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America extends spontaneous sympa-

Great Britain has decided to withdraw its army from Egypt. The example set of the United States in Cuba was not wasted.

too.

Banker Beckwith says there is some thing behind Mrs. Chadwick he can't fathom. This is quite evident from his previous course.

From now on until the opening of spring the Associated Charities will find since as it is there will be no great surplus of wheat by the time of the next abundant work to do among the indiharvest. gent unemployed.

A more numerous city council and a main feature of the new charter for cities of the metropolitan class.

Having laid Dakota's misfortunes on wheat rust and the Beef trust, the

recovering damages for injuries that is AN IMPORTANT POINT. In connection with the discussion of now enjoyed by passengers." the question of enlarging the powers of Unquestionably Mr. Roosevelt is en-

the Interstate Commerce commission, tirely right in regard to this matter and the Philadelphia Record makes the perwill be supported by public opinion. It tinent suggestion that in any event the is to be expected, of course, that the mission would be experienced by the court. of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur are cordelay of justice in the courts should railroads will oppose any legislation that not be allowed to operate to the detri- shall be proposed for carrying out the but is not. No wonder it is already opposed ment of either the corporations or the president's recommendation, but it is in every quarter.

public. Whether congress adopt the not to be doubted that eventually the recommendation of the president or re- desired legislation will be secured, befuse to do so, provision should be made cause it is required in the interest of for quick indicial determination of the justice to the great army of railroad matter on appeal. It is highly needful employes. There is no question as to that each member of the pool must pay in the public interest, says the Record, the authority of congress to require rail- into the pool the amount of money due for that "provision should be made for a roads engaged in interstate commerce to transportation based on the volume of trafmore immediate determination of ap- assume the risks of accidents to their peals against discriminating rates, re- employes, bates and other arbitrary and injurious

acts of common carriers. The impossi- TAKE CARE OF THE MILITIA COMPANIES The talk of disbanding the three millbility of securing within a reasonable

time final action in the courts amounts tia companies of Omaha because of the to a denial of justice. This is the pres- inability of the members to meet the ent situation and it should not remain regularly recurring expenses for armory President Roosevelt's plan for regulation four torpedo tubes. and drill quarters must not be allowed of railroad rates should not be put into unremedied."

We think there will be very general to materialize into reality. Aside from effect, but all these reasons are offered by concurrence in this view and the neces- the desirability of keeping up these or- the railroad lawyers and railroad congress- life and sickness in the Russian army in sary action by congress should be had ganizations with a view to the benefits men and not one of them appeals to the Manchurla," says the New York Sun, "but without difficulty. It is manifestly in they confer upon the young men constithe public interest that the determina- tuting their membership, it would be dents are already out in the open and fighttion of appeals to the courts should be unprecedented for a city the size of ing the president's scheme to abolish un- able to obtain that in the month of Octoreached with the least possible delay Omaha to be entirely without local milithat the present system is all wrong. and it may be presumed that the rall- tary companies.

roads would have no objection to this. It seems to us that the difficulty arises Not the least important benefit that from the failure of the state authorities 20,390 would result from the creation of an in- to recognize the difference in conditions terstate commerce court would be the that surround national guard service in many influential persons as a solution of quick determination of the matters pre- the cities and in the rural towns and the problem of rebates and of rate regulasented to it. Having to consider and de- villages. The law and custom in this it with extreme care. They have asked state provides for an allowance to each that the railways be restrained by govern- was one week when they were more than cide only cases arising under the interstate commerce law, such a court could enlisted company of a stipulated sum for ment authority from certain evil practices. dispose of them promptly and the ad- the use of quarters and the sum is the The railways are prompt to discover a way vantage of this to all concerned would same no matter where the company may be great. But it is not to be expected be located. It is plain enough that if the government. If they should direct legthat the proposed tribunal will be cre- the state should provide the quarters islation at Washington on this subject it ated in the near future and in the mean- directly the outlay for rental in the would not be surprising to find them emergtime there should be legislation that large cities would be much more than ing triumphant with new privileges of op will expedite judicial determination of the rental charges in the small towns. appeals against discriminating rates, re- No doubt the sum alloted is ample in some sort or regulation machinery water under the critical eye of the supreme court many cases, but in this city it is a mere would fail to regulate to any appreciable bates and other violations of the laws. bagatelle in the sum total of the militia-

