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It was hardly necessary for Editor Van Metre to own up. Most people knew it all the time.

The fight at Santiago was only a skirmish compared with the conflict in the senate over the naval nominations.

Mrs. Nation is breathing the old familiar atmosphere of Kansas once more, and Topeka suffers for what she saw

in Chicago. Why not appoint Mrs. Nation an agent of the revenue department and start her in after the Kentucky and Carolina

moonshiners?

Nebraska people coming to Omaha are agreed on one point at least. Never was the state in more prosperous condition than at present.

The passage of Sunday marks a full work will be resumed at once.

Can it be that the Kearsarge is a hoodoo? At any rate the Texas and Buffalo are in danger of losing their prestige as Maryland has always been well and the hard luck vessels of the navy.

It looks very much as though the saddest sight of the bright new century.

An increase of more than four millions in the business of the Nebraska to disfranchise the colored vote of the state and private banks is another answer to the calamity cry of the fusion-

A Frenchman has invented a slot machine which will lick postage stamps. The next thing out will probably be one which will perform the same service for the small boy.

A loyal follower of Bryan finds it necessary to do up his unshorn locks in curl papers. If he sticks to his vow he may yet exhibit himself as an advertisement for a hair invigorator.

The special correspondents should chip in and assist Mrs. Nation in her defense. Not since the days when county seat wars raged have the correspondents had such a chance as now.

An Omaha traveling man complains that the hotels along his route are so crowded with drummers that it is hard | conflict between the allies and the Chito get a bed. And yet the calamityites nese of the most serious character. The would have us believe that the commercial traveler is becoming extinct.

An enterprising Iowa newspaper man interviewed a man convicted of murder in arousing the Chinese to a resistance and ascertained that he was opposed to which will extend throughout the emcapital punishment. A real bright pire and mean a prolonged, bitter and and the broncho is still the wild child guesser might have arrived at the same costly war, the end of which no one result without taking the trouble to interview the convict.

There must be something peculiar in the Kansas air. While on her trip through Iowa and Illinois Mrs. Nation against the Chinese. His excuse for showed no symptoms of anything more this is the unsatisfactory nature of the violent than an oratorical outbreak, but no sooner does she breathe the ozone of plenipotentiaries, under instructions Kansas than the splinters begin to fly.

Since the governor of Ohio shut down on fights even the base ball magnates powers that was expected. On the have become good. Ban Johnson announces there will be no fight between | tion to daily and delay, which has been his league and the National. If the construed to mean that they were gain officials will follow up this good reso- ing time in which to prepare for resistlution by shutting off the blustering talk | ing the demands of the powers if these the game will be the winner.

One of Governor Dietrich's new superintendents found a remarkable state over which he is to preside for the next which to prepare for a refusal of any none but republicans employed there.

Delay due to fusion fillbustering is to emergency which it saw to be possible be compensated for in an extra session if the president's wishes are only real powers. Certainly no civilized nation aroused to a pitch where lynching archy might soon be overthrown, so ized in the end.

TOO MANY COMMISSIONERS.

lowance of \$1,000 for stenographic as- fluence in the empire. sistance. This means an appropriation for the blennium of \$63,000 to be paid

by the taxpayers of Nebrasks. The Bee has been advocating the creation of a supreme court commission by Count von Waldersee? A Pekin dissummoning to the aid of the court such patch says it is not thought likely that judges of the district court whose time General Chaffee will agree to the reis not fully occupied by their judicial sumption of military operations, as probusiness. This would give a body not posed by the German commander-inonly equipped for the work by experi- chief, without instructions from Washence on the bench, but without entailing ington. It is not conceivable that our additional outlay upon the state beyond government will approve the plan of incidental expenses, because the district the German commander. The policy judges are already on the pay roll and of the United States from the begintheir entire services at the disposal of ning has been in the interest of peace the public.

