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Russia is not the only European power that would like to have a fleet of Ore-

is or is not Anglo-Saxon, but all agree that Spain is not.

Last winter's output of Klondike gold themselves.

ing, not because of the war but despite company of boodlers and jobbers. it. It is hard to keep a big nation like

The popocrats are in no hurry to make their nomination for congress in this district this year. The shorter the campaign the quicker will the agony be over for Dave Mercer's opponent.

South Omaha may be depended on to get up a demonstration in every way Omaha never does things by halves.

Iowa middle-of-the-road populists are not numerous, but they have got the start of the others with an early state convention, a full ticket and a platform as long as the party is short of votes.

New York City people affect to be very much dissatisfied with the result of the consolidation into Greater New York. The fault is with themselves alone and was committed on election

With a summer resort in the exposition grounds unequaled for beauty and comfort by any in the world, the usual excuses for leaving home for the warm season will not apply to residents of Omaha.

Among other things seen by exposttion visitors from a distance are thousands of acres of growing grain and grass along the route, a sight pleasing to the eye and giving assurance of prosis true no matter from which direction the visitors come.

Congressman Stark refers to Governor Holcomb as witness to the purchase of the railroad ticket on which he returned to Washington after his last visit home. Now let Governor Holcomb cite the congressman as witness to the fact that the governor never rides upon a railway pass.

It is sincerely to be hoped Colonel Bryan's services will not be required at the front until after Nebraska day at the exposition, otherwise the millitary authorities might be accused of offensive partisanship in trying to prevent Colonel Bryan from filling his place on the program.

The United States is selling food to all the world. In the past ten months clous counsel will not be heeded at presthe total of exports was \$100,000,000 ent by those in power-whether because greater than for the corresponding period last year. If the time should ever dare to is a question. At all events come again when the people of the Spain seems to be very near the end United States have to buy food of others they will have the wherewithal to pay

Zealous friends of the soldier boys who have been sending pie and cake to the officers appointed and paid to enforce camps have been rebuked by the doc- law and maintain order? tors. But the example of Governor Pingree of Michigan, who sent every man the right to appoint and dismiss mem-

cherry pies. The talk that men asked to enlist in them into the army less than two worth the paper they are written on.

THE CRUCTAL TEST.

the common enemy proposes to take name its standard bearers for the battle of 1898 at Lincoln on the 10th day of August next. Whether this action was the part of wisdom or folly is not now for us to discuss. Suffice it to say that the fortunes and future of the party and of the state have been staked on the outcome of the nominating con-

vention. The paramount question that presents itself to republicans who desire to regain party supremacy is whether its forces shall march to victory or again trail the glorious party flag in defeat. Nebraska is yet as it has always been a republican state. Under honest and capable leadership, known to be sincerely committed to the unforces would be invincible. Under men element that has betrayed the people and dismembered the party another

Waterloo will be unavoidable. The improved condition of the producers is auspicions for the return of errant republicans who have been carried off by delusive promises of higher prices through free silver coinage. An honest effort to purge the party by discarding its discredited members would bring back to its ranks thousands of voters alienated by the reign of thievery and jobbery that preceded popocratic ascendancy.

These people, however, are in no frame of mind to accept galvanized reformers of malodorous brand as the genuine article. They will insist that the candidates of 1898, to receive their support, shall have a clean record behind them, as well as pledges of good government in front of them. They will judge candidates not merely by their individual careers, but by their past associations. The man who has stood by and seen others rob the state The philologists and ethnologists are without protest or winked at the perpestill debating whether the United States tration of fraud is not likely to inspire popular confidence now by execrating and denouncing Bartley and the other big and little thieves,

The crucial test of an honest dollar is still on the "expected" list and the is its ability to bring 100 cents in the Skaguay and Dyea correspondents are market after it has gone through the at liberty to make the estimate to suit melting pot. The crucial test of an honest candidate is that he has stood the fiery ordeal of temptation and cor-The bank clearings for last month rupt surroundings and come out as show that business is steadily increas- clean as he was when he went into the

If the republican party puts honest men upon its ticket in 1898 it is bound to win. If it does not it is bound to suffer defeat and by rights will deserve nothing better.

