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It would not be fair to say that the prince of Wales was half shot on account of the recent occurrence at Brus-

Bryan boomers at the Kansas City convention may find a crown of thorns in their chair when they attempt to take their sents.

Kansas City has the money all raised to rebuild its auditorium. If that is the Kansas City way, other cities might profit by the example

Mr. Mexer's congressional committee has finally rescinded and republican have assumed the offensive and they harmony now prevails throughout the entire congressional district.

Admiral Dewcy is coming west to boost his presidential boom. He certainly has as much right to come west heavily and persistently when he is as Colonel Bryan to go east.

christened Patrick. If there is any- advance toward Pretoria begins, if the thing else the Irish people want in the assumed plan can be carried out, from shape of honors now is the time to speak | 120,000 to 130,000 British troops will

South Omaha democrats pretend not to be discouraged over the result of the city election. If they can stand it the in his front, Lord Roberts has a trerepublicans certainly are not going into mendous task in hand,

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the stability of the cupola in the city hall tower. Architects insist that they have a right to disagree as well as doctors.

The Jacksonians still have their option on the principal sideboard space at the principal hotel of Kansas City and which he presented some highly intermay be depended upon to hold it until that auditorium is rebuilt.

Admiral Dewey is up to his old tricks ngain. At Manila he caught the Spanish in their pajamas and now he has thrown a shell into the Bryanite camp with just as short notice.

Colonel Bryan declines to be interviewed on the subject of Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the presidency. The colonel evidently believes that the army should not pass comment upon the

The populists have decided not to hold their convention in the Sloux Falls auditorium, but will use a tent instead. The leaders evidently think it would not seem natural to have a circus under a roof.

The naval committee of the house sends its compliments to other nations with a naval program and announces that Uncle Sam proposes to do a little building himself, just to keep up with the procession.

The democratic national committeeman for Nebraska is a little ahead of time in announcing that this state is for Bryan. The chances are good that when the election figures are compiled Nebraska will be for McKinley.

The representative of the Barbers' International union, who has just organized the barbers of Omaha, is said to have met with many difficulties. He forgot to figure that the popoeratic State Barbers' Examining board had gotten in ahead of him.

The local democratic organ does not seem to be shedding many tears over the defeat of the democratic ticket in South Omaha. During the campaign it was bruited that the democratic candidates could expect no support from the democratic organ. A perusal of the sheet seems to verify the rumor.

Remember that the continuation of the

THE TWO-THIRDS RULE.

in 1832 and adopted the so-called "twoquire a two-thirds vote to repeal it.

Will this time-honored rule of the tional convention, or will it be swept quences, away as so many of the other traditions of the party have been by the new political organization which calls itself democratic? It will probably depend upon the extent of the opposition to Mr. Bryan in the convention. If that candidate shall have a safe two-thirds of the delegates, as very likely he will, of course the rule will be observed, but if he should have only a majority it is highly probable that his supporters would abrogate the rule. They could claim the same right to do this as in the case of any rule subject to the will of the majority. Such action might, indeed, be regarded by the masses of the party as revolutionary, but no consideration of this kind would be permitted by the adherents of Mr. Bryan to stand in the way of his nomination. They are determined to again make him the standard bearer of the party at every hazard and no rule or practice. however honored in the past, will be allowed to interfere with this purpose. And there can be no doubt that Mr. Bryan will approve of anything his supporters may deem it expedient to do in his interest.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Very little that is definite in regard to the situation in South Africa is furnished by the dispatches, but there is sufficient to show great military activity in preparing for what promises to be the severest battle of the war somewhere near Bloemfonteln. President Kruger was reported some days ago to have declared that he would recapture the capital of the Orange Free State within a week and while the time has about expired it appears that the Boer forces are being concentrated for an attack on the main army of Lord Roberts at that point. Thus the Boers have had some successes which show that they have still able commanders.

Meanwhile the British commander is understood to be preparing in the most thorough manner possible to strike ready. He now has at Bloemfontein probably from 50,000 to 60,000 troops The son of the duke of York is to be and it is surmised that when the general participate. Preparations for moving this great force and supplying it as it proceeds cannot be made in a day and with an aggressive and mobile enemy

The speech of President Steyn at the opening of the Free State Raad indicates that the Boers are by no means discouraged, but on the contrary still hope to triumph, though not failing to realize the great odds against them.

