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Give Speaker Henderson credit for having the courage of his convictions.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK. Sec'y and Treas.

Don't forget to register your vote a the republican primaries this afternoon,

Mayor Moores has had the unusual privilege of launching forth two annual

messages this year. Infected cattle coming to Nebraska from Texas may now consider themselves duly quarantined by guberna-

torial proclamation. The postoffice at Ponce, Porto Rico, has been burglarized. Who says the

leaven of civilization is not working in

our new possessions? The British press is paying tribute to General Joubert now that he is dead. When he was alive he commanded re-

spect and admiration.

The hog, following in the wake of the mule now finds himself worth more in these times of republican prosperity than for several years.

Peter Cooper has now had his name practically copyrighted and gives notice that any fusionist caught trespassing will be prosecuted for infringement.

Omaha has always been noted as a health resort, but it cannot guarantee longevity to visitors who insist upon blowing out the gas when going to bed.

If all the wars which Russia is credited with contemplating were to materialize that country would soon have more business on hand than the English in South Africa.

Democrats must be seriously alarmed over the situation in South Omaha when they have to import silver-tongued lawyers from Plattsmouth to present their claims to South Omaha voters.

Hastings has achieved considerable potoriety through its sensational poisoning case, but it is not the kind of notoriety that is most desirable for a thriving, progressive city such as it is,

A letter addressed to the governor of Kentucky will be delivered to Governor Taylor. This is notice that people addressing the pretender governor will have to inscribe the envelopes with his

A new information in the school board bribery case has been filed in the police court instead of in the county court, as were the others. What inspiration has the county attorney had that he should change his base?

The hog raisers of this country need not be alarmed over the report that Turkey has prohibited the importation of American pork. The exports of pork to that country during the last few years averaged only \$13 per year.

If the calamity campaigners are looking for good material they should follow the Nebraska assessors when they start out on their annual rounds next week. They will find the worst povertystricken lot of people to be encountered anywhere in the world.

The Southwest Improvement club preposes to inaugurate a campaign for better sidewalks. This is a good slogan for all the various improvement clubs in different parts of the city. Omaha has American coal and that the exports conmade great progress in the matter of sidewalks, but there is still room for considerable improvement.

The railroad rate cases have now been gotten into a sufficient tangle to assure the secretaries of the State Board of bring up any matters which might require serious investigation.

THE ANTI-BRYAN DEMOCRATS.

Whether or no there are more anti- trial situation power of the keys and to say to hun- United States would probably continue. he shall expound it to them.

Another exponent of old-time democracy, the Philadelphia Record, declares that "the opportunity of the democratic party depends upon the assemblage of a wise and truly representative convention which shall realize that the democracy ought not to be tied to the fortunes of any one man, but should be the party of the people, as its name and for the vindication of a particular man and his doctrines, but from patriotic motives and for far-reaching purposes," It is apprehensive, however, that the convention which will meet in Kansas Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, A. D. 1990.

(Seal) M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. City on July 4 will not be of this character, that it will not represent the best intelligence of the party, but will preer "to proclaim its loyalty to a dead issue rather than triumph at the polls."

There is no doubt that these expressions voice the predominating sentiment among democrats in the sections where the journals quoted circulate, but the attitude of these democrats will avail nothing. The work of the naional convention of the Bryanite party s already cut out and it will not be changed. The platform of the party in Nebraska, approved if not framed by Mr. Bryan, will be the pattern for the platform proclaimed by the national convention, upon which Bryan will be renominated without opposition. It is useless for the eastern democrats to make any effort to overturn or even modify the plan which has been definitely set-The program is fixed and will not be

altered. Such being the case, what will democrats opposed to Bryan and the Chicago platform do? That is an interesting and important question and peraps a definite answer cannot be had until after the election. It would seem, however, that all of them who sincerely | Porto Ricans all the rights to which desire that the democracy should not be tied to the fortunes of any one man and should return to its traditional principles, would have no difficulty in deciding what course to pursue. Believing as they do that Bryanism is not true democracy, their plain duty is to vote for its defeat, for only in that way can the democratic party be restored to its former character. We think that a large majority of the anti-Bryan democrats will do this and we find warrant for this belief in such utterances as we have quoted from representative democratic papers.

