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Notary Public.

It is 1901.

Happy New Year!

Have you sworn off? If not, why not?

The new-born century starts as a lusty Infant.

The weather man is giving the new century a cold deal.

If \$25,000 will not catch the Cudahy kidnapers, it is hardly likely that \$35,-000 will. Lord Kitchener's code word for "I

regret to report" will answer just as well in the new century as in the old. Good morning, Mr. Legislature! The

Bee wishes you a busy season and hopes your labors may be valuable to the state.

If the winds are tempered to the shorn lamb Nebraska popocrats have a right to predict fair weather, with rising temperature.

It must be the same people who saw visions of the Hon. Pat Crowe every time they round a sharp corner.

Spain will celebrate the coming of the Such events are entirely too common in that country to fit the occasion.

Lord Kitchener regrets to report that it may take yet another Christmas to furnish that much sought dinner in celebration of the end of the Boer war.

Count Tolstoi is to write a new play called "The Resurrection." It is rumored that the plot is founded on the recent attempts to galvanize the democratic corpse.

The threadbare controversy over the exact ending of the century is now a closed incident which will not be reopened until the twenty-first century heaves into sight.

If it is true that the mosquito is the recreant who carries disease germs from victim to victim he should be promptly brought to account for damages under the law of common carriers.

Not knowing what else to do, China has accepted the joint note. To use a terms after negotiations have been enslang, yet forcible, expression, China tered upon. discovered that it was up against it and simply had to come to time.

lowed.

Here's hoping that the twentieth cen tury will prosper Uncle Sam as much as the nineteenth and, if it would not disarrange plans too much, there are a few wars that might be omitted.

"Farewell, a long farewell to all my greatness! Had I but served the people with haif the zeal I have served my party I might have been elected for another term."-Lament of the popocratic officeholder.

The powers should not be too confident that the diplomatic difficulties in that it will not be altogether fruitless. China are ended because the emperor has agreed to the proposals of the powers. Before congratulating themselves it is most probable that it will be found they should discover what the Celestial ready to give proper consideration to has up his sleeve.

The announcement is made that the Belgian have is to have representation was not in the first place favorable to among the departments of a new poultry some of the conditions which Chipa depaper. Unfortunately the publisher sires shall be modified. An early be neglects to say whether the hare will ginning of negotiations for a final set be classed with the spurred fowls or tlement now seems assured. with the web-feet.

Omaha makes a good start on the new year in the opening of the new tempting reward for the apprehension long for most of us to wait and see extorted a ransom for his return. The twentieth century, but push and energy | matter of public interest that the crimiwill work wonders in even one year.

THE LEGISLATURE

Nebraska and its people, this legislative reward then in the security that arises body has tasks imposed upon it which. from a well ordered condition of soif conscientiously discharged, will clety. largely shape the forward march on which the state is starting.

The election of two United States high honor.

Over and beyond the senatorial contest. the legislature has other important at the risk of repetition.

expressly forbids the making of legis- and the dissemination of fairy tales re

vision of the revenue laws, either dir clergy, as well as the prisoners of war the most prosperous nation on the globe, it vision of the revenue laws, either disclergy, as well as the prisoners of war rectly or through a commission such as to whom permission had been granted will be developed by which decent and has been resorted to in lows and other to return to their homes on parole, were kindly care will be bestowed upon those states. Our existing revenue system is preaching a propaganda that promotes who may require it without the thought a relic of the past, seriously defective in discontent and might provoke rebellion. that they are receiving anything which they many important particulars.

to provide for constitutional revision, to British policy toward the Boers, but either by amendments or a convention. a great many of the most intelligent peo-All parties agree that the constitution ple in the colony entertain that feeling. of 1875 hampers the development of the as shown by the resolutions which were state and prevents an efficient and a short time ago presented to Sir Alfred branches of state government.

institutions and the care and keeping of ence of the Orange River State and the their inmates will take up their share of Transvan!. That congress was comlegislative attention. As the direct con- posed of some of the most intelligent sequence of the new census will come men among the Dutch citizens of Cape the reconstruction of the laws providing Colony, who represented a very large for the government of counties and element of the people, if not a majority, cities. And last, but not least, the The truth undoubtedly is that most of patching up of holes that have been the Cape Dutch are in full sympathy knocked into various important pieces with their kindred people in arms of legislation by supreme court deci- against the British and it is the realizasions, including irrigation, insurance, tion of the hopelessness of the struggle corporate regulation and labor reform.

so many and so diversified interests, the British authorities realize the danger or legislature just about to open is sure to the situation is shown in the fact of the signalize a noteworthy session.

