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Subscribed and sworn before me this Ist day of December, A. D. 1899.

M. B. HUNGATE.

(Seal.) Notary Public. Merry Christmas to you,

This is to be Mr. Santa Claus' busy day.

Senator Allen's Christmas present came ten days ahead of time.

Fashion Note-The latest in children's stockings are extra lengths with bulging

sides. It is the people of the British coast towns who are now lying awake nights thinking of naval sea serpents that may come to visit them.

Another statement of Coin Harvey's installment-plan campaign fund is past due. So are several delinquent subscribers to the fund.

Colonel Bryan proposes to invade "the enemy's country" and plant the anti-trust flag on the ramparts of Trenton, Jersey City and Hoboken.

gifts a set of whetstones and knifesheaths. The knives they already have.

Word comes all the way from New

spectators is not disclosed. way except that which conforms to the extirpated. wishes of the donors, namely, to remove | A recent contribution to the New the mortgage from the home of his

The richest man in England has died. But that will not prevent the calamity shouters from seeing in their imaginations continued conspiracies on the part of the money power to make money

onslaught of the State Board of Transportation.

Lincoln will this week be the Mecca | them.' of Nebraska's school teachers who, in The plan for colonizing the idle and the election of their organization of destitute of the cities with the expectaficials will show that they are as adept tion that they will remain permanently at political wire pulling as the most in the country and become contented expert politicians.

If the un-Patriotic league is a republican club what need is there of lectures they cannot succeed for the chief reason to initiate its members into the doctrine that the associations of a city have a again. of sound money? If they are shaky on fascination for all classes of residents the money issue, their republicanism hard to resist. cannot be very sound.

While all the ministers of Omaha are today offering up fervent prayers for "Great Scott" in grateful remembrance they will learn to work only under of his redpepper fectures from the bench, his admirers in the pulpit should not forget that the irreverend judge will tutions or through private centribupreach his farewell sermon on "Sodom tions, and Gomorrah" next week.

General Miles has been interviewed on the Boer war. What the general did not say would make a much longer ence in the South African war, all of interview than what he really did say. From the general's remarks about the best commanders being the ones likely to win it may be surmised that the general is giving his English military friends a little dig in return for their that our government has received procomments on the conduct of our war operations with Spain and in the Philip-

eternal fitness of things for Mr. J. W. Kennedy to preside over the "patriots" nance of the gold standard.

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Of Christmas buyers for days past may be able to form some idea of the vasicers felt by the French cabinet is some Business letters and remittances should be addressed. The Bee Publishing Com-Remit by draft, express or postal order, payable to The Bee Publishing Company, payable to The Bee Publishing Company.
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THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY. others have given to us; we give to fit latter to transfer these waters. bestow and frequently go beyond our course of events in South Africa with 70 means; we give where the heart does the keenest possible interest and while not go with the offering."

10 love, of earnest friendship and of gen- this should circumstances arise which its maintenance desirable? Perhaps we ling of hostility to Great Britain and of more than is judicious, but on the whole France, and Great Britain will need to the spirit that prompts such outlay is be exceedingly careful and circumspect. not declining and in spite of the crit- to her complications. icism is not likely to do so. It has imparted a significance to Christmas. And now the wagon-makers are get which, rightly regarded, is not the ting together to raise the prices on least useful of its meanings.

religious festival and perhaps it is in hardwood lumber, iron and labor, inits former character that its most val- cident to the unprecedented demand uable influence is exerted. To its throughout the United States, Whether patrons The Bee extends the season's this advance be justified or not nobody greeting, hoping that all will realize the can attribute the action of the Wagon full meaning of "A Merry Christmas."

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARITIES.

With the advent of Christmas and the | farm wagons, holidays a natural disposition toward alleviating the wants of the poor and are taken care of in public institutions, to people indisposed to appeal for pub- to do something to give the people relic aid or to accept the conditions im- lief from railroad extortion. Would be stitutions.

In times of general industrial depression this class is very numerous. Many owe to railroad favor? men and women who have known better days are reduced to straitened cir-Members of the un-Patriotic league cumstances and forced to accept help would appreciate as suitable Christmas from compassionate friends and philanthropic people.

