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If Argentine and Chile really want to fight they will have to drop pugllistic in attendance is therefore less than 17 tactics and get down to more business and less talk.

Senator Depew has finally been bound in triplicate marriage ties. A handy American court could cut the knot in a single stroke.

Historian Maclay now says he is willing to let the matter drop. He ought to be glad if the government rests content with letting him drop.

At \$5 a bird Nebraska sportsmen who persist in shooting game outside of the season will eventually come to the conclusion that it is cheaper to buy direct on the market.

No one would even guess from the lack

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES. eption to the assertion made by The mands for large expenditures that it in Omaha within the past five years has tion. But there is no doubt that poputaken place in connection with the con- har sentiment is very strongly in favor

\$500,000 exclusive of interest on the Roosevelt that the work of upbuilding The Bee is asked to make the following | to the honor and welfare, and above all correction:

trict for all purposes during the calendar We should enter into no rivalry for year 1901 were \$402,933.13. This does include the interest on the school district debt, which amounted to \$46,261.77. It also fund in accordance with iaw to redeem a position where we cannot defend and This amount placed in the sinking fund also includes \$11,039.50 which previous boards failed to place in the sinking fund in accordance with law. This total expenditure of \$492,933.13 also includes \$3,549.23 for the erection of new school buildings Read as the choice of the district bar and the purchase of school sites. It also for the vacancy on the bench for this includes \$5,064.47 for permanent improve-

ments. It also includes an expenditure of approximately \$34,000 for one month more of school than we had in the previous calendar year. These figures vouched for by the board our citizens. Mr. Read is highly reare misleading and do not conspected by all who know him as a man

tradict the general proposition that the of unblemished reputation and mental most marked increase of public expendibalance that qualifies him for the efture within the past five years is to ficient impartial discharge of the jube voted in connection with the conduct dicial functions. Although identified the public school system. The of- with the republican party, Mr. Read has al report of the board for the last held aloof from factional contests and cal year ending June 30, 1901, which never obtruded his political views into s just been issued, embodies the fol- the professional arena. From among ving exhibit of general fund re-

irces and expenditures for the past e years: GENERAL FUND. Resources, Expenditures

-7 .....\$359,257.73 \$361,604.59 -8 ..... 475,436.21 424.678.02 -9 ..... 426,823.67 ey show that in five years the gen- the judiciary. fund expenditures have increased

7,157.09. Five years ago the average IOWA IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS. ily school attendance was 12,762 as The announcement that Secretary Wilagainst 14,845 last year. The increase son will remain at the head of the Agricultural department will be gratifying percent, while the increase in current to all the interests with which that deexpenses is 33 per cent.

The figures cited by the board for this administration has been highly successyear are decidedly at variance with the | ful and his department stands better official figures in their report. The rea- today in public regard than ever before. selected an arbitrary period of comparison, which is different from the fiscal which a few years ago were thought not political opponents?

school year that must be the true basis. to be attainable. The Department of The exhibit in the official report shows Agriculture is no longer an object of that for the fiscal year ending June 30, ridicule, but is recognized as of posi-1901, the board spent a total of \$544, tive benefit to the interests it looks their estimates of expenses for 1902 058.03, of which amount the only item after. It is easy to credit the statement

charged up to interest is \$44,475.79 with that the president has a high opinion no payments on debt principal, leaving of Secretary Wilson and was most the exact sum expended for the schools anxious that he should remain in the exclusive of interest \$499,582.04. It cabinet. With the entrance of Governor Shaw

A COMMENDABLE CHOICE.

could have been chosen who has fewer

seems to us, that this is close enough lifference being \$417.86. The essence of the whole contention in national affairs. Speaker Henderson is summed up in the fact that with inis practically master of the house of representatives and Senator Allison, as creased revenue from taxation and other sources aggregating \$55,660 for 1900chairman of the senate committee on 1901 over and above that of the preappropriations, can almost dominate legislation in that body. The New York ceding year, the outstanding interestbearing warrants on July 1 this year Mail and Express says: "These three were only \$2,282 less than they were men together-Shaw, Allison and Hen-July 1, 1900, and no part of the bonded derson-though from a single state, will debt paid off. naturally be decisive factors in shaping

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will appropriate \$100,000,000 for the turned on to his mode of doing business.