is no need of nine commissioners to re- be predicted, to provoke the Chinese to lieve the supreme court. The former war. supreme court commission comprised only three members and the court thus augmented managed to keep up fairly well. If the court is to sit en banc each the government to the exposition, or division should have at least one of the world's fair, to be held at St. Louis in regular supreme court judges upon it. 1903 in commemoration of the Louisiana as all the decisions must have the en- purchase, was passed by the house of dorsement of the court and be rendered as coming from it. With only three su- ing 191 to 41. The principal opposipreme court judges, three divisions, each tion to the appropriation, strange to say, consisting of one judge and two com- was from the south, the section in which missioners, would be all that would be it would naturally be supposed the practical for the transaction of business, while nine commissioners would ment of the administration of Thomas either leave one division without any Jefferson would be most honored. The judge in its membership or make each division consist of four members who was the greatest act of expansion in might often be equally divided upon the history of the republic and it would questions before them.

Whatever the composition of the commission, therefore, six commissioners at a time is all that should be provided for. It should be remembered by the legislature that while the commission is designed for the relief of litigants, and incidentally for the relief of the lawyers, the relief of the taxpayers is not to be overlooked.

A MOVE FOR DISFRANCHISEMENT. The call of the governor of Maryland for an extra session of the legislature grand scale contemplated. If the plans of that state, while ostensibly intended to remedy certain constitutional de- is every reason to expect that the exfects alleged to exist, is really designed position commemorative of the Louisito limit suffrage by excluding the negro ana purchase will be equal if not suthe object of the extra session is to which is still unparalleled. secure a change in the election laws eliminating the colored vote. "The hope," says that paper, "is through such means to make democratic success in future a certainty in the state under a leadership which has under existing the business of conducting the warfare conditions been twice repudiated at the polls. . . It is hardly necin the consolidation of western rail- menace to good government, local or tains of all nations and his nostrils have roads. It is thought, however, that the national. Negro domination has never detected the odor of carnage on the in. Lawlessness has begotten lawlessness, been native and of unquestioned character and ability. The colored vote in worthily led and its claim to consideration is based upon the fact that through its assistance the Rosin gang was prize fighters would be forced to go to driven from power and Maryland has work before long. This would be the twice recorded herself for sound money

and protection to American industries." In spite of this the democrats of Maryland are determined, if possible, state and will introduce a bill for that purpose at the extra session of the legislature called to meet on March 6. It is true that the governor, in his proclamation calling the legislature in special session, does not specifically announce the purpose to be for the disfranchisement of the colored vote, but there is no difficulty in inferring this

from the language of his proclamation. It is an object lesson in the efforts and aims of the southern democracy which ought to command the very serious attention of the people of the north. However reluctant the latter may be to renew sectional differences they cannot be indifferent to such evidence by the southern democracy to pullify the federal constitution.

PROVOKING THE CHINESE TO WAR. The latest news from Pekin is of a announcement is that Count von Waldersee, the commander of the allied forces,

has ordered a movement that there is can foresee. There seems to be no doubt of the

purpose of the German commander, if begin a thoroughly aggressive war and subdue the wilderness. from the imperial authorities, have not manifested the most complete willingness to comply with the demands of the contrary they have shown a disposi- formance of duty he has long since should be insisted upon. Whether the Chinese government, necessarily with the knowledge of its plenipotenof affairs existing at the institution tlaries, was seeking to gain time in two years. Although it had been under extravagant demands on the part of the fusion control for six years, there were powers and that its objections to the terms proposed meant that it was tak-At least that is what the employes said. ing every advantage that delay would

Perhaps there is some ground for of congress. The president is deter- this view, but a fair judgment of the mined that the Cuban question shall be situation seems to warrant the opinion settled, and, although it means a flood that if the Chinese are preparing for of flamboyant oratory from the opposi- resistance they have good reason there-

traordinary demands that are being cool officers was effective in forestalling The bill passed by the state senate for made upon China, not only in the matsupreme court commission calls for ter of indemnity but for the punishnine commissioners, each receiving an- ment of men who are members of the nual salaries of \$2,500 and an extra al- royal family and are of the highest in-

What relation is the United States to occupy in connection with this newest development of the disposition of the powers, as disclosed in the action of in China and undoubtedly that is the But even if the plan for calling in the present attitude of this government. idle district judges is discarded, there We shall do nothing, it may confidently

THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. The bill appropriating \$5,000,000 by representatives yesterday, the vote bemost memorable and important achievepurchase from France of that territory seem that no admirer of Jefferson at this time could refuse to vote for an appropriation to celebrate the acquisition of that territory which has contributed so largely to the wealth of the nation and which is today the bulwark of the republic's power and prosperity.