In times of prosperity, when every ress made by Omaha along social and person willing and able to work can educational lines. The number of find employment, the indiscriminate Jersey that a football player has be- support of professional vagrants and come insane as a result of a Tranksgiv- beggars is of questionable propriety. ing day game. What happened to the The experience of people who have made a study of the subject does not warrant the encouragement of destirate One thing is certain-the Lawton idlers nor has any plan yet been devised home fund will not be invested in any by which vagrancy can be successfully

York Independent by Maud Ballington Booth on the treatment of vagrancy sheds much interesting light on the subject. "My conclusion as to the best means of treating the whole subject is that the class should be treated as individuals, not as bodies," says Mrs. Booth. "A large proportion of them have no other manner of living and Up to the hour of going to press no have followed the idle and vicious ways alarm had been sounded at railroad of the parents. Religious advice in the headquarters calling the traffic man- form of addresses, no matter how agers to quarters to repel the impending forcible and eloquent, has no effect on to realize the meaning of the advice, his administration. If they prefer the ad-Only individual effort will benefit vice of chronic agitators and demagogues, so

> and thrifty is condemned as impractical. The results of such experiments Sam Patch's dog, which was cut in two thus far indicate, on the contrary, that down the middle and hastily spliced with

> These views doubtless apply as much to Omaha as to eastern population centers. The incorrigible vagrant must be handled through penal reformatories, as compulsion. The deserving destitute the establishment and extension of the merit must be cared for by charitable insti- system. Not only the republican, but the

POSSIBLE COMPLICATION.

While there appears to be no immediate danger of European interferthe governments manifesting a purpose to observe neutrality, it is possible that Great Britain may become involved in fired of such a freak on the beach and at a new complication from her operations the last election relegated him to the rear in Delagoa bay. It has been reported His action toward a number of Omaha mintests from American shippers against the alleged diversion of cargoes from a Portuguese part in Africa to a British the people for courts and judges port and if this shall prove to be well It was eminently in accord with the founded it will be incumbent upon our government to take steps to prevent a recurrence of such a proceeding. It is assembled to hear Mr. Henry W. Yates' type that the ships diverted from their ports and exports is being restored. During address on currency legislation designed | proper destination carried the English to permanently establish the gold stand- flag. but their cargoes being Ameriard. Mr. Kennedy had been a rampant | can and shipped from an American silver republican and only a year ago port, the rights and property of our appeared before the platform commit- citizens are as directly involved as tee of the republican state convention to though the ships carried our own flag. remonstrate against the insertion of a The British government cannot justify plank declaring in favor of the mainted such interference on the ground that

the Christian world as is no other day was going from one neutral port to anof the year; that awakens sentiments other neutral port. Under such circum-

kindly and tender feeling; that brings posed of by the British government dishappiness to numberless hearts, young claiming any intention to interfere 1.50 and old—is again with us. For weeks with American rights and giving assurpast in every Christian land there has ance that the proceedings will not be rebeen preparation for its coming and the peated. A more serious matter has outlay that have been made is at hand. Great. Britain in regard to Delagoa. to exert an inestimable influence for bay, which are being discussed in the French press and are said to be receiv-Whoever has witnessed the throngs ing the attention of the government. ness of the trade incident to this season | what exaggerated, though it is easy to uncommonly large this year and may part of Great Britain to obtain possesbe estimated by tens of unillons of slan of Delagoa bay would encounter at this season. It is declared to be to port of some other European powers, many an enerous burden. Says one of It has long been understood that Great these critics; "The real meaning of Britain desired Delagon bay and from the word 'present' has been lost in all time to time there have been rumors of

the conditions of those upon whom we European powers are watching the now maintaining absolute neutrality Grant that there is much of truth in the nations having African possessions this, yet is there not enough of sincere | would hardly hesitate to depart from uine unselfishness in Christmas gift- seemed to menace their interests there. Americans do go to extremes too much, sympathy with the Dutch republies, many of us spending in this direction this being especially pronounced in

farm wagons. The alleged reason for Christmas is a family as well as a the advance is the increased cost of trust to the protection afforded by a high protective tariff. America is not an importer, but a great exporter of

The organ of the defuncto canproviding them with the comforts essent didate for U.S.S. says the only tial to civilized people always manifests way for the members of the State itself. The great body of the destitute Board of Transportation to defend themselves from the opprobrium attachbut private charity is dispensed freely ling to the appellation "do nothing" is roads of wielding an inexcusable sting of ingratitude when all they have they

Those who are engaged solely in the mad pursuit of gain and have but little time for any proposition unless it promises a profit must not overlook the progreally cultured people is growing rapfdly and intellectual standards are being raised as time speeds on. Omaha is no longer a frontier outpost.