COUNSELING DISHONOR. An organization calling itself the 'Cuban-American league," manifestly intended to promote annexation sentiment, has petitioned congress to repeal the resolution promising independence to the Cubans and to substitute the promises contained in the proclamation of General Miles to the Porto Ricans. This is asking congress to do something that would be dishonorable to the nation and would discredit the American people in the opinion of the civilized world. As the Philadelphia North American saxs in regard to this remarkable proposition, "if we should violate one promise what security would there be that we should keep another? Congress can repeal a law, but it cannot release itself from a solemn pledge only two years old."

We do not know what class of men compose this league, but it is a safe guess that most of them are members of corporations or syndicates that are congress should not and doubtless will not pay any attention to the petition. The administration is proceeding as energetically as possible with the work of preparing the Cubans for self-government. It has given repeated assurances of the purpose of the United States to faithfully fulfill its pledge and Cuban confidence in our good faith is thoroughly established. In these circumstances the petition of this annexation league is an insult to congress.

SENDING COAL TO EUROPE. A Philadelphia dispatch reports a Netherlands and states that more is to demand from all parts of Europe for opponents are forced to admit. His tinue heavy.

some serious consequences. Advices from Germany state that it has compelled the shutting down or the reduction in operating time of a great many manufacturing establishments, throw-Transportation a reasonable amount of ing out of employment about a million leisure during the coming season. They people. The British government is re- ber of a party which has insisted in may possibly find time from the cam- ported to be somewhat alarmed about season and out that there was not paign work to order in a crossing or a the navy, owing to the inability of the enough money in the country to transnew board nailed on the fence, but a mines of the British isles to meet the act its business. Now he tells the considerate public is requested not to demand upon them and the prospect of bankers that any increase in the curtheir exhaustion in the not remote fu- rency is sure to be counteracted by the

scarcity of coal is affecting the indus-

Bryan democrats at this time than four The demand for coal is certain to years ago is undeterminable, but those steadily increase and there is no doubt calamity in front of him. who are opposed to his nomination and that its export by this country will be-to the reaffirmation of the Chicago plat- come a very large item in our foreign organ of the regular democratic organi- try to Europe, concludes that "Amerirepresentatives declined to accord any view is undoubtedly correct. As an ited Maryland a short time ago, says been introduced in Europe its quality not been rendered for nothing. that the reaffirmation of the Chicago must be recognized, while at the same platform at this time would not bring Mr. time its continued export for industrial in 1806. "The probabilities are," says as the comparatively limited coal dethat paper, "that it would not attract posits of Great Britain and the continearly so many voters now as it did nent become exhausted, or rather inthen. Its reaffirmation now would serve capable of meeting the ever-growing but to keep open the breach in the demo- demands of commerce. While the prescratic party which proved so fatal in ent demand is to a considerable extent 1896." The Sun says of Bryan that "it due to war, yet if peace should everyis a rash thing in this young man from where prevail and naval armaments be Nebraska to arrogate to himself the destroyed the coal export trade of the

dreds of thousands of democrats older | This foreign demand will necessarily than himself, men who have grown gray stimulate the mining of coal in this in fighting the battles of the party," that | country and doubtless increase its cost the doors can be opened to them and he to American consumers. As to the supwill let them in, but they must take ply no estimate approximating accuracy their places on the mourners' bench and can be made, but it is undoubtedly accept the new democratic gospel as sufficient to meet the world's demand for an indefinite time.

TAXATION AND REPRESENTATION. In the campaign of demagogy that has been precipitated by the discussion of legislation for Porto Rico in congress one of the salient points raised by the op- prices for a toga that doesn't fit. ponents of the president's policy is that it is a violation of the principle that requires taxation and representation to go Great Britain on the ground that they were taxed without representation in lacking in that of 1896. Parliament affords no parallel nor precedent for the situation of the Porto

Ricans. In the first place, taxation through Under the British system the franchise is a privilege granted to those who either own real estate or pay taxes on a fixed valuation of income. At the time of the American revolution property qualifications were essential to the

right to vote. lished. Property is taxed, but property ownership confers no special privilege entitled to no representation on that account in legislative bodies. The property of women and children is taxed, tled by Mr. Bryan and his adherents. right to vote or the right to take part but that does not confer upon them the in lawmaking.

