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For once and for the first time, Port Arthur has really failen.

The announcement that Dowie is to found a Zion in Mexico elicits no chorus of protest from Chicago.

Che Foo correspondents may now prepare to make some other place noted as a war news factory.

Japan has once more made it possible for St. Petersburg writers to tell how the Russians are brave in defeat.

The election in Colombia can now be declared ended, since the unsuccessful candidates are safely placed in jail.

The Nebraska legislature is about to convene and John N. Baldwin still at Council Bluffs. Can such things be?

The failure of a Fall River cotton mill in that community

The political legislature about to convene will be the most unique and unant mous body that has ever convened to make laws for the people of Nebraska.

General Stoessel has made a New Year's gift to the mikado which will probably never be forgotten, but Nogi's invitation to make the present was compelling in its fervor.

The emperor of Japan commends the brayery of General Stoessel. Those Japanese are not going to dim the luster of their arms by permitting the world to think they are fighting a despicable

Are there any ordained preachers in the new Nebraska legislature? If so, won't they volunteer to relieve the mem- now is 75 per cent of the Dingley schedbers of the necessity of hiring some one ules and it is proposed to reduce it to these resorts shall be closed at midnight, at the expense of the state to do the 25 per cent. Secretary Taft has urged praying for them?

There is a widespread demand for a law that will provide the machinery for direct party nominations, but public sentiment has not yet crystallized upon any particular scheme of primary elections. It is a good subject to invite discussion.

From the strenuosity of struggle which precedes the election of minor officials of the legislature one might be led to believe that there was large enough salary attached to each position to more than pay expenses-but if so, it is not mentioned in the statute.

It will take from now until Thursday to ring out the old and ring in the new county board but in the meantime several bundred political place hunters will United States. It is further asserted remain on the anxious seat praying, hoping and waiting for one of the capital prizes in the political gift lottery that is cheap labor are able to compete with the advertised to come off.

From the interest the popocratic organ is taking in its reports that pros- carrying on an active opposition. pective Senator Burkett will not follow the Roosevelt program one might imsee the program carried out, while, in president's administration.

If the statement is true that Attorney Jerome suppressed evidence which would have gone to prove the truth of the testimony of Nan Patterson, the district attorney will appear in a bad light, for prosecting attorneys, even in New York, are supposed to demand justice. not the conviction of persons on trial, regardless of the facts.

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SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

war. The record of courage and hero ships is irksome drudgery. ism on the part of the besiegers and beoutset thought impossible. Russian envalue. The capitulation of Port Arthur not

goodly number of seasoned Japanese them. troops as well, which can be sent to reinforce Marshal Oyama. Relieved from the necessity of maintaining the blockade of Port Arthur, Togo's fleet will be probably will be a much less formidable 82.715 task than the one just ended, though 28,630 believed, however, that the Pacific for and the Woman's club to endorse certain make any effective resistance to a pow-31,900 erful bombardment. Perhaps condipracticable to attack the place at once, 28,470 but its fall is necessary to Japan's com- enforcement of the midnight ordinance, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of December, 190t. (Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. | Difference of the Japanese. The internal dissension, directed its secretary to advise the editor of The Bee to Join the Civic Federation, which was it is admitted that it is not strong enough things through its attorneys. to successfully cope with the Japanese whole it is not very much inferior to the fleet of Japan, but the great superiority guns. The armies of Kouropatkin and ever, that there will be no serious fight-

ing there before spring. What effect the Port Arthur capitulashould create renewed interest in the and intensified by the surrender. An- give away, but the ministers and credother interesting question is as to not consider that the time has come for proposing intervention. Russia has of intervention, from whatever source it might come, would receive no consideration, but the czar would perhaps be found in a different frame of mind now As to Japan there is reason to believe she would not reject intervention, her minister to Great Britain baving stated a short time ago that after the fall of Port Arthur a proposal of mediation would doubtless be favorably considered by his government.

