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Net dally average.

With talk so cheap down at Lincoln why should the legislators want to reduce the telephone toll still further?

The senatorial game at Lincoln has got to a point where the dealer needs a substitute to enable him to take a rest.

The florists will be the next to complain if the legislators at Lincoln persist in distributing so many free bo-

with the Rounders' club.

It is unfortunate that the only honest | though its enactment at the present sesman in the United States senate is to sion is to be desired.

speeches for delivery during his short extra session is to be expected. term, but only delivered one of them. He made no discount on his salary for that reason, however.

Bryan has declined an invitation to make a speech on the plea that he was too busy to talk. People who have observed his proclivities can form a good idea of just how busy he is.

Bryan objects to lengthening the presidential term to six years, presumcampaigns, and he does not get any too much fun out of it as it is.

The best way to settle the controversy over the barbers' bill would be to invite the members of the legislature to offer themselves as subjects to the novice class in a so-called barbers' col-

It might not be out of order for the turned to it. fusion county officials who want to engage in fistic exhibitions to advertise the event in advance and give the pub. ure by the senate. The fact is that a spectators' seats.

Washington the waiters will please re- view of the increasing expenditures move the "cold tea" from the senate they have a strong argument on their restaurant. The people of the country side. The public expectation in this would not like to see the beautiful capi- particular is therefore very likely to be tol building wrecked.

When Governor Dietrich stated that he would not allow a prize fight to be pulled off in this state he did not anticipate that democratic politicians rate for the coming year, which must would spring one so suddenly with a be decided at its next meeting, when, fat office as the stakes.

The Wisconsin legislature is considering a bill to abolish the free lunch. The members of the legislature should not be so particular. Their present graft may not last forever and they may live to regret hasty action in the proposed direction.

Senator Pettigrew is realizing that only a few weeks more remain in which his remarks will be recorded in the Congressional Record and is losing no opportunity to have his memory embalmed in the pages of that monumental publication.

When Emperor William of Germany died memorial services were held in this country as a tribute to his great work for the German nation, and there is no good reason why any one should object to memorial services now over the decease of Queen Victoria.

by his speech on the reorganization of the inequalities have not been comthe democratic party, he might have de- pletely wiped out. And it is unequal livered it before a body which contained taxation that is unjust taxation. a larger number of democrats than the

congress of the United States.

TALK OF AN EXTRA SESSION.

both the president and the republican which could readily be consolidated. leaders in congress are said to view with great saving to the community. with much rejuctance the prospect of were it not for the constitutional pro-2.00 an extra session, running probably visions requiring separate county orinto midsummer, yet the conditions are ganization. such at present as to warrant the begress very soon after the expiration of form. To keep the levy within reason-

will get through, although, as happens of property for the purpose of taxation. land and Germany may be found in the at every short session, some of them and, second, a simplification of the city fact that the duke of York has the German may be hanging by the edge even on the government and eventual consolidation measles. morning of adjournment. Of course of city and county offices that dupliif any of these bills should fail of pas- cate one another's work. sage an extra session would be unavoidable, but there are other important matters which it now seems are not likely | The army reorganization bill having to be acted upon at this session and passed congress will doubtless go into which the president may regard as of effect at once, as there will be no delay such urgency as to make it his duty to on the part of the president in signing promptly convene the new congress. it. Under this measure the army may Perhaps the matter of paramount im- be recruited up to the maximum of portance relates to Cuba. This was 100,000 men and some doubt has been March 1 will be ineligible to hold office. considered by the cabinet a few days expressed whether the number of men If there are any Ohio-born Filipinos in the ago and it is understood to be the required can be enlisted between now bunch this will be sure to cause them to opinion of the administration that this and June 30, when the term of enlist, lay down their arms. 26,240 government should insist upon certain ment of the volunteers in the Philip-26,399 stipulations as to the relations hereafter pines expires. Senator Hale, in a 26.620 to exist between the United States and speech on the bill, said the secretary of Cuban constitution would be ready for cruiting up to the measure which the be neither prudent nor creditable to de- opinion that there will be no difficulty fer this matter to the regular session of in recruiting the army up to the maxthe new congress next December. He imum, though certainly the figures given