CHINA'S ACCEPTANCE.

the preliminary terms agreed on by the powers, simply instructing its pieni- law." Meanwhile London newspapers sulted in bringing to light, among other cil Bluffs to Schuyler, seventy-nine miles, mirships a few years ago who have potentiaries to endeavor to get the best are urging the government to send large curious items, these lines, published in conditions possible, particularly as to reinforcements to South Africa, a dethe number of legation guards to be mand which it will be somewhat diffikept in Pekin and the army posts along cult to comply with. the line of railway. The powers will new century by having a cabinet crisis. also be requested not to destroy the forts, but merely to dismantle them. some of the questions which had been presented to the powers, pending the opening of negotiations for a final settlement, doubtless with a view to avoiding further delay.

This indicates that the Chinese government is quite as anxious as any or the powers to put an end to the exist-Ing conditions and resume former relations with the civilized world. It is undoubtedly realized that the situation is full of danger and that this will only be intensified if the beginning of negotiations is put off by a prolonged controversy over preliminary terms. It is to be presumed that the Chinese plenipotentiaries, who should be fully aware of the sentiment of the powers, as or course they are of the feeling of them countrymen, have impressed upon the court the expediency of a prompt ac ceptance of the joint agreement, hoping to secure a modification of some of its

There is no doubt that this is the wiser course. Persistence of the Chinese government in asking explanations The legislature is receiving an endless or modifications of the conditions preamount of advice from the popocratic liminary to negotiations decided on by press. The advice is tendered free, and the powers and declared to be irreeven at that would be expensive if fol- vocable might have led to new difficulties and embarrassments. Unquestionably some of the terms are harsh and severe. They are of a character that would not be imposed upon any civilized nation and no such nation would tolerate them, whatever the odds against it. But the Chinese are not in position to effectively resist them and peal to the sense of justice and the magnanimity of the powers.

What degree of success such an appeal will meet with is problematical. though it ought to be safe to assume So far as the United States is concerned while a party to the joint agreement any reasonable request that the Chinese government may make, particularly in view of the fact that our government

Mr. Cudahy offered what would ap- ever sought to acquire dominion over. pear to be not only an ample but a Indian supply depot. It will be too of the criminals who stole his son and what Omaha will be at the end of the city has no power to give any. It is a

public should bear all reasonable ex- naturally desires that he shall get the The Nebraska legislature which con- pense in this connection. But common benefit of its exertions before he dies. venes at Lincoln today is destined to interest in the welfare of society ought add a memorable chapter to the volume to be enough incentive to secure to the preaches the gospel of "hustle." The reof the state's history. Meeting as it police any information a citizen may be the greatest number. does on the edge of the new century. possessed of. It is the duty of every ushering in, as all confidently believe, a man to aid at all times in the prevennew era of growth and advancement for tion and detection of crime. He gets his

ACTIVITY OF THE BOERS.

The Boers are showing increased acsenators to represent Nebraska at tivity and aggressiveness and seem to Washington involves an important duty | have more men in the field than a month | which has first call upon the legislature, or two ago and abandant resources. To choose wisely and for the best in- Last Saturday they captured an imterests of the people requires the ex- portant British post, while their invasion ercise of unselfish judgment based upon of Cape Colony is unchecked, according outgeneraled at every point.

The Boer invasion of Cape Colony is work, which has been already outlined, designed to discourage revolt there on but which cannot be impressed upon its the part of Dutch sympathizers with the members too strongly or too often, even invaders, but as yet it appears to have had little effect. It is reported that Under the constitution it becomes its the Cape Dutch show no inclination to been the only one that has stood out for duty to redistrict the state for con- rise, but on the contrary are tired of anything like Christian treatment of China gressional and legislative representation, the war and desirous of peace. This, and the Chinese. The hateful ingenuity and and incidentally it may also reorganize however, may not accurately represent the judicial districts. It is a matter of the situation. The correspondent of the history that the legislature of 1891, London Times at Capetown, in a recent have been influenced as little by American which was to have made the apportion- dispatch, stated that the situation was efforts toward leniency as by the sweet ment under the census of 1890, failed to really serious. He said that by insinu- and merciful spirit of Christian love. discharge that duty. The constitution ations, the publication of half-truths lative apportionment except immedi- garding the progress of the war and or state census. As no state census troops, the ignorant section of the Dutch individual cases, now reaches into the was taken in 1895, we still remain under populace had been worked up to a state ago based on the state census of 1885. dangerous to the peace of the colony. methods which are proposed for a more Next in importance will be the re- He stated that the Dutch press and even distribution of material blessings in

