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(Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE,
Notary Public. Colonel Bryan's birthday came allfired near mixing in with St. Patrick's anniversary.

Some more exciting news from the scene of war in South Africa seems to be due this week.

The question with which the British are now face to face, Is the South African game worth the candle?

The Paris exposition is not only to be open on Sundays, but its gates are not to close until 2 a. m. daily. That is going the Transmississippi several better.

One point will be cheerfully conceded. It is that everyone thinks he knows better how to run a newspaper than the man who has made the newspaper business his profession.

Omaha will have the pleasure of acting the spectator at the spring elections in the cities and towns all around it with the satisfaction that its own municipal campaign is safely behind it.

The announcement is made that the railroads will put in a one-fare rate for the democratic state convention. This does not apply, however, to reform office usual.

According to Governor Poynter, the members of the defuncto police commis sion appointed by Governor Holcomb, whose terms had not expired, have all resigned. This must be news to Messrs. Herdman and Bullard.

Edgar Howard is discovering that some of the nails he planted in the fusion slide for the benefit of recreant reform officials are still sticking up in just the place he must cross to land his ambition for that auditorship nomi-

The author of the Harrington letter proclaiming that after 1900 there will be no more fusion in Nebraska announces that he will not compete for congres sional honors in the Sixth district this year. What a relief this must be to the friends of Congressman Neville,

Not in five years have Nebraska republicans been so encouraged by promising conditions in their efforts to redeem the state from populist, fusion and confusion. With a united party and shrewd and energetic leadership the battle of Nebraska of 1900 can be won for the republicans.

Nebraska is able to supply sugar beets for a score of beet sugar factories, each giving employment to hundreds of wageworkers. Nebraska people, however, cannot compete directly with the cheap coolie labor of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. That is the problem congress must solve.

After searching the town with a fine comb the silver republicans managed to rake up enough names to constitute a delegation to the state convention in number to meet the call. It is safe to say, however, that a second delegation could not be made up without first making a few converts to the cause.

Congressman Neville seems to be disturbed because an anti-oleo bill which he favors may not get through this session of congress. How this can affect the buttermakers of Nebraska, however, is not quite clear, when there is an antioleomargarine law on the statute book waiting only for the reform officers to

The slate for the Sioux Falls convention is Bryan and Caldwell, according to the edict of the fusion populist managers, although neither of them professes to belong to the populist party. But will the democrats at Kansas City swal. of the monkey pulling democratic chest low Caldwell or insist upon attaching a tail of their own to their presidential kite? The democrats have been casting about for a man with a barrel, and one with a wide bung hole at that, for second place on the ticket and Judge Caldwell will not gauge to the demo-

BELPING PORTO RICO. The passage by the United States sennte of the bill appropriating over \$2 000. shotgan oligarchy, which throtties free at once and fins no intention of giving 000 for the benefit of Porto Rico, while not going as far as the house measure franchisement and the recommendation of President

mediately want is the help that will re-

printion of the revenue which the gov-

ernment has collected on the importa-

amounting up to the beginning of the

The bill passed by the house of rep-

resentatives provided that the revenue

to be returned to Porto Rico should be

that source. This was in accord with

This is a state of affairs which the

is imperatively demanded and no ques-

fere with it. We believe that the bill

passed by the house should have been

accepted by the senate without modi-

fication, but at all events let there be

A PROPER REQUIREMENT.

transmit a full and detailed report, un-

der oath, showing the nature and causes

port, under oath, of all accidents which

may occur to its passengers or em-

ployes, whether attended with loss of

life or personal injury, and the report

shall state the causes and circumstances,

It is provided that failure to make such

report within ten days after the end

of any month, or failure to make re-

port of any collision or cars leaving

the rails accidentally, within ten days

after the occurrence of the accident, is

to be deemed a misdemeanor, punish-

able upon conviction by a fine of from

\$100 to \$500 for each and every offense

and for every day during which the

common carrier shall fall to make a

report after the time specified in the

A law of this kind would certainly

meet with public approval. It is the

practice of railroad companies to con-

ceal as far as possible the accidents on

their lines and particularly the causes

of accidents. There are good reasons

why they should be required not only

to report these occurrences, but to ex-

plain all the conditions and circum-

stances connected with them and the

Interstate Commerce commission is the

proper body to receive such informa

should be no doubt as to its passage.

WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN

leader of Nebraska democracy declared

Bryan that after 1900 there would be

no more fusion, but that the democratic

party would be supreme and only dem-

The year 1900 has come and the three

ringed circus is to meet for the last time

at Lincoln under the same old ring-

masters, "Triumphant democracy," as

Carnegie calls it, is to come to the front

unfurl its banners, while its ailies are

to march at the tail end of the proces-

sion and furnish the steam for the cal-

The debasing influence of fusion for

the sake of spoils has so demoralized

the reform element upon which the pop-

ulist party was founded that it now

presents the humiliating spectacle of

being reduced in Nebraska to the role

nuts out of the fire. Starting out with

the declaration that all the old parties

were too corrupt to give the people good

government and inscribing independ-

ence upon its scutcheon, the people's in-

dependent party has lost all inde-

ocrats in command.

lione.

commission.

house bill, but nevertheless it is to be gone conclusion that the court will vali-

present year to over \$2,000,000.

necessaries of life.

people of Porto Rico.

McKinley, it is to be hoped will be so-called silver republicans, the less said inspector for genrs while bossing the concurred in by the house, so that the the better. This wing of the allied restate house machine? Surely the ability relief contemplated can be immediately form forces has lost all its feathers and acquired by this double trapeze perextended. The condition of the people consists third of political barnacles de- formance has fitted him for any duplex in the island is represented to be most prived of all hope of catching on to net on the program. deplorable and every day that this is office in any other way. The idea of allowed to continue is a severe reflecplacing such a rump upon an equality tion upon this government. According with any organized national party is too to the latest advices the people of Porto absurd to be entertained outside of the Rico are not especially solicitous in recotorie of political benco-steerers that gard to the question of a tariff. While pretends to exhibit three great political they unquestionably desire free trade troppes under one tent. with the United States, what they im-

To the intelligent and thinking citi-Heve their present necessities and this farewell tour of the three-ringed aggreis to be found in the proposed approbanks must be amusing, if not instructive. It represents an era in Nebruska's tion of the products of Porto Rico, political history that is not likely to repeat itself.

NOT A MERE LOCAL ISSUE. That the arbitrary attempt of Governor Poynter to seize coutrol of the not only what had been collected on police department of Omaha by naming the products of the island up to the a new set of police commissioners under commencement of the current year, but a law declared unconstitutional and should include subsequent revenue from void by the supreme court affects in principle more than the interests of the recommendation of the president Omaha alone is clearly brought out by

hoped that this action will not be perdate the governor's lawless action: mitted to delay the desired legislation. The fusionists of Omaha want the law revived. If each court that is elected from standard came in together. It is hard on The latest accounts from the island time to time twists the law back and forth, show that the people are in great disit is reasonable to suppose that each legis- but then everything they said turned out tress. All industries are practically at lature will do the same. If one political the other way, a standstill, labor is unemployed and party makes laws to bring about political thousands are suffering for the mere results, other parties will not hesitate to do the same. The reasonable result will be a constant strife on the part of political parties for control of the two largest cities great American republic cannot permit in the state. It may extend to the smaller to continue a day beyond the time when towns, for if the legislature may control a remedy can be applied. The proposed large cities, why may not it take hold of the municipal affairs in all the cities and appropriation will give the relief that towns, viilages and school districts? The question of control of municipalities, in tion as to the ultimate bearing of such stead of being settled by the people of the legislation should be allowed to inter-

cities, will be taken into state politics. The prediction is made that this course will not take the question out of city politics, but on the contrary will intensify local strife and widen it into state politics. No one can foresee the result, but the polino delay in helping the unfortunate ticians freely state that the resurrection of the Omaha fire and police law will present some perplexing problems for them to solve. all. Of course the problems will be settled for the best interests of the parties to which

The bill introduced in the United these politicians belong. States senate requiring railroad com-The city of Lincoln may be free from the promised turmoil until another legispanies to report all accidents occurring ature comes into existence. The Omaha act on their lines to the Interstate Comcan be revived and be made to do service merce commission is a very proper at once, but that part of the Lincoln charmeasure that will have general public ter providing for a fire and police comapproval. It is a supplement to the mission is believed to be too dead to resurrect, thanks to the bungling job of a comact requiring common carriers to equip their cars with automatic couplers and coin, who tried to frame a charter bill. mittee of learned fusionist jurists of Lincontinuous brakes and provides that Still, there is nothing to prevent these same where collisions of trains, one of them jurists from asking the supreme court to being a passenger train, occur on a overturn that decision also.