The action of the house of representatives undoubtedly assures the appropriation from congress desired by the promoters of the St. Louis exposition and as they have raised the amount of money they agreed to do there is no as contemplated are carried out there vote. The Washington Star says that perior to the Columbian exposition,

HAIL TO THE BRONCHO!

At last the broncho has received official recognition. The United States army has decided that he is needed in

in the Philippines. From the days of Job the charger has essary to point out that the colored been a familiar figure in all pictures of vote in Maryland has never been a war. He has said ha ha among the capbeen possible, never been attempted. zepliyrs of all climates. No knight or violence has bred violence, and in that conwarrior bold was ever fit to fight without his barbed steed, and from Bucephalus to Rozinante we have in history. fiction and legend a list of names of gallant horses that is as interesting as it is appalling in length. Richard called for a horse on the field where he sought the last of the trio of Richmonds. Never was doughty deed wrought in which the noble steed did not share his master's fate. Glory was his and poesy has twined many an aromatic wreath around his noble head. The Six Hundred at Balaklava had been helpless the only specific opposition to it comes without their horses, and so would Napoleon at Wagram or Wellington at Waterloo. "Light Horse Harry" Lee is a romantic figure of our own history, and many a living veteran's mind will hark back through thirty-five or more years of time at the mention of Sheridan, Custer, Early or Forrest.

In the west here we have had much to do with the army and we have always held a warm spot in our hearts for the mud-pulling doughboy, but it was to the yellow-striped man of the "critter" regiment that our sympathies went out. But even he did not ride the broncho. Now we know the beast; piebald, pinto or claybank, he is a creature of our is bad and much that is good, he is a product of the west. What is cursed by tenderfeet and immortalized by disquieting nature. It foreshadows a sculptor and painter as his native cus sedness is but his inborn sense of freedom, his natural heritage from an ancestry dating back at least to the mare that came over with the conquistadores. Fifty years of civilization have not every reason to apprehend will result served to stamp out the natural tendencies that come down from more than three centuries of unrestricted liberty, of untrammeled nature. His viciousness is a protest against restraint, and his persistency is born of the perseverance that has led his human-if not

And now the United States army is his own with any animal that wears as it stands. hair, hybrid or not, while in the perproven beyond doubt or cavil his merit.

Reports from London are to the ef effect that Dewet and his men are in a certainly been contending against great granted the public will do well to wait English forces in South Africa are likely permit in order to be ready for an to have plenty to do.

The majesty of the law has had few murder trial just completed in Dodge would tolerate for a moment the ex- seemed imminent. Prompt action by is the feeling in Spain.

mob law, and the result of the speedy trial shows better than ever that the courts can be trusted to deal with crime.

The trouble over the asphalt concessions in Venezuela has been referred to the courts of that country for settle-United States minister. In taking this course, instead of coercing a weaker power the United States has set a good example. If the people of that country appreciate the tolerance shown them they will decide the case on just lines and avoid embarrassments in the future.

Colonel Roosevelt has emerged from the wilderness and tells us that his great slaughter of game was due solely to the imagination of the Colorado correspondents, none of whom got within forty miles of where he was hunting.

General Count von Waldersee's announcement that a military expedition. of a settlement of the China troubles are not the strongest. If there were prospects of a peaceful settlement such ists. an expedition would be extremely un-

Chicago Times-Herald. A Chicago author has written a story entitled "Nude Souls." This looks like a deliberate scheme to get barred out of the public libraries.

Nude Souls.

Simply Slanderous

Chicago Times-Herald. Some people are unkind enough to say that if Mrs. Nation were younger and prettier she would not have such a grudge against the mirrors.

Advance of Literature. Philadelphia Inquirer. Mark Twain having "worsted" a cabman and a cabman having "worsted" Fitzsimmons, it is about time for pugilism to yield the palm to literature.