The legislature will be called on also ignorant Cape Dutch who are opposed The management of the different state of the British government the independagainst overwhelming odds that re With such a varied program, affecting strains them from revolt. How well the arrest of a member of the Cape Colony cabinet, on the charge of delivering a The Chinese government has accepted | commencement of a series of arrests,

Notice has been served on General James B. Weaver that Iowa democracy It would seem from this that the im- does not desire his assistance or comperial authorities had decided to drop pany in the future. Weaver has flirted with every political party which has had an existence since he was old enough to fort finds himself a political grass widower. If Iowa democrats think they can suppress Weaver thus easily they are likely to be disappointed.

Nebraska people will now be regaled with the messages of the outgoing and few boquets at his own administration, to which the public, in his estimation, him for a second term.

It is rumored that the German kaiser of all earthly treasures.

Having achieved his reputation and main of philosophy and literature. Finsuccess as the man who introduced ally, the spoilarion of the United States by American methods into British journal- all was indisputable. Both the British and ism, the editor of the esteemed London the French deemed our commerce and Mail has undertaken on his visit to this country to take charge of an issue of a had to fight the British to protect our New York daily just to show us what sailors from being dragged off our ships American newspaper methods are.

As the judges of the district court tions is estimated to have stood thus: meet today to make the annual assignworking order to receive the message Austria inquiring as to its precise wishes in the

Rubbing It In.

Indianapolis News. The vitality of the heart's action is said to depend on the salt that is in the blood. And we have to buy from the salt trust, too!

A Simultaneous Affair. Baltimore American.
The only trouble about Mr. Harmsworth's ideal simultaneous newspaper is that it

the public would simultaneously suffer. Gold Mines Cost Big Money. The cost of the Boer war to date has been nearly \$350,000,000 and the bill is still growing. Those tempting gold mines are prov-

Age of Hustling Progress.

The age is progressive, productive, materialistic. It aims not at the ideal, but at the practical; not at the highest devel- all, or threaten all, or even to deem itself opment of the few, but at the highest hap- all in all, and that fact may be counted piness of the greatest number. Its object nais be overtaken by justice, and the is the welfare of the average man and it brought.

Therefore the age "gets a move on" and suit is beneficial to the average man-to

Duplexing Telephone Wires.

Philadelphia Ledger. One of the last discoveries of the closing century is a method of duplexing tele phone wires, so that conversation may be carried on with two persons simultaneously It is a little difficult to see how this can be made useful, since the two sounds must interfere with each other, but it may be made available for sending messages to different points at the same time.

The Spartan of Paardeburg Philadelphia North American. General Cronje and the 2,000 Boer pris-

oners at St. Helena refuse to admit that their country has been subjugated by the a broad view of the qualifications of the to the latest advices. All the news Pritish and decline to purchase freedom various aspirants and the good they from South Africa is of a nature to in- with eaths of allegiance to England, alcan accomplish if invested with that dicate that the British movements are though they are suffering from scurvy and straighten out this matter or be prepared to ineffective, but Lord Kitchener is being are in a generally miserable plight. People of that fibre are not easily conquered, and England may yet be glad to make terms with them. Unchristian Methods in China.

beginning, the American government has

Indianapolis Press.

In the whole Chinese business, from the

the heartless hoggishness of the terms of powers seem to indicate that the powers

Care of the Unfortunate.

Kunsas City Star. The country is becoming enormously billions. The public resources are un-The fact is that it is not alone the are not entitled to.

Worse Than a Canteen.

Buffalo Express. Robert Louis Stevenson's stepdaughter writes from Samoa that while the white residents in those islands have been engaged for years in a successful effort to keep intoxicating liquors out of the hands of Boer sympathizers, which demanded by the United States government after acquiring the island of Tutulla was to license a saloon at Pago-Pago, which is now being built.

