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The goat raisers of Kansas and Oklahoma have formed an association. This ought to make a strong combination.

If there is a deputy in the state house at Lincoln who is not aspiring to succeed his chief his name has escaped observation.

The great trust-smashing attorney general wants it distinctly understood that he has several political skyrockets still

To the Secretaries of the State Board of Transportation: "If you are too busy to write, please make signs,-Norfolk Business Men."

Of course as police commissioner W. 8. Poppleton would be in better position to serve his Anti-Saloon league friends than he would as mayor.

After one week of revolutionizing the world Editor-Preacher Sheldon will

England evidently wants the world to understand that the trouble down in South Africa is a family affair that will be settled without the "advice or consent of any nation on earth."

If the Douglas County Democracy insists upon pushing a man for secretary of the state committee against the wishes of Colonel Bryan there may be some more stings of ingratitude distributed around.

The next thing we know Governor Poynter will be commissioning a new set of judges to set up a municipal court for Omaha in place of the municipal court that was knocked out by the supreme court decision two years ago.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago always attends the meetings of the city council. The game of politics in Chicago is much like a session at the poker table in the same city-it is dangerous to take your eye off the table as long as there are chips in sight.

The various candidates for office in the recent city election are engaged in the amusing diversion of explaining how much they spent in electioneering and for what purposes. Of what practical use this information is to the public has not yet been disclosed.

The faithful chronicler of that Kearney rabbit hunt participated in by Governor Poynter and his retinue, including the chairman of the State Barbers' Examining board, failed to say, unfortunately, how many jackrabbits escaped the deadly gubernatorial gun.

William J. Broatch was appointed a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in 1895 by the Churchill-Russell appointing board as a direct slap at Governor Silas A. Holcomb, How does Judge Silas A. Holcomb like the appointment of William J. Broatch as police commissioner by Governor Poyn-

square for an auditorium site at the time authority so far as the administration the project was on the point of materializing a few years ago, but some enter- accepted as voicing the position of the prising obstructionists went into the president. There can be no doubt that courts and secured a decision that the he went to Cuba prepared to say just park could not be used for any such pur- what the administration contemplated pose. As long as that decision stands it with respect to that Island. In this he all right is useless to discuss the Jefferson square

The local popocratic organ cannot conceal signs of exultation in announcing have independence. the defeat of Mayor Ensor in the South Omaha democratic primaries by "plain carried off the palm.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY? get his authority for such action?

this declaration: "I have no right to ary in two, giving each of them 850 more an old law that has once been declared any right to this salary excess he should unconstitutional. It would be just like prosecute it in the courts. appointing a deputy insurance commissioner now that the 'Weaver act' has been declared unconstitutional."

January, is it any less law-defying and cording to its own pleasure. anarchistic for the governor to make the

appointments now? If a governor can with impunity set constitution and become a law unto himself. Before William A. Poynter assumed the office of governor he took the braska and execute the laws enacted in conformity with it. By that solemn oath he was also bound to accept and carry out the interpretation of the laws as enunciated by the supreme court. Any other course would be revolutionary and impeachable.

It is not for the governor to impugn the motives of supreme judges or question the soundness of supreme court decisions. They might in his opinion be wrong in principle and at variance with all precedent, but they are for him, as they are for every citizen of the state, the basis of official conduct. If the chief executive of the state, charged with the special duty of enforcing the laws and carrying out the mandates of the courts, defies the law and violates court orders, what example does he set for people in unofficial life who have subscribed to no oath of office to repudiate all constituted authority and to launch upon a course of arbitrary and unrestricted lawlessness? If the chief executive is thus to make himself the chief lawbreaker how can be expect the humble citizen to cultivate a respect for law and obedience to authority?

Before he affixes his signature to the alleged commissions of the pretender police commissioners let Governor Poynter ask himself the question, By what authority?

### REASSURING CUBANS.

The address of Secretary Root to the Cubans was timely and proper and what he said will be approved by going on much as they have done in of the United States to Cuba would be fulfilled and that the Cubans could bsolutely rely upon this government carrying out the promise it had made to give those people independence. Recognizing that there was some distrust in regard to the attitude of the United States in respect to this, Secretary Root assured the Cubans that there was no ground for any fear as to the position of this country in regard to the solemn pledge which it had made to the Cuban people that they should have independence and self-government.