SPAIN'S FINANCIAL DILEMMA. The Spanish government is facing a grave financial condition, the outcome of which will probably have a very decided bearing upon the question of concreditable when it celebrates are advent tinning the prosecution of the war. As will not loan the government money except upon extraordinary guarantees, while other European bankers decline to undertake to float a loan until the war is ended and the political and financial status of Spain is known. Realizing that the Philippines and Cuba are certainly lost to Spain, that Porto Rico is likely to be and that if the war is protracted Spain may lose other colonial possessions, the bankers of Europe are not disposed to loan money upon security that the Spanish government may not hold sixty days hence. The bonds of that government are of no value with out substantial guarantees and such

guarantees as it can offer may soon prove to be worthless, Without attempting to explain the complex character of Spanish finances. it will be sufficient to say that the credit tionment for the democrats and to preof the government is about exhausted scribe the rules governing eligibility to and that financial chaos is imminent. Gold is at a premium of nearly 90, the not turn the whole machinery of the holders of paper currency have been democratic party over to the populists depleting the Bank of Spain of its sil- at once? Would that be anything more perous towns and progressive cities. This ver, so that suspension of specie payments by that institution is threatened has been fact for some time past? and the government is considering extreme measures to raise money to an

> While Spain is unable to borrow loan of any considerable amount at roads. e very good, in view of the fact that the alyzed and is getting worse all the time. Of course, election is heaving near and greatly reduced the commerce of the nathey do not wish to heed it or do not

of its financial resources. HOW MUCH LONGER?

How much longer is Omaha to be afflicted with law defiance at the hands of Under the charter the police board has

in a Michigan regiment a good pair of bers of the regular fire and police forces shoes will not call forth objections of which are subject to the direction and name of a popocratic congressman. We the medical men. Shoes are more used discipling of the commission. The charful and less harmful to an army than ter, however, expressly vests the mayor with the sole power to appoint special policemen with the concurrence of the police board. In other words, while the the regiments of the volunteer army board has the power to reject any one already in the field will hesitate to be named by the mayor it cannot legally come "new recruits" in an army of or- appoint or commission a special policeganized men will not bear the light, man. It follows that so-called special None of the volunteer regiments now in policemen who hold appointments withthe field are entitled to be called veteran out the consent of the mayor have no regiments and new men will find easy right to exercise police functions and the open letter declares: "The more the comradeship with the men who preceded bonds which they have filed are not mulct law is enforced the more it comes therefore make no mistake in supposing that

There are now nearly 100 guards on

with the mayor, who as chief executive test of the value of any law. the field the republican state commit- of the city is clothed with the appointing tee has called the party together to power. The inevitable consequence of this policy is that the exposition guards can make no legal arrests, but must first call for a policeman to take into custody professional criminals operating on the

THE NICARAGUA CANAL. The advocates of the construction of couragement out of the existing conditions. It is urged that the necessity for this waterway has been fully demoncountry to occupy a commanding position in the Pacific this link between oceans is indispensable. Of course this contemplates the annexation of Hawaii and the permanent possession of the swerving discharge of public duty and | Philippines and it may be admitted faithful execution of party pledges, its that if we embark upon that course of territorial aggrandizement it would be notoriously affiliated with the boodle important to have the canal. But the country has not yet decided to make this departure and there is still reason

to hope that it will not do so. When the war is ended and the ques tion of what shall be done with conquered territory has been determined: when the cost of the conflict and the burden imposed by it is known, then will be time enough to consider whether the government shall assume an obligation of perhaps \$150,000,000 for the construction of the Nicaragua canal or go into the business of canal construction elsewhere in order to shorten the water route between the Atlantic and Pacific. At present, with war expenses exceeding \$1,000,000 a day, the people cannot be induced to favor a project that would involve so large an expenditure as the canal for which the govern ment would be responsible.