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS. men's expenses. The indications are that the exports

We are of the opinion that the solution of breadstuffs for the current year will lies in a change in the plan of distribube 50 per cent less than they were last ting the funds appropriated for this purthy to Great Britain. They are having year, a falling off of about \$100,000,000. pose and that if necessary the law a real live tariff discussion over there, This heavy decrease, it is noted, occurs should be amended to permit the leasin all the important classes grouped ing of quarters at the expense of the under the general title of breadstuffs, state, the lease contract being subject to square at Halifax, in memory of Joseph but is especially marked in segard to confirmation by the adjutant general or Howe, the poet, orator and statesman.

wheat. It is explained as due first to other qualified staff officer. To expect a slight reduction in the home produc- the members of the city companies to go tion, second, to a material increase in down into their pockets for the privhome consumption and third to unus- ilege of serving in the national guard bravery in carrying dispatches under fire. This is taken to be the stamp of the imnally large wheat crops abroad which is asking something unreasonable, and curtailed the world's demand for bread- to send them on a periodic begging exstuffs from this country. Had the de- pedition among our citizens for submand been as large as last year we scriptions to help them out is demeanshould not have been able to supply it, ing and uncalled for.

> One by one the roses fall. Speaking for the McLean wing of Ohio's democ-

In regard to the home consumption it racy the Cincinnati Enquirer declares probably has not been very much if any the time has come for a general showing Brunswick. Me. less numerous salary list should be the larger than last year, but the situation of hands, and suiting the deed to the naturally suggests the question, which word the Enquirer wishes good luck to university living, the oldest being Rev. York postal authorities. has been more or less discussed, whether Bryan and his friends without recrim- Joseph S. Lord of Laingsburg, Mich., who

we are not very near the time when we ination or hard feelings. But no more survivor of the class of 1831, which was card, pinkish in hue and blazoned with a shall produce no more wheat than will Bryan leadership, no more restraint on graduated with a membership of eighty- blue stamp, which looks like a T-square in supply the home demand. the flight of the American eagle and no some who believe that this will be the more tugging at the hold-back strap. condition a few years hence. The de Patrons who take up three or four crease in exports of breadstuffs would columns of space in the want ad colhave made a large cut in the trade balumns of the World-Herald are assured in advance that their money will be retures been largely increased. This infunded to them if the advertisements crease has more than offset the loss do not bring the largest number of anfrom the decline in breadstuffs exports, swers. That reminds us of the fellow so that the international trade balance who was asked to hire out on trial for Nebraska has reached such a condition in excess of that for 1903. This fact one month without pay with the assurthat the clerk of the district court now seems to quite conclusively confute the ance that his salary would be doubled

REGULATING RAILROAD RATES.

The Pool Plan

Minneapolis Journal.

A Good Sign.

New York Press.

The Morton Plan.

Chicago News.

PERSONAL NOTES.

stroyed.

matter.

belief.

Proposed Compromise Bill. Chicago Chronicle.

Every constitutional and administrative If dispatches from Japanese announcing the destruction of the remnant difficulty that is experienced by the com-The bill simply dodges the issue and rerect, the event merely adds one more to sembles a man who thinks he is thinking, the remarkable series of disasters sustained by Russians on the seas since the war began.

At the opening of the conflict Russia had at the Pacific stations a fleet consisting of eight battleships, four armored cruisers

GOSSIP ABOUT THE WAR.

