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England would give considerable just now for some one to guarantee an "open door" to the Transvaal.

From the character of the reports from Boer sources it is evident the English blockade has shut off the supply of blue pencils in the burgher camps.

A census supervisor for the Omaha district has finally been confirmed, but the appointment of enumerators will there is still time to get on the waiting list.

The school board investigating committee is locating the leaks in the outgo of the board. Another committee would find room for equally effective work in locating the leaks in the income of the board.

Senatorial orators are getting in good practice for the coming national cam- the first advance for an honorable settrained by the time the battle actually ain will do so. It must be obvious to \$15,000 a year in city taxes. commences.

The construction of a series of suburban electric railroads is the most promising project for the people of tige and more dangerous to the security Omaha. The business men should take of the empire than a hundred such reit up and refuse to let go until the railroads materialize.

The municipal election comes on March 6, when we have no doubt the weather man will furnish a sample of question. Neither of the belligerents good winter weather to keep the election officers busy shoveling coal into the stoves set up in the election booths.

Colonel Bryan did not find as large chunks of democratic harmony in New York as he had been led to believe. The silver pill is too large to pass down large quantity of beef in Chicago, but the political larynx of men reared in in consequence of the seizures of the democratic cradle of Tilden and American provisions by the British the Cleveland.

That seat-cleaning contract was a to be shipped consigned to the Transgood thing from the start, but it must vaul government it is hardly questionand relatives of the superintendent of to regard it as contraband and, capbuildings and members of the school ture it on the high seas. Such a conboard were given berths on the contractor's pay roll.

From the mass of testimony before and would undoubtedly warrant that the committee it is apparent that the power in seizing it. This view, we Clark investigating committee should believe, is in accord with our own govbe able to fix definitely the cash value ernment's definition of "conditionally of a Montana senatorship. The price contraband' articles. Is so high, however, that ambitious poli- This circumstance, however, suggests ticians are not likely to go to that state that a check has been given to our enwith the idea of competing.

The call for the prohibition national considerable sum annually and was convention has been issued. It pro- steadily growing, by the course of the vides for enough delegates to allow British in seizing American flour near almost every one who voted for the Delagoa bay, and makes pertinent the ticket in the last presidential cam- question whether cur government is paign to be a delegate to the conven- properly exerting itself with a view to tion. In fact, in some states it will be remedying this state of affairs. It was difficult to find enough prohibitionists given out that the British government to make up a full delegation.

Perhaps the failure of the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation the American position, that the flour to notify the railroad companies of the seized would be at once released and order to restore the carload rates on that in future provisions would not be live stock, made a couple of years ago, molested except upon unmistakable is due to the fact the secretaries were evidence that they were destined for overworked at that time. The demand Great Britain's enemy. for passes on the part of popocratic officials and their friends was doubtless so great as to keep the secretaries constantly employed making out the requisitions.

The proposed revision of the Ne tion of the flour. It is also stated that braska-Missouri boundary should give the reports in regard to the British an opportunity for evening up the silce position were misleading; that the Britof territory on the Nebraska side of the ish answer was found by the State deterritory which was attached to the partment not only to be inconclusive. state of Iowa when the boundary line but evasive and entirely unsatisfactory. was drawn along the old cut-off at It did not positively deny the position Omaha. What the various states bor- of this government, but no concession dering on the Missouri should do is to was made, thus leaving the matter get together on a survey that makes the open to future negotiation. Whether river the boundary by cedling to one or no such negotiation is in progress another the patches on each side which does not appear, but it is to be preproperly belong to the state to which sumed that our government is not negit is contiguous.

The statement of Dr. Leyds, the the value of millions of dollars as well new auditorium should by all means Transvani representative in Europe, as as vital principles of great concern to succeed. It will not only furnish the to the attitude of his government re this country.

do not desire mediation and that if

now offered it would not be accepted.

advantage which the Boers now have,

giving them strong reason for confi-

dence in ultimate triumph, it is easy

for mediation. They expect greater re-

something they are most anxious to se-

ability to win do not want to be placed

in a position where they might be com-

pelled to forego something they par-

every rational person that if the British

tion such a confession of weakness

would be more disastrous to its pres-

A CHECK TO OUR COMMERCE.

ment is reported to be purchasing a

signment would be prima facte evi-

dence that it was intended for the mili-

tary forces of Great Britain's enemy

tire commerce with South Africa,

which before the war amounted to a

had replied to the representations of the United States in satisfactory terms.

It was said that it had acquiesced in

As yet, however, the flour has not

been released and it was reported a

few days ago that Ambassador Choate

had notified the State department that

he had been unable to ascertain what

disposition had been made of a por-

ticularly desire to attain.

have experienced.

proposing mediation.

government that nothing of the kind is tion in this matter that will insure the star performer. Lincoln was so desired by the South African republic. protection of our commerce against friendly and generous in its support of Boer cause and there can be no doubt that will be of lasting force. We can reciprocate at this, the first opportunity, that this feeling is universal among not allow Great Britain or any other his countrymen. He said that Presi nation to imperil our trade at its own The Bee has for years been giving the Communications relating to news and edi-place—especially while England is hur-prial matter should be addressed. Omaha rying fresh troops to South Africa. Business letters and remittances should absolutely preclude such a course and cumstances. We have confidence that to question. There is no mistaking the meaning interests in South Africa, but these are of this language, which is quite as suffering from the delay in settling the authoritative as if it proceeded from question raised by the British selzures President Kruger himself. It means and this should not be unnecessarily that the Boers, confident of success, prolonged.

ANNEXING SOUTH OMAHA.