Meanwhile we shall have more in formation as to the feasibility and the probable cost of this project from the man. He is evidently one of those heroes administration to make an inspection of | not overwhelm, and who wear their honors the proposed waterway and there will as easily as an old coat. also be opportunity for further negotiation with Nicaragua in regard to giving permission to the United States to construct and control the canal. Something may also have to be done with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which is held by some to forbid this country obtaining exclusive control over a trans-isthmian caual. These are matters that must be settled before the government assumes any responsibility for the carrying out of this project. Perhaps there would be little difficulty in satisfactorily adjusting them, but at all events their settlement must precede any other action.

Granting that a trans-isthmian canal is desirable, it is not conclusively established that the Nicaragua route is the best one. Other routes are advocated with much plausibility. At all events the United States is not going into canal building on foreign territory for some time to come, if it ever does and the eagerness of the Nicaragua canal promoters to utilize the war for the advancement of the project will not be immeof the big new Armour plant. South noted in the dispatches Paris bankers diately productive of any practical result.

The action of the democratic state committee in deciding upon its convention call with blanks left for date and place to be filled in by the chairman in the populist call is nothing less than delegating to the populists the authority to fix the time and place for holding the democratic state convention. Some democrats like to talk about the populists relinquishing their party organization and merging under the democratic label, but this looks very much like a move in the opposite direction. If the populists can fix the convention date and meeting place for the democrats this year, why not next year empower them to establish the ratio of apporvote at democratic primaries? Why than recognizing in form what is and

The supreme court has modified its amount which will not enable it to carry decree in the Nebraska maximum on war longer than three or four months, | freight rate cases so as to permit the establishment of lower rates when their money abroad the chances of floating a reasonableness is admitted by the rail-The railway managers, howhome, as it is said the minister of fi- ever, seem to be losing no sleep over the nance contemplates attempting, cannot matter, so confident are they in the persistence of the do-nothing policy of business of the country is almost par- the reform state railway commission. Spanish industries have been in a bad the reformers may feel it incumbent way for some time and the war has to make another grand stand attack on the railroads for political effect only tion. In these circumstances it will not but whatever they may do may be put be easy to float a popular loan, however down as acquiesced in by the roads in liberal the terms which the government advance and carefully arranged to do may offer. It is stated that financial pathem no harm. From the standpoint pers advocate peace to avert graver fill of the bogus reformers the modificanancial consequences, but such judi- tion of the supreme court decree is the worst calamity that has befallen them cuse for drawing salary for doing noth-

The Bee is perfectly willing to take Congressman Stark's word in his reply to the question whether he rides back and forth between Nebraska and Washington upon a free pass or a prepaid ticket. The Bee merely asked for information that might explain the pe culiar circumstances surrounding the publication of a testimonial to the new train service of a Chicago line over the will now expect all the other popocratic congressmen to write similar testimonials to prove that they are in no way under obligation to the rail-

A high compliment was paid the local option liquor law in Iowa known as the port trade is at such a low ehb. 'mulct law" by Rev. H. H. Abrams, the newly appointed superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon league, who in an ance people. It is by far a better law with the United States

Republicans of Nebraska have taken ployed to protect life and property and self-enforcing law, and with very little been fought in this state. Without liceman because the bogus reform po- patchwork, but in practice it works with and enterprise of its publisher. waiting to know when, where or how lice commissioners are at loggerheads general satisfaction and that is the best

