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That ominous rumbling is simply the noise of Bryan's new paper coming down the track.

The new century seems to be commencing its death record with the most shining names of the old century.

that swoop down upon him.

West Point cadets have agreed to swear off on hazing. The suspicion is abroad, however, that it is a new year resolution not intended to last the year

Nebraska is not the only state blessed Delaware are also balloting daily to prevent Nebraska from becoming lonesome.

Champ Clark has discovered an irrepressible resemblance between Con-Bryan. Champ should buy a new pair

A bill has been introduced into the legislature to relieve the sureties on the Hilton bond from their obligations to the state. Of course the bill is fathered by Ransom.

There is no need of any smallpox scare in Omaha, as whatever cases of the disease have been uncovered here are well under control, with no danger of becoming epidemic.

It took more than two months to elect a sepator from Nebraska two years ago No need, therefore, of undue impatience over the election of two United States senators from Nebraska this year.

If salt is really the elixir of life, as is claimed by the new scientists in search of the fountain of youth, sailing up Salt Creek will be invested with new pleasure for the politicians of the future.

Real estate has been more active in Omaha according to the real estate dealers. This is only preliminary to a real estate revival that is certainly on the boards for next spring and summer.

Omaha has carried off the honors in the shooting match at Kansas City just closed. Kansas City must learn that it Is not so much even though it was successful in overawing the census man

Everyone in Nebraska, irrespective of politics, is gratified to hear the encourgressman Neville at Washington. It is a purely business proposition. It is

No public prosecuting officer has a right to use his position for the purpose in the development of irrigation in the of political persecution; otherwise a con- west. It is not unreasonable that the spiracy might be formed against any general government should supplement citizen to keep him constantly in the the efforts already made by individuals courts answering groundless complaints and corporations, and carry to a successfor fictitious offenses. There is a marked ful issue a comprehensive system of irdifference between persecution and rigation.

Omaha's efforts to secure the next antainly made many friends. The conwell count Omaha in it already.

Give Oil Inspector Gaffin credit for his excellent report of fees collected over and above the expenses of his office. Mr. Gaffin's report, however, must be regarded as a lefthanded compliment to his great reform predecessor. Chairman Edmisten of the populist state committee. The republicans will let Edmisten and Gaffin fight it out.

joined the populist party in 1892 and that territory, it being improbable that after getting all he could out of it deserted it in 1901. It is safe to say terpose. that if he made his declaration recanting populism and asserting his recon- churia over which she has recently exversion to democracy before his election | tended a protectorate and in the event as senator instead of after, he would of her doing so what effect will it have

ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD.

While the legislature will not wrestle of economy.

smaller tax burdens.

ness.

If the legislature will keep this concomplaint in the future.

## THE RECIPROCITY TREATIES.

Notwithstanding the plea made by President McKinley, in his annual mesity treaties, there appears to be small which means all continental Europe chance of their receiving the approval The great interest which the United of the senate. It is possible that a few States has in this matter sugof them, to which there is substantially gests the question whether our govern- to make the American flag their only totem. indications are that a majority of them and perhaps all will fall of approval by congress, thus making futile all the arduous labor of the reciprocity commeans of reciprocity.

The warden of the penitentiary will be done with any more of the treaties prospects before them. seems to be that if one is rejected all clared: will be. If. as alleged, the treaty with Jamaica is a rather one-sided arrange- form are those, in the main, for which the ment, securing less to the United States | people's and silver republican parties have than the concessions made by this counwith a senatorial deadlock. Utah and try, it should be rejected or withdrawn for modification, but this should not af- them are outside of the fortifications and fect any other treaty deemed to be fair and equitable.

The failure of the senate to ratify the reciprocity treaties, or at any rate the more important of them, will be a very gressman Sutherland and Colonel damaging blow to the principle for which the republican party has long contended. It might have the effect of rendering almost impossible treaties of this kind hereafter.