This declaration on the part of the secretary of war, representing as it unquestionably does the position of the administration, ought to silence aff question as to the absolute determination of the administration to conform unquestionably, in its dealings with and obligation of the United States in respect to that island.

The secretary of war, in assuring those people that they shall have independence, could not, in the nature of things, determine just when self-government could be established there. That is a matter that depends almost absolutely upon the Cuban people themselves. The duty of the United States been given a lucrative commission in the is to prepare them for self-government army by President McKinley as a recogand this it is performing with as much nition of his father's republicanism, energy as the circumstances will per- while the father himself is given an apof self-government, at least according the republican party. to the American idea, and the process of teaching them must necessarily be

have the effect of removing any doubt from their minds as to the absolute sincerity of the United States in regard to its promise that the island should have independence. The secre- navy. Did the captain get his idea at The The Bee favored the use of Jefferson tary of war speaks with unquestionable | Hague conference? is concerned. His statements are to be view it may confidently be said that the purpose of our government is to faithfully carry out the assurance given

The outgoing council will certainly Tom Brennan, ex-chief of police under make a mistake if it passes the claim of Mayor Ensor and a packing house waten. Police Judge Gordon for a salary at man." We think this is an uncalled-for \$2,500 a year in face of the fact that the exhibition of the sting of ingratitude charter fixes his salary at \$1,200 a year. after Mayor Ensor had been cajoled into | Judge Gordon has repeatedly recognized making a pilgrimage all the way to Lin- the charter provisions as governing his coln to urge upon Governor Poynter the office and has stood for election under appointment of the defuncto candidate the charter. His claim is a salary grab.

Omaha. Where does Governor Poynter unily because should a successor by earth no longer awakens even an echoclected he could get him to refuse to On January 2 Governor Poynter made | qualify and simply split the \$2,500 snl-

NO INTERVENTION. The British government, replying to How can Governor Poynter justify the the American note in regard to mediaappointment of a police commission for tion in the South African war. has Omaha in the middle of March, in the most distinctly and unequivocally deface of the declaration made in the be- clared that no intervention will be acginning of January? If he had no right cepted from any power in the settleto make such appointments ten weeks ment of South African affairs. This ago, where does he get it now? If it is a plain notice not only to the United would have been a defiance of law and states but to all the nations that they court by making the appointment in government to settle matters there ac-

It is not an extraordinary or unexpected attitude for the British government to assume, as shown by the utgovernment not to submit to any intervention and in the event of the conquest of the Boer republics to make oath to support the constitution of Ne- their territory a part of the British em- Navat and Military Expedition Booked pire. The prime minister of England then said that no nation had a right, under international law, to say under year, taps a Washington grapevine for the what terms Great Britain should settle the conflict and that the nation would not submit in this regard to any outtion of the British government and under existing conditions there is no reason to doubt that it will continue firm in this attitude. The statement of Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons was a cordial acknowledgment of the communication of the United States in respect to the war, but he declared that the British government "does not propose to accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South Af- their rights to stake out claims on a tiderican affairs." Thus the British gov- water beach, and hurried representatives to ernment has informed the whole world that it demands to be let alone in this unfriendly act.

Such being the case, our government, in common with every other power, is interpose in the South African war, unless willing to invite a serious complication with Great Britain. So far as a result. Our government, occupying its proper position as a neutral, has pletely disarmed the partisan criticism that the government is in sympathy with Great Britain.

Unless present plans miscarry the popocratic state officers do not propose to remain far away from the public crib after their present terms expire. While the two-term rule bars most of them from running for the offices they now occupy, each one has picked out something which he thinks will just suit him. When the party was young the records which most of them have made would have been a bar to their nominations, but the machine appears to have taught the popocratic choir a new tune.

The Hague peace treaty has not yet Cuba, with the pronouncement of the been ratified by a single government. last congress in regard to the duty It might possibly be well to postpone ratifications until the several nations few of them which have not some old grudge they would like to settle if they were only certain they were in a position to settle it to their satisfaction.