It is Loaded. Chicago Inter Ocean. There is a bill before the legislature of North Carolina to prevent negroes from question that the fair will be on the practicing law in the state, but Mr. Bryan is writing no editorials on that subject for the esteemed Commoner.

> Another Slap at Woman. Statisticiaus have discovered that a college woman can throw a base ball only 45 per cent as far as a college man, but can jump 62 per cent as far. The latter ex-

> periment was determined by letting loose a

mouse in the room. Lawlessness Begets Lawlessness. Philadelphia Press. The situation in Kansas grows worse instead of better. The saloon keepers embittered by the destruction of their property have turned on the churches and begun to deface these edifices. Threats are made that for every liquor saloon wrecked a church will be ruined and that blood will flow if Mrs. Nation's plan of stopping the sale of intoxicants is persisted

dition of things the stronger must prevail State Departments of Porestry.

The people of Pennsylvania have good reason to feel grateful to the house of representatives at the present session of the legislature in Harrisburg for its passage of a bill creating a department of forestry, whose purpose is to have supervision of the preservation of the forests of the state and the carrying into effect of measures for their protection from wanton destruction. The bill has yet to run the gauntlet of the senate, but its general popularity and the fact that from lumbermen and other self-interested parties seem to be sufficient assurance that it will eventually become a law.

Still Persists.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. President McKinley has had several warnings that southern postoffices are sacred to the white race, and that colored postmasters will not be tolerated in them; nevertheless, he persists in appointing one of the proscribed race every now and then and the result is trouble. The latest instance reported is at Live Oak, Fla., where Thomas S. Harris, a negro, was made postmaster recently. Postmaster Harris has already received two warnings, in writing, to resign, or take the consequences, and has declined to comply with them. In the natural course of events south, the next news from that quarter will probglorious west. Cross between all that ably be that Judge Lynch has issued a writ of eviction and promptly executed it.

New Lead for Mrs. Nation.

At a masked ball given at the New York home of Senator Clark last Thursday night society of the gilded type manifested its exquisite sense of humor in a notable manner. Among the evidences of culture and refinement seen at this gathering of the select was a bar set up in the ballroom. It was just such a bar as can be found in any saloon and it was well stocked with drinkables. The guests patronized the bar liberally all the evening, just as the guests of an East Side mixed ale party do, and when the time came to wind up this recherche affair fifteen of the bright spirits made up as Kansas joint-smashers and led by a burlesque Mrs. Nation, attacked the bar with hatchets and demolished it amid he is sustained by the other powers, to humane-master to conquer the desert great hilarity. This performance was about as funny as the mock trial of the Boss chieter case by Yale students, but not quite so nauseating. It would have been apgoing to give the broncho a place on the preciated as a "skit" in a variety theater negotiations for peace. The Chinese roll of honor with the mule. It is not of the lower class and doubtless will be too soon, nor will the honor ever be imitated in places of that sort for the enunworthily borne. As a provocative of tertainment of drunken sailors and the proprofamity the broncho can easily hold temperance object lesson it does very well

Cupid Under a Cloud.

Baltimore Sun. The Spanish princess, who was married yesterday to a son of the Bourbon pretender to the throne of Naples, has made an alliance which may result in revolution in Spain. A few days ago the queen of sorry plight and are practically ex- Holland wedded a German prince and her justly or not, it has been charged that hausted. It may be true, for he has subjects celebrated the event with a joyous ness and heartiness which are in share odds, but before taking the report for contrast to the resentment of the Spanish populace at the marriage of the princess of Asturias to Don Carlos of Bourbon for his next move. He has certainly There were no decorations in Madrid and shown himself one of the most re- the streets were patrolled by soldiers. In sourceful men of recent years and until other parts of the Kingdom there have been he and his command are annihilated the outbreaks, notably at Valencia, while disvalls in Barcelona. There is a strong republican element in Spain, which seems to be almost on the point of revolt against the monarchy and misgovernment. It is more striking vindications than in the quite possible, therefore, that the marriage of the princess of Asturias to the son of notorious Carlist may lead to an upheaval. county. The condemned man was guilty The conditions are ripe for revolution, as of an atrocious crime, and at the time Sagasta, one of the shrewdest of Spanish tion, the people will be glad to hear it for in the exactions proposed by the of its commission the countryside was statesmen, recently asserted. If the army

THE CUBAN PROBLEM. Aspects of a Question Which Congress

In Extra Session Must Consider.