There are members of the fueion party railroad engaged in interstate comwho believe a serious mistake is being made merce, or where any passenger train or by the leaders who now propose to govern any part of a passenger train acci- Omaha from a desk in the state house. dentally leaves the raffs, it shall be the This action is directly contrary to declaraduty of the officer in general charge of tions of fusion platforms and the utterances of the fusionists on the stump in favor of 6,000,000, equivalent to the labor of 36,000,000 Island railroads for over \$1,500,000 for dam.

That Chicago man who died in London the movement of trains on the road im- local self-government. For several years mediately to institute an investigation the popocrats have preached local self-govinto the causes of the accident and to erament in all its ph

The Omaha act was declared unconstituional on the ground that it took from the people of that city the right of local selfthereof, to the Interstate Commerce government. That particular part of the Linoln charter bill was stricken out because The bill further provides that it shall of apparent irregularities in the framing and passage. be the duty of any common carrier to make to the commission a monthly re-

We do not believe the Lincoln people are justified in assuming that the revival of the governor's authority over the Omaha police board would not be followed by the resurrection of the Lincoln police commission law giving the governor authority to appoint police commissioners for Lincoln also. The court has as much or rather as little right to reopen and reverse the Lincoln case as it has the Omaha case irrespective of the grounds on which the two laws were originally declared unconstitutional.

But leaving all that aside, the issue is not sectional nor personal, but the broad principle of home rule through local self-government as against the usurpation of functions of city government by state officials. The parties to the suit and the form of action might be changed a hundred times, but the issue will be the same, and having been determined according to law and justice by the supreme court, the intrusion of political considerations to override all judicial precedent for partisan pur poses would be the height of anarchy in the very place where duly constituted authority should reign supreme.

tion. The bill, introduced by Senator According to the popocratic organ the Cullom, is commendable and there great result to be gained by Attorney General Smyth in his latest grandstand play against the railroads is to allow the Nebraska supreme court to put a Less than a year ago an eminent stump speech into a judicial opinion before the case is appealed to the United over his signature after a confidential States courts. In the interval, however, conference with William Jennings the people will continue to pay the freight, whereas if the great reform attorney general were anxious to get a decision that would be final and binding he would go to the United States court in the first instance and push the case in that court. But it is not a decision that he wants, otherwise he would have started suit years ago rather than wait until the end of his term was in sight with its national standard bearer and so that he might hand down the litigation as a bequest to his successor.

The appointment by Governor Poynter of J. J. O'Connor as a member of the pretender police commission alongside of William J. Broatch must recall unpleasant recollections of the campaign of 1895, when Mr. O'Connor was the manager for Charles H. Brown in his mayoralty contest against this same Broatch, and during which Broatch could not find words vituperative

enough to apply to Mr. O'Connor, The friends of Chairman Edmisten who oppose his aspirations to become chairman of the fusion populist national pendence and is about to be merged committee on the ground of his servinto the party which is represented in ices at the head of the state committee any moment.

in the south by the tissue ballot and spokesman that he is equal to both jobs speech and rules by terrorism and dis- up one even though he gets the other.

Kansas City seems to be afraid that

Colonel Bryan will not grace the demperatic national Convention with his presence, although four years ago he zeaship of Nebraska the impending Cincinnatus would be more effective and wishes to hear the news of his nomgation of political acrobats and mounte- ination while poring over a law brief in and would like to be informed. his office at Lincoln.

> An Amusing Somersault. Fashionable England's love for the shamrock is enthusiastic, but oh, so sudden!

Also Looked After. Philadelphia Time If it is true the American girl is growing taller, all the more reason for her being

looked up to, A Beomerang.

Globe-Democrat. striking itself a vicious blow in the vicinity and met with general public approval. the following comment of the Lincoln of the short ribs when it undertakes to We cannot see any good reason for the Journal, which says the fusionists cast suspicion upon Américan meat prodaction of the senate in modifying the around the state house take it as a fore- ucts.

Cotton Follows Wheat.

Indianapolis Journal Nine-cent cotton and the fixed gold the free coinage orators of four years ago,

Regular Rabbit Drive.