A PERIOD OF GREAT PROGRESS.

A few days ago Secretary Gage de livered an address in Philadelphia, in esting and instructive figures showing the progress the United States has made in the last thirty years. In that period the population has increased substantially 100 per cent, but marked as this increase is it is far less than the growth in nearly all other directions. In railroad extension and business, in manufacturing, in commercial expansion, in industrial development and in almost all other respects the percentage of growth has been several times greater than that of population. In agriculture wheat and corn have not much increased beyond the ratio of increase in population, but the diversity of products has greatly in-

Mr. Gage did not point out to what this marvelous progress is largely due, but everybody familiar with the history of this period must be supposed to know this. The policy of the republican party in respect to American industries and in maintaining a sound financial system accounts for much of our wonderful material growth in the last three decades. The protective principle has made the United States the greatest industrial nation in the world and has brought it to a condition where it is able to successfully compete, in numerous lines of manufactures, with its rivals in the world's markets. But once in the last thirty years has there been a departure from this principle and the injury resulting from it was enormous. The democratic tariff legislation of 1894 did not sacrifice all protection. It was not what the radicals-among them the present lender of the democracywanted. But it inflicted a severe blow upon the industries and the labor of the country. It is not necessary to dwell at length upon an experience so recent, but it is well to recall it at a time when democracy is again to appeal to the

people to place it in power. Of the progress during the last thirty years a considerable percentage is to be credited to the three years since the advent of the present administration. The progress and prosperity of this period are unprecedented. While the republican party has made mistakes in regard to financial policy, it has main-Ak-Sar-Ben festival, which has done so tained the public honor and credit and much to advertise Omaha and popular- as its crowning work in this respect ize it with its neighbors, is to be deter- has unequivocally fixed in law the gold mined at a public meeting to be held at standard. The splendid industrial and

As to the future Mr. Gage said: "We dramatization. thirds rule" for the nomination of can- front the future well equipped with all didates. It has ever since been ad- the instruments of productivity. We hered to, though efforts have been made have no complications with any foreign lug a finish after one of the most exin several conventions to abrogate it. power threatening our peace or disturb. citing sessions in recent years. There, tions coming into this country at the pres-Under it every democratic candidate for ing our commerce. The tokens of in- are not enough democrats in lowa to ent time are for use in our factories, and president and vice president has been dustrial prosperity appear on every give the republicans any amusement at that another quarter of the importations nominated since the rule was adopted. hand. The revenues of the government It has never been definitely determined, are more than sufficient for all public however, whether it requires for a nom- requirements. The credit of the comination two-thirds of the entire number | mercial community is such as to give of delegates elected or only two-thirds a sense of freedom and security to comof those present and voting. The practimercial activities." Who that has an tice as to this has not been uniform. enlightened regard for his own interests they want. All the plans and specifical of the total imports. Manufacturers' ma-Another matter which has never been and for the general good can wish these rial matter should be addressed: Omaha formally settled, because no formal destatisfactory conditions changed? Yet fermination was necessary, is whether changed they inevitably would be in the the convention could repeal this rule by event of the success of the Bryanite a majority vote or whether it will re- party. Such a reversal of the verdict of 1896 would certainly be followed by a period of doubt, confusion and diminishdemocratic party survive the next na- ing confidence of disastrous conse-

GREATEST WANT OF THE WEST. The greatest want of the vast region west of the Missouri is more people is not yet straightened out by any means. whose brain and brawn will develop its magnificent natural resources. There is yet room for at least 10,000,000 people in the states this side of the Rockles. Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas | alone can easily provide homes for licans. double and treble their present popula-

The cultivable area not yet touched by the plow in those states would make an empire in itself. With a subdivision come an enormous increase in production and a marvelous growth of trade and industry. The capacity of the railroads that now traverse this great wheat, corn and cattle belt would be taxed to its utmost to carry the surplus back the merchandise, machinery and Imported wares for consumption by the producers.