least to the extent recommended by the spurt forward in recruiting in order to by congress, and this duty should be by no of Esculapius. portance. It looks improbable that tremely doubtful whether this will be acceptance of an instrument submitted in conditions respecting the Philippines remain in the army, so general is the commission proposed legislation would tion would of itself almost justify an pines will plainly be no easy task. That legislative bill compelling street extra session of the next congress. The railway companies to run owl cars canal question is another important mat- gress should have provided a moderate pier, for the majority of them lead a truly through the night must have originated ter, though not of so great urgency.

retire March 4. It must be so, how- The really pressing matters relate to ever, for Pettigrew himself has said it. Cuba and the Philippines and if nothing is done regarding them at this ses-Ex-Senator Towne prepared two sion the calling of the new congress in

the senate bill is obnoxious to repubably as it would be too long between lican leaders of the house, who, it is said, are disposed to regard the action of the senate committee in entirely recasting the bill as an infringement the house to originate revenue measures. The house is tenacious of its rights in this particular and it is not prerogative if the bill should be re-

The indications are, however, that there will be no action on the measlic a chance to witness it from the number of republican senators believe that the proposed reduction in revenue, amounting to nearly \$40,000,000 as esti-If Mrs. Nation should decide to go to mated, cannot safely be made and in disappointed.

THE TAX RATE QUESTION The city council is once more confronted with the question of the tax under the law, it must pass the annual tax levy ordinance.

Every time this question comes up conflict between contending forces is precipitated-on the one side the properry owners clamoring for the lowest possible tax rate, and on the other the demand for the necessary expenses for running various departments of municipal government, coupled with the outstanding obligations which must be met if the credit of the city is to be maintained unimpaired. If the obligations of the city are not provided for out of current funds, they must be carried along with a constant drain of in-

terest cost. Two causes stand at the bottom of the

apparent high tax rate in Omaha: One is our radically defective system of assessing property values, by which the listed valuations are far below actual selling prices, while a great deal of taxable property escapes the assessor altogether. Under our separate tax If Representative Lanham of Texas commissioner the assessment has been really desired to accomplish anything practically doubled in the aggregate, but

On the other side, the inflation of municipal expenditures dates back to the boom era, when the framework of The Douglas County Democracy has our city government was constructed on elected new officers for the coming year, the basis of a population of 150,000 and

ment. It must be remembered too. ongress appears probable. Although dual government for city and county.

The tax rate question will be with us Omaha: The Bee Building.
South Omaha: City Hall Building, TwenSouth Omaha: City Hall Building,

RAISING A NEW ARMY. thinks the Cubans should not be com- by himself do not justify his confidence.

allowed to put a government in opera- relaxation of the tests imposed at the convention, it embedies unquestionably the of a New York police surgeon. Finding recruiting stations enlistments can be der the terms of the order constituting facts in relation to his profession the lawalso evidently regards as of urgent im- next five months, and it is indeed ex- regular session of the federal legislature lawyer, "you know that Esculaplus is a anything in this direction will be done realized. It is assumed that perhaps the preceding January would be to invite police suregor; but I read a translation lar measure could block action. It is a enlistments, but the probability is that rebellion throughout the island. very serious question whether existing no such number of the volunteers will should be allowed to continue for an desire among them to return home. other year, when in the judgment of the Grant that number of re-enlistments, however, and there must still annually, which is contributed by benevotend to pacification and improvement, be recruited 69,000 men and to secure and the fallure to provide such legisla- that number for service in the Philip-

safely walt for the next congress, at Washington. Failure to raise the of the law and trate farmers and housewould be most unfortunate, but it is them all in comparative comfort. clearly possible.