San Francisco Call Recent reports from the Philippines are generated into something with no more excitement than a rabbit drive. The natives are proving desperately easy game for American bullets.

> Another Smashing of Records. Cincinnati Commercial

The export business for February broke fiscal year have passed and the apparent not seem to be much of a hindrance, after factions are liable to become strained before to the army in the Philippines. That will

Tips for Foreign Visitors. Boston Herald

If you are going to Paris get vaccinated before you start. According to private letters from that city smallpox prevails in an epidemic degree. There has been no statement of this fact through the foreign if it be true, there would be a disposition to keep quiet about it. It will be prudent to take precautions against this and, as far as possible, against other infections and contagions which great miscellaneous gatherings of people from every quarter of the world are apt to confain and to propagate.

Man's Mighty Lever.

Gunton's Magazine. total horse power was, in round numbers, ratio equivalent to 8 to 1. Horse power used in manufactures equivalent to 26,000.000 men represents a population of 180,000,000; in other words, if the products of the manufacturing establishments alone, of the United States in 1890, had been secured by the old hand methods, without the aid of power machinery, it would have required a population of 180,000,000; with none left for agriculture, trade, transportation, mining, forestry, the professions or any other occu-

Points About Senstors. Chicago Record. The oldest senator, Mr. Pettus of Ala-

bama. The youngest, Mr. Butler of North Caro-The tallest, Mr. Allen of Nebraska The shortest, Mr. Mason of Illinois.

The handsomest, Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island The homeliest, Mr. Tillman of South Car-The most industrious, Mr. Corkrell, Mr. Cullon

The laziest, Mr. Wetmore of Rhode Island. The wisest, Mr. Allison The wittlest, Mr. Vest, Mr. Chandler. The most learned, Mr. Hoar,

The least learned, Mr. Heitfeldt of Idaho. The most influential, Mr. Allison The most elequent, Mr. Wolcott. The most popular, Mr. Jones of Nevada. The most unpopular, Mr. Pettigrew. The most frequent talker, Mr. Allen

The least frequent talker, Mr. Welmore The best debater, Mr. Frye. The richest, Mr. Clark of Montana The poorest, several senators have noth ing but their salaries.

The best dresser, Mr. Depey The poorest dresser, Mr. Mason. AGE OF THE GULLIBLE.

Simple Ways of Successfully Pulling the Legs of the Multitude.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. This must be the gullible age. concerns of countless sorts flourish. The most barefaced promises are eagerly accepted. If it wasn't for Uncle Sam and his postoffice sleuths there is no telling where the craze for being buncoed would end. Think of it! Twenty thousand letters were received in Boston in two days, addressed to the maker of the notorious three-star ring good luck boxes! Each of these communications is supposed to have been accompanied by 99 cents, the price of the precious humbug. ... Hundreds of thousands of these boxes were sold in the last three or four months and as the cost of manufacture is figured at from 3 to 4 cents the profits may be imagined. The box was a circular bit of poplar wood, hollowed on one side to contain the three-star ring of annealed wire. A circular accompanied this magic possession, which the accomplished maker claimed to be of Hindoo origin, werein were set forth certain rules for bringing out its full powers of luck insurance. That is all there was to it. And yet the brief advertisements of this dupe's toy brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to its shrewd purveyor.

humbug is the fact that many people acing the seller with using the mails to deness. same lines may be expected to crop up at this part of the state. These gentlemen are

North Platte Tribune (rep.): M. C. Harrington authorizes the Era to announce that Did not the valiant populist chairman sional nomination. His only political desire this a rattling good ticket must be put up now a sugar lump for your uncle. Division As to the poor decimated fragment of draw salary from the state as chief oil at present is to represent the Sixth congressional district in the democratic national convention at Kausas City.

per bushel and wheat a half doilar what ex- of a ticket. cuse on earth have any people to shout calamity. The farmers have plenty of cash and the merchants are and have been enjoying a good trade. Our prediction is that when the year 1900 closes the deathknell of populism will have been sounded and the parasite removed forever.