And now we are told that rebuilding will cost far less than at first estimated. The board, however, should not overlook the demands for substantial construction. It would be better to put in a little more money and not invite another conflagration which would be sure to be more disastrous.

Hot Times a' Coming.

Lord Roberts is an Irishman and while that fact may imply fighting. Paul Kruger's wearing Galway alugger whiskers is also not without significance.

Taking a Good Hold.

island. Perplexities of the Year. If half the people end the century this year and the other half the next, Father Time will present the peculiar aspect of

a discrepancy in his legs. At any rate, he will find it hard to strike an easy gait

Supporters of the Merit System. As Speaker Henderson has been regarded for some time as one of the strongest friends of civil service reform in the house t is not surprising to learn that the new committee on reform of the civil service is constituted with special reference to democratic members of the committee are among the pronounced supporters of civil service reform in the house.

A Disgusting Windup

Judge Scott of Omaha is winding up hi areer on the district bench in a most disgusting and contemptible manner. He perhaps "feels keenly the sting of ingratitude" because the people of that district became isters, whom he is trying to punish for contempt, is condemned by nearly everybody. Such men as Scott on the bench have a tendency to create a contempt in the minds of

Going Abroad for Luxuries.

As a result of this country's increased presperity the old balance between imthe years which followed the panic of 1993 when we were all feeling poor, imports fell off and experts increased until the decrease tariff revenue became quite a serious natter and the prediction was freely made that we should soon stop importing altogether, as we could produce for ourselves verything we required. But with increased wealth came increased desires and as it is a trait of human nature to esteem our neighthe merchandise was suspected to be born goods more highly than our own, we of democracy.

intended for the other belligerent, be- resumed our buying abroad. Our imports The day that is welcomed throughout cause it was not contrabrand and it of merchandise during November amounted to \$22,000,000 more than those of the same month last year and for the eleven months. and emotions peculiar to itself alone; stances Great Britain had no right to for the corresponding period of 1838, while then ended they were \$152,576,412 more than that appeals to all hearts not hardened assume what its ultimate destination our exports increased during the same time only to the extent of \$34,434.793. The stimulates affection, good-will and every But this matter may easily be dis. moral seems to be that we can supply all court on Tuesday decided the Poynter-Corour necessities at home, but we still go abroad for our luxuries.

Glaustone and the Boer State.

New York Evening Post A good deat of discursion of Mr. Glad-Omaha: The Bee Building. In Building. In Italian of all the care and effort and reference to the suspected designs of in England during the last two or three South Omaha: City Hall Building. It must be said that not quite so much deep jingo disdain for his incredible feebleness and baseness in giving back its independence to the South African republic has been expressed since the jounty idea of a picuic march to Pretoria has had to be abandoned. They charge us with "throwing away the Transvanl," said Mr. Gladstone in 1884. "Well, gentlemen, if you found that you had a snake in your bands that was going to inflict a poisonous bite upon you, you would very likely throw it away. That simile is still more pat today than it was in 1884, considering how many rattles the snake has since grown. But the real reason' for rescinding the annexation, Mr. of the Boers. When it was found that the great majority of them did not want to be months for nothing. annexed, England could not, "without the good-will.

TAXING TELEPHONES.

Rules Laid Down by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Chicago Post.

dered an important decision in the matter Bell Telephone company. It has sustained making to justify the custom and make There is no doubt as to the general feel- Monnett, distinguished for his persistent, if the radical contention of Attorney General not always successful, anti-monopoly exeractual cost of the company's instruments in use in Ohio, but their rental value should be the basis of taxation. The state auditor, for the purpose of making a test case, commendable and ought not to be dis in regard to the rights and interests of brought suit against a county auditor who couraged. At all events the custom is other powers, if she would avoid adding had declined to list telephones at their

rental value. According to the Bell Telephone comany the cost of an instrument is \$3.40, and it was willing to be taxed on this basis. The rental value of an instrument is be taxed at the same valuation.