The son of William J. Broatch has mit. Our government cannot force con- pointment on a pretender police commisditions. It must work out its problems sion by Governor Poynter as a recognithat have to learn the whole lesson doing in the cause of fusion and against mine the other way."

The speech of Secretary of War Root Root should have the effect and un- regarding Cuba. In this, as in all other doubtedly will of stimulating the Cuban matters, the administration proposes to dependence for which they have been avoided by those who pretend to think struggling for many years. It should it says one thing and intends to do something else.

# Hint from The Hague!

Captain Mahan would greatly increase our

#### An Impossible Spectacle. . Cleveland Leader

It would be too bad if anybody should be killed in a clash between the rival militia organizations in Kentucky. If some of the politicians who have disgraced the state ould be placed upon the firing line it would

The Main Remedy Overlooked.

San Francisco Call. The senate committee which has just made to the Cuban people that they shall a report upon the extent to which adulterations or substitutions are used in food articles in this country has suggested two methods of checking the evil, but we notice with regret that neither remedy provides the rascals who manufacture the stuff.

# Reserves of Grain.

long as he is in the office he is entitled | date last year. They reflect larger exports, soldier comrades feel-

to a salary of \$2,500, while a successor due to very much better prices. They reflect Governor Poynter has taken it upon would be entitled to only \$1,200. It has also the greatly improved financial condition himself to appoint a board of are and been pointed out that under this arof the farmers, who hold their grain in spite. Rear Admiral George C. Remey, who is to
police commissioners for the city of cancerment be could hold office toward.

### Prosperity of Booksetters.

A competent Judge estimates that about matter of financial ability. The prosperity coast in times of peace. of the booksellers is as true an index of themselves are

### Inwarranted Indignation.

Lord Roberts protests in the name of humanity to Presidents Kruger and Steyn forties because a quantity of explosive bullets was found in General Cronle's camp by British troops. The world generally will indorse the protest. Explosive bullets are a relic of barbarism. But having duly reprehended the Cornelius N. Bliss of New York, formerly clearly defined policy of the British somewhat difficult to share Lord Roberts' indignation.

### MORE WAR IN THE AIR.

for Cape Nome. One of the New York yellows which scents more trouble in a day than develops in a "inwardness" of the proposed naval and golden sands are now attracting a multiminers already in the field and a combine death, of claim jumpers said to be heading in that lows: beach has been staked out into claims.

Washington to make sure. The congressional committee on public lands ruled that the same laws should hold whose flag he has defended with preeminent conflict and implies that any attempt on the beach as on dry land. The miners skill and courage in many a naval contest. at interference will be regarded as an at once completed the staking of claims. His fame preceded him to the South

which lie frozen under their feet. absolutely estopped from all efforts to place in Washington this winter. Influential gives this account of his reception;

the American people without distinction that our government shall go farther the sand on their changes in sight on the manner unmistakably full of admiration and time out here and take my discharge. rapid fire gun dredges approach the beach the miners will fight to a man to defend their claims, and the dredges are prepared to mow the beach about fifty armed steam dredges fitting out in Paget sound

The situation has been made known to the War and Navy departments and Brigadler General Randall has been put in charge of a force of 1,200 troops and two ships to patrol the beach and try to keep the peace.

# FLOOD OF SPECIAL PENSIONS.

Magnitude of the Evil Encouraged and Sanctioned by Congressmen. Washington Post

On Friday last the house of representatives passed ninety-seven pension billsapplicants. In the course of a debate the total value of the gift being \$2,350. started on the provisions of one of those now serving his sixth consecutive term, under the escort of General Roca, presiden have each of them adjusted some made some interesting remarks that have of the republic, the guests were served hausted every effort to establish their claims, the admiral, He said these claims had been adversely reon the floor of the house can, by glancing at these papers for a half hour or less present a question here which we are called upon to accept as logical and proper, which gradually. It has to do with a people tion of the zealous work he has been the department has taken years to deter-