Courier-Journal.

resolution admit of no debate, but there are differing opinions as to how this should Viewed from one extreme, the ment at the earnest solicitation of the United States had no business to retain control of the island after the Spaniards had been driven out. This is the point of view held by a majority of the Cuban politleians, who looked upon it as a great outrage that they were not left to organize a government at once and who resent that they are still kept under restraint. island was in a state of anarchy at the conclusion of the war, but the revolutionists desired to assume control at once and perhaps if the Teller resolution had been observed in full the Cubans would have been left to their own devices. The United States, however, had undertaken the war for the purpose of putting an end to the misgovernment which was such a thorn in this country's side and, having driven out It's too bad to spoil that bear story, but Spain, were not disposed to let an equally the coming vice president felt that his bad state of affairs succeed. To withdraw string of mountain lions would have to from the island was so plainly to invite civil war that the military occupation was continued, with the result that brigandage has been suppressed, law and order enforced and the rights of persons and property protected. In the treaty of Paris we promised which would be out eighty days, would not only Spain, but the nations of the start in two weeks indicates that hopes world to see that a stable government was get a license to farm, or edit, or carry a endowments which nature has given him established and this has involved a continuance of the occupation until now, little as it has been relished by the revolution-

> Suppose now that the United States permit the constitution promulgated by a representative body of Cubans and whose basis s absolute independence of this country to according to its provisions. Suppose, furthermore, that the native government should turn out what so many of the South American republics have become; that there try to obtain control; that the property of Spaniards and foreigners generally should submit to such a state of affairs under native rule any more than under Spanish? With Cuba absolutely independent it would have a right to seek a European protectorate and to make treaties which would discriminate against us, but such action would certainly be followed by interference,

> After all, the chief feature of the Cuban problem is that, whether bond or free, the the fate of the United States. It is allied to us by its geographical situation, which gives it command of the Gulf of Mexico. even more than for the preponderance of annexation of Hawaii. No wonder there is so much anxiety over the establishment of the government in the island, the more so as the policy of the United States has been so hesitating and equivocal.

> Chicago Times-Herald. In discussing the proposals of the Cuban paper, La Nacion, concerning the future States it is first essential to distinguish

between a voluntary concession and a compulsory surrender. If the paper actually money. represents the sentiment of the Cuban peofollow out its suggestions and formulate a statement in their constitution which should recognize certain continuing obligations to this country it would not be our duty to object. But neither is it our right to dictate conditions. By our own declarations we have estopped ourselves from asserting a claim to any of the authority, to any of the concessions which it is proposed

Neither has it any right to occupy the orts of the country for years or to insist ing stations. The United States has been too loud, not to say boisterous, in its professions of humanitarianism and in its pledge to the complete independence of Cuba to permit of the slightest hint of self ishness and acquisitiveness now. We must fulfill our foolish word unless the Cubaus themselves approach us with a prayer for guidance and then we might reasonably have something to say about the terms.

Philadelphia Times

While it is conceivable that the best in terests of Cuba will be conserved by annexation to the United States, that is a matter for the people of Cuba to determine for themselves. They cannot determine it until they have a government of their own through which their chosen representatives can speak. Our sole business now is to let them establish a Cuban government, encourage them to do so and help them so far as may be necessary. When they have government of their own they can and should decide for themselves whether they prefer annexation or a protectorate to a permanent independent republic. For the present they should be left untrammeled to establish their own form of government and it is our duty to assume that this government will be permanent.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

August Brassart, the silversmith, who made the plate on which Daguerre made the first successful photograph, is living in St. Louis, at the age of 81.