Lincoln's Commercial club proposes to abolish the city council as a part of the be done, of which there is no sign, the apmunicipal government and substitute propriations for the second session of the for it a board of three commissioners. Fifty-sixth congress will reach \$800,000,000. This is apparently on the plan of the The tax reduction bill may not pass government of the city of Washington, tions will be greater than they ever were at the present session of congress. The the only difference being that the com- before and will include, approximately, senate finance committee has not defi- missioners in the national capital are \$77,000,000 for the navy, \$113,000,000 for the nitely decided upon a program for the appointed instead of elected. Whether army, \$60,000,000 for river and harbor imconsideration of that measure and the the governing body is called city coun- provements. \$140,000,000 for pensions and hesitation shown in this particular is cil or board of commissioners, the operstrengthening the suspicion that it is ation would be the same and it would not intended to seriously push the bill be just as hard to get good men to but its appropriations will be greater than to a passage at this session. Moreover, serve as commissioners as it is to get those of any previous congress. good men to serve as councilmen.

The Cuban constitutional convention has met its first serious difficulty in the matter of the presidency of the upon the constitutional prerogative of country. A large element would like to see the services of Gomez to his policy to limit the eligibility to that office to natives, but it seems hard that any other for Cuba and the Cubans should be denied the honor.

News from the Philippines is to the effect that the board of inquiry has acquitted Captain McCalla of the that whipping be used as a part of the charges preferred against him. The punishment provided for kidnaping. public will rejoice at this. The bluff old captain redeemed himself from Spain and marked several scores up on In nearly ever state efforts will be made the other side. As the leader of the during the present session of the legisla-American forces in the first effort to reach and relieve Pekin he earned still further credits, and the country would cussion regret to see him disgraced or even humiliated by a reprimand.

The burning of the Coates opera tion to the danger to which theaters are have said: while an audience was still in the the country.

to the city were being platted and put on the market, but auctions of inside That it is going back to the dark ages property have never been had because For some things we may well go there and investors can pick up bargains any day, get light. The man who puts his money into well located Omaha property is sure to reap

The number of nien who can hereafter insert in their blographies the statement that they were at one time voted for for United States senator has legislature. The rod which falls to Pennsylvania. catch a little lightning when it is flying around so promisenously must be a

The experiment of vesting independ-

be imposed by one responsible author An extra session of the Fifty-seventh that the same people are supporting a ity the results would be more reassuring.

The supreme court of Iowa has settled the controversy regarding the constitutional amendment and the people of and young men have been urged to seek that state will not be dealed the privilege of having an election every year, scientious workers. The phrase "There is Hof that the convening of the next con- from year to year in much the same lowa has about as hard a time getting always room at the top," however, has its constitution amended as Nebraska.

> Improved Bond of Sympathy. Chicago Chronicle Another bond of sympathy between Eng-

Patroits Chose to the Staff. Whatever may be the differences as to

carpet-bagger 'follow the flag' wherever examinations required for graduation have there is a scent of spoils. A Stampede in Prospect. Washington Post.

The Philippine commission announces that all rebels who remain hostile after blockheads.

Popular Election of Senators Philadelphia Record.

Fair Dealing with Cuba. Philadelphia Record.

institutions.

Whatever may be the defects of the con-

Hobos Cost Considerable.

Minneapolis Tribune It is estimated that the support of tramps in the United States costs over \$25,000,000 vicious tramps pilfer. If the tramps could be set to work, there would be some quid expend and the hardship which they ennew army within the required time keepers would, if properly applied, support

> Increased Cost of Government. Philadelphia Record.

Unless some very vigorous pruning shall The appropriations for the first session The total appropriaother tremendous sums. What the Fiftysixth congress, now drawing near its end will do cannot yet be told with exactness.

PUNISHMENT OF KIDNAPERS

Laws Providing Adequate Penalties a National Need.