> PHILIPPINE TARIFF REVISION. A vigorous effort will be made by the American tobacco and sugar interests to Philippine tobacco and sugar. The rate that this be done and Senator Foraker, chairman of the senate committee on Pacific Islands, and Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee on the Philip

pines, are favorable to it. The proba-

bility is that there will be a compromise

perhaps on a 50 per cent rate. Meanwhile the opposition to the proposed reduction is active. The association of Connecticut tobacco growers has sent to each senator and representative of that state in congress a circular letter protesting against the removal of the tariff from Philippine tobacco. It is declared that a further reduction of the duty would transfer to the islands a very large part of the business which now supports thousands of citizens in the cigar-leaf growing districts of the that all tropical countries suited to tobacco culture and having supplies of home producers in temperate climates, even with protective tariffs. The to bacco growers in other states are also

The duty of promoting the industries of the Philippines is admitted, but in doagine that the editor really wanted to ing this congress must not lose sight of home interests. Some reduction of the fact, his sole object is to obstruct the duties on the products of the archipelago is doubtless expedient, but the reduction

WHERE THE NAVY IS DEFECTIVE. While the American people are justly proud of their navy, it is pointed out their owners in the murky Missouri just hog. that there is urgent need of reform in ing on the subject, says there is no attempt made to rid the service of incompetent officers and that men are promoted regardless of what they have In the sudden death of J H. Evans, done or failed to do on board ship. As Omaha has lost another of its public a rule, he states, any one is considered of some of its arid lands within the comspirited and progressive citizens whom good enough for duty on board ship, ing year by the establishment of storage it will be very difficult to replace. Mr. whether as executive officer, captain or reservoirs under supervision of the na-Evans was one of the few men who ac- admiral, yet upon these men the discip- tional government, and the predictions cumulated a fortune in this city that line of the ship depends. In consequence are made that the valley of the North of prairie dogs possessing greater mystical could always be depended upon to stand of this the navy affoat has become a Platte will, at no distant day, attract up for Omaha, rain or shine, and his loss | mere side show to the navy ashore. The | many new settlers. While this is a con-

In the opinion of this naval officer the sieged is unsurpassed in all the annals result of all this must necessarily be of ancient or modern warfare. What humilisting disaster in our next war, the Japanese accomplished was at the "The material has absorbed all our at tention at the expense of the personnel. gineers declared the fortress impregna. The Japanese started in forty years ago ble and military observers of all nations to build up an efficient personnel and tofound in it an Asiatic Gibraltar, which day they have the reward of their farwell garrisoned could hold out against sightedness." Manifestly the defects supply of food and ammunition issted. Importance that they should command The assault on Port Arthur was en the careful consideration of the naval trusted to the third Japanese army, un- authorities and of congress. We are der General Nogl, and his successful building up a great navy, which will conduct of an enterprise so perilous is soon be, if it is not already, third in the crowning feat of Japanese arms in | rank, but ships are of no value without the present war. It has cost an im- men thoroughly competent to handle ommunications relating to news and edi-ful metter should be addressed: Omaha b. Editorial Department in the present war. It has cost an im-mens sacrifice of life, but the advantage them and it would seem that under the guined by the victors is of incalculable existing system such men are not below trained. The needed reforms are practicable and can be easily effected and only liberates the Japanese fleet, but a there should be no delay in instituting

NOW THEY ARE DISILLUSIONED. It takes a kitten nine days before it gets its eyes open, but many credulous to make a final sortie from Port Arthur is never been passed upon by the supreme free to deal with Vladivostok, which people in Omaha do not get their eyes open even after nine months. More than six weeks ago the editor of The for the strengthening of the land defenses. Jof which were the subject of mean and Vladivostok is strongly fortified. It is Bee urged the Ministerial association tress cannot withstand a long siege or proposed police reforms advocated by him in an open letter a few days after land than they could have done on the sea. the election. These reforms contemtions there are such as to make it im- plated the banishment of the saloon from the proscribed district, the strict plete success and undoubtedly it will be a reasonable enforcement of the Sunday attacked as soon as it is practicable to closing ordinance and the rotation of do so. Whether or not the Baltic fleet police officers stationed in the proscribed will continue on its voyage remains to district. The Woman's club, after probe seen, but should it do so it will be in tracted internal discussion, unanimously the quandary of having no destination, endorsed the proposed reforms. The save some section of the open sea within | Ministerial association, after very brief llef of Port Arthur. It is not easy to join the Civic Federation, which was see what it could now accomplish, since endeavoring to accomplish the same

Now the mask has dropped and the fleet. There are some first-class modern people who sincerely believe in civic ships in the Russian squadron and as a purification must discover that they have been duped. It will be remembered that a year ago protests were filed by I. J. of the Japanese is in the men behind the Dunn, who was then posing as a re-Oyama continue inactive and it has been every one of these protests were withassumed that they would remain so drawn by him just as soon as the police throughout the winter, but it is possible board had overruled the protests and that the surrender of Port Arthur will granted licenses to the saloons owned lead to early action by the Japanese by Walter Moise. That action should forces near Mukden. It is likely, how- have convinced every intelligent person that the Willow Springs malster was pulling the wires behind the screen.