## GOVERNMENT AND IRRIGATION.

special report on the question of government aid and control in the matter of irrigation. This is in connection with at the time of the Kansas City conventhe proposition now being urged by western members of congress to the it until he had landed the senatorship. end that the government take the initiative in devising a comprehensive system for the reclamation of the vast areas of land that now only want water to convert the barren acres into garden

spots teeming with fertility. It is unnecessary to repeat to a western audience the arguments of the secre tary of the interior. Men who are familiar with the conditions are also well acquainted with the specific reasons that are urged in support of government aid in this respect. The only thing is to bring these to the attention of congressmen and senators from east of the Missouri river with sufficient force to enlist their interest and sup-

Secretary Hitchcock, in almost the opening paragraph of his special report. makes a direct hit at the interest of the eastern members. He emphasizes the fact that any means that results in the upbuilding of the west must create an additional market for the manufactures of the east. This may seem a sordid aging reports from the bedside of Con- way of looking at the matter, yet it is to be hoped he may recover completely tantamount to a guaranty that the east and resume service in behalf of his dis- will receive a direct return for any benefit it may confer on the west by assisting in its development.

Private enterprise has done wonders

It is reported from Berlin that Germany will not offer any obstacle nual live stock convention, but Omaha to Russia's claims upon Manchuria. is by no means discouraged, because the The dispatch states that the Gercampaign waged in its behalf has cer- man chancellor has given the Russian ambassador repeated assurvention will have to be located again ances since the beginning of the Chifor 1902 and the live stock men may as nese troubles and quite recently again that Manchuria lies out of Germany's interest or commercial sphere and that it is in nowise touched on by the Anglo-German agreement. This, if correct, is a very important fact, since it indicates that there will be no interference on the part of any of the continental powers of Europe with the course of Russia so far as the Chinese territory embraced in Manchuria is concerned, and this being so it practically Senator-elect Patterson of Colorado gives Russia a free hand in regard to either Great Britain or Japan will in-

Will Russia hold the portion of Man-

with the appropriation bills for some the United States as to any other councation the fusion members of the legisweeks to come the committees which try, because this nation has a large lature who secured their certificates as have to pass upon the estimates of trade with the province of Manchuria. a result of fraud would have been unfunds demanded for the various de Some ten days ago the Russian minister seated without delay. The time is likely partments of the state and state insti- of finance, in submitting his annual to come, too, before the session ends, tutions should not forget the necessity budget, said that the destruction of the when important party legislation is at One of the tests to be applied to the to Manchuria and he declared that his publicans would come in mighty handy. success of the government under republic government was working for the pacilican control will be the financial test. fication of the disturbed districts and Although without any just reason, the for the restoration of good relations is high in the national democratic orfusionists of this state have carefully with China. He further said that so spread the impression that republican soon as Russia's immediate and urgent state government is equivalent to ex- destinies were accomplished she would that he expects the next democratic travagant state government, and their reduce her military forces in Manchuria. plea for reinstatement by the voters will He also said: "Russia has accomplished be a promise of retrenchment and all that it was her duty as a Christian he fills this description himself, and he ficiary and insurance associations than many power to do in China. We were in-While the steady growth of the state duced to act thus, not by any prospect ran for president and was elected will naturally require a corresponding of advantages, but by the consciousness against the candidate of the democratic expansion of state activity in all direc- of our solidarity with the whole human party. tions, which the people not only ex- race, proving in an irrefutable manner pect but demand, at the same time they that Russia is pacific, not because she have no sympathy or countenance for is weak, but because she is conscious waste or unnecessary expenditure. The of her power." This was manifestly money of the state ought to be ex- intended as an answer to the inquiry of popocratic press. Here is another chance State of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.:

George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Bee pended with the same regard to results and securing full returns for the outcomplete copies of The Daily, Morning, lay that the actual number of fall and complete copies of The Daily, Morning, lay that would obtain in private business as no other response has been made is the rescue by making a fat job for Howand securing full returns for the out- to Russia's purpose in Manchuria and the Nebraska state university to come to books, elect the senators and go home.

perhaps to be accepted as final. At all events the indications are that Bryan. stantly in mind it will avoid much Russia has no intention of relinquishing the recently occupied territory in Manchuria, which gives her the control of that populous province, with the privilof the world. And in this, it appears, sage, for the ratification of the reciproc- she has the countenance of Germany ment is giving it the attention which its importance merits.

