ine for days to await their turn. I have een told that some men stood in line for weeks waiting their turn without being given a chance, while the men who had foresight to look after the officials in advance had no trouble in getting what hey wanted. Naturally this has created alk in the gold region all over Alaska and good deal of ill-feeling exists. "As I said before, I have no personal

knowledge of the facts and can pent what I have heard, but that's the seums-

## DOOM OF 16 TO 1.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: The deathknell of rien are exceedingly menger they indi- a house of representatives, could not way to decide will be to have the melli- free silver was sounded in November, 1896. schools has a brother in Manila who went cate a turn in the war tide and seem undo what the present shall enact. "He bers of the board cat out a meal ticket | The vote in the senate Thursday was merely there as a member of the First Nebrasks Peace to another dead issue.

> of a presidential campaign. It is more reads as follows: reasonable to suppose that future currency legislation will be in the direction of more positive reform rather than any hint of a return to the ambiguity, the confusion and the

Philadelphia Ledger: The passage by the ond step in the direction of monetary reform, the first having been taken when the house of representatives adopted its own financial bill. Both bills will go into conference, and in the near future it is reasonthat there was opposition even among those ably assured that a compromise measure will be formulated that will meet with the pleasure of both branches of the national legislature and receive the approval of the president. The country wants the question settled, and settled right.

Philadelphia Record: Now that both the senate and the house have adopted bills sinning the United States beyond peradvenure to the gold standard the final blow has seen given to free silver coinage. Bryan already finds his cheap money har angues distasteful to the prospering people of the south. If he be wise he will drop '16 to 1" and thank the republican congress for choking the life out of it. Robbed of his ability to promote repudiation, Mr. Bryan may become a more tolerable expectancy. ate marks the inevitable and the timely more but we the girls can not to play f uneasiness and alarm which has for thirty ernment very good. years disturbed business and threatened the I do not undustand the to be you play national credit. In re-enacting and confirming for the United States the best, the most my country I cannot see of those thinks. stable and most universal standard of value. But I see in some book because here in it will take the question as to what is a doliar out of politics as completely as the yard- of america in the Xmas enjoyed quite stick or the bushel measure is out of politics. quell and olso in the day of new year.

#### ROER AND BRITON.

Two years ago the Boers had in their pay fifteen German officers, forty French and forty Russians.

If the war continues very long the horse roblem will be a serious one for the Britsh. African epizootic is a horse-killer.

A Beer front twenty miles long is re ported at Colesberg. When the Boers took their last census they must have dropped 100,000 or so for the benefit of their British friends.

What has become of the war correspondent who wired from Vaalkrantz: "In the language of the boudoir bulletins, 'Mother and child are doing well." The world anxiously awaits another joyous bulletin from the Tugela.

Someone has lately been calling attention to the number of unmarried generals now serving in the British army. Lord Kitchener is one of the long list now serving in South Africa. General Gatacre, Sir Archihald Hunter and General MacDonald are also bachelors.

the Boers are interior to the English in Cape police, and in some companies of scouts, any respect, except the gloss or vencer of find means of acquainting their blood rela-

before been witnessed on a battlefield. That | Just before the battle of Colenso, and the British can conquer these people with while the Dublin Fusileers were lying in letter to the Fusileers saying they would be glad to get the opportunity of wiping the Fusileers off the face of the earth. note was returned by the Dublin men saying that they would walk through the Irish raid on the men in the treetops and most pend honestly for the public good. The test brigade as the devil did through Athlone.

But they didn't. The Pali Mail Gazette says that it is the estimony of all the correspondents at the front that the Boers have a knack of hitting the enemy about the legs and lower part of the body. Out of 309 men with Genral Hart's brigade treated in the field hosnital only eight had receive shell wounds The others had been hit by Mauser builets, seventy-six in the upper extremities and 118

in the lower extremitles. A Natal carbineer, who has lived twenty years in South Africa, writes to his father in England: "They talk of disbanding us as soon as we get through to Ladysmith. We cost the government too much. We get 9 shillings a day and rations. We are the highest paid men in the field. We don't care much if they do disband us, as we are pretty tired of being messed about by imperial officers. They don't understand the country of the Boers, and they won't give

# PERSONAL POINTERS.

General Roberts wired: "Have taken five Boer laagers." Steins or schooners? Mrs. Catt. having been elected president of the Woman's Suffrage association, paragraphers are at liberty to draw on the

The name of Montana does not appear of When a reformer becomes offensively ac

pendsman to give it to him in the neck The remedy is effective. Now that the secretary of the navy has amed one of the new cruisers "St. Louis" the honored town by the bridge is in a mood

ive in China the empress orders the royal

to forgive its enemies, even Chicago. An influential applicant for a public in New York city offered as evidence of fitness the fact that there has never been a member of his family in jail. He was hob bled at the trough.