Pawnee Republican; The people of Nebraska are entitled to knew what banks not only went to Chicago, but went as are favored with the deposit of \$200,000 of a member of the Nebraska delegation, the permanent school fund. Someone Perhaps this year he thinks the role of profiting by this vast sum of money lying idle. It should be put to work so as to earn something for the taxpayer. Come. Mr. Meserve, we are an enlightened prople Grand Island Independent (rep.): The peo-

ple of Norfolk bave had an eyeopener of what the promises of the reform party to regulate the railroads have amounted to. In its fight against discrimination it has not had the least help from the State Board of Transportation, which board finally did not even answer letters of inquiry and failed to appear at Norfelk at the time it promised to appear.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): The Lincoin Independent attempts to revive the long office should seek the men. That doctrine did not last through one campaign after be-As a commercial proposition Germany is ing promulgated, and it was unpopular even during its brief life among the leaders of the populist party. The attempt to revive it will promptly be sat upon by the officeseeking crowd which controls the great "reform" forces of Nebraska.

Grand Island Journal (rep.): In Douglas county the democratic central committee decided to run the machine so that there would be no possible alip as to who shall be delegates to the national convention. No primaries or county convention is to be held. The central committee met and selected eighty-eight delegates to the state convention. Yet there are those who say that the democratic party is the party of the very clear evidence that the "war" has de- people. All the people have to do in the matter is to go to the polls and do as the besses say.

Superior Journal (rep.): Harlan county has brought forth another candidate for congressional honors among the fusionists and it is evident that Sutherland will have to make a hustle if he captures the nomination this year. We learn from reliable all records for that month and is not far sources that ex-Judge Beall, until this fall behind the record for any month in the the judge of the district just west of us, is history of the country. Eight months of the quietly but actively working for the honor. A. M. Shallenbarger of Alma was already balance of trade in favor of the United an announced candidate for Sutherland's States is \$358,000,000. That protective tariff, shoes. Shallenbarger is a pop and Beall per chare. so often hooted at by the democrats, does a democrat. The relations between the

the convention is held. Falls City Journal (rep.): The mask of deception is being gradually removed from the pretended reformers in this state and their true character revealed to the public. The state house is not large enough plans with neatness and dispatch, to hold so many factions and they are beginning to show their teeth and growl. Secre- the produce of the United States farms for newspapers or by the news agencies. Even tary Porter thinks he sees a chance to fur- the last year was worth to the farmers over his political allies. This sham reform has or 1896. been going on for the last three or four years to the certain knowledge of Mr. Porter, but he has never seen fit to expose it until he firm belief in the saying that "the Lord thought it would work to his benefit. When rogues disagree honest people get their due.

Bloomington Echo (rep.): As usual Constantine J. Smyth, the reform attorney general, is attempting to work up some more house. The latter got the wrong side of the Taking all the manufactures of the United political thunder for the use of his party elipping and instead of an editorial on the States in 1890, barring some omissions in during the coming campaign. He has just money question began: "Ridiculous! We are reporting horse power, it is found that the brought suit in the supreme court against giving away these goods at half price." "The the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Rock other side!" cried Mr. Vest. men, while only 4.476.884 persons were emages claimed to have been sustained by the left an estate valued at \$25,000,000 instead freight rate law. This same thing has been gone over in the case against the Burlington, which was carried to the highest court in the land and decided against the state. The fondest hopes of the reform lawyer are that he can possibly fool a few voters at the election next fall, even if it does cost the state something to keep the case in the courts. If the smart young man who fills that such work cannot be quickly under ction against the do-nothing Board of and expense. England has had a practical Transportation he would be doing the state favor.

Norfolk News (rep.): Mr. Laws' state ment that the Norfolk case makes him tired firemen who die in the service of the city. s a revelation that places the case in a The widow of a fireman killed while on duty case makes Mr. Laws tired and Norfolk reciprocates with the sentiment that Mr. Norfolk tired, exceedingly. There is some age of 16. talk of calling a public meeting and expressing the hearty sympathy of the people of Norfolk for Mr. Laws. He certainly deserves needed relief to the people of this city to let him know they were in the same boat. Mr. Laws' duties are probably arduous, perhaps exceedingly so. Here he has held office for several years past and has assisted in trying company placed on record as being antagon -people believe he was trying-several cases. There are only three secretaries and a stenograher at a salary of \$1,500 per year same fight that the original members of this then for people to want replies to their letters and information in regard to meetings! over a century ago." It is too much-too much! If the people of Norfolk and other like ignoramuses drive Mr. Laws into an early grave by overwork they have only one course open to retrieve the great wrong they have done and that is to erect a monument of limestone to his memory on which shall be inscribed a suit able epitaph in gifttering letters of asbestos North Platte Era (pep.): In selecting can- of Palermo-everywhere he is at home, didates for state officers this year the fusion alert, breezy, sociable and impressive. A forces should cast about with care and see to it that the ticket is made up of strong

