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China has now become the international news center.

The international contribution box for the suppression of the Boxers will now

Chinese eyes may be cut bias, but the latest returns indicate they look straight over a gun barrel.

A few flooded cellars cut no figure when the rain is the saving clause for a bumper corn crop for the farmer.

wandering around loose remember it is cient to warrant it and may confidently to principle as exemplified by the occasions since that time the people of Neside of the street.

General Deficiency of the Weather bureau has received a great setback, but General Prosperity is feeling pretty good over the outlook.

The prohibition candidate for president is to receive the official notification Friday. How unlucky!

Unless more signs of harmony protroduce a resolution of inquiry.

on the speculators who sold short last ruined by heat and dry weather.

American athletes in Paris cleaned the platter in most of the events for which they entered. Americans can

Bryan should not mistake the flood which rushed down Salt creek for the tide which will carry him into the White House. He is bound up the creek.

Scarcely a fusion paper comments on the renomination of Poynter without apologizing for his mistakes and promising that he will not repeat them if reelected.

The fusion campaign committee is likely to meet with a frost if it comes around the state house while the incumbents are busy nursing damaged ambitions.

When the Europeans look over their share of winnings in the international athletic contest at Paris they will come to the conclusion there are giants over on this side of the water.

Omaha will not only welcome all the jobbing houses that may establish of events since that time has proved Towne has been wiped off the political so absolutely. No other party ever made themselves here, but it will also assure them a trade territory covering the richest corn belt in the world.

Spain may thank the United States that it has not the important interests to look after and protect in the Orient that it ence had and need not be so deeply concerned in China's troubles.

The Chinese in this country are in no danger on account of the troubles in the Orient. It is those at home in China who will be in danger if the civilized world is stirred to action by the uncalled-for atrocities.

Why not have the democratic national beadquarters at Lincoln? Bryan is the absolute dictator of everything democratic and the location of the headquarters at his home would save loss of time and heavy telegraph bills,

When South Omaha taxpayers con-Omaha before the census was taken.

THE CHINESE ATROCITIES.

The latest news from China to which onfidence can be given is to the effect that every foreigner in the disturbed districts has been killed. Most distressing of all, it is the final overthrow of the last hope for the safety of the legations at Pekin, which, according to credible information, have all been destroyed and ambassadors and attaches included in the number on whom the Boxers have wreaked their vengeance. While the details of the bloodthirsty uprising are lacking, it is apparent from what has been disclosed that a most brutal been pursued and the worst imaginable atrocities perpetrated by the revolutionary element, who have not knowingly spared from death a single Christian within the boundaries of the territory under its control. This appalling condition of affairs nat-

urally appeals directly to the heart of the whole civilized world and makes demand upon every nation to do its part to fix the responsibility for the outbreak ment that has most nearly met the want and exact the penalty from the guilty ones. The far-reaching results of forcible interference by the allied powers cannot be definitely foreseen, though so the end to be the cheapest. far as the United States is concerned its position has already been defined. This country covets no Chinese territory, but it insists on the enforcement of its treaty provisions. Its commercial interests require the maintenance of the ing and protection by reason of that 27,250 has announced its intention to fix the not lie in the market advantage, "but bility in a manner that will exact assur- ties." ance against possible repetition.

The duty devolves upon the powers at the Chinese dominion.

Pekin has produced a shock from which | friendly terms. our people will not soon recover, we may expect decisive action on the part of the authorities at Washington as soon as they are in possession of facts suffi. Nebraska democrats for their devotion gave me about 13,000 plurality and on three held the national honor and avenge the injury we have suffered. .

WHY SHOULD THEY RETURN!

The Chicago Chronicle, which bolted the nomination of Bryan in 1806 because it could not swallow 16 to 1 repudiation, baying now reinstated itself in line with of his nomination at Chicago next democracy, is trying its best to persuade the gold democrats for whom it spoke four years ago that they have nothing to gain by again standing up for principle trude in South Dakota fusion ranks in 1900. Referring to the declaration of Senator Pettigrew will be forced to in- ex-Governor Waller of Connecticut that he was a democrat and a bolter in 1896 and that as the situation has not Nebraska cornfields have the laugh changed he is a democrat and a bolter still, the Chronicle asserts that the situweek in the belief that the crop was ation has changed and that the gold democrats should disguise their convictions of 1896 for the sake of party success in 1900.