This view is indorsed by the supreme court, and now it will be necessary for the value of the instruments. The company, it appears, has not admitted the earning of a telephone to represent \$233, for the attorney general himself is willing to take off one-third of the estimated amount, These are matters of fact, not of principle, There can be no legal discrimination between one corporation or class of corporations and other corporations or classes, but it is somewhat surprising to learn that posed upon inmates of benevolent in- have them also accused by the rail- all property in Ohio is assumed by the tax officials to be capable of yielding 6 per cent interest on the capital invested. Has this been generally accepted as a reasonable valuation? If so, the Bell Telephone company has no cause for complaint. The deamount to the revenues of the state. It is final, presumably, for no federal point seems to be involved

AMERICA'S WORLD CONQUEST.

Splendid Commercial Triumphs of St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The "Conquest of the World by the United States," which a well known French publicist has just written about in a Paris paper, appears to be an exceedingly live topic in Europe at the present time. It is a little the burned section of the penitentiary over a year since Count Goluchowski, the that statesman the old world must combine altogether improbable that the present passcommercially against the United States if it bribed outfit of state officials will do anyis to maintain any outside markets for its surplus products. The United States, he declared, in substance, was making inroads in all territory which had hitherto been commercially tributary to England France Germany, Austria and the rest of Europe, and the situation demanded the earnest and bureau apparently in order to carry out its immediate attention of the old world's statesmen. The wide circulation which Count Goluchowski's warning received in the press That the plan was not carried out according of France, Germany, Russia and other to the republican arrangement is due to European countries showed that that poliician had struck one of the burning issues the hands of these who had axes to grind.

Governor Wood takes hold in Cuba under of the time. favorable auspices. The good sense and such people. They are too deadened capacity of the Cubans will be tested under from American competition is far more im- Weaver, the author of the act that has just minent and portentous than it appeared to been declared unconstitutional. He was unthe Austrian to be. Not only is the United doubtedly impressed with the idea that remuch the worse for the prospects of the States seizing the best of the old world's form was needed in the manner of conductmarkets in Asia and South America, but it ing the state insurance department and was is invading the European countries them not afraid to outline a policy and a plan selves. The enemy is already at their own which it was thought would correct the doors. "In less than eighteen years," he evil features of the existing system. He declares, "American exportations have trip- was chosen to frame the legislation for this sembled to drink eggnog at 7 p. m. and the led. It is no more a Napoleon's conquest of purpose because of his recognized ability the world by arms. The Yankees are doing as a lawyer and his conservative judgment. it by work. The United States can ruin The republican majority of the legislature, Europe commercially as effectually as if with however, had only one evident pursose and arms." Then he goes on to say that "a rev- that was to discredit Auditor Cornell beolution in the economic equilibrium of the fore the people of the state. To effect that globe is being brought about by the United end the one-sided investigation was begun and a none with the introduction into China the auditor the control of the insurance deand Japan of American sations, leathers, machines, tools and electric emotors." Of course for this branch of the official state business the list of the American goods which are is very desirable in itself, it could not be being made to charitable purposes, a resuperseding European products in Asia, and expected that the auditor would receive cent decision of the lowa supreme court is even in the European countries themselves, would be long. It would, if enumerated, be fit him, made by the republican legislative when a man or woman attaches his or her a sort of rollcall of the cost distinctive com- body. There has been nothing in Mr. Cor- name to a church subscription list an oblimodities of the United States

States has not only more capital than any personal judgment. European country, but it has greater business intelligence and resourcefulness. The qualities by which America has not only won a leading place in the neutral markets of the old world, but has even surmounted the barriers of hostile tariffs and is getting a foothold in the home markets of the principal European countries, can, by their continuance, maintain and increase this vant age ground. The assumption which was implied by the Austrian statesman that Europe be brought into concerted action against the United States is a fantastic dream. There are as many different sorts of tariffs and revenue laws in Europe as

here, are countries, and it is as impossible to secute courcical unity among them as | not live until January 1 would be political unity. "There is no ropean concert is a sinister joke." after the destruction of the Spanish fleet at lican Manila, when many timid persons in Europe thought that Spain might be invaded. and thus all the rest of Europe menaced. showed that that astute statesman grasped the folly of attempting to build up a European coalition against anything. Amerisplendid tribute to the beneficent influences

BRIEF BITS OF STATE POLITICS.