The Board of Education has taken ex- navy. There are so many other de- The agitation during the last political campaign and the impeachment pro Bee a few days ago that the most may be found necessary to materially ceedings instituted against Judge Gormarked increase of public expenditure reduce the proposed naval appropria- don brought about a wholesome reform. During the first month of his last from the people of Nebraska he really is term the receipts of the police court, duct of the public school system, which of a gradual increase of our naval which had averaged from \$28 to \$36 a for the past year has approximated power. The declaration of President month for the two years previous. jumped up to \$228 per month and have school district debt. In a communica- the navy must be steadily continued, kept on increasing, reaching as high as priations for show purposes. tion prepared by Secretary Burgess and | that "no one point of our policy, foreign | \$600 in a single month during the pressigned by all the members of the board. or domestic, is more important than this ent year. According to Judge Gordon, this remarkable increase in receipts is to the peace, of our nation in the fudue to the fact that the people have

The total expenditures of the school dis- ture," ' met with general approval, more money now than they had three would have the spending of it. Thurston is years ago. As a matter of fact, the people who get into the police court are | would make good this amount were it adpower on the sea, but on the other hand we must not be at the rear of the other | not in any better financial condition now includes \$27,565.89 placed in the sinking maritime nations and place ourselves in than they were three years ago or five years ago, when the system of straw \$200,000 worth of bonds payable in 1908. protect our rights and interests where bonds given by shyster lawyers was in vide for it. Failing to do so there is no vogue. The improvement in the finan- reason why an unauthorized expenditure ever they may be liable to attack. cial showing of the police court for the

past year is due to the fact that the The recommendation of Guy R. C. practice of accepting straw bonds, might as well be ended now. There is sufwhich had become such a scandal, could ficient public spirit in Nebraska to provide no longer be continued with impunity district to be filled by Governor Savage and is also due to the more strict enon the retirement of Judge Baker comforcement of the criminal code and ordiright parties. mends itself favorably, not only to the nances of the city. practicing attorneys but to all classes of

This change in the administration of the affairs of the police court has produced a marked increase in receipts from police court fines and incidental costs that go into the school fund. A is confident that should such an amount still greater improvement may be confi- be raised by private subscription the legisdently anticipated when Judge Berka lature would reimburse the subscribers. It resumes the position to which he has been elected.

The local popocratic organ seems to for the purpose and there seems to be no the candidates for the position no man delight in reiterating the assertion that end to the demand. After St. Louis there in this city the worst element dictates will be others equally urgent. But mean-

personal enemies or whose selection in politics. In its definition the worst would have been accepted by his comelement is the element that declines to petitors with better grace. If Governor take it for its inspiration and guide. Its persistent policy has been to hold up great pride in Nebraska, the state of his Savage carries out his announced in-454,167.91 tention to ratify the choice of the bar everything done by the political opposi-468,505.14 of the district, we feel sure his action | tion as debased or corrupt, while up-479,451.68 will be eminently satisfactory to the holding extravagance and jobbery whenglance at these figures will suffice people that are most directly interested ever perpetrated by its own political as- dulges in any more exposition luxuries. bear out the position of The Bee. in maintaining the high character of sociates. The city government of

Omaha is portrayed as a hotbed of mal-administration, but it has not a word of criticism to pass on the reckless management of county affairs by democratic officials or the still worse shorthanded now. conditions that exist in South Omaha. where partnership in the loot leaves no

partment is concerned. Mr. Wilson's distinction between democratic and republican grafters. What confidence can a newspaper command whose rank partisanship blinds it to all shortcomson is that the secretary has purposely He has expanded its usefulness and ings of its own political proteges and in that. They may put them in prison, but given it a value and practical efficiency invents corrupt motives for every act of they can't shut them up.