The Porto Ricans must have a local government and taxes must be imposed nify that they must have representation in congress any more than the District every human being is entitled, namely, life, liberty and the right to enjoy the fruits of their own labor, neither the Declaration of Independence nor the constitution of the United States contains anything that guarantees to newly acquired territory representation in the national legislature as a condition precedent to the imposition of taxes either in the shape of customs or internal revenue

Many western states secure a large amount of valuable advertising each year from the publication of accurate agricultural statistics. Kansas is particularly fortunate in this respect. In Nebraska the law contemplates the collection of this information by the assessors, but in not a county in the state are the statistics of acreage of various crops accurately compiled. A little labor | the speech was this; on the part of each assessor would result in immense good to the state in the way of advertising its agricultural resources, yet the farmers who would be the greatest gainers by having the work accurately done are the worst offenders. The assessors of the state can do it a great service if they will by simply complying with the law.

The attempt of popocratic demagogues to make political capital out of the appeals of missionaries for help for starying India constitutes a display of petty partisanship indulged in only by monstrosities of mediocrity. Appeals have been made time and again for help for starving Russia, starving China and starving Cuba, but no sympathetic mind anxious to exploit Cuba. At all events, ever saw in them occasions for violent attacks on Russia, Spain or China for not caring for their own without the aid or consent of any other nation. People who are asked to contribute to the India relief funds are under no compulsion. but will give what they wish of their own free will-not out of hatred of England, but of love for humanity.

Whether General Joubert would have been a great military commander or not had he been placed in command of a military ideas will always be a matter of pure speculation. That he grasped the possibilities of the forces which shipment of coal from that port to the were at his command for the creation of an army and organized and fought them follow. It is also said that there is a to the best possible advantage his conception of the capabilities of the scattered population of the Transvaal The coal famine in Europe is having and the perfection of its organization

must stand forever as a marvel. The popocratic secretary of the State Banking board warns the state banks and govern for their best interest as well as about to reorganize of the dangers of inflation, although the secretary is a memture. In other European countries the retirement of bank notes which are not spoils hunter, under any and every diaguise. have been unnecessary.

needed when the banks will be called upon to redeem them. It is a poor day when a popocrat cannot see some

By the enactment of the bill to reimburse the settlers on the Otoc and Missouri lands several fat lobbyist fees will be earned. The promoters of this bill zation in Maryland, whose leaders and can coal has come to stay" and this have maintained agents at Washington during every congress for the last ten consideration to Mr. Bryan when he vis- exchange remarks, once our coal has years and their services certainly have

Opposition papers, which have never Bryan one more vote than he received purposes will become more necessary missed an opportunity to belittle the work of the State department, should read the comment of the foreign press on the achievement of Secretary Hay in securing assurances of an open door for the trade of the world in China.

> Republicans of South Omaha have a ticket in every respect superior to that of their opponents in the pending municipal campaign and their nominees should receive the support not only of republicans, but all citizens interested in the welfare of South Omaha.

# Primed for a Purpose.

Washington Star. The star witness in the Kentucky murder prosecution talks like a man who has been health. artificially loaded for this particular occa-

Big Money for a Misfit.

#### Clark case, it will be remembered, concerns a gentleman who paid about twelve

Campaign Guiety in Prospect. New York Mail and Express traditional principles signify-a party hand in hand. This theory, however, Bryan and Bourke Cockran standing arm in with living issues, seeking success not has long since been exploded. The re- arm on the Chicago platform and blending volt of the American colonists against their tuneful voices in the tender accents of "Comrades," will invest the approaching campaign with a certain charm entirely

# Carnegie's Pneumatic Tire.

Springfield Republican Financial circles are comparing the \$160,-900,000 capitalization of the Carnegie comrepresentation is not a fundamental bination with Mr. Carnegle's statement in principle in our system of government. the recent Frick suit that the entire assets of his company amounted to \$75,000,000. The inference would seem to be that this trust and is what is known as 'a society man.' state to the democratic convention where does not differ much from the others in a All that is charming or delightful in Ameritan will camp out.