## SOME FRUITS OF FUSION

The election of two United States senmission and defeating the purpose of the ators as a result of fusion in Colorado desire to escape the spring plowing. Dingley law for trade expansion by and Idaho-one a populist and the other a so-called republican-only to have It appears that very much hinges upon them declare, as soon as they had their the Jamaican treaty, to which there is credentials securely in their possession, strong opposition. It is around this that they had ceased allegiance to their treaty, says the Washington correspond- former political organizations and would ent of the New York Journal of Com- henceforth act with the democrats in the very respectable sum of \$12,012 in its merce, that the principal controversy name as well as in policy, must cause dealings with a single party, so that the aghas centered and nothing is likely to thoughtful populists to ponder over the gregate of profit gained in this way must

hereafter insist on having advance no- by the senate committee unless that | Senator-elect Patterson of Colorado, tice of all legislative surprise parties with Jamaica is favorably reported. It who since 1892 has been a pillar of the them. is not quite clear why the failure of populist party and presided over the this convention should have any effect | Sioux Falls convention only last June, upon the others, but the impression in his renunciation of populism de

> The principles of the Kansas City platcontended. I believe a fight for them can be most successfully made within the demoeratic ranks. Those who are outside of are but helpless lookers-on. I can see no precent hope for the triumph of the principles of the Kansas City platform except through the democratic party.

> Senator-elect Fred T. Dubois of Idaho was one of the associates of Charles A. paign of 1896, but with him was demasquerade. Towne threw off the mask tion, whereas Dubois continued to weat which was the cause of his original adwith the democrats.

By this time the allies of the democratic party in silver states like Colorado and Idaho have outlived their usefulness to the extent of being practically swallowed up by the democratic party, and the question naturally presents the same career mapped out for them statement is destroyed. or whether they can avoid assimilation by anything short of immediate repudiation of fusion. As to the silver repubto anything as a political factor. What few there were have already either resimply as a stepping-stone to office by disguised democrats, the original populists, who had as great, if not greater, such purpose.

of populist backsliding in other states best result. it looks as if fusion were no longer a serious problem except in Nebraska.

Francis E. Warren of Wyoming by the unanimous choice of the republicans in the legislature of that state is a well desenate. Senator Warren is thoroughly is always found standing up for western progress. That he will continue to ing states as well goes without saying.

Congressman Stark claims to have made the discovery that ex-Governor of chief executive of the state was once brilliant gifts, have honesty of purpose and questioned on the ground of ineligibility. is, under a more recent decision of the jority. supreme court, eligible to the presidency of the United States as a native-born Mr. Bryan eligible for the presidency should the requisition be made.

Pat Crowe is wanted now simply as a for the privilege of his company. What

populists says that "the peculiar senarest of the world with that populous to the fusionists in the legislature." This prudent men will heed.

question is of as much importance to it were not for the senatorial compilrallway caused Russia to send troops stake, that the votes of a few more re-

Mayor Taggart of Indianapolis, who ganization, has turned his back on Bryan as a candidate for 1904, saying standard bearer to be a man of the Zach ers. The wildcat concerns should be weeded Taylor stripe. He fails to say whether out. It is better to have a few strong benealso seems to forget that Zach Taylor

The compulsory resignation of Professor Howard of Leland Stanford ard in recognition of his support of

The other senatorial aspirants only steadfastly loyal to the candidate to ege of closing it to the trade of the rest whom they are committed as the Douglas county members.

#### Rest Thing in Totems. Boston Transcript.

The Sitka Indians have long quarrelled over their clan totems, but recently they Opportune Recruiting.

#### It is now expected that the recruiting stations for the new army will be opened in time to be of service to young farmers who

Big Concern, Small Trick A trust has been detected in selling by short weight. It was only a trifle in each gallon of oil; but it appears by the judicial proceedings to have gained for the trust have been something handsome. The occurrence shows that a trust can stoop to very small things when there is money in

## Punish the Plunderers.

The supreme court at last has decided that Neely must be tried in Cuba. Now, try him as quickly as can be, and Rathbone, too Spare no officials, high or low, civil or milltary, that have sought to plunder Cuba. It has been asserted often that the American people are conducting in Cuba the most gigantic philanthropic enterprise the world ever has known. All the more shocking, then, is the conduct of our agents who have betrayed our trust and robbed the object of our charitable endeavor

#### Better Than His Patrons. Chicago Chronic

It is perfectly certain that, despite th Towne in the organization of the so- usurer, men like the late Sam Lewis of Londisrepute which surrounds the calling of a called silver republican party. Like don are a good deal better than most of Towne, he was ready to go over to the their clients. Lewis, for example, loaned democrats immediately after the cam- money to titled nincompoops who were not Secretary Hitchcock has prepared for the democratic leaders, who thought that he had generous impulses. Could as much be said of the aristocratic spendracy by continuing the silver republican thrifts and dead beats who borrowed money from him?