If this statement is true it is an awful commentary on the attitude of the American people toward what we are pleased to consider "inferior races." Whisky has ruined the native Hawasians, as it has ruined every savage race to which it has been accessible. Mrs. Strong's plea for the protection of the gentle, kindly Samoans against such an influence raises a moral question far greater than that involved in the army canteen controversy.

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD.

intional Results of the Changes Wrought in a Century.

San Francisco Call. Explorations made through the files of old newspapers for the purpose of discovseditious speech, which it is said is the ering something in the way of information

the Boston Centinel of April 12, 1800; France fights all. Britain pays all. Russia threatens all. Prussia humbugs all.

Switzerland is nearly plundered by all.
Spain does nothing at all.
Spain does nothing at all.
Germany thinks itself all in all.
The United States is spoliated by all.
And, lest destruction should come upon

May heaven have mercy upon us all.

That is the way the world looked to a be in politics and after years of ef. newspaper man when the century began. And looking back upon the time even from this distance we can perceive that the view was essentially accurate. There could be no doubt about France fighting all. That was evident enough in the thunder of Napoleon's guns and the marching of his restless armies all over Europe. That Britain was paying for all was a matter of incoming governors, each endeavoring like water to raise and equip armies to to assist the legislature with inside tips resist the march of the conqueror. Ruson desirable legislation. Incidentally, of sia's threatening attitude was not so notacourse, Governor Poynter will throw a ble then as it is now, but none the less the threat was there. Prussia in 1800 was humbugging herself more than any one else, as we know, since the weakness of has failed to accord proper appreciation her show of power was revealed a few years as evidenced by its refusal to endorse later at Jena, but of course the Boston man could not foresee that astounding battle that crushed a nation at a single blow. Switzerland was not being plundered exactly in those days, but Napoleon was takmay visit the United States this year. ing almost anything of hers that he cov-If he will only visit this section we eted. Spain was actually doing nothing will convince him that South Omaha in any line of endeavor either of peace for all that sort of work a person may meats are the best in the world, and herself a little later. Just why the "Geror war in that year, but she had to rouse there are any number of hustling real many" of that time should have been susestate agents who would be willing to pected of thinking itself "all in all" is sell him a good Nebraska farm, the best not clear. It had been overrun by Napoleon and had nothing to boast of in war, but probably the Boston man referred to its high intellectual pretensions in the do-

everything else they could lay their hands on to be their rightful prey. In the end we upon the high seas whenever the British chose. In that year the population of the na

Russia38,140,000 United States..... 5,310,000 Since those days the world has changed. France no longer fights, Britain is not pay ing for all and, in fact, has come to us to get lean to pay her own war bills. Prussia has been swallowed up in Germany and has no longer any international importance. Switzerland is not being plundered. The United States is not being spoliated. In one land only has there been no change. might have a simultaneous suspension, and Spain is still "doing nothing."

At the present time the population of the powers is estimated as follows: Russia United States...... 76,295,220 Germany 53,000,000 Austria-Hungary 42,660,906 Great Britain..... 40,559,954 ing the most expensive property England France 38,517,975 Italy 31,000,000 Such are the national results of the changes of the century. No single nation

FREE ADVICE TO LEGISLATORS.

Ord Quiz: If it be true that there is no dequate punishment in Nebraska's criminal code for the crime of kidnaping the coming legislature had better pass a law with an emergency clause attached. These prosperous times are making millionaires of us all and so we are all interested in the subject of kidnaping.

Pender Times: The Times believes that every state and county officer should give a guaranty bond and that the state or county should pay the premium on the Personal bonds have generally same. proven no good. The sureties generally get rid of their property and the state or county either holds the sack or has to compromise the matter.

Alliance Times: Give us a change in out assessment laws or give us death. The chaps with seads of money or property that escape faxation or are assessed so low that it is virtually exempt have had their innings long enough. Let the legislature have trouble when it turns itself loose on the community after having finished talking to the galleries.

Auburn Post: The people of Nebraska are going to demand something more of their legislators this winter than merely the election of two United States senators. long drawn out contest of two years ago disgusted everyone. The choice will have to be settled in caucus finally and the sooner a caucus is held after a reasonable time allowed for each candidate to show his strength and the contest decided the better pleased everyons will be.