# Everything Coming Our Way.

The most impressive industrial and commercial occurrence of late years is the ex-In this country that system has been istent coal famine in Europe. England is discarded and manhood suffrage estab- the only European nation which has an adequate production to supply its own coneumers. As cheap fuel is a very important factor in making possible cheap production or franchise. The vote of the poor man the important bearing of the question of counts just as much as that of the rich- future supply on American industry and trade est. Corporations pay taxes, but are cannot fail of recognition. We shall have our commercial competitors at a further disadvantage.

# Just Missed His Senlp.

New York Sun. Hon. E. J. Burket of Nebraska has introduced into the house of representatives a bill to pay \$10,000 to a Nebraska man who, while driving a government team from Kansas to New Mexico about 1860, was attacked by a to maintain it. But that does not sig- band of Kiowas: He fought well, but the for a scalp seems a pretty steen figure and of Columbia or unorganized territory of | there must be a good many heads, scalp and the United States. Conceding to the contents, that would not be appraised at that value by judicious guessers. It is a little hard to understand, too, why the scalpee has small scouting party, going on one of those was sunk in Havana harbor and the comonly now begun to miss his scalp.

# KEEP OUT THE SPOILSMEN.

#### The One Peril of American Rule in the New Possessions.

Minneapolis Journal (rep.) occasion of a banquet in his honor given around' for some further adventure." by his fellow citizens Judge Taft, recently appointed to the headship of the new Philippine commission, set forth his views as to the proper mode of dealing with the Tide of Immigrants Pouring Into the serious questions and problems of the insular government. Noticeably he showed the necessity for winning the confidence of the people and for dealing with every question with an untrammeled sense of justice and law; a liberal system of primary and expectation has not been disappointed. ternal improvements must be constructed: the establishment of courts and modes of are essential. A most interesting point in

a prevent the machine politician, whether to the poorer classes of southern Europe, of this country or of those distant islands, whether white or yellow, or brown or black. riving immigrants coming from Italy, Ausfrom making use of the offices needed to tro-Hungary and southern Poland. serve the public wants to reward their with favorites. The spoils system was alsatisfactory selection of both American and populated portion of the country. manifest that wherever a native islander 14,356 were destined for Pennsylvania and can fill an office as well and as safely as an the remainder distributed themselves in places for our adventurous fellow citizens." beyond the Mississippl This is a recommendation of prime importance. Without a strict merit system it large army organized under modern guard the existing merit system more closely out into thinly-settled sections remote conscientiously extended over our insular possessions. There are two or three blis sefere congress now, providing for the removal of the insular service out of politics. In all provisions for insular governments there should be unmistakable provisions for removing the whole public service under such governments completely out of the domain of politics. Unless this is done the Philippines can easily become very like a Turkish pashalik or a Chinese province. continually recognize its duty to the islanders

that of the nation. The best interest of the the spoils system. Territorial expansion is congestion. a good thing if good government is likewise expanded with it. The expansion of the spoils system has been a blistering curse in he past at home. It will prove such in our

# ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Among the papers recently sent to conwith the sultan of Sulu last August and is over. one feature of the negotiations overlooked out of the war. by the newsvendors which the president makes public. It is a verbatim report of the interview between the American officers and the sultana, mother of the sultan, who was a powerful factor in the negotiareport constitutes a unique page in the history of Uncle Sam's strides in the Philippines and in the sunny land of the Sulus. This is some of the conversa-

make her acquaintance. Sultana-I am very glad. I am nervous,

lways respect their mothers. Sultana-I not only love my sons, but my nephews. General Bates-We come, hoping there residents guessing. will be peace.

Sultana-I am thankful to hear that, for always have thought peace goes a lot farther than enmity.

duced Captain Pigman of the navy.) Captain Pigmau-I hope the sultana will ome out to the ship and see it. Sultana-I thank you, but not today. Per-

General Bates-We will go now and see your son, the sultan, Sultana-I hope you will remember that

And now the Clark case once more. The you will do what is right. General Bates-I think we had better go Sultana-Please excuse the size of my

bouse. It is very small. General Bates-We have been hospitably received, and have enjoyed the chocolate of the whole, and other refreshments.

not come.