> bling devices has pleaded guilty and has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Besides the Omaha exhibition than all other papers in extenuating circumstances of pleading the state combined. It has simply done its guilty, the prisoner showed that it was level best, and the vast crowds that will his first day in criminal court, and that throng the transient city day by day will he had been up to a year and a half be its reward. Very few will appreciate the Nicaragua canal by the United ago a hard working laboring man, States are getting a good deal of en- Here in Omaha a man convicted after an expensive trial, disclosing years of the Transmississippi Exposition, and conprofessional lawbreaking, is subjected tained many handsome views of the grounds simply to fine penalty. The comparison and principal buildings. The Bee deserves liters will doubtless be less on that account strated; that in order to enable this is certainly not specially creditable to praise for the good and faithful work it has but it will probably be well patronized not

Omntm. Nebraska republicans must not fail fair. to take full advantage of the opportunity to rouse party enthusiasm offered by the meeting of the National League fighting basis in anticipation of the campaign of 1898, which promises to be one of the most critical in the history of the party in this state.

Music lovers will schedule their visits if they want to take advantage of the opportunity to cultivate their taste for information. music. Seldom is the attraction of two such organizations as the Marine band

one time. Let It Go at That. Chicago Tribune Omaha's exposition is highly peristylish and otherwise fully up to date. Wears His Honors Easily.

Philadelphia Record The modesty with which Admiral Dewey expressed his thanks for the praises showered upon him by the American government and people is characteristic of the

An Educational Assignment.

The suggestion that Colonel William J. Bryan of Nebraska be sent with his reginent to the Philippines is a most happy one and no doubt will be hailed with satisfaction by that gentleman and his friends. Colonel Bryan will thus have an opportunity of studying the silver question under the most favorable conditions in a region where it has been the only currency for genera-

"Richly Deserves the Honor." New York Mail and Express.

Representative David H. Mercer of Nebraska has just been nominated for his ourth term, and he richly deserves the honor. He is one of the ablest and most useful members of the house; he is honest, patriotic and industribus and his renomination, which is equivalent to a re-election, is

Now Let the War Proceed. Chicago Chronicle

We learn with undisguised satisfaction hat Australia avows sympathy with the United States in the prevailing struggle. These are times of suspense, and the fact that Australia had probably just heard of the breaking out of hostilities before the departure of the last steamer cuts no figure. developed pro-Spanish sympa hies in this struggle we would have an unfriendly neighbor when we raise the stars and stripes on the Philippine islands. We to correspond to the same particulars await with some anxiety the expressions of Samoa and the Fiji group.

The Happiest of Mortals.

The commencement season is "on," and t is safe to say that more than the usual enthusiasm will be manifest. The war will break into the orations and essays in one way and another, and the youthful graduate knows a great deal about the war and its causes, while nobody has more patriotic enhusiasm than he. And though the sedate elders may smile over these ebullitions of sentiment not one but looks enviously on the exuberant youngsters and remembers regretfully the day when he, too, saw all the world before him, and it was fair and full of promise

AN AUSTRIAN FOR US.

of the Two Leading Journals of Vienna Outspoken in Sympathy. Vienna Deutsche Zeitung

One of the saddest and most disgusting spectacles of public life is the political hypocrisy celebrating its orgies in the present war. The leading newspapers of Europe have united in a denunciation of the North American republic. Liberal, conservative and clerical have made wholesale attacks on poor Uncle Sam, accusing the United States of indulging in a brutal policy of conquest and aggression. Strange it is, indeed, that these same newspapers have taken an entirely different position regarding the foreign politics of their own countries for which they are now condemning the United States.

A few days ago a respectable Berlin news paper, of national tendency, demanded that Germany obtain exclusive control and pos session of Samoa, on the ground that German commerce in the islands in the last year had greatly shrunk. This same newspaper, however, in the strongest words charged the United States with fostering rapacious designs on Cuba, ignoring the fact, however, that the exports of the Union to the Pearl of the Antilles, and the dam ages which it has suffered in consequence of the Cuban war, have been far greater than the German losses in Samoa. At the presbecause it takes away their best ex- ent moment the division of the Chinese empire between the European nations is going on, applauded by these same newspapers, who are now thundering against the "rapacious and brutal Yankee nation." It is acknowledged by all impartial witnesses that the legal rights of the North American union de facto are far greater than those of the European nations, including Germany, who are now so anxious to obtain fat morsels of land in China. Had the North American union any desire to annex Cuba it would have a perfect right to do so, for geographical, political, commercial, humanitarian and other reasons.