When Elmer E. Thomas filed protests tion will have upon the Russian people with the police commission against sevis a question of no little interest. There enteen saloons in the name of the Civic is a very considerable opposition to the Federation three weeks ago it was noted war, as was shown by the resolution of that not a single one of the saloons prothe Moscow zemstvo, and it is to be ex. tested was selling beer of the Walter pected that this feeling will be increased Moise brand. That in itself was a dead end; but it is not impossible of accomplishwhether some of the neutral powers may who had implicit faith in Mr. Thomas, were not disillusioned, chiefly, perhaps, because they know nothing about the source of supply of the várious saloons We apprehend, however, that they will rub their eyes with surprise when they learn that Mr. Thomas on the last night of the year withdrew all his protests and deenses were issued to all the saloons but one, and that one withheld simply because it was not reached in its

An examination of the protests withdrawn by Mr. Thomas reveals this fact That eleven of the seventeen were filed against keepers of the tough joints the proscribed district; the charges against each were being open on Sunday, being open after 12 o'clock prevent the proposed tariff reduction on and being resorts for women of ill repute. In withdrawing these protests Mr. Thomas exacted a farcical condition that not sell to minors or to the class of women that inhabit the district. But he knew that when the license is granted it cannot be revoked during the present year without prosecution and conviction

in the courts Of the six other saloons protested, against whom the Civic Federation at torney withdrew his protests, three were music halls, including that of Mickey Mullen. In this instance the farcical promise was exacted that no women of any character be allowed to enter or

How does this performance strike the Ministerial association? As a matter of fact, it is well understood in inner circles that these withdrawals were made brewers with Walter Moise that If Thomas would withdraw his protests they would enter no objection to the concerns with the Moise brand to run unmolested for another year.

A carnivorous contributor to an Omaha paper, published for revenue only, suggests that the committee of munition. safety organize itself on the lines that made the Omaha Claims club memorable, with a view to purging the town of its undesirable and disagreeable popu-Manifestly, the valiant vice exterminator entertains confused notions about the function of the Claims club, which operated a water cure in the fifties for the purpose of acquiring quit claim deeds to valuable lands by dipping exclaimed long enough to make them tractable and acquiescent. An attempt to revive the quit claim methods by the committee of safety might make it rather unsafe without an escort of militia.

Nebraska is to witness the reclamation the ships are simply a means to this end | are sittle millions upon millions of acres | pace.

Young line officers eagerly seek duty in of uncultivated lands in Nebraska that The capitulation of Port Arthur closes the construction corps or as specialists do not need irrigation. An assertion me of the most exciting and memor in ordnance, torpedoes or engineering, that Nebraska's untilled area of 1905 able chapters of the Japanese-Russian The drilling of men and handling of would support a population of 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 more by the year 1950, is not extravagant or visionary.

> The land grabbers and grafters infesting the Winnebago reservation are martial after having been tried and acanxiously waiting for the announced coming of the new commissioner of indian affairs, to see with his own eyes what is doing at the agency. In the in the Department of the Columbia of interval, however, it is safe to say they will lose no time trying to cover up their tracks and make things look as if trial by court-martial, but he was senthey were ship-shape all the time.

> Cold weather has caused suspension of mobilization of troops by Russia. With as the place of confinement. The prisoner 40 degrees below zero it requires something more desperate than the fall of Port Arthur to arouse martial fire.

A Modern Resurrection. Chicago Record-Herald.

Thomas Collier Platt has just risen up once more and tossed his tombstone over into the next lot.

Walting for the Armada.

New York Tribun The reason of the Russian fleet's failure set forth in the statement that the best guns were taken from the ships for use in the forts. The fleet was thus sacrificed in There is thus some grim satisfaction to the Russians in the loss of their fleet, for the naval guns have doubtless done far more execution against the Japanese on

Philadelphia Ledger. There is no more pleasing name than that of Arizona, yet all sorts of monstrous inventions have been offered for the state which it is proposed to make of New Mexco and Arizona. "Irrigatia" and even 'Irriga" have their advocates, and one demented person wints "Arizonexico." The chelf charm about most of the names urged is that they suggest a new breakfast or a cure for indigestion.

A Pertinent Question.

Chicago Chronicle. How little we really know about anything is illustrated by cotton. A few months ago there was a great cotton panic. n which untold millions were made and lost by speculators because of what was said to be an incurable shortage in the We were told that there was ler erop. hope in the future crops than in the past, and the assertion was backed up by answerable arguments. Now we are dumbfounded to read that the planters have cotton to burn and are actually burning form champion, against 175 saloons, but it in large quantities in order to keep the price up. Do we know anything? Is any thing true:

> Here's the Rub. Philadelphia Press.