General Bates-Oh, no. I always heard you were for peace and gave good advice.

In Senator A. J. Beveridge's paper, "With ing of getting married again. Philadelphia Post, are several good stories trip to Hawaii and the Philippines. ican life is his. You would not imagine that this low-spoken, rich-voiced, quietmannered gentleman, with all the characteristics of the ultra-fashionable American 'swell,' could be induced to fight in any manner, and much less to fight in the deadly contest of arms. Yet he had left all the allurements with which life and fortune and his own talents had surrounded him and enlisted as a private solder in Cuba. There he had risen, by cool gallantry, to the position of a commissioned officer. He had won qualities.

paired. One might have imagined that his water." nities to fight Nor would be wait until the regular engage- of success. ments came on. I saw him up at 5 o'clock | Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, the comin the morning, mounting his horse with a mander of the battleship Maine when she desperate reconnaissances which, to the mander of the steamer St. Paul through the ertain death. On one occasion he and two on which the exploit was performed. He In his recent speech at Cincionati on the had already forgotten it and was 'nosing

# MORE ADDED TO THE MANY.

Crowded Eastern Cities.

Philadelphia Times. It was to be expected that the general

While there will be no disappointment at henchmen or to perpetuate their power. the large immigration now in progress, the have taken and kept the Philippines for the 1899 four-fifths were destined for the sec-American the former must be preferred, for New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and our mission is to teach the island people other eastern states. Less than 2,000 went

to govern themselves, not to secure more to the south and less than 3,000 journeyed; Something of this tendency of the newcomers to add themselves to the dense popwill be utterly useless to try to carry out ulation of the older section of the country the program of beneficence already outlined is rightly attributable to the activity in by our government. If the Philippines are manufacturing districts. More of it is due turned into a pasture for needy politicians to the gregarious spirit which has overand place hunters American rule will be as populated large sections of Europe. Those great a curse as that of Spain. The very who came last autumn had friends or acfirst tendencies to such outrageous repudia- quaintances residing in New England, New tion of our duty should be visited with un- York or Pennsylvania, and they preferred people. It is to be hoped no such blind crumbs of subsistence as would fall from instead of impairing it in any way to gratify from friends and those of kindred blood the greed of political spoils hunters. It is and speech, Italian prefers to live near Italespecially necessary that the system shall be lans. Hebrew near Hebrews, Pole near Poles and Hun near Hungarians. The net further reduce the earning power of those currency. already on the ground.

It is this feature of the immigration questhere is abundant room for hundreds of don't go, and where there are already too nation can never be conserved by extending many they persist in adding to the existing move on and enforce the order, and the public can only await the slow action of this inexorable and resistless agency, certain dependencies. One of the most serious works in the meantime to witness many instances of the insular government a akers is that of of suffering and want which with a more keeping out the machine politician and sensible distribution of new arrivals would

## TREES ON THE VELDT.

Chicago Record: Perhaps Lord Roberts

the famous treaty then drafted and signed. Washington Post: General Cronje will stitute ancient 1 story. But there was not be exposed to the controversies growing transaction of business and upon nothing New York Mail and Express: One result

of the South African war is a marked in-

crease in the price of barbed wire in this

country. The belligerent nations evidently look to Uncle Sam to fence them off from each other, but it costs money. San Francisco Call: The appeal of the

chance to get into other folks' troubles. cometimes, nervous and shivering all over. Africa makes it mighty hard for some of General Bates—I am sorry. Americans the natives to decide on the safe course to must determine, and to determine wisely pursue. After a town or a district has been alternately occupied by British and Boers a and profitably it must be a sagacious confew times it has a tendency to keep the

Baltimore American: General Buller is getting ready for another snove, and will probably cross another river. His devotion pledges. to one idea is something like that of the (At this juncture General Bates intro-Dickens character, who, no matter what was his subject, was unable to keep out of his writings the head of Charles I.

haps another day when I am in better were wounded in an encounter with a Boer mand for free silver at 16 to 1. This merely he is a young man and that advice will be considered, as well as the alleged misuses declare that the Chronicle's publication of the best thing you can give him. I know of the white flag, in judging the Boer sentiment hostile to the giving of promicharacter.