But how has the situation changed with reference to 16 to 1 free silver exteach Europeans in more ways than cept against that fallacy? All the predictions of dire calamity made by Bryan and his followers during the last presidential campaign as sure to follow a continuance of the gold standard have failed lamentably.

In 1896 Bryan insisted that the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any other nation was not only the paramount issue, but that it would have to be settled before any other issue could claim consideration. The great crime of 1873 was done it was useless to attempt any other reform. Even today Bryan's position requiring a specific reaffirmation of the old discredited issue-of 1896 rests on his persistence that he was right in 1896, while to su- fusionists for Nebraska has an underbordinate silver now would be a confes-

sion that he was wrong. If Bryan will not admit now that he was wrong in 1896 why should he exwrong, especially when the succession incontrovertibly that they were right? map. If Bryan sticks to 16 to 1 for fear he would lose confidence by trimming, how can he ask those who opposed 16 to 1 in 1896 to stultify themselves and forfeit their self-respect by trimming for his

benefit in 1900? Every man who bolted Bryan in 1896 and returns to his support in 1900 discredits the sincerity and patriotism of his action four years ago.

EXPERIMENTS WITH PAVING MATERIAL Experiments with brick pavement have not proved a success in the city of Chicago. The conclusions reached by the street commissioner there is that

the best brick obtainable does not make

satisfactory paving material. "Unless each separate brick is inspected and subjected to tests," says this official, "no one can tell whether they will meet the requirements or not. The testing of one or two bricks out of a thousand does not prove the entire template the levy made necessary by lot as it does in the case of granite the inadequate assessment of property blocks or asphalt in bulk. Even when they will wish they had responded to each brick is subjected to inspection and the invitation for consolidation with test, defects cannot be discovered with their level best to sidetrack 16 to 1 by

bad bricks in an otherwise good pave-

street surface." The conclusions reached by the Chicago street commissioner are in accord with the experience with brick pavements of this city and in every city where such paving material has been tried. The only advantage of the brick payement is its cheapness of first cost. Unlike wooden block, which rots out in a few years, brick will endure where not put to severe use by heavy traffic. When the bricks are of home manuand barbarous system of outrage has facture there is also the advantage of providing increased demand for local labor.

In the long run, however, the brick payement deteriorates and crumbles unless kept in constant repair and the saving in first cost is counter-balanced by the discomfort and cost of maintenance. While all the principal cities of the world are still experimenting chickens crow for day at 1:30 a. m. with paving materials the only paveof cleanliness, healthfulness and comfort is the asphalt surface. In this respect the dearest commodity proves in

RECIPROCITY WITH GERMANY. A few days ago there was signed at Washington a reciprocity agreement berights under the law of nations and its tween the United States and Germany, negotiated under the fourth section of the Dingley act. A dispatch from Beropen door, not a territorial foothold. A lin states that this result of the proconsiderable number of the massacred longed negotiations has had a good fact. The United States has a right and paper remarks that its importance does

While it is true that the concessions made in this agreement may not very once to see that the revolutionary out- materially benefit trade between the two laws are put down and punished. If the countries, it is possible that it will present Chinese government is unable prove to be a step toward a larger to meet its responsibilities the govern- measure of reciprocity. The fourth secment may have to be reorganized and tion of the Dingley tariff law is of bility that in carrying out such a pro- erably beyond it, but there are difficulscale greater than any that has taken of closer commercial relations between place in the last quarter century. In the two countries and if it shall have any such land-grabbing scheme the the effect of "fastening friendly ties" tect its interests in the Philippines and feeling of friendship already between years in the eyes of the world. to insure safety and equal treatment the governments of Germany and the commercially for its citizens throughout United States and it is most desirable that it shall be fostered and strength-While the confirmation of the reported ened, for there is every reason why the loss of the Americans at the legation in two nations should be on the most

however, is thinly velled over the quest propositions suggested to the demobe allowed the entire state ticket on last year and retained it again. The atticondition that they relinquish all claim to possible federal patronage. The tripartite meeting was merely a contention for a division of the loaves and fishes and nothing else.

with more earnestness than before, of favorable than they were in 1896. large Boer immigration to the United States when the South African war reached its termination. The United States has served ever since its foundation as a haven for those of other nations anxious to better their condition. The door of the United States is open to all who give promise of making good find nowhere else in the world so inviting a place to carve his fortune as in the half of our country.