With increased railroad traffic would come improved facilities and new stations that would form the nucleus for villages and towns yet unborn. The most beneficent effects, too, of a new westward tide of immigration would be experienced in the existing distribution. manufactures would afford a substantial impetus to large enterprises that would employ thousands of wage workers, whose earnings in turn would quicken the retail trade in each commu-

It goes without saying that the capacity of the vast region west of the Rockies for increased population is almost unlimited. The mineral resources of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Montana, as well as of the Pacific coast, have as yet hardly been touched. The coast states offer unrivaled advantages for an industrial population in agriculture, mining and manufacture. The only drawback that prolific region has suffered from is the lack of enough people to cultivate the soil, work the mines, build the ships and transform the raw material into finished products.

The cost of transporting settlers and their families, which was the chief obstacle to immigration, has been gradually overcome, but even the lowest rates low offered are still a barrier to the movement of any considerable number of home-seekers from the densely-peopled centers of New England and the middle states. Much progress in this direction, however, may be looked for at no distant day through the competition of rival transcontinental railways anxious to build up local traffic and to which remain yet unproductive. Eventually the greatest impetus to migration to the Pacific coast will be given by the Isthmus canal, which in course of a short time will furnish the foundation for an eastward immigration movement from the Pacific coast back to the Mis-

past two years and it can afford to pursue a liberal policy in the matter of the extension and improvement of its lines because it will get full returns on the money invested. If it would undertake to operate and build a series of suburban electric roads connecting Omaha with the various towns and villages within a radius of thirty miles and but is uttered merely for the temporary insystem it would do much to increase mercial club and business men generally ality. This is the country's estimate of Mr. to urge the importance of suburban Bryan. lines upon the street railway company and, meeting with discouragement there, to organize a suburban electric Special Interests Seeking a Hearing railway company to take the matter up

Mayor Moores has a right to feel gratified at the cordial assent to his selection of appointive city officials. While naturally some of the applicants are gress. But as they will be there they should disappointed and some of the successful be watched catefully. The advocates of the enemies who think a mistake has been made here or there, as a whole the list commends itself as made up with remarkable foresight both from the standpoint of politics and of the efficient conduct of city affairs. It is to be hoped that Mayor Moores' appointees will come up fully to all expectations and co- to the measure. An endersement of it by enough to buy a house and lot on the install operate with him in carrying out the the Transmississippi congress would be used ment plan and then selling it at a profit. campaign pledges of economy and bus- to whip the congressmen into line for the iness methods in the management of the municipal corporation.

According to the official program said to have been agreed upon at Washingrepublican national convention is expected to be given to Senator Wolcott of Colorado and the permanent chairmanship to Senator Lodge of Massa-York is to make the speech renominating President McKinley. If this insures the vote of Colorado, New York publican will applaude the choice.

repeated this year attend and say so. are largely due to republican policy and having difficulty in furnishing enough ble schemes.

that party can still be depended upon delegates to make a convention. As a The first national convention of the to conserve and promote the interests political farce-comedy the antics of the Unique Eminence Attained by the Scenes and Incidents Along the First democratic party was held in Baltimore and welfare of the American people. so-called silver republicans deserve

The Iowa legislature is rapidly near-

If the speculators at present so anxtions have been prepared for the greatest crop in the history of the state.

Kamas City Journal pieces of heavy ordnance.

Take Off the Hinges.

A Few Kinks Left. Kruger is not putting any additional

Another Idol Shattered. The democratic editors have dropped Mr Macrom from their list of martyrs and are now pointing to him as a fair specimen of the men appointed to office by the repub-

Some Thoughts Brenk In.

The British lien is roaring over the Delagoa bay affair, but stops long enough between roars to remark that the engle's talof the great farms and ranches would one are so much better adapted to enatching the chestnuts of substantial damages from the arbitration fire than his own clumsy paws.

Small Slice of Luck.

Globe-Democrat.
The Porto Rican bill passed by the products to their markets and bring island shall be exchanged on the basis of 60 cash balance in favor of New York concents will buy more of what the world has and Vienna. to sell than 100 cents in foreign silver Porto Rico is in fuck again.

Perils of a Promenade.