Grand Island Republican: The Nebraska Festivities of the Christmas Season supreme court has declared the Weaver insurance law void. Cornell knows a good thing when he sees it, and he also knows how to hold on as well as to "hold up."

Pender Republican: The state supreme nell case in favor of the latter. The court holds the Weaver act establishing the insurance department unconstitutional. Now Mr. Cornell and his hold-up assistants will have free reign for the balance of their

great noise about the arrangement made by to spend Christmas at home, nor was this the administration with the sultan of the hope entirely relinquished until the number Sulu islands on account of his keeping a of days before Christmas became too small barem. There must be a whole lot of differ- to admit of our arriving by that time. ence between a harem in the Sulu islands and one in Salt Lake City.

unconstitutional, which leaves the entire act eternal summer across the sea. void. This knocks out the new insurance "The ship bringing the loves arrived in Gladstone explained, was that there had acting as the employes and enjoying the Christmas eve carts piled up with boxes been a misapprehension about the wishes snap of the department will have the satis- as high as would ride safely were creaking

the word present has been tost in all time to time there have been runners of too many cases; we give from other monogeneously responded faith, persist in holding them when we had fusionist. Governor Poynter should use his with alacrity to the call for volunteers to tives than the right one; we give here view, but there has never been any in- pledged ourselves beforehand that they influence to have Ed Howard app inted. He unload them. Each man picked up a box from obligation; we give there because dication of a desire on the part of the should not be annexed except with their own lower it to him on account of Howard's with- and carried it into quarters to the bunk of years ago. If the democrats had not withhave been governor. Neither would Ed Howard. It would have been the late M. L. Hayward. If ever there was a party got The supreme court of Ohio has just ren- a dirty deal it is the democrats of Nebraska. in Manila before-and almonds and English

of applying the tax law of the state to the Herald makes a stirring appeal to the Ne- snaps and jams and preserves, all made : braska state board of transportation to "Do tions. That contention was that not the reasonable about it. The board of transornament, a fifth wheel, an excrescence, a protuberance, a barnacle, a fungus, in fact everything that can be summed up in the one little word "nit." that it is useless to expect the secretaries of the board to do anything more than draw their pay, ride on railroad passes, and work their jobs for all they are worth just as long as they mey last.

St. Paul Phonograph (pop.): In State placed at \$233, as it is supposed to earn university circles the question of the elec-\$14 over and above repairs, and in oscer- tion of a new chancellor has recently taining the market value of the taxable claimed considerable attention. Among property of the state the officials have these mentioned for this very important discipline would admit. As soon as we were fixed it at the earning capacity of prop- place is Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews of Chierty on a 6 per cent rate. The attorney cago. He would certainly be a wise selecgeneral holds that in simple justice to ten. Dr. Ambrews holds a high rank for there were the opened boxes everyother corporations and property owners, among the educators of the land and his where and the rubbish which accumulated made to bear their fair share of the bur- excellent executive abilities were amply from them and there was the thought in den, the Bell Telephone company ought to proved in his administration as president of he was forced because he would not subordinate his personal political opinions to the authorities to determine the real rental gold standard policies of the supporters of in smoke the night before. the institution. If he is chosen by the regents of the Nebraska university repub- lightly several times. licans would undoubtedly charge the selection to political motives. But the regents need not fear to incur that charge, for in nacion, a church with the interior of richly force of his own talents will quickly demon- the street to the door squatted a line of strate his power to maintain and even heighten the distinction which our State ing their palms beseechingly for alms. Givuniversity has attained.