> Mayor Moores' efforts to have all de partments of the city government keep together they shared together. hearty approval of taxpaying citizens. At the same time it must be remembered that in view of its growing needs

to \$500,000 to call it half a million, the into the cabinet as secretary of the in successive years until little water retreasury lows will have a large share mains in the estimates. To make a jeers of the unthinking. Sue, Thomas, Sue. pulled the cover of the box over them, and Here is one trust for which a good word visible showing of retrenchment county must be said. The Central Trust company and school boards must also co-operate. of New York not only gave its president \$50,000 as a Christmas gift, but gave every Smooth Job for an American. employe a sum equal to 50 per cent of his Philadelphia Press. annual salary. The Chinese court has decided to employ J. H. Sharp, the noted painter of Indian heads, has sold his entire collection to Mrs. an American adviser at a salary of \$15,000 per annum. It is a clever idea. If there Phoebe A. Hearst, who will send them to had been a shrewd American adviser at the the University of California in furtherance court of Pekin during the last half dozen of the chair of Indian research, which she years millions of treasure and thousands has founded there. of square miles of territory would have

#### MONEY FOR ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

#### Stanton Picket (rep.): When ex-Senator Etchings of Men and Events at the Thurston avers Nebraska ought to raise at least \$100,000 for display purposes at the

The closing of the White House to vis St. Louis exposition he shows how far away tors and the practical suspension of excutive business during Christmas week The man who subscribes to such fund exgives President Roosevelt an opportunity pecting the next legislature will reimburse put himself in proper physical coudt him by an appropriation may just as well tion for the ordeal of the customary New kiss his money goodby. The sentiment of Year's reception. A correspondent of the Nebraskans is against any more appro Chicago Tribune says next Wednesday "will

ic the real test of the president's power of Kearney Hub (rep.): Ex-Senator Thur endurance, for, according to present indiston insists that there ought to be \$100,000 ations, the crowd of people that will form for a Nebraska exhibit at the St. Louis in line outside of the White House in a exposition. Possibly, It would be very praiseworthy endeavor to pay their renice, especially for the gentlemen who spects to the chief magistrate, will exceed anything ever before known, and that is confident that the Nebraska legislature

Sational Canital.

saying a great deal. 'New Year's day at the White House un vanced by private individuals, but he doesn' der ordinary circumstances means a surg want to be too sure of that. The last legis ing, easer, curious crowd of vast propor lature knew that the St. Louis exposition tions. It means that after the two hours was coming on and had opportunity to produring which distinguished official guests are received, according to the strict official rule of precedence, and when the doors are should be made with the expectation of reopened to the public at large, the plain payment by the legislature. The practice everyday American citizens who attempt that has been started is a bad one and it to take advantage of the general invitation are numberless.

"The absorbing interest in the personal for an adequate exhibit without expense ity of the present chief magistrate is so to the state if the matter is properly pregreat it will be necessary next Wednesday sented to the people of the state by the o expand the rules a little or disappoint. vast throng of people. It is probable that Fremont Tribune (rep.): Ex-Senator John Mr. Roosevelt will let down the bars some-

M. Thurston has been interviewed and given what, as he is physically so strong no expression to the belief that Nebraska crowd, however great, can tire him out." should be well represented at the St. Louis

exposition and that about \$100,000 would Congressman Sereno E. Payne, as th be a satisfactory sum to appropriate. He ; chairman of the ways and means commit tee, is perhaps the biggest member of the house with the exception of Speaker Henderson. Mr. Payne is large physically as may be his forecast of what the legislature well as congressionally and he has a voice would do is correct. Certain it is Nebraska which, when given full swing, fills reprehas been dealing liberally with expositions.

sentatives' hall and penetrates into Money has been repeatedly appropriated orridors of the capitol. The day that Mr. Payne opened the debate on the Philippines tariff bill his voice was exceptionally robust and he cut loose, oratorically speaking, while the public debt will continue to grow for all he was worth. About the time he and the taxes will be raised. Ex-Senator was in the most impassioned part of his ad Thurston is one of the government comdress Senator Hear, who is interested in missioners for the fair and naturally has a Philippine logislation, walked over from the senate to listen to the remarks of the house triumphs and former residence, taking a leaders on the tariff bill. He met Mr. prominent place at the fair. But we be Payne's voice when about half way through lieve the state has imposed on it a greater the capitol.