## Cost of Carrying the Mail.

Indianapolis Journal. The public has so long been told that the ostal authorities pay three or four prices for carrying the mails that many have hesion to the silver triumvirate. But come to believe the story and to cite the he has now declared with equal post- statement as evidence of the power of railtiveness that as senator he will affiliate road corporations over those who have the contracts. One of these statements is to the effect that 40 cents per ton per mile is paid ition in the Sidgwick family. for carrying the mails, while only 20 cents per ton is paid by passengers and .82 of a cent per mile for carrying freight. The senate and house committee which has just investigated the matter, employing an expert statistician, reports that instead of 40 cents a mile a ton for mail-carrying the whether the populists of Nebraska have price is 12.5 cents. Thus one anti-railroad

## THE LATE GOVERNOR MOUNT.

Indianapolis News: In war, in peace, in licans in this state, they never amounted public and in private life, there appeared the same earnest effort to do the best that lay in him. Surely the much-quoted phrase, "Well done, good and faithful servant, turned to republican ranks or embraced can be said truthfully of him if ever i outright the creed of the democrats or could of any man. His life ends with the populists. If populism is to be used respect, a regard and an effection from those that knew him best that is accorded He is sincerely mourned.

Indiapapolis Press: James A. Mount was aversion to the democratic party as to one of the finest specimens of American the republican, will soon have their manhood; an example of what our institueyes opened and refuse to be used for tions can produce; a citizens of the re respect, a regard and an affection from the ranks to large sphere of influence, From these repeated announcements and who always used his powers for the

Servant of God, well done. Rest from thy loved employ. The battle fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's loy. Chicago Record: Ex-Governor James A Mount, whose sudden death causes genera regret, was of a type of men whose partici pation in politics should be welcomed. Es sentially a man of the people in habits and served tribute to his efficiency in the methods of thought, Mr. Mount during his term as governor of Indiana kept the representative of the western states and people's point of view and tried honestly to serve them as they would like to be served. As a result he held a degree of confidence and esteem which enabled him be a useful member of the senate not to take a stand against political intrigues. only for Wyoming but for the neighbor- to improve the civil service and to ad minister state institutions on a busines basis even when the politicians opposing his course were most insistent. His career has served to illustrate what satisfactory service may be given in public office by Boyd, whose eligibility to the position men who, even if they are without especially

a true regard for the interests of the ma-

governor belongs the honor of putting the penal, reformatory and benevolent institucitizen. It is consoling to know that tions of the state upon the high plane of Nebraska has other democrats besides nonpartisanship. The legislature made this possible, but a less conscientious and resolute executive would have made the law inaffective. It was not an easy thing to do, but Governor Mount did it. His boards are made up of some of the best men in social guest, and wanted so badly that | both parties, and the result generally rec his friends are willing to pay liberally ognized is clean and vigorous administration. General Harrison expressed the conother explanation could be put on the when he said, that "Governor Mount's nonoffer of a reward simply for his partisan administration of the benevolent penal and reformatory institutions of the state deserves the unstinted praise of all The official organ of the Nebraska good men," and when General Harrison further remarked that "every subsequent administration is put under bonds not to

portion of the Chinese Empire? This states the proposition in a nutshell. If STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS.

Weeping Water Republican: At Vinton. In., the school for blind, with an attendance of 112 pupils, was maintained for two years at a cost of \$49,000, while the one at Nebraska City, with only forty-five students. cost the state \$50,000 for the same length of ime. The difference is the difference in the management of republican and fusion methods of economy.

Kearney Hub: The legislature should legislate carefully and wisely with reference to the beneficiary institutions that have grown up in the state. Where the law is weak it should be amended so that it will be necessary to strengthen these institutions and provide for the greatest security for their policy and certificate holdweak and struggling ones.