Losnes to the Russian Fleet Since the

War Began.

sources

The creation of an earnings pool, and the six protected cruisers, three unprotected requirement that rates be maintained so cruisers, three armored gunboats, four unarmored gunboats and thirty-four boats of the torpedo class, a total of sixty-two. Three months after the war began sixteen ships of the fleet were destroyed or put fic at the published rate, not only destroys out of action: Disaster succeded disaster any inducement to cut rates, but makes it from both mines and futile sorties, culimpossible to do so without direct loss, minating in the havoe wrought by Japa-Every incentive to discriminate is deness guns on 28-Meter hill. All that remains uninjured is a fragment of the fleet sheltered at Vladivostok. The last of the battleships reported affoat at Port Arthur is the Sevastopol, first commissioned in There are at least twenty reasons why 1895, carrying four twelve-inch guns and

people who must pay the rates. It is a very few details have been made known oncerning the loss on the Japanese side. good sign that the combined railroad presi-"It seems from such reports as we are just rates. This will convince everybody ber last there were nearly 60,000 sick and

wounded Japanese soldiers lying in the various hospitals established in Japan, undergoing treatment or convalescing. Acording to statements to hand by the last Japanese mail the number arriving weekly of individual merit and of the northwest The Morton plan having been hailed by hospitals averages nearly 4.700. The num- their first term take such a leading place bers, for instance, for the two weeks from as Mr. Douglas had two years ago, and tion, it is necessary for shippers to study October 13 to 27 were 9,334; those for the the state will not suffer in case of his week of November 4-10 were 4,654, and there preferment.

6.000. "These statistics indicate a loss of life in which this request may be made to sein killed, wounded and by disease that is cure for them important privileges from appalling; for, of course, the cases sent to Japan only represent a part of those disabled by wounds and sickness. Those who cannot be moved remain in Manchurla, as do also the less seriously disabled who may be able to return to the ranks within a reapression, the public being supplied with sonable time.

"Of the totals of the killed in battle and by disease we know nothing: but it may be inferred that a large proportion of the first extent. There must be fair play in this 250 000 troops sent from Japan to the war will never return."

The envelopes containing the descriptive

The newest type of an ocean liner is provided with elevators. The first statue ever erected to a son of Nova Scotia in his native province was receive before being forwarded by the Japunvelled recently in the Province Building Count Tolstoi's son, Andre, who is an orderly attached to General Sobeloff's Sixth army corps, stationed at Mukden, has received a St. George's cross for repeated perial censor. Above this is a smaller The Chicago board of health lends weight of its wisdom to the saying, "A white Christmas means a lean churchyard.' post." Snow cleans the air and decreases the

death rate. Another knock for callow unstamp, also in red, powdery-looking ink, Theodore S. McLellan, Maine's oldest printer, and the friend and companion of aids in scaling it. In the middle of the President Franklin Pierce, Nathaniel Hawthorns and the poet Longfellow, observed

> string of red things, which probably means a great deal not entirely clear to the New For the service of correspondents in the

was born April 20, 1308. He is the only field the Japanese provide a special post

ADVICE TO LAWMAKERS.

terests of the state.

THE STEEL RAIL POOL.

Beatrice Express: If the legislature wants Its Greed Deserves the Attention of to do the right thing by the banner repubthe Department of Commerce. Chicago Tribune.

lican county in the state, let it select a speaker from the Gage county delegation. The United States Steel corporation an-St. Paul Phonograph Press: The vultures ounces that it has rejected the invitation that feed off of the body politic are hov- of the foreign steel rail manufacturers to ering over Lincoln and will descend on join their pool. The virtuous resolve will the capitol city about January 1. Every be more gratifying to railroad builders in legislator should go to Lincoln heavily many foreign countries than it will to the armed so as to protect himself and the in- managers of American railronds, who will have to continue to huy rails from a do-

Tekamah Journal: It seems to be the mestic pool in which the steel corporation Impression over the state that the railroads is the predominant partner.