San Francisco Call. Regularly with the assembling of the legislatures of the eastern states there comes a revival of the question of the advisability adopted country rewarded by making of establishing the whipping post as a him the first president, but Gomez is means of punishment for certain crimes to be doubted that it would assert its not a Cuban. There is no question which in the estimation of some people that on the broad principle it is good are inadequately dealt with by either fine or imprisonment. That discussion is now going on at a lively rate in the east owing to the fact that in Delaware, where the the one who has done more than pillory and the whipping post are used as them; while in Connecticut, where they do not exist, there is a movement to establish the whipping post, if not the pillory.

The question has had a new interest added to it this time by the suggestion was pointed out by The Call immediately after the Cudahy kidnaping case in Omaha the existing laws do not adequately proformer discredits during the war with vide for the punishment of that offense. ture to remedy the defect, and consequently in the east that issue has naturally become involved in the whipping post dis-

Judge Baldwin of Connecticut has strongly the whipping post as a punishment for of infringing on Editor Bryan's patent. kidnapers who carry off children with the intent to extort ransom, and in dealways exposed. Had this fire occurred to such a penalty? That it would be in- time, and he is then, to all appearances, a human? There is nothing inhuman in using reasonable severity to punish physical outbuilding it would doubtless have caused rages. It is society striking back at the great loss of life. These periodical man that gave the first blow. It is the confingrations in opera houses and the natural impulse of every man to meet force aters call for rigid enforcement of the by force. That it would be unchristian? building regulations and the application For an individual to right his own wrongs in such a way perhaps might be, but the of other precautionary measures to pre- duty of the state to punish criminal wrongvent similar disasters in every city in doers with the heavy hand is nowhere proclaimed more explicity than in the new Real estate auctions were once quite naper? Degrade him from what? What is common in Omaha at the time additions his station now? Who is lower, baser, meaner, than the scoundrel who steals away a child to extort money for his ransom

A sidelight upon the question is thrown by reports that the whipping post in Delaware causes all the criminals of that state who, if convicted, would be subject to it, to report has stirred up the Marylanders and they are now asking one another whether it would be better to aid the movement for

others to imitate the example, and as

SOME OF OUR DOCTORS Sample Instances of "Learned Men"

The overplus of doctors of medicine ha been subject of comment for many years upheld thousands of bright young men whose natural bent is for the practice of medicine or surgery. That there is, in truth room for thoroughly educated physicians and surgeons is suggested by the revelations of ignorance on the part of some of our doctors who have succeeded in making a liv ing by private practice or in the publiservice. For a great many years the leading medical colleges of the country, particularly those in the eastern states, have required or have seemed to require a high the limitations of the constitution, there is degree of preparatory knowledge of those no question that the promoter and the who have applied for entrance, and the been regarded as exacting. In spite of this college elevation of the standard of the efficient has fallen into the hands o

In the Spell will case, now before the court in Chicago, "a physician of prominence" was placed on the witness stand as an expert on insanity. He expressed such obviously absurd opinions that the attorney for the other side exclaimed to the judge: "Why, this man doesn't know The senatorial deadlock in Delaware, to- what insanity is: Doctor," he shouted. Cuba. It has been expected that the war will have no easy task to bring regether with the similar impasse in the turning to the witness, "do you know what Nebraska legislature, because two great an adverb is?" The witness admitted that railway companies whose lines traverse the he did not. "Well, then," justly observed submission to this government by the act demands. He points out that the state cannot agree upon a candidate, point the lawyer, "what can this expert know middle of the present month, but it ap- best that has been done in the army in alike to the natural conclusion that con- about medical terms if he doesn't know pears likely that the date of its com- the way of enlisting during the past tests for federal senatorships should be an adverb from a noun?" The attorney pletion will be later. In that event year has been at the rate of 1,600 a waged in the broad field of public selection, then mentioned the best known works of the present congress will not be able to month. In the five months between now lative halls. Under existing political con- disorders works which are used in the give the constitution the careful scru- and July 1 that rate would give only ditions in the United States opposition to medical schools as text books-and asked tiny that is desirable and the president 8,000 men. Adjutant General Corbin, the election of senators by the people means the expert if he had read any of them. is said to be of the opinion that it would on the other hand, has expressed the recreancy to popular government and free Again the witness answered in the negative Only the sudden adjournment of the session saved the expert from the astounding confession, in reply to a question, that he had never read any work on insanity.