## PERSONAL POINTERS.

The silver republican party is to meet at Kansas City, too; presumably in committee

Governor Steunenberg of Idaho is people told me you were angry and would in this country. He is far over six feet tall

and of herculean figure. Edna Wallace Hopper, DeWolf's divorced wife, has taken to punching the bag to de- foremost. velop her arm muscles. She must be think-

Our Fighters in the Philippines," in the Ex-Vice President Stevenson proposes a of life along the firing line. Here is one of steps of our statesmen of leisure will tend them: "The second time I was at our ex- | considerably in that direction henceforth. treme front in Luzon I met a young man | Farmers of western Kansas are going to who is of one of the first families of the form large caravans made of old-fashioned south. He is wealthy, highly accomplished canvas-covered wagons and drive across the

> On being asked the other day to what he attributed his long life and excellent health wishes. William M. Evarts replied: "I don't know unless it is that I never took any exercise. The questioner regarded this as a joke, of course, but it is a fact that the ex-senator objects to any physical exertion and often hires a cab to avoid walking a block.

Half a dozen foreigners appeared before Judge Lent of Westchester, N. Y., last week being applicants for naturalization papers his promotion absolutely without influence His honor looked them over and proceeded and solely by his courage and soldierly to lecture them soundly on their dirty appearance. "Cleanliness is one of the mos "He had been in every fight up to the important qualifications of American citizenapitulation of Santiago. The fever had ship," said the judge, "and I advise you t seized him and his health had been im- make generous and daily use of soap and

desire for army experience would have been The New York legislature has passed and satiated; but instead of satisfying the thirst Governor Roosevelt has signed a bill for for war, the hardships and dangers of the the preservation of the romantic scenery Cuban campaign only put a keener edge on along the Hudson known as the Palisades. it. So he traveled half way around the The bill provides for the appointment of a world, and here I found him in the interior commission to condemn lands along the copper-colored gentlemen got his team, his of Luzon, not a member of the army, but, river for an interstate park-a similar supplies and his scalp. Ten thousand dollars nevertheless, wearing a khaki uniform and measure having been introduced into the New Jersey legislature, with every prospec

mere observer, look like expeditions to war that followed has accepted the invitation of the Commercial club to visit the companions charged a group of sixty Fili- Minnesota capital and to act as one of the pino soldiers and he himself captured four judges in selecting the design for the bronze of them. I saw him the evening of the day tablet to be presented to the steamer by the citizens of St. Paul.

## AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. Marked Business Buoyancy at Opening of a Presidential Campaign.

Philadelphia Time Usually the year of a presidential election is not a good business year and the nervousness of the business interests manibusiness prosperity of this country would fest itself very early in the season. There lead to an increase of immigration. This is always a chance that the administration and the policy of congress may be changed secondary education must be introduced; in- The statistics of arrivals at New York, the by the voters at the polls, and capital does principal port of entry for immigrants, for not like to take chances. Early in the presthe last three months of 1899 show total idential year manufacturers and merchants procedure, the initiation of popular munici- arrivals of 74.982 as against 51,880 in the begin to reduce sail, the banks adopt a congovernments and local assemblies, same period of 1898, an increase of 23,012, servative policy in regard to loans, and a The United States are still regarded as the general slowing down of business activity land of promise to thousands of the toilers is apparent. The business world prepares "A strict merit system must be devised of the old world, and especially at this time for any possible emergency, with the net result that business assumes a hand-tothe majority of the newly arrived and ar- mouth character. Business men hesitate about a progressive policy for the future because they do not know what the future