Our amiable popocratic contemporary insists that a lot of administration whole list. Oregon's republican plurality organs are working overtime to forget in 1900 is 12,000, against 2,000 in 1898. the pretty things they once said about Webster Davis. They will not have to work half as much overtime, however, as will democratic organs to forget a few of the mean things they used to say about this same individual. What is more to the point, no matter how was to be avenged first, and until that many bequets the democratic organs may throw to him, as a matter of fact World, the one friendly and the other not they despise the turncoat and are disgusted with the man.

The electoral ticket put up by the to be cast for the former partner of as a candidate if it were left out. Grover Cleveland for the vice presipect the gold democrats who bolted his dency instead of for Towne, the populist named first by the populists Mr.

> Nebraska churches are raising mortgages almost as easy as Nebraska farmers are raising corn. The churches would hardly be able to lift their debts, however, unless their members were enjoying prosperity which warrants them in responding liberally to the call for contributions. Another term of Mc-Kinley prosperity will put all our churches on a cash basis.

> The nominee for attorney general on the fusion ticket in Nebraska gives it out that his sole ambition is to make the same record in case he is elected as has the present incumbent. What stronger bid for support from the trusts and corporations could be make?

> The only safe census figures for Omaha to count on will be those given out officially by the census authorities at Washington. Fake guesses that overshoot the mark will only burt the

The democratic leaders are trying out the destruction of the brick. A few brandishing imperialism as the para-

mount issue. This is hardly fair to ment, unless promptly replaced, will Colonel Bryan, who has all the time quickly cause extensive damage to the been declaring that until the gold standard was annihilated no other question could command attention.

> Perish the Thought St. Louis Republ Can it be that the heathen Chinese suspect the gentle Christian nations of cherishing designs to steal their native land from under their very feet?

> > Prosperity as a Keynote. Globe-Democrat

A party that promises prosperity and demagogues particularly despise. Somehow a withering denunciation of good times falls to produce enthusiasm. Characteristics of Shanghai

Louisville Courier-Journal.

Punishment Fits the Crime Washington Post. We are not quite prepared to coincide with the editor of the Omaha Svenska Journalen, who declares "Ignatius Donnelly har mer an en tilldragit sig uppmarkshamhet genom sin goda talformaga" Yet, looking at the matter from an unprejudiced standpoint, we must confess that Mr. Donnelly has needlessly laid himself liable.

American Skill Again Triumphs.

Louisville Courier-Journal Another victory for American mechanics is recorded in an initial order taken by a ple, of the kind so common in this counforeigners, however, were American cit- effect there, especially for the reason Swiss and German watchmaking concerns, their friends at more or less elaborate izens, who were entitled to safeguard. that no special concessions were exacted Hitherto the Argentine market has been supfrom Germany, and a semi-official news. plied from Europe, but the astonishing mechanical skill of our people has triumphed in quality and cheapness. Even in Paris, where the American watch must nav a duty 792,635 responsibility for the violence inflicted in the recoining of the reciprocity prin- of 50 cents, where the Swiss watch is taxed on its citizens and to enforce accounta- ciple and in the fastening of friendly only 15 cents, the American watch can be sold 10 per cent cheaper.

> Republican Principles Condensed. New York Sun

standard. dentally, we have the ever-present possi- governments are disposed to go consid- and to the people the destruction of their prosperity.

III. No policy of scuttle in the Philippines. gram the powers may themselves fall ties in the way which at present are No evasion of the duties which are ours in called in when marriage is desired for a nominee and the endorsement of Stevenson apart over conflicting interests and pre- perhaps insurmountable. What has that quarter of the globe. No retreat of the child of the house, especially if no suitable cipitate an international struggle upon a been accomplished is in the direction flag that means civilization, justice and lib- alliance with a friend's child is possible. erty for all whom it covers.