Grand Island Democrat: We have too too many politicians and too few statesmen. That's the reason we have so many laws. Politicians make new laws; statesmen improve what we have. There's the difference between those who want their country to toward settling the race question in the makes another martyr to free speech do something for them and those who want south. This question must be settled, not that will be worked to the limit by the to do something for their country. Here's a by legislation, but by industrial education suggestion to the new Nebraska legislature: and in teaching the negro to be self-suppended with the same regard to results the powers, or some of them, in regard for the popocratic board of regents of lation. Repeal much now on the statute of the question properly is with the bet-

normal school purposes. Especially should long years of forbearance on both sides wish they had a legislative following as all such efforts having Lincoln and the and by conservative action. Of course, An effort to establish a state normal in Lincoln, where so many state intstitutions are now located has an aspect particularly hoggish.

Friend Telegraph: The average legislator bethinks himself of the fact that he should during the session father at least a half dozen different bills. The facts are that Nebraska has at this time laws which had by far better be off the statute books; laws which are, and always have been, dead letters; laws which are a menace to good government. If the legislature would repeal a couple of hundred of these laws, pass reasonable appropriation bills, elect two United the people would approve, and then adcase, only a shortage of four ounces in a cause for rejoicing all over the state than red waistcoat. He lounges in his seat, wrecked is the mother-in-law. If the mother there has been for many years.

Beatrice Express: During the recent campaign, when the enemy was making every possible effort to create a sentiment against Mr. Dietrich, every voter received or was highly moral and virtuous clergyman at Hastings, who pointed out in impassioned language that the republican candidate for governor was a patron of prize fights. He pointed out the hideous probability that in case of Dietrich's election he would welcome the bruisers to Nebraska with open arms. During the first month of the new governor's administration he has received a telegram from Ohio asking if a big prize man to learn that the governor replied with a prompt and peremptory "No," and that he is determined to prevent any such exhibitions. The matter is not very important, but since everybody saw the circulars referred to it may be slightly interesting to recall the circumstance now and keep history straight.

## PERSONAL POINTERS.

Governor Dockery of Missouri is one the few men left who wears boots. E. W. Carmack, the new United States his equals in intelligence, in modesty or in senator from Tennessee, is a journalist and was again sent to the hospital in the Phil- making no account of the mother-in-law, he

the author of the "Doopapers, has left the Chicago hospital, where he was for some time desperately ill, and is enjoying his former good health.

J. D. Bullock, who died in Liverpool, England, the other day, acted as a confederate agent in that port during our war of the rebellion and negotiated for the building of the rebel cruiser Alabama Charlotte Bronte was once the govern

ess of the little boy who became the late Prof. Sidgwick. It is remembered that she did not particularly enjoy her days of tu-

J. R. Burton, who succeeds Lucien Baker as zenator from Kansas, was the only prominent republican in Kansas who, through all the free silver agitation, remained true to his advocacy of sound money.

The pet weakness of Hall Caine, the English novelist, is that he bears a strong is said to be as proud of this alleged fact as Senator Cullom is of his fancied resemblance to Lincoln.

Colonel Goldsmith is the guished Jew serving in South Africa. As an administrator he has gained the highest praise from Lord Roberts. He was once ent by Baron Hirsch to rescue from financial ruin the Jewish colonies in Argentina. Colonel George M. Smith, the London sublisher, in his literary recollections, pubhad \$50,000 if her artistic conscience had allowed her to divide the novel into sixteen parts, as Mr. Smith wished.

# RANK AS A WAR POWER America Still Near the Foot of the

The increase of the regular army pro while it may be increased to about 100,- the mowing machine. soldiers and France twenty-five to Amer- tography.

stablishments reduced to peace dimensions. and ability to support an army. A table of the military establishments

the percentage of the United States army its population is less than that of Brazil, of peace. Only .13 per cent of the total popplation of the United States would be in the military service in war. Belgium keeps 77 per cent of its population under arms Great Britain .68 per cent, Italy 1 per cent, Germany 1.1 per cent, Norway 1.54, and France 1.6 per cent.