This display of ignorance had its parallel pelled to wait another year before being It is possible that with some slight stitution adopted for Cuba by the Havana in the results of Judge Goff's examination will of a majority of the Cuban people. Un- the medical official ignorant of the simples Legislation for the Philippines, at increased, but there must be a great the convention its work must be accepted yer asked him if he had read the works there is no connection between liquid Taft commission, the administration secure the 75,000 men required in the means delayed until next winter, when the the modest reply. "Of course," said the by the present congress, since the op- 15,000 soldiers now in the ranks will re- suspicion and distrust in Cuba and to offer of some of his books." It should be said position to the Spooner bill or any simi- enlist, a bounty being offered for re- practically a premium to disorder and open that the medical profession in New York has had nothing to do with the choice of police surgeons. This particular shining light admitted that he owed his appoint ment to polities.

ANTIQUITY OF VICES

Very Old Grafts that Theive in Modern Times. Chicago Tribune.

The letters and inscriptions of Ham pro one for this expenditure, and the murabi, a king of the Babylonian dynasty, As we pointed out some time ago con- tramps on the whole would be much hap- dating back to 2200 B. C., which have recently been translated, throw most inbounty for recruits and we note that miserable existence. The energy which they teresting light not only upon the antiquity of vices of a financial kind, but also upon The proposed currency legislation can this is the opinion of some military men dure in dodging dogs, brakesmen, officers the manner in which they were punished in those faraway days. In one of these letters Hammurabi notifies his correspondent that a case of bribery has been day is certainly more than an idle supporeported to him, and that the man who sition, and is well within the range of offered the bribe, the man who took the probability. It has long been known that bribe and a witness to the transaction are the War department has a carefully in Babylon. The officer is further notified drawn-up plan of campaign for the invato apprehend all these men, as well as to sion of Sweden and Norway. The officers set a seal upon the money or upon whatso- of the Russian general staff are of the ever was offered as the bribe, and cause opinion that an army of 120,000 men would it" and all the parties to be brought before be sufficient to compel Sweden and Norway him for summary punishment. The outcome of the case is not reported, but as wise, well known that numerous Russian Hammurabi, the Amraphel of Genesis, was spice have recently been sent to Scandinaabsolute in power, it is not unlikely that via, and that the Swedish language is now two Babylonians lost their heads as a salutary warning to others.

The second letter bears upon the question of money-lending in those ancient days. A serf had informed the king that Aniellati, a notorious usurer, had laid claim to certain lands which belonged to him and had appropriated his crops. The king, after looking into the matter, found that the usurer held a mortgage upon only a small part of the serf's acres, and ordered that his pledge should be returned to him and that of the Scandinavian peninsula to attain their the usurer should be brought to him for punishment, the registry of title being held sufficient to defeat a usurious claim-a feature of land laws which, curiously enough is now advocated in England. These two letters, over 4,000 years old.

show not only the antiquity of the vices of greed, but also the excellent manner in which justice was administered sometimes in the early days of the race. In the bribery case the briber was held as equally guilty with the bribed. In the usury case the Babylonian shylock lost not only his interest, but his principal, and was punished besides. In the bribery matter the king was determined not to touch the hush money, 400 ounces of gold, so years according to the climate and the he ordered his officials to return it to the briber, after deducting 398 ounces for legal expenses and 2 ounces for fees to the servants, which shows that Hammurabi was crafty as well as just. Justice, after all, has not made much advance in the last forty-one centuries; on the other hand, its

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Danish legislator who has started a newspaper to oppose the sale of the advocated the adoption by that state of islands to the United States is in danger Frank Rockefeller's cattle ranch in Texas house in Kansas City is another cau- fending his proposition in reported to two to four miles in width. Here Mr "What are the objections Rockefeller spends nearly all his leisure

