

gressional district and elsewhere, and it is probable that he will have no difficulty in being elected. B. H. Robinson of Omaha, is thus far the only other candidate. Brad Slaughter, chairman of the republican state central committee, will probably be re-elected secretary. There is a tendency in this city to elect Sam E. Low, now in Colorado Springs, one of the delegates from the state convention to the national convention to be held in Denver, June 26. He will undoubtedly be chosen. It is understood that T. H. Benton and Capt. J. E. Hill are also desirous of going to Denver as representatives of Nebraska.

There is talk in this city of an early county convention. The state convention having been fixed for the 22d of August, it was at first supposed that the county convention would not be held until the latter part of July; but there is talk of holding the same the latter part of June. This would mean a very lively three or four weeks ante-convention campaign in this city.

A NEW TEA.

Although Cowper speaks of "the cups that cheer, but not inebriate" there is evidence of the intoxicating power of tea. In China tea is rarely used until it is a year old, because of the peculiar intoxicating property which new tea possesses. Three or four grains of theine are contained in less than half an ounce of good tea, and may be taken in a day by most full-grown persons without unpleasant effects; but if twice this quantity, or eight grains a day, be taken, the pulse becomes more frequent, the heart beats more strongly, and trembling comes on. At the same time the imagination is excited and after awhile the thoughts wander, visions begin to be seen and a peculiar state of intoxication comes on. All these symptoms are followed by and pass off in a deep sleep. Whether the tannin in tea contributes in any degree to exhilarating or narcotic action is not known. That it does aid in the exhilarating effect which tea produces is rendered very probable by the fact that a species of tannin is the principal ingredient in the Indian betel nut, which is so prized in the east and which is said to produce a mild and agreeable intoxication. Mate or Paraguay tea, prepared from the leaves of the Brazilian holly in the state in which it is commonly used for a stimulating beverage also intoxicates.

THE LATEST FAD.

Have you got the new disorder? If you haven't, 'tis in order to succumb to it at once without delay; it is called appendicitis, very different from gastritis, or the common trash diseases of the day. It creates a happy frolic, something like the winter colic, that has often jarred our inner organs some. Only wrestles with the wealthy, and the otherwise most healthy, having got it, then you're nigh to kingdom come. Midway down in your intestine, its interstices in festin', is a little alley, blind and dark as night, leading off to simply

nowhere, catching all stray things that go there, as a pocket it is out of sight. It is prone to stop and grapple with the seed of grape or apple, or a soldier button swallowed with your pie. Having levied on these chattels, then begin internal battles that are apt to end in mansions in the sky. Once located never doubt it, you would never be without it, it's a fad among society that's gay; old heart failure and paresis have decamped and gone to pieces, and dyspepsia has fallen by the way. Then stand back there, diabetes, for here comes appendicitis, with a brood of minor troubles on the wing; so veriform, here's hoping you'll withstand all drastic dopping, and earn the appellation, "Uncrowned King."

THE SUM OF LIVING.

If you have a friend worth loving, love him. Yes, and let him know that you love him, ere life's evening tinge his brow with sunset glow. Why should good words ne'er be said of a friend—till he is dead? If you hear a song that thrills you, sung by any child of song, praise it. Do not let the singer wait deserved praises long. Why should one who thrills your heart lack the joy you may impart? If you hear a prayer that moves you by its humble, pleading tone, join it. Do not let the seeker bow before his God alone. Why should not your brother share the strength of "two or three" in prayer? If you see the hot tears falling from a brother's weeping eyes, share them; and by kindly sharing own your kinship with the skies. Why should any one be glad when a brother's heart is sad? If a silvery laugh goes rippling through the sunshine on his face, share it. 'Tis the wise man's saying—for both grief and joy a place. There's health and goodness in the mirth in which an honest laugh has birth. If your work is made more easy by a friendly, helping hand, say so. Speak out brave and truly, ere the darkness veil the land, should a brother workman dear falter for a word of cheer? Scatter thus your seeds of kindness, all enriching as you go—leave them. Trust the harvest giver, he will make each seed to grow. So until its happy end, your life shall never lack a friend.

TOO MOUSE-LIKE TO SUIT HER.

In one of the shops the other day a young woman was looking at silks. She expressed a wish for something "quiet."

"Now, here is one as still as a mouse," said a facetious salesman, holding up a gray shade.

"I should say so," returned the young man, "it's so quiet that it hasn't been able to move. "It's the same thing you showed me two months ago."

HER DESIRE.

Maud—What is the height of your ambition, dear?

Marie (blushing furiously)—Oh, something about six feet.

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