Chicago News. The Boers seem to be recovering spirits and also taking some more guns and prisoncenters, where the demand for home Roberts will probably reach the latter place to be found in the record of imports of maprobability that he will have occasion to remember the march.

Feathers and Sentiment. Philadelphia North American.

The outery against birds' feathers on hats s wearisome bosh. To be consistent the entimentalists should object to the wearng of gloves made of the skins of "innocen cids," or furs stripped from the backs of slaughtered mink, sable and other beautiful animals, and should eat nothing but vegused to decorate hats are mostly taken from birds killed for food

American Credit Anchored. St. Louis Globe-Democrat

The increased demand in Europe for American stocks ever since the enactment of the gold standard law is highly grallying, but it is just what everybody had right to expect All the money of the United States is now anchored firmly to the gold basis, and the party which fixed it there is reasonably sure of victory in the elections this year. These things are, as verybody knows, calculated to advance American credit all over the world

Half a Loaf Better Than None.

Indianapolis Jo The new bill reported by the house committee on postal affairs, defining what shall be second-class matter, may not keep out of that favored class the cheap advertising papers, but it will keep out the cheap, yelow-covered movels and relegate the sale of good books to regular dealers. It will iot save the treasury \$20,000,000 a year. dispose of their great land grants but if it saves half that amount it is a neasure which no representative can vote against and then go home and pose as a champion of economy

Bryan in the Northwest.

Portland Oregonia Mr. Bryan is "doing" the Pacific north west states. He is making many speeches. but is getting small attention. The reason is that he is not a thinker. His speech is chaff. Nothing he is saying or ever has Omaha's street railway company has said will be remembered. His speeches will enjoyed liberal patronage during the bave no place in the history of our literature or statesmanship. Who will be quoting Mr Bryan fifty years hence, or who except the special student of our politics will know that ie ever existed? He is contributing nothing to the sum of human knowledge, All that he cays is merely superficial, and only darkens counsel. He has ready and easy speech, but never goes to the bottom of anything, and what he says is not propagation of "truth that lives to perish never." utilize them as feeders to the present terests or purposes of personal and party politics. Men of sound thought and rational nothing in him but multifarious superfici-

MUZZLE THE SCHEMERS.

at the Transmississippi Congress.

From the published program of the pro cedings of the Transmississippi congress it is apparent that the special interests will be Paris boulevards is foreign, not native. ell represented there and also some interests which have no business in that concandidates have personal or political ship subsidy steal, now pending before con- ent pace. gress, have succeeded in obtaining a hearing way from New York, and, as he was successful last year in inducing the congress to a strong effort in the same direction again. inasmuch as the bill has been reported in man in Indiana, laid the foundation of his congress for passage and the great majority the members from the west are opposed stand this and to be forewarned.

There are some highly commendable subjects on the program, but also some that might be eliminated without impairing the usefulness of the meeting. Irrigation and of prosperity. ton, the temporary chairmanship of the live stock interests, mines and mining. transportation and our commercial relations with Mexico are subjects which interest the whole west. Of like concern is the anid itself to a thorough and careful considerachusetts, while Senator Depew of New tion of these questions its time will be fully employed and it can accomplish some tangible good. If, on the other hand, it permits extraneous matters to slip in and ocand Massachusetts for the republican ing, and, besides, lend itself to the support cupy its time it is likely to accomplish nothticket in the electoral college every re- of disreputable jobs. The program, as published, indicates that it has not been care fully considered and it would be well for the

INDUSTRIAL INDEPENDENCE.

United States.

The independence of the industrial posttion now nitained by the United States is election time, so the legislators are articles of food which cannot be grown forced to inject a little spice into their the use of its population. The Pebruary importations of "articles of food and liveanimals" amounted to \$16,254,153, or 23.61 per cent of the imports of that month. Takter manufactures and luxuries.