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, inspected a regiment of militia in Brooklyn the other day, being the first foreign diplomat to be accorded such an honor. If Mrs. Condit-Smith Hooker's diary con

tains anything more horrible than has al- of all the votes cast at the election. ready been told about the war in China seems to us that the only fair way is to the government was justified in suppress-William Dean Howells is to spend the

late spring in Europe. A portion of the

time he will spend in London, where, it is James. Moses Clapp, the new senator from Minnesota, does not approve of whisky and quinine as a remedy for grip. He says it spoils the whisky and does not help the

quinine. King Leopold of Belgium has ordered as automobile traveling van containing a parlor, bedroom and servants' quarters, and to travel forty-five miles an hour. The machine will cost \$30,000.

The family of General W. T. Sherman

have presented to the national museum at

Washington the general's watch, all his commissions, including his diploma, and all of his swords and uniforms. If Senator Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri lives to complete his fifth term in the senate he will have equaled Benton in length of service. His present term

will end in 1905, making a continuous senatorial service of thirty years. Prof. J. Playfair McMurrich of the mediigan has been asked by the government of The Netherlands to take charge of and men.

report upon a collection of actinians secured from the Malay archipelago. They are saying that Senator Chandler's absent-mindedness led him to make an odd he met on the street. "I am Mr. Blank, was the answer. "Oh," said Mr. Chandler,

that accounts for the resemblance. The younger son of Rear Admiral Thomas dent McKinley to the only at-large vacancy at Annapolis Naval academy. Three generations of Selfridges are therefore in the avy now. The young man's father was like ability are equal. retired for age three years ago and his grandfather, also a rear admiral, now nearly industrial world today must of necessity 100 years old, was retired from active serv- vanish in the near future. Those who shall

TENDER ADVICE TO LEGISLATORS.

Edgar Post: The market hunters and the cold storage people are fighting the proposed game law. If any further evidence The necessity and propriety of carrying were needed to show that the bill before out the purposes expressed in the Teller the legislature is a good one this supplies Every farmer and every sportsman in the state should urge the passage of the bill

Alliance Times: If the present legislature adjourns without enacting a revenue law massacred. A more stupid conglomeration world does not and cannot afford to ignore. of statutes than these which comprise the revenue law of this state exists nowhere adventure in commerce. Mere impudence on the face of the earth.

Hastings Tribune: Governor Districh takes the right view of state institutions. He insists that the incurable insane should dash and daring or the gambling instinct in be confined in one institution and thus the young man of today who would go to save the salary of one set of officers and make one electric light plant, one cold self-trained, but trained thoroughly. storage plant, one heating plant, one water works plant, etc., take the place of two. Governor Dietrich is strictly a business man.

York Republican: The bill repealing the law creating the barber's board passed the senate. There are a number of useless boards in the state that are nothing but slabs when you turn them over. Laws enacted for the sole purpose of furnishing places for political hangers-on ought never to be enacted. As well require a man to to the best advantage the faculties and shampoo.

there will be no revenue legislation at the present session of the Nebraska legislature and the taxpayers will continue to insist upon a change in the method of levying taxes. A committee has been appointed by be adopted and the government established the legislature to draw up a revenue law to skill. The young man who really has be submitted at this session, but after a short investigation the committee found it would be time uselessly spent to draft a not be afraid of the future. The Morgans, bill merely to have it rejected. It is now the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Fields, the should be civil war; that the blacks should proposed to appoint a committee which will Armours and the Swifts, the Rockefellers, draft such a bill during the next two years. the same to be submitted to the legislature be sequestrated? Would the United States of 1903. The Journal proposes that the provisions of such a bill be public and the people elect their members of the next legislature with an object of either passing or rejecting the measure.

Beatrice Express: The proposition ncrease the number of normal schools in Nebraska bobs up regularly, and generally has enthusiastic supporters; it also has enthusiastic opponents, who have so far fate of the island is indissolubly linked with held their own. There is a good state normal at Peru; if it isn't as large or as efficient as it should be, it will be easier and cheaper to improve it than to establish new ones. There are several normal American interests which compelled the schools under private control in the state and they are doing good work, and tuition in them does not cost as much as at the state normal. To establish a new school of that character would require a large sum of money at the start and would be a con stant expense thereafter. If there were any pressing need for it, that would be all right; but the "consensus of opinion" is that Nebraska is not suffering for more relations between Cuba and the United normal schools. It is a better plan to look around for ways to practice economy than to be looking around for ways to spend