Of course the California congressman set himself against the current of sentiment n the house, but he was, in the main, right. Favoritism has no proper place in pension should settle definitely the question of legislation. Nine out of ten of all the The reassurance given by Secretary what the administration proposed to do private pension bills passed confer special cision of the United States supreme court favors in which there is gressly unjust dis- in the illinois Central lake front case. mention the impropriety of adding to the affects the two blocks between Twenty-fifth people to a purpose to put forth their redeem its pledges. By bearing this in immense aggregate of the pension outlay by and Twenty-seventh streets, the general best efforts toward obtaining the in- mind a large amount of guessing can be unfair methods. With the most liberal gen- rule laid down applies to the whole lake eral pension laws ever dreamed of by any front and settles not only the question of stands to reason that there can be very individual or corporation. few meritorious claims for special acts. While veterans with real disabilities, resulting from wounds received in action, are getting \$6 to \$12 a month, much larger amounts are voted to ex-soldiers who never saw a battle. It would be an unpleasant and probably useless task, which we shall not undertake, to go over the entire list of special pensions and show how they contrast with regular pensions. It would be in too many cases, an exposure of personal favoritism unwarranted by the facts and constituting a flagrant abuse of the taxing

We would like to see a reform in this matter, accompanied by an increase of the pensions of the totally disabled. If cougreesmen care to win the approbation of the masses of the veterans and their most discreet friends, they will call a halt in the wholesale private pension business and a short and ready way of sending to prison of all the surviving soldiers who really railroad. This, the court asserts, was not According to the official statistics of the been rejected for excellent reasons, con- merely Department of Agriculture the farmers of gressmen act in opposition to the sentiment | The decision is a complete victory for the this country on March 1 still held 158,700,000 that obtains among the most intelligent and people, but it still remains to be seen what self-preservation. The moral pressure of the sushels of wheat, 773,700,000 bushels of corn fair-minded of the survivors of our great effect it will have on the title to land aland 290,000,000 bushels of oats. These are war. Representative Loud not only speaks ready reclaimed. That question is for U. S. S. at the time Senator Allen pure and simple. He pretends that as smaller reserves than were held at the same for justice, but talks precisely as his old as interesting as the original one now finally for no more in such a case as this than

### ECHOES OF THE WAR

police commissioners for the city of rangement he could hold office perpet- how? In this most prosperous country on of the Asiatic squadron, is said to be the of the Orange Free State. It is a blooming sort, little respect or fear for international bow possible officer to assume the vant rev town. sponsibilities shifted on Uncle Sam by Dewey's guns. He is described by his axociates as able, polite, generous, hospitable, modest, a thorough sailor and a man of 2,00 appoint a police commission for Omaha. than they could possibly get under the three times as many books were sold in the mature judgment. He will have charge of a is not cannon, but rifles. I certainly shall not attempt to resurrect | charter provisions. If Judge Gordon has | United States in 1899 as in any year since | foet larger and more formidable, offensively 1893. Culture is ambitious, but, like every and defensively, than ever before maintained other good thing, indulgence in It is a by the United States even upon its home

> The Brooklyn will be Admiral Remey's the country's condition as railroad carnings second flagship, his first having been the old Lancaster, which flow his flag during the war with Spain, when he commanded the Key West naval base. The admiral was 58 years old last summer, but he has a robust physique and all the viger of a man in his

> > The Philadelphia Ledger reports that a

committee has been formed, of which Hon.

Boers, what shall we say of the British secretary of the interior, is chairman, "for usurpation of power for the governor to must keep aloof from the conflict in themselves? It was the British representa- the purpose of collecting a fund which shall override the decision of the supreme South Africa and permit the British fives at The Hague conference—supported, serve as a public testimonial to the memory we are ashamed to say, by the American of the late General Guy V, Henry and prodelegates-who opposed and defeated the vide an adequate maintenance for his widow. proposition to abolish the use of explosive Mrs. Henry is entitled by law to a pension of cullets altogether. Moreover, it was ad- only \$20 a month and the committee, which mitted not long ago by Mr. Wyndham, the is composed of well known men, who recog-British under-secretary for war, that "Mark nize the eminent services rendered to the uside the decisions of supreme courts terances of Lord Salisbury at the very to South Africa, presumably for use against believe that the most fitting tribute to his under any pretext he can with equal outbreak of hostilities. It was then the the Boers. With these facts in view it is memory will be a fund to provide a suitable income for his widow. General Henry was a fine type of the faithful and efficient soldier. Forty years of uninterrupted service as an army officer in the civil war, arduous Indian ampaigns and the Spanish war he gave with singular devotion to his country. His labors in Porto Rico after our occupation of the island until May, 1899, were of the greatest value to the government and to the Porto Ricans and the severe strain to which he military expedition to Cape Nome, whose was subjected in performing with distinguished ability his duties as administrator tude of fortune seekers. The expedition is of Porto Rean affairs when the island was side suggestion. That is still the post- to head off a possible war between the in a state of great confusion hastened his men are "brithers" in all climes. Private