and extended their manufacturing operations. As a signal he raised his hand. The this essential of imperialism we seem to tions that they can produce within the borders of the country substantially every entire party. Then burrying to the larger kinks in the British Hon's tail, but the thing thing that is needed. Out of their abunt the savages attacked it and massacred the dance they are willing to pay for some foreign luxuries, and to import raw or partially raw material for use in rounding out our own manufactured products, but we could get along without them if pressed, For this condition of industrial independ-

ence this country is indebted to the stimulating effect upon domestic industry of the protective tariff policy advocated and put in force by the republican party. this policy our exports have steadily inreased, while our imports have decreased in proportion, turning the balance of trade in our favor, and making us a creditor instead of a debtor nation, as we were less frenches, than ten years ago. Instead of being chronic borrowers from abroad, as formerly, American capitalists are now large lenders to wante provides that the silver of the British loan, and there is over \$100,000,000 cents in United States money. As the 60 stantly loaned out in London, Berlin, Paris

BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

Marked Effect of the Enactment of the Gold Standard Bill.

Philadelphia Times (dem.) Comment has already been made upon the stimulating effect upon business, even in the ers. One of the risklest places in the world face of a presidential contest, caused by the just now for a military promenade is in the final enactment of the gold standard curroad from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. Lord rency bill. One of the evidences of this is in due season, but there is also a strong terials to be used for manufacturing purposes. Of the \$68,774,150 worth of goods imported during February nearly one-half, or about \$32,000,000, were of raw materials r partially prepared articles for use in the manufacturing and mechanic arts. The imports by or for manufacturers for the month amount to 47% per cent of the total imports. While this is in accord with the general import movement for the first eight months of the facal year, the fact that the imports for manufacturing purposes are increasing monthly shows that ctables. As a matter of fact, the feathers manufacturers are growing more confident instead of less so. This can admit of but one explanation

and that is that the business world is confident that the finances of the country are on a basis that cannot be disturbed by the results of a presidential election. Business men, therefore, propose to let the politicians and the people elect the next president while they attend to business. The demand for American goods abroad is increasing, and the home demand was never better. The he eight months ending with February. 899, to \$38,000,000 during the eight months nding with February, 1899, to \$38,000,000 during the eight months ending with February, 1960. For similar reasons the exports of chemicals increased \$9,000,000, raw silks \$10,000,000 and wool \$5,600,000, or more than louble the wool imports for the first eight nonths of 1899. These are all manufacturers' materials, and the marked increase shows that the manufacturers are not proesing to slow down during the presidential

They are planning to do business on a roader, more comprehensive scale than ever future because they consider it entirely safe to do so. The gold standard has been fixed by a law that cannot be repealed in cears, the gold supply of the country is mple and increasing rapidly, the fame of American products is spreading into every and, and under these circumstances the miness interests of the country feel that all military lines, discharged a private as hey can safely cast doubts to the winds well as a public obligation. Probably any nd leave the politicians to do their worst general would have signed that order in nills and the forges are going to be run ticular must have felt a personal gratificaat high pressure this year, no matter who tion in signing it for his own laureate, may be elected president. Capital and busiess never faced the future with more confi-

The effect of this business declaration f independence of the politicians cannot out be of the greatest benefit to every industry in the country, and it is to be hoped that the experience of a busy, prosperous people in a presidential year will put at end to business timidity in the face of future contests of a similar nature. With the importance of Omaha as a trade nothing that appeals to them. They see firmly established on sound principles, the worst possible president and congress can do little to unsettle values or cause business hesitation, and this fact once demonstrated in actual experience the presidential election business bogey will cease to frighten anybody at any time

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Ida M. Tarbell, the writer, says in the April Scribner's that the wickedness of the Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the Chicago philan thropist, would like to live to be a hundred Schools and colleges would be likely to en courage him if he could keep up to his pres

And now comes a report that the prune for their agent. He will be sent on all the growers are to form a combine. Women and men who affect a boarding house existence be expected to be asking themselve commend the steal, he will no doubt make whether this means more prunes or less. James Oliver, who is probably the riches fortune by saving from his salary of 5 In Finley county, Kansas, according to It is well for the delegates to under- Governor Stanley, there is only one pauper now maintained for that single inmat Here, clearly, is an opportunity for Mr

Through the operation of Boston's Sun day eigar law, people who wanted to smoke there last Sunday were compelled to buy land question. If the congress will confine receive the tobacce, eight or eighted as a The box of matches was taken along or left behind, at the purchaser's op-

Bryan to point out one of the growing cycle

The duke of Veragua, whose imperunicalty while in Chicago during the World's fair times will be remembered, is still in deep financial trouble, having been connected with the collapse of a company formed some years ago for the purpose of acclimatizing the Commercial club next Monday evencommercial growth of the country and figuring on furnishing planks for their made the catspaw of schemers who desire to short time before coming to this country.