> "What are they doing inside ?" asked th enator in his low, even voice of the po liceman who was guarding the door of the IOUHAS.

ippine tariff bill," answered the officer as "Yes, yes," responded the venerable Mr Hoar; "but what is he doing all that shout

Nowadays, or, rather, nowanights, says

sleeps in a brass bedstead. There was a time, though, when the senator's bed was pine box filled with hay. That was many years ago, when the

senator was a boy in Massachusetts, living in an old-fashioned, unpainted farmchusetts sharing the annual profits with house. The kitchen fireplace was so large

and capital to get together. What they got log, which was almost half a tree. There were no stoves then, only a large crane Maclay of caltiff memory has had a judgsenator are beyond repair. To call a ven-

"In those days," said Senator Warren,

"I used to get up at 3 o'clock in the morn-

ing and feed the cows, clean the barn,

split wood, get my breakfast, and then walk

#### GIRDING THE GOVERNOR'S LOINS.

Norfolk News (rep.): It is reported that rmed guards surrounded the site of the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis. on the arrival of Governor Savage, to precent its removal to Lincoln.

Callaway Courier (rep.): If there is any ruth in the story of The Omaha World-Herald to the effect that Governor Savage is organizing his official family to enter nto a bout with Editor Rosewater of The Hee, there is fun ahead for Nebraskans, There is nothing that "Rosey" enjoys more than a good scrap, and he generally manages to land on all fours, like a tossed cat. Let the show begin.

Fullerton Post (dem.): If Rosewater don't go after Governor Savage good and strong, he will surely be set down as a quitter. Up to this time, no one has ever dared to step out and invite the erratic editor to do his worst, and if he should accept the invitation of the governor and insert his teeth in his carcass, you can safely bet that he will make Savage sorry that he is alive. Say what you will, but The Omaha Bee never shirks a responsibility, and there is a heavy one resting on its shoulders at the present time. When the thing opens look out for fur.

Syracuse Journal (rep.): It is being bruited about that a war of extermination is soon to be waged against the editor of The Omaha Bee by Governor Savage and his friends. This sheet is unable to say how true the foregoing may be, and hope it is false. Edward Rosewater, while not without faults, has fought many a hard battle for the republican party, and Governor Savage is also a man of whom the republican party has reason to be proud. Both are determined men and a political battle between them and their friends would mean defeat for republicanism in Nebraska.

## SHAW AS HEAD OF THE TREASURY.

Philadelphia Times: Governor Shaw is mong the number of public men who lent efficient aid to the establishment of our national financial affairs on a sound money basis.

Providence (R. I.) Journal: Governor Shaw will be one of the few secretaries of the treasury who have come from across the Mississippi, and his elevation to the very exalted and responsible place so long filled by Mr. Gage will perhaps recall that when the latter accepted the honor no little fault was found in the east because he was a "westerner."

St. Louis Republic: Iowa's ample representation in national affairs, as illustrated by the presence of two lowans in the cabinet, another as the senate leader of the republican majority and a fourth as speaker of the house, is an additional indication of the growing influence of the great middle west. This influence is felt in both parties. The middle west is coming surely into possession of that political power and authority to which it is entitled as the the Washington Post, Senator Warren richest and most forceful section of the country.

Philadelphia Record: The main objection of Governor Shaw to accepting the office of secretary of the treasury was in its salary of \$8,000 a year. Nearly if not quite the whole of this would ge for house rent, to say nothing of the other heavy expenditures for entertainments, etc., required by the position. It is not strange that Governor Shaw should have hesitated What is remarkable is the fact that the salary of a cabinent officer to Washington should be \$8,000 and the salary of a commissioner in Manila \$15,000.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Iowa will come pretty near to being "the whole thing" at Washington if Governor Shaw goes into the cabinet. The state will then have two cabinet places, the speakership of the house and a leading place in the through Mr. Allison, not to speal

"Chairman Payne is discussing the Phil stenographers to the Philippines, and yet he touched his cap to the senator.

The price of scats in the New York Stock ing about?" in three years. That kind of furniture

not to pay rent. There's nothing alarming

That case of some big mills in Massatheir employes is the right way for labor that it took a horse to haul in the back

with a pot hanging upon the hooks, while down to the lowest limit compatible ment entered against him in New York for in the corner stood the loom. The attic with efficient service will meet with the the price of several cases of beer furnished was the bedroom of the future senator to him. Tieing the empty can on a fellow and his brother. It was a cold room, with kicked out of a job is the cruelest cut of all. crevices through which the snow drifted. The injured feelings of New York's senior and the boys came to the conclusion that they would find something warmer than the outlay of the city has been reduced erable statesman of 72 a ragtime poet is the mattress on the floor. They took a

# obligation to reduce its debt before it in-

### PERSONAL NOTES.

The government is going to send twenty its officers there complain that they are

exchange has risen from \$39,500 to \$80,000

isn't sold on the installment plan. Two Irish members of the Parliament have been arrested for advising tenants

of excitement that the lowa legislature. to meet next week, is to enjoy the privflege of choosing two members of the American house of lords.