P. A. B. Widener has formally transferred South African reports frequently mention

er cent in many cases is equal to all the never would be missed by readers of war The long drawn-out spell of Calgary weather spread over the banana belt is evidently intended to popularize the pending

> his job. Senator Gorman's announcement that he as he did in 1896 affords small consolation transmissouri products. to the great silver leader. To him, indeed, the announcement must seem like a warning and a threat.

General Joubert's wife has repeatedly accompanied him in his campaigns against marauding natives and on such occasions While on a visit to Amsterdam Mrs. Joubert was shown an interesting colleconly re- tion of ancient pewter in one of the mu-"Good material to make bullets." was her only comment.

## ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

One of the teachers in the Sioux City a supplication for the repose of its soul, and remained there when the regiment was Detroit Free Press: The establishment of suggestion her pupils wrote letters to unthe gold standard by explicit declaration, known Filipino girls in the new American At the beginning of the century the per now a matter of a few days, means the last schools and sent them in care of the brother, capita of money in circulation in this count word on the subject for a stretch of years, who in turn sent them to the teachers of the schools. One reply was received and published in the Sioux City Journal. It

> Manila, P. I. Jan 7th., 1990

My dear unknown american friend: I'm' glad the to be recive your letter the day 7 and intire of the unhat you say mi said speakin in it the segmente.

lour letter gave me the Mr John Chris-

tensen unhat upent me profesor in the school of Paco and is your friend what have lived bifore in the States Idaho but it to be finish of your service and are here of profesor in pilipin. I am study with he three months from the months of July August September and the profesor John Christensen is very good for

to teach and we the girls and boys the love have other profesor american the profesor Christensen are not more in our school What a pity! I am very sorry because he is a good profesor, he are now in a of the school large of Manila.

I am like study your languages but is very difficulty the pronunciation nevertheless I wish knou because is languages official here. And the o'clock nuhen I am going in the school is eight o'clock of the morning when I am go are ten o'clock by the afternoon is two o'clock until o'clock. The play unhat play is the her New York World: Its passage by the sen- blind salta la comba and and other play triumph of a sound idea. If the bill finally with the boys because so us done acusagreed upon shall have no other virtue, it tumbra the flailes but noun I think unbat will, as Senator Lindsay said, "settle the be change uue castumbre because the govmoney question." It will remove that cause ernment is other and now une has a gov

on the ice and the frost because here in my country is houn olso what the spring The government spanish is no more and the dishonest frailes fear now of the amer-

I am thank by to be receive your letter. I wish you a happy new year. You filipina friend Angela Aguilar,

Looban St. No. 14. Manila.

commenting on the killing of General Law- and \$150,000 for quarantine purposes. ton, explains the methods adopted by the addition the municipalities have been aided native sharpshooters to secure the range. to the amount of \$1,500,000. In the first advance which we made north | of Manila." he said, "we discovered that employment by which they could mainthe native sharpshooters were exceedingly tain themselves, thus furnishing the best fond of locating range marks on ground foundation for a condition of contentment, they thought we would be apt to traverse. While this expenditure in the interest of They would know the exact elevation neces- better sanitary and other conditions has sary to drop a bullet at some bush, stump been going forward, the industries have been or pile of stones and if a soldier approached rapidly reviving. Tobacco and sugar planthe spot he was pretty certain to get it. totions have been restored and the pro-Sometimes several men would be killed duction of the fruits and vegetables, upon or wounded before the deadly indicator which the people of Cuba largely sub-The experience gained by night attacks would be observed and when any sharp- sist, has risen nearly to the normal rate, upon the Boers goes to show that the Dutch shooting was going on our boys learned In short, a year of military occupation papers prove the falsity of the charge that or half-breed Dutch employed in the British eventually to avoid all conspicuous ob- administered in the interest of restoring jects that looked as if they might have been the waste and destruction of war has made selected as range marks. Otherwise the Fill- Cuba more completely habitable than during

marks at various points, and some of these make as good a showing for the first year, straight up into the air. It was on the them out wisely for the public good. of them were swept out by the machine and other objects that appeared to have pulously shunned.