are storing up a lot of trouble for them-That corporation will not go into a pool selves in fighting their tax assessment. The with European manufacturers because it opinion is that the humor of the next can undersell them in neutral markets and legislature will be such that railroad legis- believes it can make more money when ation will be handled without gloves. competition exists than it can when com-Blue Springs Sentinel: There is a whole petition is suppressed. Consequently forot of good hard sense expressed in The eigners wil be able to buy American rails Omaha Bee in its leading editorial that the | at \$20 a ton or less.

republican majority in the coming legisla-The steel corporation is of the opinion ture is strong enough to organize in the that it can make more money in the home open and do away with the caucus and its market by doing away with competition. methods. No member should be afraid to Consequently it is pleased to be a member cast his vote in the open. of the Steel Rail association along with the

Norfolk Press: The Press seconds the Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, Cambria and notion that the legislature elect the speaker Maryland Steel companies. The Lackaof the house and the president of the sen- wanna has not been making rails for nearly ate in open session without the aid of a three years, but its new works at Buffalo, caucus. With a fair field and no favors, with a capacity of 500,000 tons a year, are the open session is best in every way, and, completed and it is about to resume manuabove all, if will give the people of the facturing. It was in the pool formerly and state an opportunity to see what influences gladly returns to it. are at the back of each candidate.

The five companies fix a uniform price for Ainsworth Star-Journal: As it gets neares raits, pool their earnings and accept a certo the time for the legislature to meet it tain percentage of those earnings as their looks more and more as though Represenshare of the business. The percentage is tative Douglas would be the next speaker figured on the basis of the output of the of the house. It will be a just recognition respective plants. The steel corporation is from Manchuria and distributed among the part of the state. Very few members in 15, the Pennsylvania and Cambria to 10 entitled to 60 per cent, the Lackawanna to each, and the Maryland to 5.

The pool has steadily held the home price of rails at \$28 a ton. With the cost of manufacture what it is now that means a profit

McCook Tribune: It doesn't seem to the of \$16 a ton, of which about one-half is ex-Tribune to be of any importance what cessive and unnatural. For every ton of amount or per cent of taxes others pay steel rail the American roads buy they pay in Nebraska. The question is simply, are is more than they should. That is is a tax the railroads of Nebraska paying on the on transportation levied by the steel rail basis of one-fifth on an honest and equitable pool. Naturally the railroads endeavor to valuation. That's all. More than that shift the tax to the shippers, and they in should not be exacted. Less than that turn to the consumers. should not be received. They are entitled

The Steel Rail association is a compact. to the same square deal that is due any powerful body. It fears no home compecorporation or any citizen, and the same tition. Its only competitors are the Colomethods of enforcing the collecting of derado Fuel and Iron and Tennessee Coal and linquent taxes should obtain in their cases Iron companies, whose output is so small as in the case of the poorest and humblest that they cannot keep the association from individual citizen. fixing and maintaining a high price. It is a

Broken Bow Republican: The Republican pool whose methods and illegitimate profits notes there are several candidates for prescall for early investigation by the bureau ident pro tem of the senate as well as for of corporations. The public would like to speaker of the house. Among the candihave from its agents an authoritative statedates for president of the senate are M. ment of the cost of manufacture of steel L. Fries of Arcadia and Judge Wall of rails in this country. Loup City. Either would make good pre-

siding officers, and it would please the Republican to see either of them land the

prize. Possibly the most important post-"He's quite a collector. He has a num-ber of rare pictures of Washington." "I got hold of one myself today." "You don't say! A rare one?" "It was rare for me. It was on a \$10 note."-Philadelphia Ledger. tion on legislation this winter will be in the speaker of the house. A bill along the

line of temperance legislation will be one of the important issues, and those who believe there is need of further legisla