Auburn Granger: The state barbers board, the board of state barbers, the barbers' board of state, or the board of barbers' state, or whatever it may be, should be repealed and the law creating said board should be discharged, as said law is very unpopular with the barbers who were anxately following the taking of a national the conduct of British officers and rich. The accumulation of wealth, even in lous for its passage, hoping it would lessen the number of barbers and make less competition. But the law, which was stinted and there is no apology for distress intended as a step in paternalism, simply the apportionment made thirteen years of mind that on occasion might prove or want anywhere. Out of the various proves to be good for the fees that make up the salary of the members of the board.

Kearney Hub: Already it is evident that the usual number of state normal school projects will be before the next legislature. They are the regular thing at every session and nothing ever comes of them. There is a normal school at Peru, sustained by the state, long ago covered by moss and its existence unheard of by a majority of the people of the state. The sensible thing would be to abandon the old site, re-establish a state normal school at some central location (say Kearney) and remove furniture and faculty into it. One normal school is sufficient.

Hastings Tribune: The legislature should economic administration of the various Milner by a committee of the congress of the nativer, almost the first step taken make some improvements on Nebraska game laws. A bill should be passed prohibiting the killing of all game birds, except such birds as migrate, for a term of five years. If such a law were in force for a given number of years there certainly would be an abundance of game in this state ever after. The quail and prairie chicken do more to exterminate the grasshoppers than all the other birds put together, besides they are constantly foraging for insects of all kinds and are the best friends the farmers have.

Schuyler Quill: One of the duties of the Nebraska legislature will be to provide for a board of transportation, to be elected by the people, with power to regulate transportation questions. And a penalty should be fixed to punish any member of the board who might neglect his duty. That we need a commission which will take some action is illustrated best by a little object lesson which has come to the notice of the Quill. A resident of Schuyler has recently received a piano from an Iowa town 250 concerning the mental attitude of the peo- miles from Council Bluffs. The freight on his country toward the rest of the an Iowa road that distance amounted to "heralding a wide extension of martia; world at the beginning of the century re- \$3.58. The freight on the piano from Counwas \$2.80, or within 78 cents of what it cost to ship it 250 miles in Iowa. Is it any wonder that Nebraska complains of exorbitant freight rates?

Plattsmouth Journal: Kidnaping is subject likely to engage the attention of the coming session of every state assembly in the union. The justly-celebrated Cudahy case has opened the eyes of the people to the necessity of making a penalty to fit the crime. To fathers and mothers everywhere no punishment could seem too severe to inflict upon those who prey upon parental affection, who wring maternal love upon the rack by threats of violence and fiendish mutilation to innocent, helpless childhood. It's up to Nebraska. The astounding atrocity was perpetrated in this state. Already the legislators of Illinois and Wyoming have proposed drafts of bills to be introduced making kidnaping punishable by death. On this issue there is no partisan politics. It is a measure for the protection of the home in which all can concur. It is a significant and gratifying fact that thus far democrats and re publicans have united in commending and endorsing the measure and pledging themselves to its support. It's up to Nebraska. Let our lawmakers act no less ingloriously

in making a penalty to fit the crime. Norfolk News: Many of those versed in law are making profound arguments that there is no law on the statute books of Nebraska providing for the punishment of abductors in this state, thus leaving the impression that the door is wide open desire to do. Any court that may chance to have the custody of an abductor, especially of the Omaha stripe, will undoubtedly have the tacit consent of the people in general to administer a punishment commensurate with the crime. The only person likely to object would be an attorney desiring to make a record as a crimina lawyer or one with a good fat fee in sight If there is a weakness in the law it would seem to be in allowing an opportunity for technical quibbles that might result in the release of a bandit of this character, There certainly should be a law providing for the punishment of such criminals, but above all there should be a punishment Every time a duly authorized court fails to punish, as they occasionally do, on account of a slight technicality, they furnish a substantial pretext for lynch law and anarchism.

Pender Republic: No session of the legislature that has met in this state in the last twenty years has had so many important duties to perform as the one which assembles next Tuesday at Lincoln. Its work will leave its impress on the state for years to come. This imposes the accessity on each and every member of the fearlessly and conscientiously done. should pron ptly elect two true republican United States senators, pass a much needed revised revenue law, redistrict the state into legislative and senatorial districts on a fair basis, based on the recent census, provide a system to uniformly control and conduct the state institutions similar to the Iowa Board of Control which is working so satisfactorily in our sister state, provide for the State university's rapidly growing needs commensurate with the interests of the most progessive state in the union, pass the needed appropriation laws and voting is practically done away with, provide suitable relief for the supreme court and then adjourn. We believe if these matters are given the proper action that the state will be content to lodge control of public affairs again in the hands of the is now strong enough to fight all, or pay republican party and this great commonwealth will go on to unprecedented prestige and prosperity, unretarded soon again by among the good things the century has the blight of populism.