men of dignity, courage and judgment. They should also take into consideration a geographical distribution in the tickets made up. West Nebraska has for years been endeavoring to secure her rights in a just apportionment of the state into representative and senatorial districts that a proper and just representation of our section of the country might be had. So far the effort has not been successful. West Nebraska will to sent the name of at least two men to the next fusion nominating convention and urge their nomination on the state ticket. H. G. Stewart of Scotts Bluff county is well known throughout the state as a man of strong personality, good judgment and of unawerving principle. He has represented west Nebraska in the state senate honor, and there proved his powers as a man of the common people. Mr. Stewart will be before the convention as a candidate for secretary of state, an office that should be occupied by a man of ability and a backbone that cannot be broken by the horde of lobbyists who frequent the offices of the boards of which the secretary is a member Stewart has a good command of language and enakes a convincing argument on the stump. He should have the support of the entire convention. Another west Nebraski Perhaps the strangest thing about the man whose name is well known among the educators of the entire state is Prof. A tually seemed to think that the gimcrack Softley of Grant. He is another of those brought them luck, Letters from these happy strong, dignified characters that have well individuals have been published and there earned the admiration and respect of peois no doubt they individually did a great ple, especially educators of the state, who deal to arouse a 99-cent amount of interest have made his acquaintance and has already in other gulls. And now the postoffice au- been urged by many to become a candidate horities have stepped in and killed the for state superintendent of public instrucgoose that laid these golden eggs by charg- tion. Prof. Softley is well capable of filling the office and is worthy of our fullest fraud, thus effectually smashing the busi- support. The west end of the state should But some fresh scheme along these stand solidly together for candidates from

both populists-tried and true.

confident of making gains over the fusion tance to freshen the somber shades of widhe will not be a candidate for the congress element that holds sway in this state. To do ow's needs. The regal state once hers is that will command the support of all the re- is denied. The traditional gallantry of the Tobias Gazette (rep.): With corn 26 cen's reason why they should not put up that kind queen less, but because he fears a few more

H. Mickey of Osceola. As a candidate for queen must be content with small packages governor he would as nearly as any man in of good intentions. the state call in the entire strength of the honorable business man. Not a politician, yet in the very prime of life.

eral approval. Judge Reese is the man who ought to be a member of the supreme court braska stands by her cleanest and best great men. By honoring Judge Reese in this way we are putting our sanction upon clean polever we do we do not want to send a trust into a common jail. attorney as a delegate.

Fremont Tribune: The senatorial question has been opened up with a good deal of ago discarded populist doctrine that the carnestness at Lincoln in the republican and he has issued a manifesto in which he agrees to submit his candidacy to the people, fairly and equarely, and abide the results. There are evidences that Mr. Thompson proposes to be a factor in the senatorial fight this year, if there is a republican legislature elected, regardless of what people when Hayward was chosen. He is not a campaign he is evidently a force that must be reckoned with, especially since there are to be two senators chosen.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Editor Howe's lay sermons prove that good paragrapher should stick to his quads. Willie Tascott and Charley Ross. Editor-Preacher Sheldon is not built for

the job. He permitted a rival publication to "scoop" him on his own sermon The South African war having reached an easy walking stage, Americans will have a chance to get acquainted with home af-

The Standard Oil company is now distributing among its shareholders a melon of \$20,000,000, making an extra dividend of \$20 Fifty tons of candy has been shipped

prove more agreeable than the "taffy" dispensed in general orders. The Boers are accused by the enemy of

being slow and unprogressive, yet they

"caught on" to Aguinaldo's capital moving According to the American Agriculturist ther his own schemes by belaboring some of \$1,600,000,000 more than in either 1894, 1895

> Lord Roberts' acknowledgment of "the fights on the side of the heaviest battalions.