"It doesn't pay to talk 'bout yoh troubles," said Uncle Eben. "De mo' you hollers 'bout gettin' cheated in a mule trade, de less chance you has of workin' de mule off on somebody else."-Washing-tor Beet tion along that line will do well to learn how the candidates for speaker stand on that issue before pledging their vote. Fremont Tribune: The Bee makes the ton Post. suggestion to the legislature that it engage

"I wonder," said the passenger with the hunted look in his eye, "if a person can't be absolutely same and yet commit sulin no secret caucuses in order to perfect an that there is no necessity for the secret caucus, since one branch of the legislature

'I see," observed the passenger with the is unanimously republican and the other nearly so. Under the circumstances there the Christmas shopping season, too, Shake!"-Chicago Tribune. is no possibility of the fusionists organ-

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"A Chicago wife helped her husband pack his trunk when he started to elope with another woman." "Did she know he was going to elope?" "Of course she did. That's the reason she was so helpful."-Cleveland Plain Dealer izing the two houses, whether the republicans vote as a unit or not. The Bee's

suggestion is a good one. Let every candidate for every position come before the legislature in the open. Let every member Dealer.

accounts sent to New York by the war correspondents with the Japanese army are artistically indicative of the treatment they anese authorities. In addition to the cus-

tomary blue 10-sen stamp the face of the envelope bears the impression of a rectangular red stamp-block, an inch and a half long and an inch wide, composed of a thin line enclosing three columns of intricate Japanese characters, three to the column.

square, containing four elaborate charac ters in a line, the sign of the "army On the back of an envelope is an ovoid

quite filled with characters. This lies directly across the flap of the envelope and organization of the two houses. It urges wrapper is a line of written characters. his ninety-third birthday last week at toward the foot of the envelope another scrawled with a purple indelible pencil, and

There are 12,665 graduates of the Yale

"We have heard much about the loss of

farmers of the state will prepare to deposit another large surplus in the banks next fall.

The way for the Douglas County Democracy to score on the Jacksonians ance had not the exports of manufacis to get up a banquet of their own and give Colonel Bryan a chance to choose between them

Business in the bankruptcy court in for the current year will be somewhat considers the filing of two applications theory that the tariff hinders the exports every month thereafter. in one day a "boom." of manufactures.

Even if the whole election in Colorado were declared void and the vote of the state thrown out of the electoral college, President Roosevelt would still have an employer's liability law and there is enough so that he wouldn't miss them.

For some strange reason the people at large refuse to work themselves into ers are peculiarly entitled to the proa ferment over the conflicting aspirations | tection and the encouragement of the of competing candidates for the speak- law. He pointed out that from the very ership in the impending Nebraska legislature.

Our late fusion candidate for governor rises once more to remark that he still thinks the railroad pass is a bribe. But he has not risen to prosecute a test case to see whether our law against bribery covers official pass corruption.

Frenzled cotton financiers advise southern planters to burn 1,000,000 bales of cotton to run up the price. By the same sign the price of tobacco would go up if Virginia and Kentucky planters would send 10,000 hogsheads of tobacco up in smoke

If the charter revision committees are to hope to accomplish anything between now and the opening of the legislature they must proceed without further delay and keep steadily at the work. Ever then it is doubtful whether the task can be accomplished in time.

Why should the raffroads escape paying city taxes on the valuable terminal property within the city limits that damages for accidents is concerned. In have the same benefits of city government as the property of individuals within the municipal jurisdiction? This question will be propounded again to the coming legislature.