Mrs. Henry seconded his efforts by estab-According to the advices of the lishing schools and organizing charitable yellow the cause of the trouble is as fol- work in the island and largely by her en-"Last summer, when it was sud- thusiastic efforts the condition of the islanddealy discovered that for more than 100 ers was made known to the people of this miles the sea beach along Cape Nome was country. All persons who wish to join in saturated with gold, there began a rush from the nearby Klondike, and many hurried up tude and admiration to the memory of the from California and Oregon. Since last brave and faithful soldier are requested to warld wide." July every square yard of that marvelous send checks to the treasurer of the fund, Mr. A. S. Frissell, president Fifth Avenue and only two-summer and winter. Spring slumber the other man get up and shaved The miners were in some doubt about bank, 530 Fifth avenue, New York City."

The popularity of Admiral Schley is not limited by the boundaries of the nation and are contentedly waiting for warm American station, and the people of the weather to begin sifting out the millions capital of the Argentine republic yied with each other in doing him honor. But a totally unexpected change has taken from Montevideo to the New York Times capitalists, with their eyes on Cape Nome's had been years since the citizens of the gold, have induced the congressional com- Argentine capital bedecked their city in mittee to reverse their first ruling and de- holiday attire, but upon this occasion it cide that the Cape Nome gold fields being was done in a manner tending to show that describing his narrow escape from Boot Norfolk, says the Washington Post, but had this country is concerned certainly no a tide water ocean beach, are "public whatever may have been their sentiment shells, says: "I shan't be sorry when it no money. His story excited the sympathy true American citizen will desire such lands," and cannot be staked out into private during the period leading to and throughout is over. This is a terrible country for flies of a shipmaster, who finally egreed to let claims any more than the open ocean can the Spanish-American war, when they pre- and sand. We are beginning to look a bit him work his passage. Pat was willing, be staked out. With this new ruling the sented Spain with the cruiser Rio de la rough now. Some men have got beards a capitalists have fitted out a fleet of hig. Flata, they wanted to share in proclaiming terrible length. We burn and blow up some done its whole duty in this matter and steam dredges, which will set sail for Alaska Admiral Schley the "hero of Santiago." On beautiful homes that the Free Staters have no citizen, understanding the real char. next month. These huge dredges will anchor every hand the admiral was cheered to the left behind. You would hardly believe what acter of the question and knowing our near the shore, run out their big suction echo. Prominent in the functions attend- furniture they have; some beautiful pianos, ward, and instructed him to report promptly acter of the question and knowing our pipes and eat the beach away by the acre. and on the reception of the admiral was and all the lot go. There will be plenty of work for young fellows out here when that our government shall go farther the sand on their claims by the pailfull, see Republic, who greeted Admiral Schley in a the war is over. I should like to finish my

South African war. The course of the steamers with iron armor and mounted a Admiral Schley and his officers were publicly on each dredge. The old entertained at Prince George's hall, which miners are armed with rifles. When the was profusely decorated with bunting, flags, tropical plants and flowers. Upon the stage in a miniature sea, were models of the American war ships, the Brooklyn, Oregon, with their rapid fire guns. There are now lown, Massachusetts and the other vessels which participated in the battle of Santiago in line as they were commanded by Admiral Schley. In the background were the green hills which skirt the Cuban shores in the icinity of the famous battleground, while can fleet were the Spanish ships in their procession of escape and destruction-a most ealistic portrayal of that historical occa-

"On a small table was a handsome case ontaining as a token of recognition for the cuest of the occasion an album of Argentina views, a masterwork of art, containing a collection of photographic views special acts for the benefit of individual valued at \$1,500, bound in gold and silver,