If a federal law could be devised to stop orporations engaged in interstate commerce from watering their stock, and to otherwise regulate them, it would be an enormous gain to the public. President Roosevelt favors such legislation, and it will be fortunate if a way is found to carry It into effect. If railroad and other corporations were capitalized at the true value of the investments, charges would be much less and dividends much greater. It will be difficult to secure legislation to that

New York Sun. When Admirals Togo and Kamimura landed in Tokio, returning from their successful cruises, we are told that they found the streets jammed with veciferous and wildly enthusiastic crowds. The school children turned out the citizens set off division commanders, calling their attenfireworks, the triumphant sallors rode tion to what appears to be a growing tenbeneath triumphal arches, and Japanese dency to ignore official communications cheers welcomed and followed them. The Orders will be issued from division headway to their carriages was obstructed by quarters requiring in unmistakable terms the dense throng. That is, the mikado's that official letters addressed people did very much as the people of any officers shall be answered with the least other country would have done under similar circumstances.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mrs. Chadwick's friends discredit the report that the famous magician will apply for a Carnegie medal of honor. The announcement that Chauncey M. Depew will be elected to succeed himself

carries with it assurances of an abundant peach crop. A Jersey City man had to call in the police while he was discharging a maid of all work. The girl was very much attached to a bunch of his hair.

The fickleness of paragraphers is sadiy Nation and the flood of light turned on Cassie Chadwick.

A single policeman in New York City has 328 pistols taken from men who were illegally carrying them.

Governor-Elect Douglas of Massachusetts has on his staff five generals, eight colonels and lieutenant colonels and five majors, not to mention the captains and lieutenants. Ernest Hooley, founder of the Hooleygan school of finance, has been acquitted by an English jury. Mr. Addicks should lose no time in securing the services of Hooley to give Tom Lawson a literary lambasting.

The Illinois girl who kissed Senator Culiom because he secured the discharge of general staff, a board of officers will meet her soldier lover has received a legacy of Any giri who musters sufficient that fortune has to bestow.

A recent photograph of the Japanese officers' mess before Port Arthur shows an inviting assortment of four-pounder bottles calculated to banish thirst. Evidently the Japs realize the importance of the commissary end of a fighting machine and the value of a corking supply of interior am-

Andrew Jackson Kendrick, formerly of The Bee's staff, is doing great business down in Fort Smith, Ark. The Christmas number of his paper, the News-Record, was the biggest paper eve turned out in the state and, was loaded with seasonable men tal pabulums and juicy ads.

The police of Philadelphia are sorely perpiexed by a pathetic appeal which came in a brown paper box along with a small glass hog. In touching words the writer "Captain, dis district is on de De lid is on and nawthin' doin'. Ease up, can't yer?" What bothers the bluecoats is to find the locality where "de

A reminder of other days as pleasing as a norther in midsummer is the quill pen sent to scribes in the states with the compliments of the Manitoba Free Press. The quills were plucked from the wings of Canadian wild geese in the Hudson bay country and pointed for business in Eng-land. In former years the Free Press sent out tiny sacks of pemmican, the favored fodder of hunters, and later mounted tails of prairie dors possessing a result of the country power than the left hind foot of a rabbit. The Free Press is quite original in its annual reminders of the growth of the great will be simpsre'y den'ored by this own- bureaus and shore stations are the ends: summation devoutly to be wished, there northern country for which it sets the

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of General Interest Gleaner from the Army and Navy Register. Another case has come to the attentio of the War department wherein a former

soldier seeks by civil process to secure to lease from confinement in a military priso as a result of sentence of a general court ouffied by a civil court on charges growing out of the same alleged crime for which he was tried by military court. This is the case of Fredle R. Stubbs, who was tried charges growing out of the killing of an other soldler. He was acquitted by the civil court which tried him prior to the tenced by the military court to dishonor able discharge and confinement at hard labor for five years. The military prison at Alcatraz Island, Cal., was designated is now seeking his release by a writ of habeas corpus from the circuit court of the United States, Ninth judicial district, district of Washington. The ground upor wich the petition is based is presumably that clause in the constitution of the United States which provides that no person shall be placed twice in jeopardy the same offense. However, the War department has heretofore followed the pracce, when it has been deemed advisable, of trying soldiers for offenses for which they have been acquitted by civil courts but the legality of such proceedings has court of the United States.