IV. No wavering, no turning aside, no reinternational obligations in China or else-United States could have no part the people of both nations are to be where. No surrender of the prestige this with their solemnization, further than as already declared, to pro- congratulated. There is a very cordial republic has won during the last three V. The republican party can be trusted if all omens are favorable to the marby the American people.

> ASSERTIONS MEASURED BY FACTS. Brynnism a Waning Political Force in the West.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In a speech at the hodge-podge political by the popocratic organs lauding the of Nebraska that "Four years ago the state populist allies. Devotion to principle, hold Nepraska in line on the state ticket, but the republicans have regained the legisfor spoils. One of the compromise lature and a seat in the senate. The death of the republican senator elected opened the way to the appointment of Populist Allen. cratic convention was that the populists Bryan stumped Nebraska from end to end

of Nebraska is his personal triumph and not a victory of his principles. His candidacy alone has kept the state from returning to republicanism. In speaking of what has happened since 1896 he wisely refrains from mentioning any other state. There is nothing to support his assertion Talk is being renewed, apparently that the conditions for his party are more Kansas dropped out of the populist col-

on governor of 15,870 and making a splen- bridegroom lifts her veil and sees for the did gain in congressmen. The state of first time the face of his bride. Washington followed the example in the same year, the republican plurality reaching unites them. Together they kneel before Boer forces would not attempt to repeat 7.459. 1898 by 1,394 plurality. South Dakota pre- the shrine of their ancestors and burn insents a remarkable change. Its republican cense and candles. plurality last year was no less than 5,609. salutation to the bridegroom's parents and desperate enemy will doubtless seize every American citizens, and the Boer could Kentucky went republican last year by 2,383 receive their blessing. There is no exchange opportunity to induce the British to offer plurality in spite of wholesale stealing at of words upon the part of the young people. the polls. By omitting all mention of silver They would not be so bold. undeveloped sections of the western in the platform the democrats carried Maryland last fall by 12,123. These are the transfers of the states from one column to into the world her first born son is the earlier in the war. At the present time the other since 1896 and as long as Bryan crowning day of her life. Because a son is however, it has considerable importance, be refers to this subject he should present the legally and morally bound to support his cause it implies that the Boers under Gen These figures are something more than a straw. They are a signboard that nobody by the Chinese than are female children. In took place only eighteen miles from Precan mistake.

UNPARALLELED EXHIBITION.

Bryan's Despotie Power Over the Democratic Party.

Brooklyn Eagle (ind. dem.) The New York Journal and the New York unfriendly to Mr. Bryan, agree in saying that three-fourths of the delegates at Kansas City wanted 16 to 1 left out of the platform." They further agree in saying that it was put in, with absolute unanimity, against the wishes and convictions of three-fourths of standing that if successful the votes of the delegates, on the personal insistence this state in the electoral college are of Mr. Bryan and on his threat to withdraw

Whether this measures the dominancy of a man or the pusillanimity of a convention. or both, it is a very remarkable fact in the nomination then to admit that they were nominee. Because he happened to be world. No nomines ever had so much power over a party or, if he did, ever exercised it so utter and abject a surrender of its convictions to a man. It paralyzes all precedents of despotism and submission. It can be explained only by confidence in the infalibility of Mr. Bryan or by such a degradation and decadence of spirit, amount ing to degeneration, in a party as never

before was exhibited. The effect of Bryanism on democracy in four years is suggestive. There was only one candidate for the presidency in the party at Kansas City. The idea that any other democrat in the United States was to be considered with reference to the nomination obtained nowhere. A more lamentable destitution of presidential capacity in a political party could not be conceived.. A more complete displacement of statesmen from consideration could not be imagined A more mortifying confession of the reduction of the party to a Thespian dreamer,

who is also a fanatical egotist, could not be registered. When the sober sense of the quiet people of the United States is brought to bear upon this situation the effect should be educational. There never was anything like it before in politics. There should never be anything like it again. The organization which nominated Mr. Bryan, in the way and on the terms which he prescribed, has done much to impair belief in its capability for government. The evidence of what he has done with a party furnishes an index to what he would do with the government. It should make his investiture with the presi-

dency impossible.

CHINA AND THE CHINESE.