The local franchised corporations in the past have preferred to do business with the Board of Equalization rather than with the Board of Review. It is selves to have it carried out. One of quite probable that some of them will them, representing the organizations of pursue this policy again this year. It railway employes, says that under the behooves the Real Estate exchange federal law as now constituted the burcommittee to keep awake.

the person who is injured. He has no The action of congress for the imrelief in the courts. "We believe that peachment of a United States judge for the employer should be held to just as marking up his traveling expense ac- strict an account for the safety of his count in excess of actual expenses, sug- employes as he is for the transportagests that our own legislature would be tion of passengers over his road. As it the contrary, the weather signs all point to kept pretty busy if it went after all the is now the employe is discriminated sheriffs, state employes, etc., who ask against. We believe that the law ought the state to reimburse them for travel- to be altered so that trainmen of all tion, but in no way lend themselves to the

President Roosevelt will put no ob-

stacle in the way of General Miles ac-EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY LAW cepting the appointment of adjutant Interest is being shown in the sugges general of the state militia tendered him tion of President Roosevelt regarding by Governor-Elect Douglas of Massasaid to be a favorable prospect of the chusetts. Had the necessary permission been refused, we might have had legislation recommended. The president

said in his message that the wage earn- another epistle in epaulets. Although the policeman who used his club with fatal results was acquitted of murder it is probable that he has had nature of their occupation railroad men, enough trouble to serve as warning to

for instance, are liable to be maimed his fellow policemen when they are indoing the legitimate work of their proclined to lose their tempers and strike fession, unless the railroad companies regardless of results. are required by law to make ample provision for their safety. He stated that Although his term of office is fast the administration has been zealous in

employer's liability with the view of

extending the provisions of a great and

been introduced proposing to put con-

within the scope of federal power.

ebbing, the lone democratic congressenforcing the existing law for this purman from Nebraska has not yet delivpose, but the law should be amended ered his speech on the abuses of the and strengthened. "Wherever the nafranking privilege by members of con-

tional government has power there gress. should be a stringent employer's liability law, which should apply to the gov-Haven't We Had Enough? crnment itself where the government is Chicago News.

It is Jim Hill's idea that the nation is in an employer of labor." He recomgreat need of supervision and regulation mended that congress appoint a commisby the railroads. sion to make a comprehensive study of

> Hope for the Dyspeptic. Chicago Record-Herald.

Experiments carried on at the California constitutional law to all employments Medical college show that the healthy human stomach is electrical in its action. This recommendation is said to be Perhaps the time is coming when people may throw away pills and simply put in favorably regarded by members of the new batteries. honse, where a measure has already

Frigid Fist of the Serpent.

pioyes of railroads on the same footing New York Press. In a recent effort of a certain woman with passengers, so far as recovering novelist, whose books are to be found in possession of factory girls on their sults of this nature the bill provides that way to work or in the kitchen regions, but the fact that the employe may have seldom above stairs, were discovered the ollowing extraordinary similes: "The hands been guilty of contributory negligence of the heroine, in an emotional moment shall not bar a recovery where his con-'burned like those of a volcano'; the viltributory negligence was slight in comlain's, on the contrary, were 'cold and clammy as those of a serpent."" Forparison to that of the employer. The tunately the class of readers to whom these representatives of organized labor at novels appeal are not critical and do not Washington have eagerly taken up the stop to question the phenomena of volpresident's idea and are exerting themes and serpents endowed with hands.

No Longer a Trade Barometer. Washington Post.

Once upon a time the stock market was known as the harometer of business. Nowden of industrial accidents falls upon adays the general conditions of trade have no relation whatever to the range of values in the stock market, or vice versa. If they had the noisy slump of last week would have indicated that the entire commercial fabric was failing to pieces and an era of innovation is proposed. Assertions of that universal disaster and ruin setting in. On a happy situation in the country at large, with bright skies and a clear atmosphere Conservative leaders in finance advise cauing expenses they have never paid out. kinds will have the same privilege of encouragement of a pessimistic outlook.

At the general business session of the

Society of Medical Jurisprudence in New York a resolution was carried unanimously

that all literature of the society in the future should bear the title "physician" instead of "doctor." This is to prevent confusion with other doctors.

An Iowa debating society is wrestling with the question, "Why do the bride's friends always cry at a wedding and the groom's friends laugh?" In the interest of domestic peace the question should be passed up to The Hague court of arbitration. The farther off a settlement is made the better it will be for debaters.