Our whole sympathy in this war is with the Union. There is hardly a family in Austria or Germany which has not som dear relatives or friends on the other side of the water, many of whom are now preparing to shed their blood for the cause of their adopted country! Considered from a commercial standpoint, we should be careful not to antagonize the United States especially at the present time, when our ex-

The North American republic is a warning for all rulers and governments who are now steering into the channels of absolutism Without the Union civic liberty in Europ would have been an impossibility. We into favor with all classes of temper- the sympathies of all friends of liberty are

the exposition grounds who are em- than any of us expected. It is also a PRAISE FOR THE EXPOSITION BEE, TYPICAL OF WESTERN PROGRESS, between the older communities of the At-

Wood River Interests: The exposition the initiative of a campaign destined to maintain order. Yet not one of these assistance will tring to justice all its edition of The Omaha Bee was a beauty, be as momentous as any that has ever men holds a commission as special po- violators." The law likely is a piece of and is but another indication of the push

> Fremont Tribune: The Bee issued a very bangsome souvenir edition for the opening day of the exposition. Its illustrations were Down in Lincoln a man charged superb and its descriptive matter was of a with setting up and maintaining gam- high order. It was a credit to the memorable event it sought to celebrate.

> > the work it has done. Hastings Tribune: Wednesday's Omaha

position held in America since the World's Alliance Times: The Omaha Daily Bee of Wednesday contained a number of fine

exposition portraits and views. Notwithstanding all the hue and cry against Roseof Republican Clubs at Omalia next water, the fact remains that as manager of month. Every republican club in Ne the Department of Publicity and Promotion braska should be reorganized within the the success of the exposition is due more to next thirty days and put upon a firm his efforts, in our opinion, than those of any other one man Emerson Enterprise: The gates of the great Transmississippi Exposition were

thrown open to the world Wednesday. In honor of the event The Omaha Bee issued beautiful souvenir edition, containing a history of the exposition, views of some to the exposition for the first few weeks of the scenes, as well as persons closely connected with the enterprise. In addition to this it gives a great deal of other useful Tobias Gazette: The Omaha Bee on June

issued an eight-page supplement of its and the Thomas orchestra presented at daily of that date of the exposition. It contained portraits of its officers and those prominently connected with it, together with s doing a good work for the exposition and ought to be appreciated by the people of the state as well as those who do not claim this state as their home, but are connected in an official capacity with this great exposition.

Norfolk News: The souvenir edition of The Omaha Bee, issued the morning of the day the Transmississippi Exposition opened is a remarkably fine production of modern commission appointed by the present to the manner born whom greatness does printing, containing an interesting history of the exposition from its inception to th day of its opening. Its half-tone illustrations of the exposition grounds and buildings are particularly good, as are also the reproduced photographs of the men who have been prominent in making the exposition : success. It is a number which will be preserved in many Nebraska households for future reference, and is one which will become more valuable from a historical standpoint as time goes on.

STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS

Tobias Gazette (rep.): If the republicans place in nomination for the various positions to be filled this fall, clean, honest men, they will elect them. If they nominate the old ringster and unsavory political renegade they will get left.

Ord Journal (pop.): From all along the line comes words of commendation for Hon. John R. Thompson for governor. No stronger man has been mentioned and every free silequally creditable to him, to the state of ver paper in this district should help the Nebraska and to the republican party at movement along, and then see it grow over the state.