SECOND TO NONE IN ABILITY

Wakefield Republican. Regarding the election of senators from Nebraska, it seems to be a fact that the rank and file of republicans in this state care but little who they are so long as they are good men and straight republicans from principle. The most of the discussion over the matter is by politicians and those particularly interested. Among the twenty candidates, more or less, there is one who has been a hard worker in the republican ranks ever since Nebraska was a state, and whose services to the party and the state people quite generally consider as having been conspicuously valuable. There is probably no man in Nebraska who has had more experience with public and business affairs or who has sounder views on public questions, who is now a candidate, than E. Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, Mr. Rosewater is the founder and proprietor of the leading newspaper, in a number of respects, in this state; moreover, a paper second to none in ability and influence between Chicago and the Pacific coast. Experience has shown that newspaper men, trained as they are in one of the most exacting of practical schools, usually make excellent public servants wherever they are chosen. Why not for a

·-----TALK ON KIDNAPING.

change have an editor for senator

once, and at the same time recog-

nize ability, experience and long

party service.

Globe-Democrat: Iron-barred windows in residences are no longer peculiar to Spain. They have appeared in American mansions since the kidnaper began operations.

Boston Globe: Whatever lack of law there may be in Omaha provision for the punishment of kidnapers was made in the general laws of the Massachusetts colony, published in 1672. Section 19 of the capital laws reads: "If any man stealeth a man or mankinde, he shall surely be put to death. (Exod. xxi, 16.)

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Instead of coddling boys with overmuch "protection" against kidnapers, why not instruct them, or at least those old enough to know how to fight, in the various ways by which they may defend themselves against that sort of beast of prey? That way lies greater safety, if the American boys of today are like those of the revolutionary and rebellion eras, when innumerable boys of 14 to 16 learned not only to protect themselves and others, but to "take off" a dangerous enemy. Indianapolis Press: The Cudahy kidnan-

ing is creating a great stir in the world and justice is making tremendous efforts to apprehend the miscreants that squeezed ransom of \$25,000 out of the millionaire packer. It would be interesting to know what efforts are being made by the proper what efforts are being made by the proper authorities toward apprehending the fiends that kidnaped poor Honora Benton and sold her into a "lumber hell" near Hurley, Wis., from which she escaped only by suicide. Must this terrible crime go unputshed because her reletive are nearly punished because her reletive are nearly pu punished because her relatives are poor? Springfield Republican: The criminal code of Nebraska does not recognize kidnaping as crime, and there is some doubt as to what charge can be placed against the men who stole the Cudahy boy, in case they are caught, that will insure adequate punishment. The probable charge will be that of stealing \$25,000, the ransom money, for which the maximum penalty is seven years. Taking warning from Nebra ka, Illinois does not propose to be caught with a deficient code, and the general assembly will be asked in January to make kidnaping for ransom punishable by death. This is of course extreme. The present law in IIlinois prescribes a penalty of five years' imprisonment, or a fine of \$1,000, or both, except in case of children under 12 years of age, when life imprisonment may be the

penalty. San Francisco Call: American life has hirtherto been free and easy for all classes, Our presidents have not had to go abroad attended by guards, and the children of our richest millionaires have been able to go about the streets to and from school and to visit the parks and playgrounds with as much freedom from danger as the children of ordinary citizens. If abduction go unpunished, however, there will soon be little safety for the child of a rich man unless he be guarded every time he leaves home. To treat kidnapers feniently will be in the future as foolish as it would be to treat lightly a man who should assault the president. With the increase of our population we have developed many of the criminal tendencies of the old world, and we must guard against them with all the force and vigor of American law.

PERSONAL NOTES.

To steal Lord Methuen's Christmas presents was the unkindest cut of all, on the part of the Beers.

The Cramps are wise men. They want half a million from Abdul Hamid before taking his measure for a new warship.

Among the notables who will attend the inauguration ceremonies in Washington next March will be Earl Minto, governor general of Canada, sometimes profanely referred to as "peppermints," because of his somewhat abrupt manner.