> typical cowboy Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, K. C. M. G., has presented to the Royal Irish academy his valuable collection of books, manuscripts and curios relating to Ireland. His "Ballad Poetry of Ireland," which was issued in 1845,

has passed no fewer than fifty editions. Grover Cleveland has accepted honorary membership in the Mercer County (N. J.) Foxhunting association, which numhers about seventy-five sport-loving Trentonians. Mr. Cleveland, in his letter to the eptance will not involve danger to "the life or limb of an old man."

leads a correspondent of the New York Evening Post to observe that "the Christian warrior of today is on the same plane is his ancestor who lived in the period of the cave bear and the mastodon, exleave Delaware and live in Maryland. The cept that today he uses more deadly weapons. After thirty-five years of continuous serv-

The horrors of the outrages, massacres

ce Chief Justice Depue has resigned from suppressing the whipping post in Delaware | the New Jersey supreme bench. That his or to establish one in Maryland, and so intellectual power is unimpaired may be been largely increased by the present drive the criminals over the border into guthered from a remark he made on an- ing of money too. nouncing his intention to resign. "I much Whether the whipping post be established prefer," said he, "to withdraw when the or not, it is certain something should be public may wonder why I do so than to wait done for the punishment of kidnapers. It until the public shall wonder why I do not. is not likely the Cudaby affair will stand | Queen Victoria was a grandmother at 40 long as an isolated case. The success of the and a great-grandmother at 60. Her fir criminals in obtaining a large ransom and grandchild is emperor of Germany, and her a the emperor's oldest sister. It was a memconsequence some fitting punishment for ber of a famous Boston military company the crime should be provided this winter visiting in London who, in tonsting Victoria, spoke of "the queenliness of the woman and the womanliness of the queen."

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

world the German emperor has decided to soldiers. establish an institute for the study of oceanology in Berlin in connection with a The text of the new canal bill has been instruction, not only of students in the and to canalize the Weser from

of Russia is, however, very unequally dis- Spree. tributed. In the province of Vistula it averages 75 inhabitants per square kilo-1 habitants is but 4 per 100 kilometers.

the total population of the Russian cities gary, too, now shows signs of breaking up. was hardly more than 300,000. Today it is nearly 17,000,000. Thirty years ago Russia ontained only four cities the population of which was upward of 100,000. Today there are iwenty-two cities of this kind. St Petersburg and Moscow each have over 1,000,000 inhabitants and Odessa, which was founded only 105 years ago, already has a population of 420,000. Lod), which had 32. 000 tahabitants thirty years ago, now has a population of 325,000; Baku has in the same space of time, increased from 13,000 to 115,000, and Kiew from 68,000 to 225,000. She has a perfect monopoly of me. Thirty years ago Russia had exactly sixteen cities with a population of 50,000 and over. Today there are sixty cities of the kind.

That Russia may invade Sweden some to accept the conqueror's terms. It is, likestudied by mrny Russian officers. The apprehensions of the Swedes are, therefore, well grounded, particularly as the Russ ans have made no secret of the fact that they want an outlet on the open sea; and where could they find better ports than on the Norwegian coast, where the sea never freezes, even in the coldest winters? But to reach the Norwegian coast the Russinns must pass through Sweden; in other words, they must conquer a great portion purpose. Hence, the great importance attached to the proposed reorganization of the Swedish army. Ridsdag will adopt the government's proposal, and will grant the necessary sumwhich is a considerable one, for its realiza-

From the beginning of the new year France will have a purely colonial army; an army which will be under the minister of war, instead of, as formerly, under the minister of marine. Part of the colonial army will remain in France, while the other part will be abroad. The period of service abroad has been fixed at from three to five colonial army will be perfect in every department and ready to undertake any little colonial war, without calling either upon the territorial army or the navy for assistance.