"Shortly after the arrival of Admiral bills, Representative Loud of California, a Schley, accompanied by his personal staff republican and an ex-soldier of the union, and officers of the cruisers of the equadron, long-standing differences. There are naturally attracted attention. He said with refreshments, during which there were among other things that 95 per cent of the many toasts and speeches galore. As the These reports are now repeated. It is stated special bills enacted by congress should presentation speech was concluded, and as not only that the mines will be blown up never have been favorably considered and Admiral Schley arcse to accept the gift. that all of them had been rejected by the there was a great outburst of enthusiasm that the city of Johannesburg, which is it in my pocket and my wife appropriates it pension office after the applicants had ex- from these present, which deeply affected "On the following day General Roca was

ported time and time again by the pension the guest of Admiral Schley on board the bureau after the most careful investiga- Chicago, and was received in a manner be-"And yet," he went on to say, "we fitting his rank as president of the repubare asked to believe that a representative lie. There were present at both receptions officers from all the different ships who had participated in all the engagements and combardments of the war with Spain.

# RULING ON RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

Decision of the Federal Supreme Court in a Celebrated Case. Chicago Post.

An excellent and far-reaching principle of law is settled for all time by the decrimination against other pensioners, not to While the finding of the court only directly same mind, and with a policy that insures the title, but also the circumstances in which most liberal construction of those laws, it any exclusive rights may be given to any

gation in which all are at least indirectly

So far as the Illinois Central's contention is concerned if its right to fill in and occupy submerged land were conceded, it could in time secure the possession of the whole of the lake shore from Park Row to Fifty-first street, and could gradually extend its jurisdiction any distance into the lake that I might desire. For that distance the ciry turn their attention to a matter in which could be absolutely deprived of its lake they will have the sympathy and support shore; it would belong exclusively to the raw active field service. In granting special contemplated by the grant from the state. favore to persons whose cases are not cov- and, even if it were, the state would have ered by general acts, and, in many in- exceeded its powers in ceding such rights to stances, to persons whose applications have a corporation, for it holds the title as trustee

### BRITON AND HOER

The Boers are booked for another trek. Britons must feel "at home" in the capital

Letters from officers say that neither

A statement of British losses in the South African war which was issued a few days ago in London made the total about 15,700. heen killed in battle. The missing, mainly prisoners of war, number more than 3,400. Colenso, the town in which the British forces have been operating, and which has

figured frequently in the dispatches from the seat of war, is named after Dr. Colenso. formerly hishop of Natal. His memory is still revered by the Boers, for whom he is said to have done an immense amount of good. Although the sympathies of the great bank.

ing house of the Rothschilds are with the British in the present war, N. M. Rothschild & Sons and MM. De Rothschild of Paris have sent 10,000 france to relieve the immediate necessities of the diamond workers of Amsterdam, who have been thrown out of employment as a result of the war To give an idea of the normal growth of

the Boer families, it is said that in 1878 | there were only 40,000 whites and 300,000 and head straight for ii. That cow there negroes in the Transvaal; in the Orange Free State there were 30,000 whites and 15,000 negroes. Now the number of the white element in the two states is estimated at 323,000, although some authorities seem to think this is an underestimate and that the figures are nearer 500,000.

Here is a proof of the saying that Scotch-W. Morrison of the Black Watch, who was reported killed at Magersfontein, but who was only wounded and captured, writes to his wife that he was well treated at Bloem fontein-himself and about forty other prisoners. He mention's that the Scotch people there were very kind to them, "thus providing," he adds, "another instance of the kindliness of the Scot to his brither the

There are two distinct seasons in Natal, and autumn are practically non-existent. Summer lasts from October to March. During this period the sun rises at 5 o'clock him on the morrow, had left instructions and sets at 7. In midwinter it rises at 7 that he be called very early and, it being and sets at 5. Twilight, such as we know still dark when he rose, he did not notice the it in this country, does not exist. Summer loss of his hair. When some distance on his is the rainy season in Natal, and naturally way, however, he felt thirsty and, coming to the most unhealthy. At Durban the rainfall a spring, took off his hat and bent down to is forty inches per annum, and at Pieter-maritzburg it is thirty-eight inches, while Sceing the reflection of his hald head in the the average number of days on which rain water he sprang back aghast. "Be jabers. falls in the year is 117 in Maritzburg and he exclaimed wrathfully, "they've called the 125 in Durban.