Sketches of Coursey and People Now Commanding World's Attention. Minister Wu Ting Fang, the distinguished representative of the Chinese government to the United States, contributes to Collier's Weekly an instructive sketch of his countrymen and their social customs. Peculiar interest attaches to the article at the present time, both on account of the eminence of the author and the internal trouble that convulses the empire and threatens the peace of the world.

"In comparing the social customs of China with those of the United States," writes redeems the pledge is something that Minister Wu, "one is strongly impressed with the peculiar features of a Chinese community, which are so different from those seen in an American or European city. In every important town, in addition to the patrol of soldiers who do the police give-nothing. Shanghal, China, is estimated to have duty, private watchmen are employed. "The streets are usually not large and 80,000 inhabitants, of whom 379,000 are are often spanned by forbidding gates. liars and nearly 1,000 are deaf mutes. This is why the reports from Shanghai are re- At 10 o'clock these are locked up for the ceived with caution. In Shanghat the night and the homeward way of the belated diner-out is beset with difficulties.

"Conservative as my people are, it is easy to understand that they are content to keep on, day after day, at their accustomed tasks, with no impatience at their monotony. They are devoid of any craving for excitement. Working year in and year out, without even a weekly rest such as that taken by Sunday observers the world over, they seldom seem to realize the need or the charm of social relaxation. When they do come together for mutual entertainment the company is always small. A social 'function,' with its crush of peo-New York firm for 25,000 cheap watches to try, would never appeal to a Chinaman be shipped to the Argentine Republic, the as entertaining or relaxing. The Chinese order being secured in competition with of the upper classes frequently entertain covers are laid for only eight people. Conversation can then be general.

"Some of the most striking differences tween the social customs of China and the United States are apparent in the various rites and ceremonies connected with the great events of marriage, birth and death. Among my people the choice of a partner I. No free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. No for life is always left to the parents of while the silver republicans were given debasement of the currency or repudiation of the bridal pair. They have the interest the nation's promises to its creditors. No and welfare of their children at heart and relaxation of vigilance in defense of the gold act with the judgment and wisdom that standing the recognition given the men who only mature years can bring. The en-II. No return to a tariff which brings to gagement is usually made when the young cratic party has been notified that its days of forced to perform its obligations. Inci- rather limited scope and doubtless both the government deficiencies in its revenue people are in their early teens-in many

cases when they are much younger. "In some sections of the country the assistance of a professional match-maker is withdrawal of Towne as a vice presidential

"Chineso women generally are superstitious, and, as the marriages are always braska politics. With populism in the treat, in the fulfillment of our national or negotiated by women, it is natural that saddle in Nebraska the issue between the superstitious practices should be connected

joss house also and ask advice of the idol. riage the engagement takes place,

days. On the day previous to the marriage with the assistance of the allied powers. the girl's parents send her dowry to the home of the bridegroom. If she is rich, it will consist of a great variety of costly the early termination of hostilities than A great deal of space is being wasted gathering at Lincoln Mr. Bryan remarked articles, including household furniture, clothing and precious jewelry. Early on pels him to resume the old and disagreeable the day of the wedding the parents of the bridegroom send a bridal chair to bring the characteristic malignity the Boers evidently bride to their home. It is usually a very mean to delay the conferring of that dukethe part of wisdom to take the other rely on President McKinley and his adside of the street.

Street to wandering around loose remember it is clear to wandering around loose remember it is declared their adherence to the political principles for which I have been for the day. Musicians accompany it and
visers to omit nothing required to upthe matchmakers follow, bringing more pres-

ents. "Arrived at the home of the bride, there is usually at this functure a long pause in the proceedings. The bride is in tears and makes a great show of reluctance at the thought of leaving her home and her parents. Frequently six or seven hours pass before she will consent to let her maids adorn her in the bridal robes and headdress sent her by the bridegroom's parents.

"At last she gets into her chair and is borne away from her old home. Her brothers follow her in sedan chairs to the house of the bridegroom. The bridegroom, in gorgeous dress, comes out to meet her. He bows, he opens the door of her chair. One of her maids comes up and carries her ima in 1838, giving a republican plurality on her back into the house. There the garrison at Nitral's nek almost within

Wyoming also went republican in the altar of their unknown god and before some of the gallant exploits which en-

"The day when a Chinese woman brings acknowledgment of the announcement the

fore the body is cold. It is a piteous sight to see his children throwing themselves prostrate on the ground, beating their breasts and tearing their hair. They will neither sit on chairs nor lie on cushions. They discard their silken robes and don white garments made of the coarsest hemp. They fast and pray and keep watch over the dead body.