Grand Island Independent: Governor le and their official representatives should Dietrich is correct in his theory that there is no necessity for two soldiers' homes in Nebraska, though his plan to change the Milford institution into a home large enough for all the soldiers now in both homes and to make a normal school out of the Grand Island home looks thoroughly impracticable. It is certain, however, that one well cared for institution of the kind is all that is necessary, and the only reason that the boodlers was allowed to work the state for the unloading upon it of a piece of propabsolutely on the minor concession of coal- erty that had failed to realize for the owners the money they had expected to make out of it in a venture of a different kind. The influence of this clique of self-interested "caps" was used at all times to discredit the Grand Island home and they have succeeded in delaying the progress of necessary improvements to the buildings and grounds, so that today it is in need of the things that should have been done in the start for placing it in the condition it deserves. It has been the victim of systematic neglect, and ought at this late day receive the care and interest that every other state in the union bestows upon soldiers' homes The taxpayers of the state have willingly contributed the means for making the Grand Island home a model institution and Governor Dietrich can well afford to encourage the legislature to do its duty in the matter of liberal appropriations for that purpose.

Hartington Herald: The legislature is grappling with the question of amending the state constitution. Some members are in favor of simply proposing amendments in the ordinary way to be voted on at the next general election, while others are in favor of holding a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting a new constitution. We believe with Senator Crounse and other members that with the exception of a few needed changes the constitution itself is as good as any that could be gotten up by a constitutional con-The great expense and the great length of time that must elapse before a new constitution would become operative are urged against the latter method of procedure. It is also contended that it is almost of no use to submit amendments be-cause so much indifference is shown by the average voter toward amendments sub-mitted that they fail to receive a majority come to offer you my congratulations." count only the votes cast for and against the proposition. Under the present system of counting all those who do not express their preference but who vote at the also.

With always the wish to be getting ahead, their preference, but who vote at the election, are counted against the proposition. understood, he will be the guest of Henry Those who are so indifferent as to fail to The other stopped often to turn afield avail themselves of their right of suffrage on a particular proposition deserve to be

Of a bird on a bough somewhere. disfranchised so far as that particular distranchised so far as that particular proposition is concerned. No one ever thinks of counting out a candidate having a majority of votes for a particular office.

And often he lingered to lend a hand Or halp with a word of cheer.

And often when pittful takes were told. He patiently stayed to hear. proposition is concerned. No one ever majority of votes for a particular office because he did not receive a majority of all votes cast at the same election. What is votes cast at the same election. What is fair in the election of a public officer should a lover entranced and the maiden he loved. also be fair in the adoption of any other proposition dependent upon popular suffrage.

CHANCE FOR THE YOUNG MAN. Opportunities for Advancement Are as Many Now as Ever. Chicago Inter Ocean.

In the recent news and gossip concerning great industrial combinations in this country it has been noteworthy that many of the men mentioned as powerful factors are comparatively unknown to the reading public. In some cases this is due to the obscurity which the persons in question have cal department of the University of Mich- chosen as their lot. In a majority of the cases, however, it is due to the youth of the

True, the dominant personalities in these great movements are often elderly men with familiar names, or the descendants of men who for a generation or two have been "buil" the other day. "Are you not the identified with large industrial undertak-brother of Mr. Blank?" he said to a man ings. Yet it must be noticed by the casual reader as rather a remarkable fact that every group of well known capitalists now forming new alliances and combinations in trade comprises numerous persons who may Selfridge has been appointed by Presi- be classified as "unknown." These represent the young or the fresh blood that must of necessity be granted recognition in country where the chances of all men of

The dominant figures in the financial and the asking.

very obscure or very young, or, to be more exact, obscure young men who are now mounting the middle rounds of the ladder. There is no royal road to success in La Salle street or in Wall street. Neither family, fortune, nor influence, nor the want of them, counts long for or against the personal merits of the individual. large brain, the clear head and the trained intellect, accompanied by sterling character, supported by physical energy and supplemented with the courage that the business by which property may be properly valued life of today demands, constitute an equipand assessed for taxation, it ought to be ment which the financial and industrial