The great powers of Europe may be ruled out of consideration and the smaller ones used as a basis. Yet in comparison with even their forces that proposed for the viction of the intelligent people of Indiana United States sinks into insignificance. On bill adopted yesterday by the senate compared with the population, will be less than one-sixth as large as that of any as follows: other first-class power. The needed increase in the United States regular forces will not begin to put this government among the military powers of the world, which are

ETCHINGS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

cossip About Men and Events at the National Capital. Senator Vest of Missouri pays a band-

some tribute to President McKinley in a recent interview with a correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, "Mr. McKinley's policy toward the south," said the senator, "has been a very wise one and whatever else may be said he is one of the best politicians that have been in the White House since the days of Martin Van Buren. He has done more to injure the democratic party in the south than all the other republicans together. His declaration in gard to the decoration of the graves of the confederate dead and his appointment of prominent confederates to high commands n the army has done a great deal toward bringing the sections together and he deserves full credit for this. I think that about the only good thing so far that has come out of the Spanish war has been the placing of the northern and southern solmany laws rather than too few. We have diers side by side, fighting in the same cause. Mr. McKinley was right when he complimented Booker Washington and approved what he was doing in Alabama. He is the only negro who has done anything porting. The only hope for the settlement ter class of the whites and bracks in the McCook Tribune: The legislature will scuthern states. The negro has been given stand up for Nebraska by killing the sun- the right of suffrage and the only remedy dry attempts already being made to unload is to qualify him for the exercise of that empty "boom" buildings onto the state for right. This can be accomplished only by eastern part of the state as beneficiaries be there will be scenes of violence and disorpromptly killed. Practically all the state der, such as we have witnessed lately in institutions and schools in Nebraska are many of the northern states, but no legnow located in the eastern part of the state. islation by congress will help the matter.

The broad and expansive form of Congressman Shattuc of Ohio is decorated, not to say garnished, with a beautiful red vest, reports the Washington Post. It is not the brilliant color of the golfer's coat, nor ye! the glorious hue of an Italian sunset, but it men in search of wives should do well to a lacerated perker. It looms up from a counselor in other matters than those conhouse afire

Mr. Shattue is the congressman who undertook some time ago to initiate his colleague, General Grosvenor, into the mysteries of the game of "craps." He knows one of her daughters-any one will do." States senators of whom the great mass of all about "come seven, come eleven," and is proud of his knowledge. With much journ and go home, there would be more more pride, however, does he display his which so many matrimonial alliances are with his head thrown back and his chest It is a sight for the gods, worthy of a shown copies of a circular written by a highly moral and virtuous clergyman at of these days to be commemorated in Homeric epic or Tennysopian ode.

Captain Smedley D. Butler, 19 years old, now in Washington, is a son of Congressman Butler of Pennsylvania and has served in the Spanish-American and Philippine making himself agreeable and perhaps indiswars and in the march to Pekin, says the New York Tribune. At the battle of Tier. Tsin Butler, who was then a lieutenant, fight can be pulled off here. It must be a vate to a place of safety under the enemy's fire. The private died beside Butler when they were brought to a place of safety. Though his wound had not yet healed. Butler went to Pekin, taking part in all the fighting. He was again wounded at the taking of Pekin, but refused to go to the rear and was chosen to carry a message to Minister Conger. When he reached the minister the latter asked him what his name was. On hearing it Mr. Conger exclaimed: "My boy, when I was in congress your grandfather was my friend and had the next gave in and went to the hospital, where paign of 1896, but with him was de-terred from doing so at the wish of great ability. His bequests to charity show Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal. transport Grant who she sailed for San tured far on the conpubial course that he is Francisco. He recovered is now in fair health.

The announcement that F. K. Richards of Washington had been appointed United States marshal of Alaska in place of C. L. Vawter of Montana, resigned, covers a rather sensational story, related by the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record. Vawter was appointed about a ear age on the recommendation of Senator Carter. From affidavits filed in the office of the attorney general it appears that last summer he called on Judge Noves of the United States district court at Nome and said that friends had authorized him to offer Noyes \$20,000 in gold dust as a consideration for the removal of Alexander McKenzie, who had been appointed receiver to certain mining claims that were then in dispute and in charge of the court. Judge Noves called in the district attorney and physical resemblance to Shakespeare. He O. K. Wheeler of Minneapolis, his private ecretary, and required Vawter to repeat his proposition in their presence. Vawter attempted to crawl out of the scrape, but finally agreed to place his resignation as United States marshal in the hands of Judge Noyes if the latter would let the matter drop. Judge Noyes agreed to do so, and forwarded the resignation by mail to Senator Carter, on whose recommendation Vawter had been appointed, with a detailed explanation of the circumstances. Senator lishing in Cornbill, says that George Ellot Carter suppressed the resignation until he got \$35,000 for "Romola." and might have was prepared to recommend a successor, and then filed it with the attorney general

Much has been written of the contrast between the old and the new century, but Representative Fitzgerald of Massacshusetts probably takes the palm for the best condensation of the world's progress in a speech recently delivered in congress.