It may be mentioned that the personnel of the artillery passed from the navy to administrators today might learn a useful the colonial army, consists of one general lesson from the study of the Hammurabi of division, three generals of brigade, nine colonels, ten lieutenant colonels, nineteen chefs d'escadron, eigthy-three captains, eighty-three officers for administrative purposes, sixty-two military employes and six companies of workmen and skilled artisans. The total effective strength of the new colonial army has been fixed at thirty-five colonels, forty-seven lieutenant colonels, 186 chefs de battalion, 146 doctors, 756 captains, is about eight miles long and varies from 1.192 lieutenants and second lieutenants,

671 adjutants, 567 corporais, 28,186 soldiers, 342 musicians Then, the native part of In consequence of the growth of German the colonial army is to consist of 502 sertrade and commerce in all parts of the gennts, 2.368 corporats and 24,968 native

naval muneum. Both are to be part of the communicated to the Prussian Diet. It is a Berlin university and will serve as all revision and extension of the scheme of academy for naval instruction on the most 1200, which proposed to connect the Rhine modern system and in the widest sense of with the Elbe by means of a canal pavis the word. One of the main objects is the gable for vessels of considerable tonnage subjects dealt with, but of all persons in- to Minden, where the canal would cross it. terested in them, including ships' captaint, Among the many objections which were ship owners, merchants, etc. The museum brought against this plan was the charge will be formed on a very large scale, the that it would benefit only the western half emperor having ordered that all the naval of the monarchy. The poorer agricultural collections at Wilhelmshaven, Dantzic, Kiel previnces to the east of the Elbe would, it and Hamburg shall be brought to Berlin, as was urged, actually suffer from the creation well as all special collections in other mu- of a cheap means of transport which would seums, and the greater part of the German jessen, the price of foreign agricultural naval section exhibited in Paris last your produce on the Berlin market. The gov-The emperor has allotted 250,000 marks for ernment now has expanded the original this purpose and the Prussian Landiag has bill into a measure providing for the exalso made an appropriation. Though the tension of the canal system in all parts of institutions are still in course of formation the kingdom. This will, of course, involve a series of free public lectures on a much greater expenditure. It contains oceanology, etc., by several of the leading seven different schemes, of which the medical education, it is undeniable that German professors will be started at once. total cost to the state is estimated at 389. 010,700 marks, or nearly \$100,000,000. These The first census in Russia was taken in include the Rhine-Elbe canal, which, it is 1724 and showed a population of 14,000,000, calculated, will cost 260,784,760 marks; a On the accession of Catherine II, in 1762, ship canal between Berlin and Stettin, to the population of the empire was 19,000,000; cost 41,500,000 marks; a waterway connectat the time of her death, in 1795, 36,000,000, ling the Oder and the Vistula, of which the in 1815, under Alexander 1, 45,000,000; under cost, together with that of a channel ren-Nicholas I, in 1835, 60,000,000; under Alex- dering the Warthe navigable for ships from ander II, in 1858, 74,000,000; under Alex- Posen to the junction of the Netze, is estiander III, 1893, 127,000,000, and today, 136, mated at 22,631,000 marks, and a canal con-000,000, including the grand duchy of Fin- necting the province of Silesia with the land. As the population now increases at canal joining the Oder to the Spree. The the rate of nearly 2,000,000 a year in a bill further proposes that the state should quarter of a century Russia will number participate in the work of improving the 0,000,000 inhabitants. The average ratio flow of water in the lower Oder and the of inhabitants in the empire is but six per upper Havel to the extent of 40,989,000 square kilometer, whereas in Belgium, the marks and 9,670,000 marks respectively, most densely populated country in the and should contribute the sum of 9,335,000 world, it is upward of 200. The population marks towards the canalization of the