> We seem to have passed the period of will not carry a young man through as it might have done fifty or twenty-five years ago. There must be something more than the top. He must be college trained, or No superficial knowledge, such as passed muster a generation ago, Business in will do now. larger sense has been reduced to a science and commercial and financial scientists are

required to deal with it. The poor boy whose chances of school education are limited is not necessarily excluded from the contest, though he may be handicapped at the outset. It rests with him to determine whether he shall employ hod, as to license him to shave and If he determine this, and determine it right, his chances are better than those of the Tekamah Journal: The indications are that | college bred young man who trusts to his college education to carry him through.

Respectable mediocrity may lead a respectable life in these times, but great success is not within its reach. The demand is for men of invention, initiative and within him the qualities which entitle him to the business world's recognition need the Whitneys and the Hills are all looking for him, all striving to secure him, all holding rewards for him.

The young man's chance in this country today is better than ever before in the history of the world. There are, in fact, more opportunities now than there are young men fit to seize them, though fit young men are by no means scarce. There is absolutely no excuse for the pessimists who declare that the young man is, by the new commercial conditions, denied a place in the world's work, and absolutely no excuse for the young man who fears to enter upon the struggle.

It is not the new conditions that must be blamed if failure overtakes the young American of the twentieth century, but the young man himself. He is a young man of the right stamp who recognizes this fact and assumes responsibility for it.

THE HUMORIST.

Times-Herald: A St. Louis millionaire is going to marry his stenographer. There is another woman who will soon quit being dictated to.

Philadelphia American: "How is it," asked the victim, "that you charge me thirty-five cents, when the sign says, "First-class hair cut 15 cents?" "But you haven't 'first-class hair," replied the barber.

Philadelphia Times: "Did he strike her favorably?"
"I don't know, but he began by throwing kisses and now he's got to heaving

Baltimore News: The two mad buils had blundered into a narrow alleyway. Before them were several policemen; behind them a surging mob.
"What way shall we go?" inquired one.
"It's pretty hard to decide," replied the
other. "Let's toes a copper." a copper

Accordingly they tossed one and ari Yonkers Statesman: Church—You say she's an enthusiastic Christian Scientist? Gotham—Well, I should say so! Why, she can eat a plate of stewed tripe and

think it's ice cream. Harper's Bazar: A lady friend had an Irish girl in her employ. She was an excellent servant, buf could not be induced to keep herself clean. The mistress had in vain spoken plainly and at last tried strategy.

egy.
"Bridget," said she, confidentially, one day, "to you know that if you wash your face daily in het soapy water it will make you beautiful."
Whereupon she was met with the unexpected reply: "Sure, an it's a wonder ye pected reply: "Sure, an it's a wonder niver thried it yerself, mum."

Yonkers Statesman: Church—You say your boy at college writes for the maga zines? Gotham—Yes; he's written several arti-cles for them. Church—I don't suppose he's a profes-

sional writer?
Gotham—What do you mean?
Church—Why, he doesn't write for money,
Gotham—Doesn't he? You ought to see
some of the letters he writes to me! Indianapolis Press: "What! You in furce comedy!" said the shocked admirer. "My boy." said the tragedian, solemnly, "I had to take either the horseplay or the horselaugh. Even so."

Leslie's Weekly: Schoolma'am (encouragingly)—Come, now, Harold, spell chick-Harold-Please, ma'am, I'm not old enough to spell chickens, but you can try me on eggs.

Washington Star: "Do you think any of these so-called comic valentines are really funny?" asked Willie Wishington. "No." answered Miss Cayenne: "at all events not nearly as funny as most of the serious compositions in that line

Harper's Bazar: "You may recall me,

THE TRAVELERS.

Times-Herald. Never throwing a moment away

And often he stroked a little one's curls.

As they loitered in Love's glad ways. One traveler came to the end of the road— Fulfilled his ambition—to fall At the goal disappointed—regretting the He had paid for it, after all.

The other had gladness along the way, And ever, as each day sped, Kept journeying on, but never to reach The goal that was far ahead.

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