The splendid industrial and commercial growth of the country and figuring on furnishing planks for their made the catspaw of schemers who desire to short time before coming to this country. bull fights in Paris. He is now in as bading. If you want the Ak-Sar-Ben show its financial soundness and high credit national platform, although they are use it for the furtherance of their questions. | as the guest of the United States govern-

Hon. Webster Davis of Kansas City, ex-

absistant secretary of the Interior, affirms

ing Lines in South Africa.

of the women of the republic to die fighting fiftes, most of whom showed remarkable is our coal product. ious to buy corn will only wait a few ing the eight months ending with Foirus the Boers in this country, recalls one chap- tow takes 1,200,000 tons of the sooty cargo months Nebraska will furnish them all say, articles of food formed 25.15 per cent for in the history of his adopted country to the mouth of the Mississippi. terials, including articles in a crude condi. Borr women and their ability to handle and by the new railroads recently reorganized tion, and articles wholly or partially manu- use a gun. The Boers were trekking in the into shape for business, and there is pracfactured for use in the mechanic arts, land of a savage tribe when they received tically no limit to the future development amounted to 45.52 per cent. Thus while overtures to attend a peace council, Be. of this "infant industry" of exporting soft emportations have materially increased, it tween 200 and 200 of the burghers went to coal. Germany cannot supply her own demay be said of them that practically one- the rendezveus. As they approached the mands. England is short of coal. Every It may become necessary for Uncle Sam half are materials for use in the factory, chief sent word that as an evidence of good step in colonial expansion and naval active to prop that door open in China with a few one-fourth for food and the other quar- faith he must ask the arms to be left be- ity and world-power rivalry means more hind. The Boers consented to this and coal consumption, and the only source of In other words, the people of the United States have so far diversified their crops welcome our white brethren, the chief bewarriors seized their clubs and brained the hold the key of the situation. mon. Two boys escaped and ran to give the alarm to a third party, consisting mainly of women and children. The women setzed arms, fortified the position and then ensued perhaps the fiercest battle in the long record of Boer warfare. Mr. White says that the Boor women are even more determined than the men in opposition to the British. He ways that the bloodiest fighting of the war is to be expected when the British columns is to be expected when the British columns enter the Transvani and the women of the country take the guns, with which all of them are familiar and loss of the smeking unusually fine cigars. them are familiar, and join the men in the

foreign governments and banks. Our finan-ciets have recently loaned money to Russia, and offered to take \$50,000,000 of the last Bettish loan, and there is 20,000,000 of the last exclaimed, "I'm done," and fell. The same exclaimed, "I'm done," and fell. The same Boer put a shot through Captain Fowler's hat and mortally wounded Lieutenant Pake-man of the Imperial Light Horse. Lieuten-aut Surgeon Hornibrook, the bubonic plague expert, introduced from India by the Trans-vaal government, who showed such conspicvaal government, who showed such conspic uous gallantry on several occasions during the earlier part of the campaign, was slightly wounded in two places, and his uniform was torn by Boer bullets in five other nous gallantry on several occasions during places. Captain Wales, attached to the volunteer staff, was hit in the leg. He got under cover and then put his leg up to prevent hemorrhage, and was shot in the same limb, neither wound, fortunately being of space that's the reason we can't live forlimb, neither wound, fortunately, being of evera serious nature.

In this latitude, where we are just breakng into spring, it is somewhat startling to be assured: 'The prospects of an early , ending of the war in South Africa are not so bright as they seemed a few days ago. African autumn, with the prospect of it lasting until midwinter, has seriously altered the British plans. No preparations had been made by the War office for a new control of the prospect of it.

Chicago News: "What is a library, pa?" "A library, Jimmy, is what a man has when he gets together an awful lot of books that he never has time to read." made by the War office for a winter campaign, and the cold weather equipment of the troops is only now going out. heavy autumn rains have turned the country into a quagmire. The horses are exhausted and the heavy guns have moved scarcely a mile daily."