"Think for a moment," he said, "what

100 years has brought forth. This cenvided for in the reorganization bill will tury received from its predecessor the not put the United States in the ranks borse; we bequeath the bicycle, the locoof the great military powers. Under the motive and the automobile. We received erms of the act the army, on a peace the quill, and we bequeath the typewriter. footing, will consist of about 58,000 men. We received the scythe, and we bequeath 000 at the discretion of the president. At sickle; we bequeath the harvester. We re its normal size the United States military ceived the hand-printing press; we be force would be only three-quarters of queath the Hoe cylinder press. We reone soldier to 1,000 persons. Taking pop- ceived the painted canvas: we bequeath ulation into account Great Britain has ten lithography, photography and color pho-We received the cotton and woolen loom; we bequeath the factory. On a war footing the United States would We received gunpowder; we bequeathed stand twelfth in the list of nations with nitro-glycerine. We received the tailow dip; we bequeath the arc light and the f the American force is on a peace basis Standard Oil trust. We received the flintfalls to the twentieth place in the list lock; we bequeath the automatic firing Yet the United States stands first in wealth Maxim gun. Receiving nothing, we bequeath the anaesthetic properties of sulphuric ether, by means of which to a great of various nations prepared by the War extent human life has been saved and pain department shows that on a war footing prevented. We received the beacon signal fire; we bequeath the telephone and wireless telegraphy. We received ordinary Mexico, Denmark, Portugal and the Neth- light; we bequeath the X-ray. We received criands, among the weaker powers, in time the old-fashioned sailing ship; we bequeath the ocean greyhound and the enormous freight carrier."

### BILL TO DISCOURAGE HAZING. ignificant Amendment Incorporated in the Army Bill.

That the government is determined t take steps that will either stop or greatly restrict hazing at West Point is evidenced by an amendment to the military academy peace footing the American army, com- mittee on military affairs. This proision, short, crisp and to the point, reads

"Under the direction of the secretary of var the superintendent of the United States dilitary academy shall make and enforce not have had such a smooth road to upon the commercial relations of the torial situation has saved several seats lower the mark he uttered a warning that weighed down by their fighting establish the practice of h. zing; and any cadet found such rules and regulations as will prevent guilty of participating in such practice | Omaha, Neb.

shall be expelled from the academy and shall not be reappointed to the corps of cadets therein nor to the army of the

United States." There was no argument in the committee against this addition to the academy bill. The sentiment was a unit that a continuation of such incidents as have been brought to light recently would be a discredit to the academy and to the army service, and that those connected with them as aggressors should receive summary punishment. The bill with this amendment goes before the senate today and, judging from the temper of the members of both houses, there is not much doubt of its passage.

Public sentiment also will heartily endorse the proposed enactment. The American people dearly love fair play, and they have not been able to find many traces of it in the testimony given by cadets before the army and house investigating committees. They cannot see anything short of bullying in compelling a fourth-class "plebe," physically untrained and undeveloped, to stand up before a skilled firstclass boxer and be, by well-directed punches, initiated into the first degree of a West Pointer's conception of courage and gentlemanliness. Perhaps in this the people are wrong, but as they support the academy they have a right to say how it shall be conducted.

Hazing at West Point, when it takes the form of brutality and unfairness, is doomed. The proposed amendment leaves no loophole for escape from the penalty which the secretary of war and superin tendent of the academy are enjoined to inflict upon those guilty of the practice. And there is a general impression that future officers of the army will be none the less manly and courageous because this semi-barbarous custom has been eliminated.

### PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

#### Late Phil Armour's Advice to Young Men Matrimonially Inclined. Chicago Tribune

There is a sage piece of advice, attributed to the late Philip D. Armour, which young is red enough to suggest a conflagration or heed. It shows that Mr. Armour was a safe somber surroundings in the house like a nected with the packing of pork or the ups and downs of the provision market. Mr. Armour's advice is in these words: "The young man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good woman and marry This is sound advice from a hard-headed

and unsentimental man. The rock upon a trial before marriage the mother-in thrown forward, so that the rotundity of law is semetimes a much more serious trial his ample form, swathed in red, suggests after marriage, hence the importance of the glowing globe of a sun-revolving planet. studying the future mother-in-law with studying the future mother-in-law with thoroughness and selecting her with care. The moment a young man finds he is growing interested in a daughter he should postoone informing her of that interesting fact and devote his observations to the mother. Mothers-in-law are hard to cultivate, as a rule, but a young man of tact need have no lifficulty in pursuing his investigations while pensable to her. She will take his attentions the more readily perhaps because it will remind her of her own young days. As attentions from her liege lord have naturally languished during the lapse of time and perhaps been discontinued altogether feminine craving for them will be gratified.

This will make for the best interests of he young man and it will give him the coveted opportunity for study of her. If he finds that she is a good woman the probabilities are that the daughter is a good voman also, and he can enter upon the delightful duties of courtship with an ardor increased by the knowledge that he is making no mistake, having wisely selected the mother-in-law. He will be happy. If, on desk to mine." After the battle Butler the other hand, he does not study the mother-in-law carefully and select wisely salling in dangerous waters, and he will be unhappy. Undoubtedly much injustice is done to mothers-in-law, but as they are uncertain Mr. Armour's advice in regard to

selecting them should be heeded.

Detroit Free Press: "What is the indis-censable gift of a successful artist nowa-Well, he must have the knack of making his work look crazy and stylish.

Washington Star: "This puglist who is so anxious to meet you—do you consider him in your class?"

The prize fighter drew himself up to his full height and answered with scorn:
"I should say not. Why he doesn't even know how to use a typewriter.

Pittsburg Chronicle: "There was one thing I looked for in valn in the proceedings of the Sheep Breeders' association," said Gaswell to Dukane.
"What was that""
"A paper on the nature and disposition of the hydraulic ram."

Indianapolis Press: The Varmer-Don't ell me you ain't able to work. W'y, I go o work at daylight an' work till dark and

Chicago Tribune: "I am glad you are go-ng to stay all night, Dot. I will have some seighbor boys come and spend the evening

"Who, nuntie?" asked Miss Dot.
"Well, I'll have Dick go and bring
Freddy Alistitch, Willie Duncan and
Tommy Upmore."
"Why, auntie, I don't go with boys now
who don't shave."

Somerville Journal: Winks-He said he vas a New Englander. Binks-Well, how do you know he isn't? Winks-Why, he doesn't show the least

Philadelphia Press: "Once when I was out for rabbits and not prepared for any-hing bigger," said the talkative sports-nan. "I almost stumbled over a big black

I know what you're going to say," in-"That you realized at once what trouble

# WHEN MY PA WAS A BOY.

My pa is alays tellin' how good he use Ter alays mind his parents, when he was a boy like me. Never got in any mischief and alays liked ter work. Got all his lessons when at school and never tried ter shirk.

've alays had my 'pinion of a boy that's awful good.
Who never grumbles when he has ter carry
in the wood.
Who never gits in mischief and never wants a gun.

For what's the use of livin' if yer can't have any fun?

But one day pa was talkin' when he thought I wasn't near.

Ter a man he med ter play with, and it made me laugh to hear.

Him tell about his funny tricks and how he A-gittin' in ter mischief when he was a boy

He told about the time he let a squirrel le told about the time he let a squirrel
loose in school;
He didn't know the thing would run and
act so like a fool;
The teacher tried ter find him out, but
'twasn't any use;
And once, he said, he threw a stone and
killed a neighbor's goose.

He used ter tease his sister when she had a beau; Alays liked a circus and like a wild west Had a dog named Carlo, hiched him to a ted a boy for teasin' him, then got sent ter bed.

I tell yer, boys, I'm proud of ps. he's alays full of vim. And when he was a boy like me there wan't no flies on him; So when I git ter be a man I'll be like him, And tell my boys that I was slays good as Leould be. R. H. SHAFTOE.