Only 156 bankruptcy cases have been filed in this district for the year just closing, as against 229 for 1900. As a result of continued prosperous conditions the rate of business mortality is being reduced.

The latest cabinet gossip plants the successor of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock out in Wyoming. The great west stands ready to furnish all the members of the president's advisory board if the requisition is made.

What glorious sport must have been enjoyed at that beautiful South Omaha prize fight in which one of the combatants was knocked out in the second round by a deliberate foul. Where is pur conscientious county attorney?

Nobody will deny that Omaha needs a market house except those whose personal interests are in conflict with the proposal. But if we are to have a marcommodious to all requirements and a creditable structure.

The noted French aeronaut, Santos Dumont, intimates that he will tour the United States to give airship exhibitions. European talent has tried about every other way to get to the American pocketbook and a trip by the air line ought to prove successful.

A local paper reports that a committee of auditorium promoters has gone to that while the government ought to re-Kansas City "to find out how big a duce taxation wherever it can, on the white elephant an auditorium can be other hand it is shrewd and wise to made to be." Here is a chance for the run things so as to keep business good jority at the general election in Noauditorium directory to hold another and if as a result the government's inold-time session on the subject of come is large it confers much more ben-"knocking."

The fault-finders seein to forget that if President Roosevelt wanted a secretary of the treasury whose every view agreed with that of Secretary Gage, he doubtless would have insisted upon Mr. Gage remaining in the position. No two men with well-developed brain power ever think precisely alike.

The city comptroller wants the council to provide for the printing of the annual city reports. If these reports could be counted on to undo the harm worked by the fictitious statements of the municipal finances that have emanated from the comptroller's office the expense of printing them might be money well spent.

Editor Bryan is having trouble denying unfounded reports that he is about to retire from the tripod of the Commoner. Mr. Bryan will not take If, then, the size of our navy should corhad a longer editorial career. Solicithe management of this paper at least once each year, but he is still doing crease the navy." business at the old stand.

AS TO NAVAL EXPANSION.

A number of very respectable persons in Boston have signed a remonstrance against the proposed large expenditure for naval expansion. They would have this money applied to education, declaring in their remonstrance "that the maintenance of the vast machinery of

war is not only a serious burden upon the people, but a positive menace to the peace of the world." In his speech at the launching of the

battleship Missouri on Saturday, Secretary Long referred to the views expressed by the Boston opponents of an increased navy, remarking that while it is a taking thing to say that \$100,000,-000 could be better spent for education ket house it must be centrally located, or charity, yet, on the other hand, that sum spent in the employment of labor is the very best purpose to which it could be put. He said that if \$100,000,-000 shall be appropriated for the mayy by the present congress a small part will go for the purchase of raw ma-

> terial and something for salaries, but the great bulk of it for labor in every part of the union. It is to be presumed that most practical people will concur

in the view of the secretary of the navy vember.

efit by spending it than it would by hiding it.

Regarding the idea that a large navy is a menace to peace, Secretary Long readily disposed of it by pointing out that Great Britain, with its vast navy. twice as large as that of any other power, has had no conflict on sea for jority of the votes. many years and it is not to be doubted that England's naval power is condu- the fact that he has been the most ex-

cive to the world's peace. He also pointed out that it was not the increase in our navy that induced the war with strikingly illustrated by the enormous Spain and very likely had our navy three years ago been as large as it is | ing his first two terms.

now there would have been no war with Spain and that country would have fact that the police court fines and come to terms. Secretary Long said that if there is to be a navy at all it year since 1894. This is substantially should be commensurate with out ex. But why and how was that in-

tended world relations and demands, crease in police court fines brought "We are the richest nation of the world, with a larger income than any other, aggregate receipts turned into the city these fakes as seriously when he has respond to our national and interna- \$908,50. In 1900 the police court retional size and we have the cash on celpts went up to \$3,699, or an average tous political opponents have for years hand, it would seem the simplest good of \$308 per month. In 1901 the police past retired the editor of The Bee from business sense, the simplest good Busi- court will turn into the city treasury ness care of our own interests, to in-

> times as much as was expected at the out- very interesting, and even exciting, before the government, but he likes the excitement It is doubtful if the present congress the searchlight of publicity which was set of the undertaking.