Schuyler Sun (rep.): The republicans of the state should use their utmost endeavors to place in nomination for the state legislature strong, able candidates. In every locality only men should be nominated in whom the people have confidence. Strong personality wields a great deal of influence in every local campaign, and when a man is named who is known to be thoroughly honest, sincere and capable, half the battle Were these facts heeded is already won. in every legislative district in Nebraska the republican party would control the next state legislature by a good working ma-

tority. Springfield Monitor (dem.): If there going to be any trouble in the fusion ranks this fall in deciding on a suitable candidate for governor, and there seems to be, as neaas we can get at it from reading our exchanges, it might be a good idea to let the present governor have another term. There are several good reasons for it. One is, it would obviate any serious trouble in the re form forces. And then, it would displease our friends, the enemy. They are so anxious for Governor Holcomb to step down and out it might be just as well to renominate him. We know what he can do we know what he has done, and, judging the future by the past, we know what he will do with a third opportunity.

Ord Quiz (rep.): As a campaigner ther s no better man than A. E. Cady. His marvelous campaign in this district last fall. cutting down the populist majority here while the fusion forces were gaining everywhere else, will long stand out as a historical point. Those familiar with his way of fighting a political battle know why this s. He is one of our ablest speakers; he is clear headed and logical to a nicety; he is

thoroughly well posted on all things that public man should know and he is enthusiastically sincere in his political convicions. But the strongest point in his favor is that he makes friends and convinces his enemies. We doubt if there is another man in Nebraska who can talk political matters so pointedly and forcibly to an audience of his political opponents and have them go away feeling so well-disposed as his audiences always do. The men who do not like Cady's style of spenking are the men who lo not want the truth to be told. The honest rank and file of the opposition are always pleased with his presentation of affairs We do not know whether he would accept the nomination for governor, but this we do know that no man can be named who would get more votes and leave the party in better shape after the campaign than A. E. Cady of St. Paul. The present necessity of the party is for just such a man to head its ticket. Pokrok Zapadu: As the election draws

near the conviction among republicans grows general that we must have a new deal, that the influence which forced upon us in the past candidates who have disgraced themselves and the party will have to take the back seat and that none but men of acknowledged ability and unquestionable in tegrity must be placed in nomination for the different positions of trust. There seems be also a disposition to recognize the different elements of strength in the party, and, welding them together, bring forth a ticket at the next state convention which will make the redeeming of the state a possibility. We are especially pleased to totice that Hon. F. J. Sadilek of Wilber, who has held several different positions of onor and trust at different times, having served his county in the legislature and as a county treasurer, and his state as an lector in the last presidential election, is being favorably mentioned for the nominaion of state auditor. This will surely be nailed with pleasure by our readers, as there is no man in our state who is better and more favorably known among our people than Mr. Sedilek. The name of Mr. D. C. Gifford of West Point, an able and distinguished German-American, is being mentioned for the position of lieutenant governor, which is also an excellent proposition. If the present disposition shall prevail the republican hosts will march to victory in the November election

Strong Commendation for the Trans-

mississippi Exposition. Chicago News: Omaha opened her grand Transmississippi and International Exposition yesterday with flying colors. It takes more than a war with Spain to stop those Omaha people when they set out to do a

Philadelphia Record: Only a country surpassingly rich in native resources could ership of a green Nebraskan. give such an exhibition while carrying on a great war, and only a prosperous people could attend it in the vast numbers which without doubt will concentrate at Omaha during the summer months.

Indianapolis Journal: Omaha has worked hard over that exposition, and, according to all accounts, has succeeded in arranging Daily Bee contained a complete write-up of a show well worth visiting. The war has turned the attention of the public away from it of late, and the number of its visdone and is still doing for the greatest ex- withstanding. It deserves success, and all who contemplate a western tour this summer should not fail to take it in. Kansas City Journal: War may prove an

advantage rather than a hindrance to the exposition. It has already been noted that thousands of people who, in times of peace, be deterred on account of hostilities. free from the menace of hostile war ships. As a result the attention of pleasure seekers from our coast states is likely to be to which most of them are strangers. With the Omaha exposition as a central magnet travel westward should be very large.