Trooper G. Benton of the Twelfth Lancers. writing to his father from Enslin camp, af er

Corporal George Ambrose, Suffolk regiment, writing to his father at Long Melford, says. "No doubt you have heard of the errible affair that happened to the Suffolks. four hundred of us were ordered to parade at 12:30 at night to take a hill held by the Boers. Our orders were to take it with the There's a red and a grane light. bayonet, and not fire a shot. As we were going out I was told off to go scouting, and was a lucky man. I had to go up on a small hill and watch. I lay there and could see the flash of the guns. They were fighting for an hour, and I saw that our regibetween the miniature hills and the Ameri- ment was suffering terribly. They were falling in all directions, and out of the 400 only about half of them returned. The Boers behaved very well to our wounded, and helped to dig the graves and bury our dead. They said they were sick of the war, and would be glad when it was over. They sang two hymns over the graves of our dead."

# SCARING THE GOLD GRABBERS.

Possibility of the Destruction of the Mines at Johnnesburg.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. From time to time there come rumors and ports from various sources of an intention on the part of the Boers to blow up the gold mines of the Witwatersrand district in the event of being driven back into Pretoria. and the machinery and plants destroyed, but chiefly of foreign ownership, will be razed, and by way of confirmation it is said that the Transvaal government has been conducting an inquiry into the means of getting the Johannesburg population quickly out of

There may be truth in this. It has all along been the fear of the foreign owners of these vast properties. It is the belief of many of those who are acquainted with the ituation there and the character of the burghers. One John Hay, a former president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines, is quoted as having insisted from the outset that when the Dutch were driven to make a ast desperate stand they would leave behind them through the mining district a

scene of destruction of appalling magnitude.

It would be a perfectly natural suggestion to these men when forced to extremities. They believe that the mines are the cause of the war and they are right. They know that it is on account of the mines that their independence is to be crushed our if shot and ndependence is to be crushed out if shot and shell can do it. Making report to General Sir Charles Warren concerning the burial of 'Most everybody said that I'd the dead and removal of the British wounded from Spionkep in the latter part of January Chaplain Regionald T. Collins speaks of the But all the interferin' roar But all the interferin' roar The court holds in substance that the title Chaplain Regionld T. Collins speaks of the to the bed of the lake rests in the state as attitude of the Boers who watened the wors, trustee for the people, and everything must be done with a view to their interests. The entire absence of exultation over it and the state cannot dispose of it or any part of it prevailing feeling was one of sadness. "This Away from that of reckless life Now that you are to git a wife," and even its not our war," they said; "it is a war of Now that you are to git a wife," And again. "Would that to the bed of the lake rests in the state as attitude of the Boers who watched the work. They raised jest made me love him more then such disposition of it must not impair the millionaires." And again: "Would that the public interest in what remains. In ef- Chamberlain, Rhodes and the millionaires fect this means that the public shall have could see these trenches and graves. It is ready access to it except in cases where it an accursed war." Very probably, then, may be necessary to set apart certain sections of the shore line for the uses of navithemselves on the absence millionaires and gold mine epeculators whose greed instigated England's present bloody undertaking The destruction of the mines would, of

course, be without justification under the law of nations. They are not the property of a belligerent country. They are not even owned entirely by private citizens of a belligerent nower. Their stock is held to a considerable extent on the continent, and in the appeal of the two republics for European intervention a threatened blowing up of the mines and of Johannesburg may ultimately he presented as substantial cause why France especially should interfere. But international law breaks down and becomes helpless in such a case as this. A people friven to the last extremity to maintain their liberty know no law beyond that of civilized world, upon which international law depends for force and effect, can count the precepts of ideal morality in the case

of a man who must shoot to save his own life. And a people who face an attempt to wipe them out from among the nations as