Finances of the Philippines.

Buffalo Express,

A Safe Adviser.

Indianapolis Journal.

It is hinted that Governor Taft, who is

now on the way home from the Philippines.

may upon his arrival at Washington "open

the eyes of the administration to the real

situation in the Philippines." It would be

A Prophet in Action

Kansas City Star.

Mr. Stead is the only man who believes, or

of his future program that can be ac-

A Rude Christmas Box.

Philadelphia Ledger.

themselves for no good result.

The Estimate and the Outlay,

"The war, that for a space did fail, now

which makes Canada a part of the union.

have a wise and safe adviser.

the financial policies of the country and been saved to the Manchu dynasty. with another lowa man-Wilson-at the head of the Agricultural department, the influence of the state in the two great The report of the Philippines commission

interests of the nation may well be reon finances makes the gratifying showing garded by her citizens as a high tribute that the islands are paying their own exto the men whom she has brought into penses. It should be remembered, however, that the cost of supporting the United public life." So indeed it is and the States troops is not included in this calcumen are eminently worthy of such a lation. That is the feature which makes tribute. Senator Allison is a statesman the possession of the islands expensive for who has the highest claim to public the United States.

confidence and Speaker Henderson is one of the strongest men in public life. Governor Shaw has shown a high order of executive ability and there is no

doubt that as "secretary of the treasury he will be found entirely equal to the arduous and delicate duties of the position. All these distinguished lowans have attained political honors as the reward of marked ability and upright,

honorable political conduct and they can be depended upon not to digress from While Gladstone's prophecy that the the course they have steadily followed United States would pass Great Britain in They are the product of that sterling rethe world's trade has come true, perhaps publicanism of which Iowa furnishes an

unexcelled example.

THE PASSING OF JUDGE GORDON. Within another week Samuel L Gordon will have passed out of official life

as police judge of Omaha and will be succeeded by Louis Berka, who was cepted as plausible at this time is that elected to the position by a decisive ma-

While it has been given out that Judge Gordon proposes to resist the installa-

tion of his successor, on the plea that the late election did not count, he will be compelled to subside, not only because the law is against him, but beand there can be no doubt that their concause he had presented himself as a candidate and failed to receive a ma-

The passing of Judge Gordon recalls Boers are fighting with brave but useless

pensive official who has ever occupied the police court bench. That fact is shrinkage in police court receipts dur-

Judge Gordon points with pride to the costs for 1901 exceeded those of every

about? Three years ago, in 1899, the

treasury from fines and costs was

over \$5,000, not because of Judge Gordon's greater efficiency, but because of the government of Russia nearly three

Mr. Allison's thirty consecutive years in the senate will expire on March 4, 1903. He is 73 years of age and is as young as he was twenty years ago. Senator Morgan, who is 78 years old, and Senator Hoar, who is 76, did not enter the senate until 1877.

THE BATTLE WITH HILL.

Eastern View of Minnesota's Fight for Railroad Competition.

Baltimore American.

in such a way as to force the conviction ships behold wonderful things." that he means to stand firm in the position

'Yes, it is quite remarkable that the psalm Securities railroad deal to the very last ditch. He has had no easy task to get other governors of states in the northwest to join in the movement, but those in Montana and North Dakota have come to his aid, and

before they get through should be able strange if with all its means of informato make it very warm for Hill, Morgan tion the administration is in the dark on the subject, but in Governor Taft it will

and the balance of the capitalists who is recalled by a claim which has been prebrought about the deal and forced under sented to congress by Jacob Rittersback of one control thousands upon thousands of Washington. The claimant served during miles of railroads through one of the most the civil war as a member of Company H.