has in store for them. The present season is proving an excep-One of the glaring defects of the Spanish distribution of the new arrivals furnishes tion to this rule. There is no spirit of hesicolonial government in these islands was the food for reflection. Naturally one would tation manifest anywhere. The volume of making of useless offices in order to fill them expect the new immigrants to go where they transactions was never greater at this seawere most needed, in the sparsely settled son of the year. The manufacturing inlowed to have full effect, with all the abuses sections of the south and west. The dustries are running at high pressure to that follow in its wake. If we are not to statistics, however, show the reverse to be fill orders that exceed productive capacity. give the islands a civil service free from the fact. Of the 74,892 immigrants arriving Exports are the largest ever known and this cancerous growth our claim that we in New York during the closing quarter of there is no indication on the part of the banks of a determination to restrict loans. good of their people is hollow and unworthy tion north of Mason and Dixon's line and As a matter of fact the supply of loanable pretense. To devise a merit system for the east of Ohio, already the most densely bank funds is greater than usual at this Nearly season. All this, too, in spite of the fact Filipino officials is not an easy one. It is one-half, or 32,049, remained in New York, that a change in administration is possible if not probable, and that the congress elected next fall may reverse the policy of the congress now in session. All this, too, in spite of the fact that congress and the administration are still at sea about a colonial policy and that the Philippine war obstinately refuses to come to an end.

Why this unusual business confidence on the threshold of a great presidential contest? First and chiefly, because the financial system of the country has been placed upon a gold basis beyond the power of a possible democratic president and house of representatives to reverse. The senate is Wild norses narnessed sides wear. safely republican for several years to come mistakable condomnation by the American to remain near their friends, securing such and the gold standard law cannot be repealed until it has had time to demonstrate folly will be committed. We have reason to an already overcrowded table to launching fully the wisdom of its enactment. Incidentally the law provides for a healthy expansion of the currency on a safe hasis In house and office shop and store, through a 10 per cent increase of national They talked them-and the man was sore. bank notes and such additions as the establishment of new banks in the smaller towns result, of course, is still further to crowd may furnish. This increase is already felt the already overpopulated districts with in the cessation of the demand for currency thousands who will not only find it difficult from the west and south. These sections are to secure comfortable support, but who will expecting a sufficient addition to their own

The steadily increasing foreign demand for American products and the fact that tion that is fraught with the most danger we are becoming lenders rather than borand perplexity. In the south and far west rowers of money abroad, both tend to increase business confidence beyond the power thousands of ablebodied immigrants to se- of a presidential canvass to unsettle, but cure a livelihood and add to the prosperity these are in a measure effects of the first of the country into the bargain. Where they mentioned cause. With our currency perare most needed, however, the new arrivals manently established upon the gold basis money naturally seeks American investment and American manufacturers are encour-Actual starvation is the only aged to plan for the future and seck foreign policeman that can order these people to customers for their products. They feel that the country is getting upon a business basis that cannot be seriously affected by the changes which an election of a president and a new congress may cause.

This is a forward step toward permanent business stability which it is especially gratifying to be able truthfully to record.

It is an indication that we are approaching more nearly to the point in national experience at which politics will cease to gress by President McKinley was a detailed intends to profit by the example of General affect business than ever before, the point account of the negotiations of General Bates. Otis and sit down and declare that the war at which politics will be one thing and at which politics will be one thing and business another, the point at which our business prosperity will be dependent upon These facts have been published and con- have one advantage at St. Helena. He will the application of sound principles in the

## SITTING UP WITH A CORPSE. Democratic Protest Against Prolong-

ing the Silver "Wake. Chicago Chronicle (dem.) assertion comes from Washington

that the platform of the Nebraska party will Transvaal republic to the nations for inter- be modified in Kausas City and that leaders vention might as well be called back. Every in Washington are not at all pleased with General Bates-I have heard such good nation on earth has troubles of its own, and a declaration of principles which seems enreports of the sultana that I was anxious to not one of them is looking around for a tirely to have satisfied Mr. Bryan. There are decided differences of opinion on the Chicago Post: The fortune of war in South part of recognized party authorities in Washington.