The employment of dynamite in the Raud British shells nor those of the Boers do so mines can be made to work a havec and much mischisf as was anticipated, and that destruction which will require years of labor the best defense of an intrenched position to undo. It is easier to pursue an original work of excavation in mining than to clear Alfred Beit, the South African millionnire, an old mine whose shafts and galleries have is reported to have bought a suite of old been stuffed with loose rock and the walls furniture for \$350,000-which is abundant of whose chambers have been shattered in evidence that Mr. Beit is not paying the all directions. The easy execution of the expenses of a war waged largely on his reported intention of the Transvaal government would entail upon European investors losses which can only be calculated in the hundreds of millions of dollars. And the further consequence would emsue, of far-Over 1,000 had died of disease. More than reaching financial and industrial effect, of 8,500 had been wounded. Nearly 2,500 had an indefinite cutting off of a gold supply which, at the outbreak of the war, was pouring forth almost a third of the total current yield of metal which forms the standard money of the commercial nations. The Boer cause would go down in a disaster which would shake the world

If the millionaire element which provoked this wicked conflict would save itself from such a possible and even probable calamity, it will do well to plead with the British government to stay its hand at just the point now reached.

#### THREE IRISH ANECDOTES.

Mike was new at the plow, and the first ittempt was anything but successful, "Look here," said the farmer, "that kind of thing won't do. The corn will be dizzy that grows in a furrow so crooked as that Fix your eye on something across the field

and you'll do pretty well." "All right, sir," said Mike, and just then the farmer was called away to the barn. Ten minutes later he returned and was borrified to see that the plow had been wandering in a zigzag course ever all the field.

by the gate is right opposite us. Aim at her

"Hold on there!" he shouted. "Hold on! What are you up to? "And sure, sir," said Mike, "I did what ou told me. I worked straight for the cow, but the crayture wouldn't kape still."

An Irishman arriving in Cincinnati one night found it impossible to get a bed to himself, but was permitted to share one which had been engaged by a barber, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Pat noted that his bedfellow was very bald and proceeded to chaff him. This the barber endured in aievery hair off his termentor's head.

The Irisoenan, having a long tramp before

wrong man!

Pat wanted to get from Washington to down Chesapeake bay. There the captain told Pat to take a turn at the lookout foranything he might see. It was a clear night and soon Pat sang out:

"Ah, captain!

"There's somethin' out here forninst the boat. "What is it?" said the captain, to test scafaring knowledge. approaching steamer being visible.

"I really couldn't say for shure, sor," said Pat, "but I sushpects it's a drug store.

# BREEZY POINTERS.

Baltimore American: Eminent Actor - At me time I was a stage hand Admirer—Yes, I noticed in your biography hat early in life you began to shift for yourself

Chicago Tribune: "Because you think t am a burn, 'the seedy applicant for charity said, with cutting sarcasm, 'you have thrown me down hard. You would be afraid to do that, sir, if I were a real bomb!"

Indianapolis Press: "Many a man falls in his plans for being the architect of his own fortunes," said the Cornfed Philo-sopher, "because of his forgetting that architecture has very little to do with

Washington Star: "They say Nell Wad

dington has married a man with eight children."
Yes, but the youngest of them is 2 years older than Nell herself, so she probably expects to get her third of the property without waiting very long."

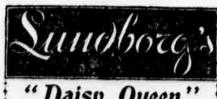
Chicago News: Dix Did you ever get stuck on a counterfeit bill?
Hix-No. When I get hold of one I leave Detroit Journal: Truth and the Censor ad a few warm words.
"Romember," said Truth, "that if I am sushed to earth, I shall rise again."
"Then I shall throw you in the air."

#### From which it would appear that the reof military art are very numerous and effective A BANCH GIRL'S PRIZE.

It doesn't seem a year sence we Was hooked together. Gus an' me, The time has kited by so fast A rannin' months into the past. The days seem shortened up till they The days seem shortened up Don't sca'cely seem a half a d. Got on their flyin' wings, I go All quickened up by happiness

When folks observed that him an' me

when he smiles an' says 'at me. roped a thorrerbred in me feel dead certain that I've go A prize, of ever one was caught!



"Daisy Queen" A fragrant perfume, rich in the sweetness of field and forest. Delicate yet lasting. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Kuhn & Co.