important sections of the country. These One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylgovernors, with their attorney generals as vania volunteers, was stage carpenter at advisers, will meet at Helena on December Ford's theater, on Tenth street, the night 30 and there determine upon the most pracof the national tragedy. As Booth, the asticable plant of preventing the merger of sassin, leaped from the box and was running

these great railway systems-a merger that affects to believe, that the time will ever toward the exit leading to the rear alley would mean the death of all competition come when Great Britain will become a Rittersbach claims he seized the fleeing and the complete mastery by one man of part of the United States. Still, prophecy man by the throat and tried to stop him. is easy, and even Mr. Stead, in spile of the entire railroad business of the great his extremism, has been interesting on northwest. several occasions. However, the only part

tinued his flight, pursued by Rittershach. The other day Hill came out in public Rittersbach's claim is for the loss of his with a long statement in defense of himkit of carpenter's tools and personal prop self and the deal. For a man who hereerty, which disappeared from the theater tofore has been as dumb as an oyster. during the excitement following the ashis change of policy can be taken as a sassination of President Lincoln. He was confession that he realizes that the fight promptly arrested as a government witness against him is no child's battle with tin

and incarcerated for thirty days in the old soldiers and wooden forts. It is the aim capitol prison. It was while he was under rebly thundering, swells the gate" in of Hill in this statement to make the public arrest, he says, that his property was stolen South Africa. British newspapers see in believe that all holding securities in any of from behind the stage at Ford's theater. the renewal of severe fighting at widely the roads in the deal will profit by the During the trial of Mrs. Surratt and the go separated points evidence that there is no merger, and that the people at large will others which followed, Rittersbach was

prospect of peace in the immediate future, gain unusual advantages from the greater guarded back and forth from the prison system under one management. It would be to the court by two soldiers with loaded clusions are correct. At the same time, if a very easy matter for Hill to carry such we are to accept the reports of Lord Kitch- arguments still further, and prove that ener as giving all the news, they being our all holders of railroad securities in the tives by Representative Grosvenor of Ohio. only reliable source of information, the country and the whole people of the United States would be benefited if all the lines

Alexander McDowell, clerk of the hous energy in a lost cause and are sacrificing were under one control, with James J. Hill as president of the big combine. That would of representatives, is a banker and capitalsimply be the trust argument applied to the ist, but he used to be a poor compositor on whole land instead of to only one big sec- an Oil City weekly. Mr. McDowell is fond of telling how he laid the foundation of

of his position.

Philadelphia Telegraph tion of it. Hill's detailed story of the ins and outs his fortune. He was working at his case How far actual outlays are nearly certain of the deal which ended in the Northern one day in the Oil City printing office when to overrun the most liberal estimates is shown by an apparently well-informed Securities merger was very interesting as he noticed the Pittsburg steamboat tie up

showing how the roads were builded up, at the wharf. The idea caught him to drop writer in the Odessa Novosti on the Trans-Siberian railway. This correspondent gives how the government was imposed upon and his stick and go to the larger city. Acting in array of facts and figures, which he how the original investors were left to on the impulse of the moment, he took the claims to be authentic, proving that the whistle for their money. The story of the boat for Pittsburg. On arriving there alactual outlay on the Trans-Siberian railway construction of these great lines does not most the first person he met was a pedmake a creditable chapter of American his- dier with a large stock of gold-plated rings ip to one year ago was 430,000,000 roubles. tory, and the scandals connected with them and lava jewelry. McDowell was persuaded and that before the line can be put in thorsuch working order the total cost will be have not yet faded from memory. It is to buy a supply of these worthless trinkets. over 1,000,000,000 roubles. This sum is useless, therefore, for Mr. Hill to step for- Finding that he could not dispose of them about equal to \$515,000,000. The original ward now and pose as a great railroad phil- in Pittshurg, he returned to Oil City, where estimates officially given by the engineers anthropist-one who is devoting his time the big oil boom was on. In a very short of the Russian government amounted and his money to the good of others; who time he had disposed of the rings and jewto a little more than \$180,000,000. Whether is, in truth, persecuted by governors who eiry at fabulous prices. His net profits the Odessa paper's estimates are accurate are throwing obstacles in the way of the from the undertaking aggregated \$500 and to a collar or not, it is fairly evident that accomplishment of his noble aims and pur- this was the foundation of his present for-the cat transcontinental raliway has cost poses. The fight is on now, and, with de- tune, which is large enough to make it untune, which is large enough to make it un-

It is over.

hree miles to school." Admiral Schley's rooms on the evening the ernment. report of the court of inquiry was made public, the rear admiral, who was the least

yarns. "After I came home from the Greel

had been telling of some of the wonderfu hings we saw in the Polar sea and I men-

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, is acting he has taken, and to fight the Northera say after begging the minister's pardon:

you refer to fits that date so appropriately. and men who go down to the sea in schooners also see things that are quite as near h- as Sherman described war to be.'