Senator Vest recently sent a newspaper clipping to the secretary to be read to the

\$50,000,000, of which the ment gathered in \$4,500,000, or 18 per cent. No sympathy should be wasted on the heirs. An American who goes away from home to die deserves to have his estate confiscated. A clause in the Pacific cable bill requiring the cable to be of American make brings forth the fact-or at least the statement the attorney general's office would bring taken in this country without great trouble

of the transatlantic cable in 1857. Boston takes good care of the families of status of quid pro quo-that is, the Norfolk recently has been granted an annuity of \$300 "as long as she remains unmarried." Even should she marry the pension will not be Laws and his associates make the people of forfeited until her youngest child attains the

monopoly of this industry since the laying

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Com pany of Boston again saves its colors by a masterly retreat. The Boston Ancients, in a consideration and it would afford spirit of "good fellowship" toward the Ancients of London, concluded to send the latter a fully equipped battery, but after sleeping off the effect of the proposition it was abandoned. They did not want to have the istic to the Boers, because, as some members said, "the burghers are fighting the perform all these arduous tasks-and company, from whom many of the present ancients are descended, fought themselves

HERE AND THERE.

You can't lose a good man, particularly a Nebraskan. Whether he struts through the "open door" of China, dispenses law to the semi-nude of Samoa, jollies the caliph o Smyrna or tosses high balls with the swells newspaper crumpied by long journey reached The Bee a few days ago, artistically blue penciled to attract the eye. The markings were peculiarly made, being in double lines with occasional curves that intensified the mystery. But the reading matter explained the meaning of the lines and curves and showed that absence and distance have not diminished the characteristics of an eminent Nebraskan.

The printed letter bears a Paris date and gives an account of a visit to Palermo, d tails the social revelries of the town and the entertainment of a party of French journalists. There was a banquet and a reception and a soirce musicale in the Palermo Press club and the Nebraskan was in the thick of the crush. "Here," says the writer, "we met Major Church Howe, the American consul general at Palermo, who, wearing his becoming United States army regimentals. covered with decorations and war medals, aroused the admiration of the handsom Sicilian women. Major Howe is a most courteous, amiable and intelligent gentleman of the best type, an ideal consul, who has been filling his post admirably, is very popular all over Sicily and is continually working up most valuable reports upon all that may be of interest here for the United States, the opening of new markets for American imports in Sicily, etc. His latest paper is an excellent 'expose' of the mest important Sicilian industry, the sulphur mines, in which the island abounds and vir tually holds the monopoly of the world."

These are dark and toyless days for queens out of a job. A hard, unfeeling world has little use for persons whom destiny has given a cruel jolt and kicked their thrones into the junk pile. Incapable of dispensing favors or smiling royal smiles on those who "loaf around the throne," they are shunned by the courtiers of other days mocked by the rushing multitude and jollied

New York by the odious Tammany and are informed by his duly authorized POINTERS ON PUSION POLITICS. WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN FOLD. by the paragraphers. There is the dusky ex-queen of Hawaii knocking at the door of Holdrege Citizen: Republicans seem to be Uncle Sam's overflowing treasury for a pitpublicans. The republicans have plenty of striped gentleman abruptly files when Lil good men in their ranks and there is no appears, not because he loves the throneless of the tribe might appear in Sulu or there-Cambridge Clarion: The republicans could abouts and lead him a merry dance in the eafely trust to the leadership of Hon. John future. For the present, therefore, the ex-

> More painful than the wore of the Haparty and would secure a following from all wallan relict are the minfortunes trooping other parties. He is a successful, clean, on the train of Lavinia H. Van Westervelt Dempsey, queen of the Holland dames of but a man of the people and an old soldier, New York. Queen Dempsey was crowned with royal ceremonies a few years ago, and Dakota City Eagle: The suggestion of exercised a charming spell over the modernthe name of Hon. M. B. Roese for delegate ized knickerbockers. Soon a royal cog at large to the republican national conven- slipped somewhere, and wheels began to tion is one that is sure to meet with gen. whirl beneath the diadem. The queen de veloped marked traits of real monarchs. Her purse was not equal to the strain upon it. instead of that scheming politician, Hol- She extended her reach-expanded, as it comb, and the republicans know it. This is were and gathered in some property to an opportunity to show the world that Ne- which she had no claim. If Queen Dempsey was the real thing, such a fracture of the moral code would be applauded and fought for by her loyal subjects. But she had none itics and upright personality. But what- to do her reverence and was rudely clapped