"The funeral frequently does not occur until two or three weeks after death, but the body lies all this time in state in its handsome coffin. Rich Chinese are very particular about the good quality of the wood for their coffins, often having them made years before there is any probability of their being needed. It is well known that some distinguished high officials are in the habit of carrying their coffins around with them in their travels.

"The graves of the dead are carefully tended by the living. Every year, at about Easter time, men of all classes over the empire ask leave to go and visit their graves. They take with them votive candles and firecrackers, meat and wine. A libation of wine is poured on the ground, and the spirit

of the dead rests satisfied. "There are several public fastivals during the year, when the Chinese join hands in general rejoicing. They bunch their holidays together and take a month off about New Year's time. The shops are closed and the streets given over to carnival sights. Houses are gayly decorated, people are clad in holiday attire, and there is an overabundance of eating, drinking, gambling, juggling and drum beating. Elaborate dis plays of fireworks are a feature of that festive month.

Speculating on the Corn Crop.

Philadelphia Ledger. The corn crop of the United States year covers 1,200,000 acres more than it did last year, yet this great territory is only 1.5 per cent of the whole area covered by America's representative crop. It is in excellent condition, too, especially in the states west of the Mississippi, where it is far above the average. The supply of this excellent grain will help to make good the deficiency in wheat, which shows a serious falling off. SPURNED AT THE PIE COUNTER.

Indianapolis Journal: In Nebraska the lemocratic party is a very inconsequential tail to the populist kite. In 1892 the democrats cast only 24,943 votes in the state to 83,134 by the populists. In 1896 Bryan received 116,000 votes, showing that his support was about four-fifth populist to one fifth democratic. This is just about the proportion of his politics.

Philadelphia Record: In the apportion ment of state nominations by the Nebraska fusionists the democrats were offered one place on the ticket and were finally highly contented with two. All the rest, except a small sop to the silver republicans, went to the lusty, leather-lunged populists, who hold the whip hand over Mr. Bryan's state. Where invested with political power your western populist can give even wily Mari Hanna points in the game of take-all-and-

Philadelphia Ledger: In Nebraska Bryan's own state, they have taken four electors and conceded three to the democrats and one to the silver republicans, while on the state ticket they have secured every place but two, leaving the democrats and the silver republicans one each. This same spirit pervades Kansas. Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota and probably all of the western states. The populists not only demand the lion's share of the state offices. but they demand the retention of Towne on the ticket, on the ground that many of their voters are former republicans and will not support a democrat for vice president. Indianapolis News: The state ticket in

Nebraska, for which the allied parties-the lemocratic, populist and silver republicanwill vote next November, consists of five populists, one silver republican and one lemocrat. There is to be a division of electors. How many of these the democrats will get is not stated. Such is fusion in Nebraska. To the democrats of Indiana this will appear much more like absorption than fusion. And, indeed, that is what it is. The Nebraska populists were unwilling to yield anything. They did not even consent to the withdrawal of Towne. Fearing a split, the democrats surrendered and the result is that there is practically no democratic party in Nebraska.

Chicago Times-Herald: Out of seven nominations made for state offices the populists secured five, including the two most important offices of governor and treasurer. consolation prize in the shape of the nomination for lieutenant governor. Notwithnominated Bryan at Kansas City, the demousefulness are past in Nebraska and that it s expected to go out of business after this fall. The long wrangle over the proposed showed the defiant and unyielding attitude

of the populists. They will no longer concede that the democracy is a factor in Neparty of rotten money and repudiation and the party of sound money and national "The superstitious sometimes go to the progress can be sharply drawn.