Milwaukee Wisconsin: When President Grant by touching a button at Washington set in motion the great engine which fur nished power for the Centennial expositio: at Philadelphia, it was accounted a dramatic demonstration of the triumph of infine cuts of the various buildings. The Bee vention in the nineteenth century. But President McKinley, without leaving the national seat of government, not only started the machinery of the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha, but also delivered an address by telephone to the people in attendance. Friar Bacon would be scared could be be brought to life and confronted with the marvels of nineteenth century science. He would think there had been trafficking with the evil one by disciples of black art.

> Philadelphia Press: It is a renewed proof of the greatness and varied resources of this country that it can conduct a foreign war and at the same time hold an exhibi tion of the arts of peace. There is as much interest in the contest for the freedom of Cuba in Nebraska and surrounding states as on the Atlantic scaboard. The transmississippi states have filled their quota of soldiers and stand ready to add to the number, but there are millions left at home who, while they will follow the war with intense interest, will see that the exhibition of products and manufactures of the western slope of the Mississippi valley is properly supported. There is not a country Europe in which such an exhibition could occur in time of war. It would either have to be abandoned or allowed to drag out a sickly existence. Here war will make little difference with the enterprise, not because the people are not deeply concerned in the question of Cuban freedom, but because they have the energy and resources to look after Spain and the exhibition also.

big industrial and agricultural exposition, belonging exclusively to the states of the union west of the Mississippi, although every section of the union as well as foreign countries is represented, opened in Philadelphia North American: Here is a the presence of 100,000 people and amid the greatest enthusiasm and exhibiting every evidence of success and prosperity, while the nation at large and with the full assistance of the states represented at this exposition, be it understood, wages a war or the freedom of Cuba and the uplifting of humanity. It is a marvelous example of the progress of peace and war along parallel lines and we doubt if it could be repeated in any other country upon the face of the globe. The war has not interfered with the success of the exposition nor has the exposition hindered a jot the conduct of the war. Nebraska and every other state participating has sent its full quota of men to the front and they all stand ready to support the government and uphold our national honor to the fullest extent. The exposition will continue until November and we doubt not that interest in it will never flag until the end.

Philadelphia Times: The exposition comnemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the war with Mexico, by which what remained of the former Spanish possessions north of the Gila river became the erritory of the United States. The date really marks the beginning of modern western development, even on this side of the Mexican cession, and the enterprise stimulated by the gold discoveries was felt in all the intervening region as the tide of emigration spread over the prairies, pressing back the Indian and the buffalo, planting owns and building up new states. as the president has said, a memorable halfcentury, illustrating "the splendid achieve ments and possibilities of our people, the un onquerable determination, strength and sturdy manhood of our Amer can citizenship." This exhibition will il ustrate the achivement of these people a the arts of peace, in civilization and enightened progress, and it is much to be wished that it may help to promote a mu tual understanding and cordial fellowship

lantic coast and the Mississippi valley and those that stretch away into the west,

CAPTURING A COLONEL COMMISSION.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The offer of Governor Stephens to put a Nebraskan who knows nothing of military affairs at the head of a Missouri regiment is a rank piece of demagogic politics. Missourians are not aching to risk their lives under the lead-

Minneapolis Journal: It fooks as if Mr. Bryan would have colonels' commissions to burn. The governor of Nebraska gave him one the other day and yesterday the governer of Missouri telegraphed him an offer of a commission as colonel of a Missouri regiment. Who will throw the next boquet? Kansas City Star: The offer by Governor Stephens of a colopeley of a Missouri regiment to William J. Bryan is merely a bit of politics, of course, and as such will receive the condemnation it merits. It is agreed by all patriotic citizens of the country, from the president down, that politics shall have no part or recognition in the conduct of this war, and it is to the discredit of Missouri that its highest official representative has violated this praiseworthy understanding. Cleveland Leader: The followers of Bryan