Private Wicks of the Second West Yorkshire regiment writes home: "You meet a stretcher, and on it an object with only the semblance of humanity, having perhaps lost an arm or leg or bearing traces of a imports of hides to be worked up into leather, boots and shoes and other leather figured beyond recognition, sometimes with products increased from \$24,000,000 during a gaping wound in the body. Some will sing and others talk of those they have left be hind in their delirium. Oh, yes, there is a great deal of glory in war! It looks all right in history books for children to read. but for men of understanding there is more 'gory' than 'glory' in modern warfare.'

Colonel Robert George Kekewich of the First Loyal North Lancashire regiment, whose gallant defense of Kimberley ranks only second to that of Mafeking by Baden-Powell, is a soldier of great repute as a fighting man and skillful commander. Born n 1854, he entered the One Hundred and Second Foot from the militia in 1874, was before, their plans reaching far into the transferred to the Royal Inniskilling Fusilers as major in 1890, and afterward apcointed lieutenant colonel, commanding his present regiment in Ceylon in 1898. His men have a great affection for him.

An English paper says that Lord Roberts a giving Rudyard Kipling a pass through their best, as the result may prove. The favor of Mr. Kipling; but "Bobs" in par-

IS IT TO BE KING COAL! Europe Making Large Drafts on Uncle

Sam's Pile. New York World, The old saying that "cotton is king" went the reports, frequently mentioned in dis- out of favor years ago, and in the corn belt patches from the Transvaal, of the readiness of this country there is a firm belief that vorn in king." If this belief is true King with their fathers, husbands and brothers. Corn will do well to look to it that his During his visit to Pretoria Davis saw com- crown is on straight, or it may fall off. panies of women diligently practicing with The new claimant for the kingship of trade

proficiency in shooting at a target. The The initial sale of a little lot of 2,000,000 impression he gained was that the women tons of Alabama coal to Europe via New Or were determined to fight in defense of the leans is merely the first trickle of a stream city. Montague White, representative of in its natural bed. At Pittsburg a single illustrating the determined character of ern seaboard will get its share of the trade

CHEERY CHAFF.

Detroit Free Press: "How amiable your "Yes, we never object to anything he wants to do."

Chicago Tribune: "Maria, where are the

"In the other room."
"Well send them out of the house. I am going to pull that porous plaster off my back."

Detroit Free Press: He-Will you be A correspondent of the London News arrange it so that each of us will be ours? Does he live in your neighborhood?"

Indianapolis Press: Weary Watkins-Pard-

Detroit Journal: Still the war cloud low-red angrily over South Africa.
"What does it portend?" we asked.

anxiously,
"Reign!" answered the Genius of the
Anglo-Saxon Race, in all confidence.
With modern appliances the end was able
to justify a great many means.

THE SUMMER WAIST.

New York Sun. Now doth the Pestivo Summer waist appear upon

In every shade
From white to red, and
Hundreds in between;
t dazzleth every manly eye,
nd stretcheth
Yerv nock very neck, ad maketh am'rous fellows aste to follow her beck, down the street in glad array ir Doris lightly trips, vision rare rom ankle neat to Dainty finger-tips; And there are Hosts of others—all most Gleefully parade, With some in stripes And some in plaids and some checks arrayed. And some are silken, some Are wool, some linen, Some pique.
And een the flannel and
Nearsilk are seen.
In the array:
And some do blaze like
Coals of fire, while some are Coals of life, while some Coals of life, while some Coals of Verlant quite. And every shade of Yellow, brown, blue, red, green, is in sight. And thus, when warming zephyrs Kiss the early-leafing Tree, the stricts Become kaleidoscapes

of feministy;
And marvel of all marvels' Each
Bright damsel feels that she
Doth wear by far the
Swellest walst That company!
All maidens love the
Summer waist, the waist of
Giddy hue; and
Laddles love to love the maids, who
Love this loving, too!
So here a toast a morry too. here's a toast, a merry toast, maidens sweet, encased thin the Gay, alluring, neat and giddy Summer waist!



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