The reports from army posts, the officers slanderous charges on the part of the Women's Christian Temperance the local agent, the Rev. W. F. Crafts show how baseless were the allegations. It was said that army officers were occupying the post exchanges to the exclusion of the enlisted men for whom the structures were erected. Of course, there is nothing In the law to prevent the officers from asing the halls and assembly places on oc casion and it is eminently desirable that they shall do so. If the buildings and their facilities of entertainment and recreation are to be put at the disposal of the enlisted force only; the law must say so, but there is no special advantage in any such restriction. The effort to make it appear that the post exchanges are used in an improper way by officers is nernicious and altogether unworthy of the women who are engaged in the fight against the canteen, of which campaign this present attack is a part of the ignoble strategy. We haven't words to express our views of a minister who takes part seriously in such a performance.

Two ball cartridges were found among the blank cartridges furnished for use at the maneuvers at Manassas and at California in the fall, one at each place. The ordnance department at once instituted on investigation to place the responsibility. The ammunition was packed in the Frankfort arsenal, and each box was marked with the initials of the packer. By this means the packer who packed the box containing the ball cartridge was identified and discharged. The Manassas box was not forwarded to the department, and the initials furnished were not those of any packer. About 1,700 boxes of blank ammunition, containing about 1,750,000 rounds, were supplied for these maneuvers. Since the finding of the two ball cartridges among the blank ammunition, additional precautions have been taken to prevent similar occurences. Each carton of twenty cartridges is weighed, and any carton containing a ball cartridge will weigh 237 grains heavier than one containing nothing but blank cartridges, and the cartons are weighed by some one other than taken of weighing 1,000,000 rounds of packed blank ammunition on hand, and by this means one ball cartridge was found, and the packer discharged.

The military secretary of the army has sent out a letter addressed to each of the possible delay. Any other course will be regarded as an act of insubordination. Two officers of the Atlantic division have recently been confronted with trial by courtmartial for this fallure to answer letters, one of them escaped trial by the tender of an apology. The other, Lieutenant H. C. Evans, jr., Ninety-fifth company of coast artillery, on duty at Fort Hancock, N. J., will probably be ordered before a court, although at present he is said to be on the sick list. It is, proposed to do this as a sort of example and in order to impress officers with the necessity of paying due and proper attention to official communications. There have been lately several serious results of this carelessness on the part of officers. One instance was that shown in the prevailing obscurity of Carrie which concerned the settlement of the final statement of an enlisted man, who was kept out of his money for a long period and caused the War department to in two years' time turned over to the city | go to the expense of cable messages to and from the Philippines.

The next vacancies to occur in the personnel of the general staff of the army will be by the promotion of Major E. J. Mc-Clernand of the cavalry arm, to be a licutenant colonel, and Major James A. Irons of the infantry arm to the next higher grade. It will be some time before these officers are advanced on account of vacancies in the grade of lieutenant colonel, but in anticipation of their promotion and their consequent detachment from duty on the in Washington on January 30 for the pur pose of making selections for detail to fill to kiss Uncle Shelby merits all these places. The board will be composed of Major General John C. Bates, U. S. A. Major General G. L. Gillespie, general staff; Brigadier General Frederick Funston, U. S. A.; Brigadier General T. H Bliss, general staff, and Brigadier General P. H. Barry, U. S. A.

Burning Cotton to Raise Price. Springfield Republican.

The latest plan proposed in the south for ifting the price of cotton is to burn 1,000,000 bules. On the theory that the price rises out of proportion to the reduction in supply, this might be a profitablee course to pursue for the planters, but the burning of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 bales, by the same token, would prove even more profitable. Suppose, then, the wheat growers should get together each year and destroy enough of their crop to keep the price of bread uble or triple what it is now?

A WINTER AFTERNOON.

Edward C. Litsey in the Housekeeper. A swirl of brown leaves frosted thick with A low, gray sky of interlapping clouds; A bank-high streamlet that has ceased Gaunt-armed, bare trees, close wrapped in sleet; shrouds.

A farm house, gabled, lying wrapped in A wraith of smoke corkscrewing the cold muffled shapes of men which come and sic, biting winter everywhere.

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"How do you like that whisky?" asked he host.
"Reminds me of a funny story. That is
o say, it's like a good funny story." relied the guest.
"Worth repeating, eli?"
"Not only that, but it's too good to keep."
Indianapolis News.

The Czar-Where is Ivan?
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Flunkey-Your imperial majesty, Ivan is out taking his constitutional.

Mr. Cowley-Did you give your wife a riding habit for Christmas?

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