> The death of Prof. Edward J. Phelps of Yale university brings to the surface a circumstantial story of how he lost the chie! fold. D. E. Thompson is again in the ring justiceship of the United States supreme court. Mr. Phelps served as minister to England during Cleveland's first term and took no pains to conceal his contempt for Parnell and his followers, then agitating legislative independence for Ireland. When Chief Justice Waite died, in March, 1888, several aspirants for the succession urged may think of his campaign for the place their claims upon the president. Justice Field felt he was entitled to it, but he quitter and as he can stand a stiff financial was not on friendly terms with Cleveland. Senator Edmunds urged the appointment of Phelps, and the suggestion was received so favorably that Minister Phoips hastened home, expecting to secure the coveted prize It was generally understood in Washington that he would be nominated. A day or two before an appointed meeting between Phelps and the president, Congressman Patrick Col-The whereabouts of Aguinaldo promise to lins of Boston called at the White House come as mysterious as the habitat of by invitation. Collins was reported to have dropped a few remarks about Phelps, and Cleveland wanted to hear them at first hand. Cleveland asked the Massachusetts man's opinion of Pheips and got it in these words:

"Well, Mr. President, if you make the appointment I don't think it will be necessary to hold a democratic convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Cleveland asked for his reasons, and Collins replied that so bitter was the feeling of Irish-American voters toward Phelps that to make him chief justice would render it utterly impossible for Cleveland to be reelected. Therefore he might as well not be nominated. A great light broke in on Grover's mind. Mr. Phelps called next day and was persuaded to return to London for another year, and Melville W. Fuller of Chicago was made chief justice.

LAUGHING GAS.

Detroit Journal: Certain nations seem liable to make themselves so hourse with cheering Boer victories that they will be quite unable to participate in the concert of Europe.

Chicago Record: "Harry, we didn't in-vite Isabel into our whist club." "What's the matter? Isn't she talkative enough?"

Philadelphia Press: Tom-The trouble with me is that I'm a bit hasty in my speech; I should weigh my words.

Miss Pepprey-Yes, do. And don't give such generous measure.

Chicago Post: "I thought your husband going to give up "He has. Instead of smoking his cigars Indianapolis Journal:

nitential season? "I hate to go into this subject with you, Freddy; but it is when your mother steps out of society for forty days and nights, trties to regulate her hitherto aban-

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Mary," said the lady of the house, "you didn't put any salt in this bread."
"But." replied the new girl. "didn't the master say yesterday he wouldn't have nothing but fresh bread on his table, mum?

Detroit Free Press: Brown-Yes, Jones married a rich wife, but he leads a dog's

Smith—Is that so?
Brown—Yes: he doesn't do a
thing but lay around the house and
for an airing between meals. house and go out Detroit Journal: Philanthropy shook her

head sadly.
"It seems queer," she mused, "for me to guns in my work, but I suppose it's all a part of the strenuous life we hear so much about these days!"

Hereupon this rare old attribute, being personified, was not able to repress a sigh.

Chicago Tribune: "Why need you be in much a hurry. Mr. Allspud?" said the coung woman in the pale blue taffeta shirt walst. "What will your children say to our bringing home a stepmother so un-"They won't say anything, Millie," re-ponded the ardent widower, possessing ilmself of her hand again, "They are well rained children, and this is Lent."

SAY IT WITH A SMILE.

If you're worried over something And your temper's sorely tried;
And your temper's sorely tried;
When with cares and tribulations
You seem overwell supplied,
Don't fret and fume and sputter,
With a rise of angry bile.
But when you speak, talk softly,
And say it with a smile.

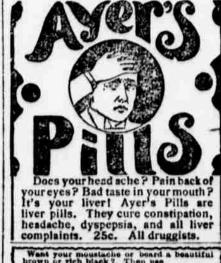
When, bowed with weight
A visitor who bores you
For hours will linger there;
Don't rage with inward anger;
You'll live a longer while,
If, when you're talking with bird, You say it with a smile

There may be moments, sometimes

bowed with weight of care,

If people come to ask you For charity or aid— To help inter some brother Who 'neath a shroud is laid— E'n if you can't afford it, Don't argue and revile Why, do it with a smile The world is full of shadows-

Don't add unto its gloom:
But try and light with gladness
E'en the shadow of the tomb.
If you've little luck or money,
High your wealth of joy will pile,
If, when you speak, you always Will say it with a smile.



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