In such case, of course, the convention vention, not one held down by neighborhood bosses or pledged to a particular program. It must be free and untrammeled. consisting of wise men sent thither by earnest constituents and unshackled as to

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee, takes the trouble unwarrantedly to deny that there is any feeling anywhere that the Kansas City convention should Buffalo Express: The British officers who abstain from giving prominence to the depatrol north of the Modder river had their emphasizes the fact that, disagreements in wounds dressed and were sent back to the opinion existing, the determination must be British lines in an ambulance. Acts of left to a body authorized to hear and dehumanity such as this must, in fairness, be termine. When Mr. Johnson undertakes to nence to a dead issue is wrong and misleading he is simply impertinent and superfluous. When such men as Johnson, who seems not to recognize a corpse, even by its smell, undertake to give direction to democratic thought, it becomes all the more evident that conservative and thoughtful men should be sent to Kansas City, where Sultana-I am glad you have come. My physically the most impressive governor the business of the convention will be not alone to select a candidate fully representative of the party, but also a declaration of the principles to put the party's best foot

To hug a corpse through a whole summer's campaign would be a disagreeable and a losing business, especially when live issues are to be determined.

#### The Whole Thing. Cleveland Leader The democrats of Nebraska are being

riticised because they permitted Bryan to dictate their platform this year. Why hould they be criticised? Bryan is the whole democratic party, and democrats nowhere would dare to go contrary to his Shelling Out Some Tears.

Colonel Plumer has retreated to Crocodile Pool. He will probably shed a few tears there for the Boers who cannot understand the good intentions of John Bull. POINTED TRIFLES.

Chicago Post: "Don't you think her voice night to be cultivated?"
"No; I think it should be harvested." Philadelphia North American: "Henry, alled Mrs. Moveup, as she was dressing or the club, "will you please swear? I ave dropped my collar button on the

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I notice that an American packing house has just shipped tve tierces of pigs' talls to San Domingo." "Perhaps the San Domingans have solved he ancient whistle problem."

Boston Transcript: Carrie-Uncle George, s it true that all poets wear their half cle George Probably not, but it is heir hair long think themselves poets.

Harper's Bazar: Politicus-The question What shall we do with our new posses-Younghub-I'll tell you what I do with

Chicago Record: "You haven't got enough tables and chairs in your club room, Tom." "No; you see we had to spend such an awful lot of money on steins and flagons." Indianapolis Journal: She-Charles, where

He Why. I bought it at the "rummage ale" for 10 cents. She—I thought so; it is one of your old ones that I gave the ladies last week.

Detroit Free Press: "Isn't Barbara droll?" She has cards out for a allver celebra-'She's not married." but she has been a bachelor girl for

#### wenty-five years." WHEN BOB'S AWAY AT SCHOOL

Richard S. Powell in Puck. h! dear delightful season, all Too rare and far too brief! Sweet time when slience soft doth in As falls the floating leaf;
'Tis ushered in with slam of gate,
'And out with flying stool; ellence soft doth fall And quietude doth rule in at When Bob's away at school.

Upon the porch the tabby cat With blinking eyes doth dose.

In tranquil dreams forgetting that
Her life's a round of woes.

And Towser, stretched upon the grass,
In visions of the pool.

Forgets to bark at feet which pass
While Bob's away at school. What blessed charm enfolds the house

Throughout that season rare!
Each buzzing fly and cheeping mouse
Sleeps sound within its lair.
The cims beside the garden gate,
So freshly green and cool,
Scarce stir their glant limbs sedate When Bob's away at school

But all too soon it fades away, "H), Towser! Sie her ale!" "Hi, Towaer! Sic her, sir!"
Puss leaps the fence, a dash of gray,
Towae just a yellow blur!
Bang! goes the door! In runs the lad! And yet the chap's a fool Who'd not be just a little glad When Bob comes from school!

THE SECRET. Chicago Record She said that people need not fear To whisper secrets in her ear.

She vowed she would not breathe a breath Of them until her day of death. She was not like some women, who Would run and tattle all they knew, Wild horses harnessed should not te. Whereat and without more demur He told those secret things to her-Next day those things were cried aloud

He saw that woman once again And asked her kindly to explain. She owned she might have acted wrong, But lately had fell far from strong,

By newsboys to the passing crowd.

So asked the help of some one stout To keep those things from getting out



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