ourt, having affirmed the power of the ber of beggars in Manila large. State Board of Transportation to regulate not over. There are no benches, except and fix rates charged by express companies, along the sides, in the churches in the Philit necessarily follows that the board also ippines, and the soldiers were kneeling on cision will obviously add a considerable has the power to regulate the rates charged by railroads for carrying passengers and freshly-laundered uniform of blue and white freight. The allied forces of reform now striped drilling, making a pleasing sight in control of the state government have vehemently denounced the railroad companies out and the services for the Americans be as extertionists and robbers and demanded gan. These services consisted largely of thing under the plea of lack of authority. McKinnon, chaplain of the First California Now the supreme court plainly says that I was in the balcony, where I could see the board has the power to regulate rates, the musicians. I thought how funny hence there will be no excuse for further inaction on the part of the board if the without coats and with their shirt tails over are charging extortionate rates. It is quite ulate white shirt, with pleated bosom, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, sounded likely that the great bue and cry about rait. tail as carefully ironed as the bosom, the alarm in Europe against the incursions road extortion was simply for the purpose of American commodities. According to of securing votes and nothing more. It is thing to antagonize the railroads.

Lincoln Post (pop.): Auditor Cornell i crtainly to be congratulated upon the outome of the Weaver insurance controversy in the supreme court. The legislature last winter established the new insurance scheme of false reform which started with the investigation of the auditor's office. the fact that the bureau was not left in It is not necessary or proper at this time To the Frenchman, however, the danger to call into question the metices of Mr. States. It began in the orient under Eng- while plans were perfected for taking from partment. While an independent bureau graciously the covert attempt to discom- especially timely. The court holds tha mercial conquest of the world? The United may have heeded party pressure more than subscribed to a fund raised by the Firs

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

terminating the rats. General Buller says: "There is an old prophosy unless you know,

along its right of way has been settled.

Europe, but there is an America. The Eu- claims to the protection of the Aimighty.

The statement attributed to H. H. Hart, president of the Illinois Children's home. and other Chicagoans, that New York annumity ships 50,000 babies that it does not want to the Windy City and other western points, is repudiated with sufficient heat by New York are those that outsiders try to rious charities, but they often neglect to foist on the communit

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

in Manila One Year Ago. Members of the great volunteer army now scattered throughout the land and following peaceful pursuits will doubtless enjoy present holiday season with greater rest than any in their lives because of their experiences far from home one year ago. Those morose friend. "That was a sinker." who spent Christmas to the Philippines will need no promptings of memory to recall the tegreis, the home-longing experienced by all as their hopes of reaching family firesides and friends vanished with the passing days. "When we entered Manila," writes ; Minden Gazette: One pop congressman an ex-soldier in the St. Louis Globe-Demofrom Nebraska voted to give Mormon Rob- crat, "there was scarcely a man in the army erts his seat, yet his party is making a of occupation who did not confidently expect

"But the next best thing happened. Home -a wee bit of it. 'tis true-came to us across Minden Gazette (rep.): The supreme the ocean in boxes, and we threw away the ourt has declared the insurance law passed pangs of disappointment and created the by the legislature last winter providing for spirit of Christmae in our hearts, became the payment of license fees and levying of merry and made for ourselves a Christmas taxes by the insurance commissioners full of good cheer in this faraway land of

department, and the fellows who have been port the day before Christmas eve, and on faction of having worked for the state six along toward the quarters of the various regiments as rapidly as the lumbering Papillion Herald (rep.): As the clerk- water buffaloes could be urged. Upon their drawal from the governorship candidacy two the man whose name it bore. Some men recrived reveral boxes; some received none; drawn at that time, Mr. Poynter would not but the boxes were immediately opened, and the good things to the taste, but often bad for the digestion, were shared by all; cand; was plentiful-such candy as had never been Kearney Hub (rep.): The Omaha World- wainuts, fruit cakes and cookies and ginger home, and various other things. Never be something!" Now it will be admitted that fore had men enjoyed such things more the appeal looks reasonable upon its face, than these soldiers did. Men who had not but se a matter of fact there is nothing seen home since boyhood ate something from another man's home, and spoke of their portation has for so long been a useless own home. These things were as strange to the Filipinos as their most curious di hea had been to us. There were light hearts and happy faces of children, for these re- A membrances from home touched a place in the hearts of men who had become inured to rough living and rough ways and made them for the moment 'as little children.'