> The recent elections in Austria for a new meter, which figure is superior to the aver- , Reichsrath have resulted in a sort of Watage in France-71 per square kilometer, erloo for the anti-semite and clerical pol-The region of the southwest (Kiew) has 5s iticians. They have been besten right and inhabitants per kilometer, the province of left, much to their surprise, as they fancied Moscow 43 inhabitants, Lithuania 40, the the flowing tide was with them. The pros-Baltic provinces 25, southern New Russia pects of Austria are not, however, im-24, the Volga basin 17. Finland has but proved. The new members of the Reichsinhabitants per kilometer and Archangel rath are not predominately factionists of but I inhabitant per kilometer. In the the old sort, but their pan-Germanic and regions of the Amur the proportion of in. pan-Czech ideas are radical and will probably continue to make parliamentary gov-The population of Russia, which was for ernment impracticable. The agitators have centuries almost exclusively rural, tends at length fired racial and religious animos-more and more to become "urban." Thur, ities to such an extent that Francis Joities to such an extent that Francis Join 1724, the urban element was but 3 per seph's checkerboard empire seems ready ent of the entire population, while today to tumble to pieces. Hungary is not divided it forms 13 per cent of the whole. In 1724 to the same extent as Austria, but Hun-

> > TICKLISH TALK.

Detroit Journal: A sucker is born every minute, and marriage statistics indicate that he usually lives to grow up. Chicago Becord: "You always look pleased when you meet Jibbs." "Yes, he once tried to theat me and couldn't.

Detroit Free Press: Husband-Iso't it about time Mrs. Berrore was returning our

call?
Wife-Yes, but if she does return it it will be more than she does with the other things she gets from us.

Chicago Tribune: Aikson-What are you doing for your grip?
Payne-Nothing. My wife says it's pravidential five got it. Twice since I caught it my coughing and sneezing in the middle of the night have scared burglars away from the house.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I've often felt serry for old Anamas." Why so ""Because he never had a chance to show the full measure of his ability. Fflink how he would have reveled in the rob if he could have gone along with Teddy Roosevelt."

Washington Star: They tell me that you nave been traveling abroad," said the oung woman who tries to make conversation.

And the man who seizes the slightest priext to be disagreeable answered:

"Ferhaps you will be kind enough to explain how I could have gone abroad without traveling."

THE TROUBLE BORROWER

Washington Star

e man who borrows trouble-will he kindly step this way? read so much about him in the papers day by day. That we'd kind of like to see him and to

That we'd kind of like to see him and to greet him with a smile.

For we're truly fascinated by his philanthropic style.

He is worried 'most to death for fear the people up in Mars

Are making vain endeavors to converse beyond the stars.

And he says the "yellow peril" may destroy our cultured plan

And put us all in serfdom to the callow Chinaman.

He's going 'round in sackcloth, for he says it hurts his pride To hear the talk of a canal that isn't fortified. He weeps and says that Caesar's ghost is stalking through the town.

And presently the president will wear an emperor's crown. ctal system, he declares with

And our fine-clai system, he declares with dark dismay,
Will land the population in the poor-house some fine day.
And we'll get a standing armyp that delights to terrorize.
And they'll massacre civilians just for fun and exercise.

Oh, this man who borrows trouble—he is very, very kind. To take so many mighty obligations on his mind.

And leave us to enjoy the passing season, with its cheer, And revel in prosperity; so long as it is we'll let him take these burdens he so We'll let him take these burdens he so genially invites;
We will give him what he asks for every time he calls or writes.
We will lend him all our troubles, and his store shall know no lack.
And he'll be unwelcome only when he trics to pay them back.

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but failed to include the pugilistic the garments cut with a view to still county poor farm superintendent in the further growth. Compared with cities ent taxing power in three or four local getting away will be sure to encourage first great-grandchild is the daughter of honor roster. Unless the club gives placed on an equality with Omaha by bodies has not proved a glittering sucproper recognition to its combative the census of 1900, our municipal goverss. Each addition to the taxing aumembers how can it expect to hold its ernment appears to be top-heavy in thority means another addition to the in every state where the legislature is in own against its Jacksonian antagonists? spite of constant efforts at retrench- tax levy. If all our local taxes could session.