Congressman Cooper of Texas tells of a distinguished army officer who on one oc caston offered prayer before a regiment He summed up the causes and objects of the war-the war with Mexico-and asserted that it was no war of conquest, but annexation only, concluding his sup-

Power to Fix Railroad Rates Urged by the President. Chicago Tribune.

Senator Cullom, the author of the inter state commerce law, being asked if it was his understanding that the commission provided for by it was to have the power to fix rates, replied: "Beyond all doubt. We

did not express that power in so many words in the law, but there was no differ ence of opinion among us. The commis sion, in fact, was created for that purpose. The first members of the Interstate Com

merce commission, who had every opportu nity for being familiar with the intention of the framers of the act, believed they had power to fix rates, and attempted to exercise it. One of the members was Thomas M. Cooley, a conservative jurist of great ability, who was not in the habit of giving the words of a law a force and significance they did not clearly possess.

The supreme court refused to construe the act as those who voted for it intended it should be construed. The court held that congress had not explicity conferred upon the commission, in so many words, the right to fix rates, and, therefore, it had not the right. With that decision the commission sunk to a body that could investigate,

recommend, or remonstrate, but not order. As the railroads paid no attention to its advice or entreaties, it became impotent. In the light of the history of the law, what is there revolutionary or subversive of the rights of railroads in the recommendation of the president that there be a lim-

ited enlargement of the powers of the commission? The railroad men who lift their hands in holy horror and exclaim at the rashness of the president must belong to a new generation unfamiliar with the dwelling. intentions of the men who in 1887 voted

for the interstate commerce law. The president advises no new departure. He asks congress to restore to the law the scope and vigor which its authors believed they had made provision for-to make it the efficient measure it was intended to be. The supreme court has said that congress did not make its meaning plain. The ob- to twenty feet of the plain and low hills ject of the president is to have congress write into the act words whose meaning cannot be misunderstood.

It is nonsense for the railroad attorneys low the surface. to pretend at this time that some radical

kind were justifiable in 1887, but not now. All that is sought is to give life to a principle proclaimed then, but which congress did not write down clearly enough to suit the supreme court.

The president proposes a return to the old ways, not a departure into new ones.

a frame.

Regarding weather conditions in Manhuria, a correspondent writes: "Around Mukden the thermometer does

not usually fall below zero (Fahrenheit) until the middle of December, when night after night it may sink to 5, 10 or even 20

degrees below zero, and during January to 30. In the frequent northeasterly or northwesterly blizzards no human beings can live under canvas. Some may be quartered in native houses; but where, even supposing that the owners should be ruthlessly the place. turned out, will accommodation be found Stanton Picket: The republicans in the

for 500,000 men? The answer is simple; the Japanese are already making use of underground dwellings, such as the natives sometimes use, and which were used by the Russians dur- will bring credit to themselves and their ing the winter after the Boxers had destroyed their railway buildings. The soil in the lower house and not one in the

method is to dig a trench about ten feet to forty-two feet deep and varying in width, but generally about nine feet wide. A nar-

row stairway is cut leading down to the south end. At the base it is widened and a door frame set up with a native door. turning on wooden pivots. The upper half to the state. It has ever been the practice of the door is openwork, which, being covared with the opaque native window paper. admits light. The sun shines at midday

down the steps, and, when the door is opened, freshens and warms the room. Immediately within, on one side, is a cooking stove, camp oven or boiler, in a simple and

primitive style, to which both Russians members and stop at that. It will not be and Japanese are accustomed. Along the length of the trench is a platform some tion of a United States senator and the Lo two and a half feet high and six feet wide, session can be made a short and inexpenmade of hammered earth and rough, unburned bricks. Beneath this are several simple flucs, up and down which the smoke