"Christmas dawned gray and chill. At revellle many were their blue blouses with To the winds with care-lift high overthe collar turned up, the exchange of the warm folds of a blanket for blouse and trousers being unwelcome and an tardy us fairly astir it seemed like Christmas; it did not seem like an ordinary Sunday morning. every mind "It is Christmas" and "A Mercy Brown university, but from which position Christmas" was the greeting exchanged on all sides. Some firecrackers were fired, but So we'll mingle our shadows with ruby and most of the supply of these had gone up "During the forenoon it sprinkled very

"At 9:30 a. m. there were Catholic services for the American soldiers at San Ig Or. Andrews they have a man who by the carved wood, the work of Filipines. From beggars, blind, or crippled, or old, extending to beggars is a religious duty, or rather a religious pleasure, which makes the num-

"Services for the Spanish soldiers were he floor of polished teals "The services over, the soldiers marched reduction of railroad rates. But when music by a Filipino choir and orchestra. hey got into power the failed to do any- A short sermon was preached by Father would appear in America to see the choir opporats really believe that the railroads their trousers. Each one were an immac

"At the kitchens special preparations were made for dinner. The mess funds were exhausted in buying good things to car and we had a meal in which government rations scarcely entered. The mess halls vere decorated with palm fronds and broad banana leaves.

"When dinner was announced I dressed in my best white sult in honor of the occaion, with the thought that it was my first time to eat Christmas dinner in a white suit and with the hope that I would not next Christmes. We of our company sat down n well-cooked dinner of a half baked chicken with dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, shrimp salad, peas, custard pudding, a bottle of claret and coffee. It was a meal such as could not be got at any resaurant or hotel in Manila and it and the Thanksgiving dinner which my regiment ate with the Minnesotas were the best meals ever ate in the Philippines.

"A short time before sunset I went to the top of the barracks in time to see a beautiful western sky, with bands of exmisite green between the clouds. We asevening was passed with music and dancing While we were concluding the celebration of the day the people at home were just beginning to greet each other with Merry Christmas.

MUST PAY UP.

Subscriptions to Church Funds De-clared Valid in Iowa. Chicago Tribune At this season, when subscriptions are

nell's office career that could justly subject gation has been created that, in the eyes But the query which arises here is, How hom to criticism, except it be ill-advised of the law, is predicated upon a good and can Europe prevent this American com- appointments in the making of which he sufficient consideration. E. M. Donald had Methodist Episcopal church of Fort Mad ison, but when an attempt was made to collect the subscription he repudiated it on the ground, first, that there had been n Five hundred American cats have been consideration and hence the contract could exported to Manila for the purpose of ex- not bind him. This point was disposed of as a quibble, the court assuming that the subscription would not have been made saying which has sound sense in it. 'Never without sufficient consideration, whether tangible or not. A more serious contentio The Cape-to-Cairo railway will need was that the subscription, being made of some repairs when the present controversy Sunday, was void. The court held that while an ordinary contract made on Sun The London papers print reports to the day was illegal one to do good could no effect that the health of Florence Nightin- be so considered. "The custom of taking gale is so enfeebled that she will probably offerings on the first day of the week has existed from time immemorial," says the "The Boers have always made special decision, "and no one has supposed this to be prohibited by statute. Otherwise the These although they have carefully kept their descons or others in passing around the hat words of Italy's ex-premier, Prisel, just powder dry." says the Springfield Republand the minister in directing this to be ione are amenable to the penalties of this law. The founder of Christianity held it to be lawful to do good on the Sabbath day Hence the court decided that the contract Aside from the interest in the decision it is one of real value. There is a general disposition on the part of somca's commercial conquests are the triumphs New York officials and experts on the sub- people to seek the reputation for doing good of a free and progressive people, and are a jest, who say the only babies sent out of works to be gained by subscribing to vapay when the time comes.

JOYFUL JABS.

Chicago Tribune: Uncle Sam (at long distance phone)-I'd like to speak to John Votce (at other end) - He's busy just now, Washington Star: "How did you come out with your little flyer in the stock mar-

Chicago Record Did you have a pleas-ant trip to California, Mrs. Skinner? "Yes, Indeed; we played enchre all the way our and all the way back."

indianapolie Journal) "Intellect deesn't mount to anything "What do you mean, Minerva?"
"The most intelectual woman in the orld can be squelched in three seconds a dressmaker."