The assassination of President Lincoln

Brooklyn Eagle: Head of Foreign Mis-lonary Bureau-Where would you prefer

Philadelphia Record: "Say," said the nan with the sallow complexion, "you have plum pudding' spelled wrong on your bill

'How's that?" asked the proprietor of the

what an important part it plays.

wife had her pocketbook stolen three times within a fortnight while shopping. Yeast-You don't tell me? "Yes: and, strange to say, the thieves of the same each time."

"That is odd. How much did they get"" "Nothing."

Philadelphia Catholic Standard: to the court by two soldiers with loaded muskests and fixed bayonets. His claim has been presented to the house of representa-will, but at any rate we never use religion

s a cloak. Mr. Tiff-Of course not. Religion isn' ashionable enough.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The Biggle vumps are going to give a grand coming at party for Maud on the 'strenth "Mercy, I thought Maud came out three years ago

she did, But Bigglewump has made a great deal more since they have changed their set." then and

TIME'S MONUMENT

Old Year, thy power on earth is flown, Thy arrows sped, thy how unbent, And God hath turned thes into stone On Time's memorial monument.

As on Mount Sinal's cloudy heights God wrote His law upon the stone-So now, His law, on thee He writes, "The future reaps what has been sown."

No might of ours can change thy tares To golden grain among our sheaves-hy spring may bloesom out with prayers But autumn garners withered baves.

New Year, look back upon the Old. And, ere thon mount thy roya. Give Among the sheaves the tares behold And see thou sow not of thine own. A little while thy power Time owns Be wise, ere yet that power is spent: Mould thou God's stone among Time's termined men on both sides, should prove necessary for him to draw a salary from

To glorify the monument CHARLES GOULD BEEDE.

of the wordful Dolliver. lowa members of the house also hold three or four of the more important committee chairmanships. The state is exceptional among western commonwealths in choosing strong men for congress and keeping them there, and While some friends were waiting in Rear hence its prominence in the national gov-

Washington Star: Governor Shaw has held no national office, but he comes from concerned of the party, told some sea that field of successful operations which

has given so many men of fine capacityand notably several very successful secrerelief expedition." said the admiral, "I taries of the treasury-to the country. was talking about the trip to an Episcopal | Daniel Manning was an Albany bank presi-1 dent. Charles S. Fairchild came to the minister who was visiting our house. Treasury department from a small town in the interior of New York state. Charles tioned the fact that it was the 21st day Foster was an Ohio merchant. Mr. Gage f June when we rescued Greely. The was a banker without political experience minister repeated the date and then said: of any kind. All of these men mastered That is quite remarkable. I was today the treasury duties without difficulty, and reading the psalter in the church prayer we may all be sure that Governor Shaw book for the 21st day of June, in which it will also. He has been conspicuously sucsays that men who go down to the sea in cessful in both business and politics, and among his friends and advisers are some "I could not resist the temptation to of the strongest men in our national life.

# BRIGHT AND BREEZY.

Chicago Tribune: "Speaking of prosperity straws," chuckled Jagway, as he applied the suction to his mint julep, "how's this

Philadelphia Press: "I think I owe you a

"Really?" replied the doctor's wife, cut-tingly. "Only this morning my husband was remarking that your husband owes him half a dozen visits."

tonary Bureau-Whitey? o locate as a missionary? Well. If possible, Young Missionary - Well. If possible,

"Well, it's heavy enough to be spelled 'plumb." Booth, however, threw him off and con-

Washington Star: "Do you think the noney is getting the upper hand of pol-

"No," said Senator Sorghum. "I don't hink it is getting the upper hand. I think hat people are merely beginning to realize

Yonkers Statesman: Crimsonbeak-My