Many wealthy families of Chicago, among them the Armours and Mrs. Emmons Blaine, are much concerned because of the Cudaby kidnaping and are keeping close watch over their children. In some case extra men servants have been employed as

Congressman Roberts, in connection with his work as a committeeman, recently discovered a forgotten room in the capitol back of Statuary hall. It was full of old books and during the civil war was used as a hospital. An old stove and some cleft wood were found, just as they were left over majority party to see that its work is ably, thirty years ago. A soldier's coat, full of dust and moth-eaten, hung on the gas jet.

O..... The air was stiffing and the lock on the foor had almost rusted off.

Usually only presidents, statesmen and beroes have postoffices named for them. Senator Hanna is now in that class. The residents of a little hamlet in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, have become so Impressed with the ability of the Ohio Warwick that they have named the place "Loyal Hanna.

Father Chadwick, charlain of the battleship Maine, when it was blown up at Havana, has been relieved from the receiving ship Vermont, at Brooklyn, and assigned to service on the New York, which, under Rear Admiral Rodgers, will go into commission about February 1.

General Joe Wheeler writes in Success that the czar's peace plan came to naught because it would be in the nature of things impossible for men and nations to abruptly cast aside a habit that was acquired before history began, and is, after all, an instinct. All animals," continues the general, "fight and will continue to, I think."

Congressman Frank Eddy of Minnesota is undoubtedly the most shabbily dressed member of the national legislature. According to his own story, he was walking along Pennsylvania avenue when a ragged tramp asked him for the price of a meal-Mr. Eddy gave him a quarter, saying solemply it was the last cent he had. The tramp looked him over, handed back the coin and said: "Well, if you're on the bum yourself keep it; I'll hustle some guy ou de next block.

NEW YEAR SMILES.

Chicago Record: "How sad and pensive Skitts looks tonight." "Yes; he must have run against some-body he couldn't work."

Washington Star: "Ah," said the sympathetic man, "I see you have contracted a cold."
"No," answered the man who strives to "No," answered the man who strives to be accurate, even amid suffering, "I have expanded it."

Chicago Tribune: "I notice," said Uncle Allen Sparks, 'a couple of our learned pro-fessors have found the secret of prolonging life. It is simply to have plenty of salt in the system. If that's true—and I'm not saying its isn't—Lot's wife ought to be alive today. Which," continued Uncle Allen reflectively, 'I believe she is not."

Boston Globe: "I want to return this dog to the gent what owns him. I seen his ad in the paper," said the rough-looking man at the door, man at the door,
"How did you guess it was a 'gent' that
put the 'ad' in?" asked the woman,
"'Cause it said, 'No questions asked.""

Philadelphia Press: "Oh, don't be foolish!" exclaimed the young bride, "he's merely an old flame of mine."
"Indeed," cried her aged but wealthy husband. "I'll warrant you dream of his tender advances yet."
"No." she replied, with a far-away look, "not yet."

Detroit Journal: "I tell you," exclaimed the wan man, excitedly, "one doesn't feel the stinging curse of poverty until one has the brightest baby in town and can spare only a beggarly \$5 a month from his salary with which to buy drinks to get people to stand still while he tells about its sayings and doings!"

Indianapolis Press: "Now. I could tell by the look in his eyes," said the Cheerful diot, "that the aeronaut was afraid to cut loose from his balloon."
"How could you tell anything about the look in the eyes of a man a mile up in the air?" asked the shoe clerk boarder.
"He had a far-away look," observed the Cheerful Idiot. Cheerful Idiot.

Philadelphia Press: "Politically, sir, it may be said you are on the fence?" we asked. asked.
"No, sir." said the statesman; "it were better to say on the hog."
The obnoxious prevalence of slang, even in high places, is, perhaps, one of the signs of our latter-day degeneration.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. W. J. Lampton in Pearson's Monthly,

And in me live The Great Cre Purpose and His pring Man's progress And his opportunity I move upon the waters Of Creation's sea, And looking back upon Six thousand years, I say farewell to them. And turn to face Infinity.
The dead years give their best to me,
And what is strong in them
I gird about my loins
For strength to do the work Appointed unto me.
What was it not,
What is to be is what
I am the herald of. I cry Aloud to earth and sky, To God and Man, and I proclaim The nobler aim

Forgot Is who The old time was. The New Shall do The unknown things; the wondrous deefs Earth's future needs

shall shape the course;

That is great indeed. All Science, Art and Industry

center in what is to

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