BOERING AT NITRAL'S NEK. Detroit Free Press: The Boers have again demonstrated what an attacking force "The wedding festivities usually last three is able to accomplish when not burdened Chicago Chroicle: Lord Roberts no sooner takes his pen in hand to announce

something like the Nitral's nek affair com-"I-regret-to-state" style of diction. dom as long as possible. Springfield Republican: The "pacifica-

tion" of the Transvaal, like most jobs of the kind, is proving more difficult than had been expected. Between the considerable British reverses of Wednesday and the black outlook in China, British consols fell yesterday to lower figures than have been reached since the early days of the South African war. Lots of fight appears to be still left in the Boere, and the worst of it s that it ties England's hands against her playing a conspicuous part in the anti Chinese demonstration.

Philadelphia Record: Great Britain ap pears to be less able to bear war reverses nationally now than when the war in South Africa was but a record of Boer victories Undoubtedly the capture of the British sight of Pretoria, was calculated to hurt the pride of the Britishers; but the latter "No priest conducts the ceremony which are to blame in supposing that the mobile trapped their blundering adversaries e) Humbly they make often in the early months of the war. The

as liberal terms of peace as possible. Buffalo Express: The British disaster at Nitral's nek would not have been regarded as of especial significance if it had occurred parents in old age, whereas a daughter be- eral Botha have not lost heart completely, comes on her marriage day a member of an- but, on the contrary, are still full of the other family, male children are more desired fighting spirit. The fact that the affair toria, at a point to the west of the line befriends send the child costly presents ex- tween that city and Johannesburg. In a secpressive of their wishes for longevity and tion which should be well in the control of the invaders by this time, implies a degree of boldness on the part of the Boers' offi-"Death is met in China with a great wail cers that must be somewhat discouraging of protest. The dead man's house is filled to Lord Roberts. Commandant Grobler, with the sound of noisy weeping almost be- who directed the federal troops at Nitral's nek, is said to have had four guns with him. The willingness to move, thus encumbered, so close to the British headquarters, says a good deal for the determination by which the Boers are possessed.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Colonel Henry Watterson sets George Fred Williams down as "a premium idiot." Ten to three is the New York rate of beting on the election of McKinley and Roose-

morning gear,
And life may be extended—oh, woman, do
you hear? The Payerweather will has been sustained by another court, but the lawyers are still hopeful. General Ma is reported to have defeated

the allies and occupied the Tien Tsin arsenal. But what is Pa doing? General Cronje, on hearing of the capture of Pretoria, is reported to have remarked, 'It had to end so. I saw it from the first

and I think we all did."

The Topeka State Journal says that ex-Governor John Leedy of Kansas is a victim of the zinc mining boom. He invested all he had in a Joplin venture, and comes out of it with some considerable experience and no money. He is now willing to take any sort of a job that will pay him \$50 a month After long delay the Treasury department has decided that tips to sleeping car porters are legitimate expenses. A contract army nurse who traveled from San Francisco to Brooklyn put in a bill of 50 cents for such

expenditure and it has finally been allowed.

If the sum charged for was all the nurse

paid in that long trip the rates have shrunk

considerably Since China's war with Japan British firms have sold to the Celestial empire seventy-one pieces of heavy ordnance, 123 field guns and 297 machine guns, while German firms have supplied 460,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition. British, German and Russian army officers have earned good wages in teaching the Chinese how to use these things. Had it not been for all this magnificent "extension of trade" the foreigners in the Flowery

Kingdom would not now be in such dir

straits.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT'S TACT.

How He Induced the Executive of Oklahoma to Think Twice.

Chicago Tribune. The unpleasant incident at the Rough Riders' celebration in Oklahoma, in which Governor Barnes made himself ridiculous, llustrates Governor Roosevelt's tact and ability to adapt himself to any situation. The enemies of the New York governor are in the habit of criticising his brusqueness, impulsive moods and irascible disposition, and affect to doubt whether such a combination of qualities comports with the dignity and seriousness of the vice presidential The Oklahoma incident was a trivial