feel that something must be done to keep him before the people. The silver question would have sought pleasure and recreation has tost its attractiveness and unless Bryan in foreign lands during the summer, will distinguishes himself on the battlefield he The will be forgotten. Hence the anxiety of seacoast resorts of our own country will his friends to push him into prominence as be less attractive than they have been when a military man. Their hopes will doubtless be realized and it is reasonable to presume that the silver apostle will win fame and name on the battlefields of Cuba. All in diverted to the interior-to the lakes, the all, he will probably make as good a colonel mountains and the rivers of their own land, as will many of the others who have secured commissions

Chicago Times-Herald: The man who asumes command of a regiment without the knowledge and experience to command it to the best advantage assumes a grave responsibility. There are hundreds of officers in the United States army who have grown gray waiting for promotion from first lieutenants and captains while fighting Indians in the far west. If experienced volunteer soldiers cannot be found to command the colunteer regiments, my one of them la ompetent to do re. It a n.ar without miliary experience wishes to serve his country he should begin by enlisting in the ranks, not as a commanding officer, so long as there are pleasy of trained commenders. This applies to every other men es well as to Mr. Bryan.

## THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

Chicago Record: "Jack will not marry Miss Johnson after all."
"Why?"
"She tells him that every experience of her life has happened twice."

Detroit Journal: Assessor-You wish to eturn your property as being worth more han \$750? Citizen-Yes, I do not care to make an stentatious display of my great wealth.

Indianapolis Journal: "I never saw such a man as Witheredge for telling stories with profanity in them."
"Yes; he never swears, you know." Chicago News: "I am a very unhappy

"I always see the shirtwaists that I want Detroit Free Press: She—An editor has to have great command of language, does he not?
He—Oh, yes. He frequently orders four or five thousand words.

Chicago Tribune: "Have you noticed that the German manufacturers of bleycles are trying to exclude American machines from They are afraid the air in the tires has injurious microbes in it.

Indianapolis Journal: "My young friend."

Washington Star: "I must give you credit for having remarkably light bread," said the housewife. "We try to keep it so," replied the baker,
"And you succeed. It is so light that it roes up in price a great deal easier than it ever goes down."

Detroit Free Press: "What is woman's sphere?" inquired the lady with a loud And the dyspeptic man looked up wearily

JUST PEFORE THE BATTLE.

Cleveland Leader. Just before the battle, mother, I am glad to be with you; Others went to face the Spanlards, And they asked for Willie, too— Wanted me to go and help them Swat the garlic-eating foe, But they offered no commission, So, of course, I didn't go.

Kiss me, mother, you may never your darling's face agair For I'm going to raise whiskers, And it will be hidden then.

Others may be eager, mother, To go out and hunt the don, Others may be eager, mother,
To go out and hunt the don,
But I'm satisfied to linger
Here with peaceful ralment on,
For they offered no commission,
So that let me out, you see;
I've no use for common fighters—
Fighting's coarse, it seems to me.

Klis me, mother, you may never See my visage any more, For I'm going to raise whiskers, As, I think, I said before.

I suppose that they'll come marching I suppose that they it come marchin Home with banners flying high, And that they'll be halled as heroes, Or as martyrs, by and by:
But let's still be happy, mother,
Let's be joyful while we may, For I've got a job another Filled before he went away.

iss me, mother, you may never Gaze upon my face again, or I'm going to raise whiskers,

## "From ignorance our comfort flows"-Prior.

The man who is contented in an ill-fitting suit shoddy of doesn't know, however, that others see what he hasn't the wit to appreciate. It is worth such a man's while to take his clothier into his confidence, and let him advise as to these important matters of apparel.

It doesn't cost any more to be well dressed than to go shabbily through life, but it makes more difference than the careless man always comprehends with his prospects and success.

The man or boy who comes here for his clothes may know that he will be dressed according to the mode, and that every dollar he invests will have its full value represented in his pur