Chicago News: She—Isn't that a duck f a bunnet Dr. Chibebs' wife has on? He—Yes, and it's very appropriate, too. She—How ro? He Her husband's a quack.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "A Connecti minister wants to lave the confirmed drunkards of his state flogged. Perhaps he thinks they'd hesitate be-fore they took something with a stick in

Chicago Tribune: Tommy-Paw, this paper says a professional punster is one who makes a business of "playing on words," What does that mean?

Mr. Tucker-it means what it says, my son, but it is incorrect. A professional punster is one who works ou words.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

C. J. Denton in Lafe. Blow high, blow low! Across the snow The Joyous chimes are pealing. With gladsome sound they bring around A soft torsiving feeling.

With gladsome sound they bring around A soft forgiving feeling:
The loving out to brim fill up And tenst to friends absenting;
With greetings sweet our lovid ones must, With not a voice dissenting. Blow high, blow low! Across the snow,

New Figh, blow low! Across the snow, we welcome wintry weather;
Let dame and sire, around the fire, Remember past together;
Let youth from age learn lessons sage And prout by the teaching.
That Christons cover usings once a year The mirth without the preaching. Blow high, blow low! Across the snow,

Whilst Christmas bells are realing.
The thankful heart shall Joy impart
To those teath burdens recang.
Let Christmas time with thoughts sublime
The scarous neer dissever.
Through all thy days the sad apraise,
Lach Joy chair last forever. A Merry Christmas. is glass and a jubilant teast, with laughter, and banter and

With jolly good friends beside you: cherus be ween each boistering drink the sound of the glasses-klinkity-A right merry Christmas betide you

A wrenth of green holly with berries so With jolly good friends beside you; So fill up a bumper to spread the good

A right merry Christmas betide you. A day of rich pleasure and a night good and long. With July good friends beside you

For we've sorrows enough-God knows, God A right merry Christmas betide you.
WHAJAM REED DUNROY,
Omaha, Dec. 25, 1899.

Christmas Privileges. When shepherds to the manger Had been guided by the star To see the wondrous stranger Who and journeyed from afar. They gave glad gifts of greeting To the holy, human chiid, And, hlessed by that pure meeting, Were enraptured when He smiled.

High thoughts of matchless beauty Gleam as grandly now as then,
Shining on love and duty
Like the star of Bethlehem,
We each may find a blessing
Even in this latter day
With little of digressing From our own appointed way

Some small hearts we may gladden Some small hearts we may gladden With the sweets of Christmus cheer. Or lift some loads that sadden Souls bowed down by doubt or fear; So, we may kneel in wonder. Like the wire men of the east. Our suffix risher under The emobiling Christmus feast.

BELLE WILLEY GUE. Winside, Neb.

Another Ring. Hing out, ye belle of gladness, Sound not a note of sadness, On this most blessed day; Glye unto one another. Send some poor creature brother Rejoicing on his way.

As God in heaven above
Gave us this day to love.
So give your balm:
From out your full heart beating
To some other soul send greeting.
His grief to calm.

Make someone's heart feel lighter. Make some dark life seem brighter Than before:
And 'round your heart will cling
Fond memories this will bring,
For ever more,
J. R. BONWELL

Nebraska City, Neb.

Harmony Marred. Hark! to the bugles of battle that usher in Christmas morn: Hark! to the cannon's death rattle, which mars the day Christ was born; While He and His heavenly chorus take up the song they began,
And sing, while they're watching close o'ce
us, of "Peace on Earth to Man." us, of "Peace on Earth to Man." Hastings, Neb. ADAM BREED.

> A Merry Christmas to All.

Evening Clothes

A suit for evening dress used to be a costly luxury. Only the best tailors could offer you a satisfactory fit. We have changed all

that. Our newest patterns are simply perfect and the prices are half what the tailors charge.

And at the same time we can supply you with proper shirts, collars, ties, shirt studs and cuff buttons and shirt protectors, as well as the right thing in overcoats-in fact, with everything but shoes.



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