and heat from the cooking place finds its way, issuing at the end, remote from the entrance, by a small chimney, cut in the solid ground. On this platform, which resembles the old-style of greenhouse flue and is called by the Chinese a kang, many men can sleep in warmth and comfort on a rough mat or dried grass. This mode of heating is not only economical, but the flues consume and carry off the earth damp or carbonic acid gas which always generates in underground dwellings. Across the top of the trench rough pieces of timber or poles are laid, and on these kaolian stalks or straw, upon which is heaped the earth excavated from the trench. This overing keeps out the cold and is practically shellproof. No rain falls, and but little snow, and the latter can, if desired, be swept off the roofs or mounds over the

The Japanese have access to a large number of the native "surface" coal mines where a coarse dust coal is readily excavated and can be, when mixed with a litthe wet locas earth, burned in the rough cooking places referred to, in which grass, rubbish and almost anything can also be consumed as fuel. Whilst the first twelve now occupied by the armies are dry in winter, good water can be found almost anywhere at twenty-five to thirty feet be-

> Enough and to Spare. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Contrary to general opinion this nation has more men than women within its borders. Which seems to effectually disprove the assertion that the matrimonial market owes much of its duliness to the fact that there are not enough men to go round.

upon the house. This would be a unique thing, made

melator ble vote

"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are." "Well, I spose I eat more wiener wurst than anything else. Now, confound you, go on with your theory if you've got the nerve."-Chicago Record-Herald. possible and practicable by the overwhelm ing victory achieved at the polls. And this same course should be pursued with reference to the election of a United States sen

Slopay-If I must have a doctor send for ator. A senatorial caucus is rendered un Mrs. Slopay-But you still owe him for your former illness. Why not engage an-ither doctor? necessary not only because of a practically unanimous republican legislature, but be-

cause the usual work of the caucus was other doctor? Slopay-Dr. Bolus will be more likely to cure me. He'll realize that if he docen't make me well enough to earn some money he'll never get his pay-Philadelphia Press. performed by the state convention when it by a vote of more than 90 per cent of the delegates indorsed the candidacy of Mr. Burkett and formally nominated him fo

WATCHING FOR SANTA CLAUS

Leslie's Weekly.

legislature which will shortly convene will From Florida's golden orange groves To rocky shores of Maine, A million happy children watch For Santa Claus again. have a heavy load to carry, but it is in their power to make it light. They have the opportunity to establish a record that They sit together round the fire And will not go to bed, But listen for the silver chime Of sleighbeils overhead. party. There are but eight fusion members

but annexation only, concluding his sup-plication to the Throne of Grace with: "I refer you, good Lord to Polk's message on this subject." BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES. BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES. Back Ballwood Bates Line for the better position. The subject with to make it necessary from a party standpoint, there the slopes, are in the better position. The subject with the stars the slopes and sand. The subject with the slopes are in the better position. The subject with the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The subject is the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the better position to compare the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the better position to the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the better position to the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the better position to the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the better position the slopes are in the better position. The slopes are in the slopes are ought to be enough honest and conscien-

ought to be enough honest and conscien-tious men in either body to secure such re-form legislation as may seem best. It would not be at all a bad plan to begin at the be-ginning and lop off all unnecessary em-ployes in both house and senate, which or legs and arms avry Or legs and arms awry. would certainly mean a considerable saving

Among the crowded tenements, tions as possible for friends, and the same feeling will, no doubt, again prevail. How-ever, an early agreement can be reached as to what help will be indispensable and re-solve to employ no more. Then distribute solve to employ no more. Then distribute

solve to employ no more. Then distribute the places as equally as possible among the members and stop at that. It will not be tion of a United States senator and the session can be made a short and inexpen-sive one if a majority are so inclined. But hark was that the winter wind That shock the chimney tall, And made the soot in flaky showers Upon the bearth-stone fall? Lo: while the drowsy golden heads Are nodding in a row The saint has filled their stockings up. And vanished in the snow,



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