skyward and they are still there. Fourroom houses covered with nips rush bring \$50 (Mexican) a month. Ten dollars of the same money would be an extravagant rental for that class of houses two years ago. Beef cosis 10 to 60 cents a pound. Flour sells at the rate of \$2.50 for a twenty-five-pound sack, and 15 cents a pound for less quantities. Canned fruits are luxuries, some rated at \$1.50 a can that cost 25 cents in the United States. Fine sugar costs 20 cents a pound. All prices are based on Mexican money, worth one-half that of the United "It is the simplicity of the aver-States. age American," says a correspondent, "and the easy, well-paved road to his pocketbooks that makes prices high. He goes down town to buy a supply of food and he takes things at the price offered. The merchant was in the habit of meeting opposition in his trades. He expected his customer to storm around, to throw the goods down in disgust and start for the door with the air of one who has been deeply wronged. And as a result the price was lowered as a peace offering, and the customer left satisfied that he paid enough for his article, though it cost him only half the price first asked. The Chinese merchants saw that the American that with a firm show of front they could get what they asked. For when a man came in with the idea that he would "beat lown" a dealer the aforesaid dealer was firm and held to the principle of one price for all. As a result, a new schedule of prices came into vogue and the American paying them. The Spaniard and the Filino suffer in a degree, but they know the character of their merchants and their weaknesses, and it is said that they do not pay the prices demanded of the Americans."

# NEW HIGHWAY FOR TRADE.

#### Significance of the Illinois Central Entrence Into Omaha. Chicago Post. Entrance by the Illinois Central as

mpeting railroad into Omaha creates fresh complications in the transmissouri transportation situation that already have begun to cause serious concern among the lead to the fear that material and widespread demoralization may result. The matter is specially important because the new conditions which have been created will have the tendency to bring about a proposing an improvement in the wholesale diversion of traffic from the weather service. The weather clerk is onto old, established channels from east to west and give fresh impetus to the movement toward the permanent establishment of will support Bryan in the coming campaign great southern gateway for the export of For the last ten years, at least, it has

been the avowed policy of the Illinois Central road to build up the Crescent City and make it one of the leading seaports of the country and of the world. How well is has succeeded in its efforts in this direcalways invisted on personally caring for his tion may best he judged by a comparison of the traffic returns of a few years ago with those of today. Ten years ago New Orleans had absolutely no export trade, and the idea of making it a great port was ridiculed as visionary and impracticable.

Held hard in my throat; and I wittered A yow that shall outlive death. I swear that the builder no longer To me shall be less than the plant the processor of the average man. the traffic returns of a few years ag-

It did not own a grain elevator of sufficient capacity to load an ocean-going vessel of average tonnage, and had no means what ever for handling a large export trade During the month of January last fortyseven steamships cleared from that port, mustered out for home. At the teacher's carrying 4,772,031 bushels of grain. That was a gain of 1,749,448 bushels over the shipments of the same month a year ago. For five months of the present season the receipts of grain at this southern port increased by about 7,000,000 bushels. This increase was pretty well distributed over the various classes of grain. Wheat was the only item that showed a decrease, and wheat shipments decreased everywhere Those who formerly scoffed at the possibilities of New Orleans as a great shipping point have not only ceased to do so, but

have begun to fear its competition. While the Illinois Central is as much a Chicago road as it is a New Orleans one, it will not do to ignore the fact that its entry into Omaha affords greatly increased facilities for the diversion of the grain trade of the great corn belt to the southern out let, and it will not be at all eurprising if the export grain trade of New Orleans increases at a still greater ratio than it has been doing. At all events the competition much because is very kind and now we between the gulf ports and the roads centering in Chicago for the traffic of the transmissouri territory is certain to be considerably keener than heretofore, and will mark a new departure in the methods pursued by traffic officials if frequent rate wars do not result