enough affair, but no one would have blamed Roosevelt if it had made him fighting mad, especially as it was only necessary for him to have given the signal to his Rough Riders and they would have lasspeed Governor Barnes and his pempous staff and carried them out of the territory at their saddle bows, besides making it un pleasant for the militia if it had interfered. The conduct of the Oklahoma governor was also insulting to Roosevelt. He had furnished the horses and equipments to the Rough Riders, and if there were not enough left to accommodate his staff with mounts that was his own fault. Instead of requiring his fussy staff to get horses for themselves he sent a militia company with orders to arrest the Rough Riders and their leader if they did not give up the requisite num ber of horses. The Rough Riders would have liked to settle it then and there with the militia, but "Teddy" was equal to the occasion. With his significant smile be leaned over his saddle bow and said to the militia captain: "Please go back to Governor Barnes and say to him that if, after quietly thinking it over, he deems it best to seize our saddles and horses, well and good, but he must take them all and not a part, and he need not send a file of soldiers for them, one man will do." The stilly governor quietly thought it over, the staff was left to get its own outfit, as it should have done in the first place, and the Rough Riders' frolics began.

And this suggests the question. What is it that makes governors' staffs so fuesy and pompous and peacocky? The individual nembers in private life are plain "butchers, bakers, and candlestick makers," reasonable in their conduct, and not easily distinguishable from their fellow beinge. The moment they get into the staff toggery, however, and become resplendent with gold lace and tinsel they seem to suffer "a sea change into something rich and strange." It is the same in Illinois as in Oklahoma. Probably it is the same in every state. Fortunately the occasions are rare when the staffs are on exhibition. If more frequent, the complacency and vanity of these superior beings would become oppressive. It was much that way in Oklahoma. Fortunately the Rough Riders, who are not much given to gold lace or dignity, but are swift and alert in action, were saved the opportunity of solving the problem by the tact of Roosevelt.

LAUGHING MATTER.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What did her father say?"
"He said he couldn't understand why I came to him—all his property was in his wife's name."

Philadelphia Times: Is the trust busi-ness going to the dogs? The sausage-makers of New York have formed one.

Boston Transcript: Fuddy-They have a deal to say about the "brotherhood of man," and yet wars and rumors of wars man." and yet wars and rumors of wars continue. Duddy—That's all right. There always has been more or less fighting in families.

Indianapolis Journal: "Ma, haven't we got an old door plate or an old brass knocker somewhere around the house?"
"What do you want with it, daughter?" ning gimerack to wear on the back of my

Pittsburg Chronicle: "How muddy the irinking water is!" said Mr. Pitt.
"It leaves a dark brown taste in the mouth," added Mr. Penn. Chicago News: She-Our neighbors are

dreadfully reserved.

He—Yes?
She—Yes, we've had our new hatrack two days now and not a soul of them has been over to see how much it cost!

Detroit Free Press: "The sultan of Turkey wishes to celebrate the twenty-offth anniversary of his succession to the throne by a gorgeous jubilee," said Fosdick.
"But if he wishes to create a genuine sensation he ought to pay his debts," said Keedick.

Washington Star: "The theater owes a great deal to the Shakespearean drama," said the gill with the dark glasses and the pensive expression. "Yes," answered the roung man with wide ears; "some of the best burlesques I ever saw were on 'Hamlet' and 'Romeo and Juliet."

Philadelphia Press: "Am I addressing the head of the house?" asked the tramp with a gesture of extreme deference. "Well," said the Boston woman. "It can scarcely be termed an address. I doubt if you will care to complete even your exordium." Thereupon the door seemed actually to freeze shut.

OH, WOMAN, DO YOU HEAR!

Chicago News crew of men prolific in all microbes that Have sounded loud the warning against the long-skirt germ; Have said if they go trailing flerce plagues And swoop in every household-Oh, woman, do you hear?

In streets that line with shopping the

Through that vast moving army—the ba-cilli brigade;
And when you reach a crossing without a doubt you steer
Through tiny moving millions—oh, woman, do you hear The army of the microbe camps in the paving dirt.

To rise and sweep like phantom bats to every passing skirt:

To congregate in millions, and who can interfere

And halt an unseen army-oh, woman, do Thus warn the great professors who stand And point out your salvation—the abbre-viated skirt;

Go out and shop in sunshine in a rainy-

Been Talking

A good deal about the dangers of doing without glasses when they are needed-but we have not said much about the evils of wearing misfit glasses. The person with glasses that do not fit him perfectly is in just as bad condition as the one who doesn't wear any at all. If you are wearing glasses and find that your eyes tire

easily, you need your glasses changed.

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