#### A YEAR OF MILITARY RULE.

#### Showing Made by American Government in Cuba.

Under military rule Cuba has been getng the benefit of its own revenues, instead of, as in former times, being drained by taxes to be squandered at home or elsewhere to no useful purpose. According to Commissioner Porter the customs recelpts for Cuba for 1899 reached \$5,000,000, with an additional \$1,000,000 from internal revenue. This, with the exception of the balance still in the treasury, has been expended in Cuba for the benefit of the Cubans ith results that are in every respect grat-

ifying. Of this amount \$3,000,000 has been expended for sanitary purposes. This explains why Havana has been transformed from a plague spot to a healthy tropical city. It also accounts in part for the change in the condition of the people throughout the island, as shown by a recent tour of inspection, the children being found fair and wellfavored, instead of famine-stricken, as under Spanish rule. For administration \$1,700,000 has been expended, \$600,000 has been applied to public works and harbors \$700,000 to charities and hospitals, \$250,003 to the beginnings of civil governmen', \$300 .. An officer of the Tennessee regiment, who | 000 for outdoor relief of the destitute, \$275,saw considerable service in the Philippines, one for postal service, \$360,000 to the census

As a result the people have been given

any former period of its history. A very similar story was told by soldiers | The time has arrived when civil must who participated in the fighting before San- supersede military government in Cuba, and ittle distance from the first emergency hes- more or less danger that the knaves will pital was the wreck of a heavy two- get into office and squander the revenues wheeled native wagen, with a pole sticking for their own enrichment instead of laying edge of a path to the nearest creek, which is an old saying that the people may be was frequently traversed, and three sol- classed as honest men, knaves and fools, diers were shot near the heap of rubbish If the fools in Cuba elect the knaves to before it became evident that a hidden municipal office, as they do in some other sharpshooter was using it to sight by. A countries, the knaves can be certainly relief couple of days later there was a systematic upon to steal more money than they exof the capacity of the people of Cuba for guns, but in the meanwhile the old wagon self-government is now to be made, beginning, of course, with the municipal govbeen located as distance marks were seruoutcome will not be less gratifying than that shown by a year of honeetly-adminis-American occupation of Manila sent prices | tered military government,

# TRITE TIPS.

Chicago Record; "A burglar got into our ouse last night."
"Did he take anything?"
"The children are all sick, and we hope a got the measles."

Washington Star: "Oh, if that critic would only give me a chance to get back at him!" exclaimed the novelist. "What would you have him do?" "Write a book, of course," was the surprised reply.

Chicago Tribune: "Hoot! Hoot!" mournfully exclaimed the owl. "Most! mourn-fully exclaimed the owl. "Why," asked the bald eagle, "are you forever putting up a holler?" "Because," replied the bird of fil omen, "I am a calamity owl!"

Indianapolis Journal: "Don't you think the has a wonderful control over his voice?" asked the young woman.
"No," answered Miss Cayenne. "I can't say I think that He sings every time any ne asks him to

Detroit Journal: "A tride overdone, you say, sir" asked the attentive waiter.
"That isn't exactly what I said," replied Blvers, looking at the spring chicken in the Pavers, looking at the spring entered to center of his plate. "I said it was a triff center of his plate."

Chinese merchants saw that the American Washington Star: "I suppose there is a was not a man to haggle over prices and great deal of jealousy among your generations." "A great deal," answered the Filipina hief, gloomily "We have an army scan-al at hand. The man who claims to hold he record for long-distance retreats is ac-used of violating the rules of such con-

ests and using a pace-maker Chicago Pribune: Chairman (of investi-gating committee)—I am compelled now to ask how much your campaign cost you. Victorious Candidate—It cost me \$3.78. Chairman—How does it happen you re-member the add cents? Victorious Candidate—From the fact that \$19.78 is what the new hat cost that I prom-ised my wife in case I was elected.

# THE AVERAGE MAN.

Hamlin Garland. His face had the grimness of granite; It was bleached and bronzed by the sun, Like the coat on his poor, narrow shoul-And his hands showed the work he had

His dim eyes were weary and patient; And he smiled through his paller and

A wistful, sad smile, as if saying; 'I'm only an average man

can't be a hero or poet, Nor a dictator wearing a-crown:
I'm only the hard-working servant
of those set above me. I'm dow
I'm down, and it's no use complai
I'll get on the best way I can;
And one o' these days 'll come more
And rest for the average man."

He wages all battles and wins them, He builds all torrets that tower Over walls of the city to tell Of the rulers and priests of the hour. Without him the general is helviess, The earth but a place and a plan. He moves all and clothes all and fords

This sad-smiling, average man Then I lifted my hand in a promise