Biate of Nebraska, Douglas County, ss.:
George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Bee
Publishing Company, being duly sworn,
says that the actual number of full and
comple s copies of The Daily, Morning,
Events for years had been leading up
to it and the Boer government had
the Total of December, 1899, was as follows:

It should be borne in mind that this
war was not suddenly conceived.
Events for years had been leading up
to it and the Boer government had
been long preparing for what it reknow our condition of things down here. It from a small property holder who is inter- England could only be induced to take some Events for years had been leading up ested in knowing when this state of affairs genuine American corn cakes and "pone" to to it and the Boer government had at present existing will terminate. You go with our butter, her gastronomic happibeen long preparing for what it re- know our condition of things down here. It noss would be complete. garded as inevitable. It had con- has been said time and again that our police structed formidable fortifications, accuss are just as unsafe to fall in the hands of as mulated large supplies of the best the rounds daily. Also they say that the arms and ammunition, provided stores mayor pays very little attention to our citi- New York Bar association suggesting that of army supplies and the burghers were | zens' complaints along the line of protection. | at a man's death all property above \$10,000,carefully drilled by foreign officers. Now I would like to ask, What course 000 should go to the state for the ameliora-Before the Jameson raid the Transvanl could the citizens pursue to bring about tion of conditions surrounding the masses. government was quietly organizing a basis, so that we could be protected in a association. But why was the amount fixed military establishment and the prepara- measure from this state of affairs?

celerated after that event, which fully and have never until the present wanted it, to let the state have all over \$1,000,000, if convinced the Boers that sooner or and why I want it now is we have too many they could be so fixed as to leave even that later they would have to fight to mainfoot of property trying, and successfully tain their independence. Thus the doing so, to increase the burdens of the tax-South African republic was very well payers.

prepared for war when the uitlander | 1 am not alone in this matter as to anagitation commenced, but all through nexation, but we know that the present mayor and city councilmen would not subthe negotiations with the British govmit this to the people for fear of losing their ernment brought about by that agitaidentity (if they ever had any) and cut short tion the work of preparation went the little emoluments through their doactively on and it has been demon-nothing schemes.

I ask you as a citizen to suggest come strated was about as complete and thorough as possible when war was deway through your paper that this matter can be brought before the people and relieve us of this dreaded piling up of taxes by mu-In view of this and of the manifest nicipal mismanagement

GEORGE F. DEAN. The taxpayers of South Omaha would without doubt be materially benefited to understand why they have no desire by annexation.

In the first place the town is on the sults from victory than they could verge of bankruptey. Its bonded and probably obtain through mediation. If floating debt is constantly increasing they should ask for or accept the in- and its taxes will have to be raised the second place, the west produces about tervention of the United States or any enormously to meet current expenses as not be made for several months, so that other friendly country they would have soon as the census figures are officially of lowa, whose sound money record is to make concessions and perhaps of announced.

The Slocumb law fixes the liquor cure. They naturally under existing conditions and with full faith in their \$500, while saloon keepers pay an occu-field, and two candidates to each of the money goes to the school fund and the moderate estimate. If the South African republic, having occupation tax to the city treasury. commenced hostilities, will not make When the license fee is doubled not only will the number of saloons decrease, but paign. At the present rate there is a tlement of the war, it certainly cannot the occupation tax will have to be abol-

In the next place annexation would protection, to say nothing of other benefits that would accrue.

verses as its forces in South Africa council and ratified by a majority of the The conclusion must therefore be that mediation in the South African conflict at the present juncture is out of the he would not stand in the way of the "It will be the making of my pup." submission of an annexation proposition and we apprehend he will adhere desires it and no government will risk to his word. It therefore devolves on Interests of Employer and Employee incurring the resentment of either by the citizens of South Omaha to induce their city council to take the proper steps for the enactment of the necessary An agent of the Transvaal governordinance.

census. If annexation cannot be efbeef beyond Chicago. Were this beef at this election

At the pro-Boer meeting in Washington Sunday one of the principal ad-Allen of Nebraska, a full report of ment is widening and progressing. which was transmitted by the Associated Press to all the newspapers reappeared in the World-Herald, however, showed that all reference to Senator Allen's speech had been carefully cut out. Evidently the place struck by the sting of ingratitude still smarts.

extraordinary credit to prepare for war, as if the peace conference had coming conflict.

Perhaps now that the reformers are public will get a little of the truth regarding the alleged purity of the pres- employes. Several of the largest manufacent state administration. The slight turing establishments in the United States lifting of the lid has allowed sufficient, have set examples of liberality to workmen steam to escape to demonstrate that a adopting and which in every insignce are relarge amount of disinfectant would be ported as having the best results in the pronecessary in case the pool were stirred motion of good feeling and good work. The to its depth.

Fusionist politicians have evidently tions as peace, harmony, good will, sobriety got the range of the supreme court and are dropping shells into the judicial camp with regularity: If the occu- ployes in the United States are now compants of the bench flodge a democratic prehended in insurance departments estabmissile they get in the way of one from lished and encouraged by the railway comthe populist guns. If the present rate panies. In these and other like respects of fire is continued much longer that

The effort of the railroads to organize

which involves commercial interests of the occasion of the opening of Lincoln's railroads with purchasers of excursion

Watch the Burghers Run.

What England Lacks.

P'dadelphia Press.

American butter is rapidly crowding Ger man butter from the English market. If

Limitation of Inheritances.

A proposition has been made before the at \$10,000,000? There are millions of pettions for possible hostilities were ac- I have always been opposed to annexation sons living who would be very glad to agree

New York Mad and Express.

The statement concerning our foreign commerce which has just been issued by the treasury bureau of statistics taxes the imagination. The figures are bewildering. Note these examples: Imports for 1899, \$790,834,620; exports, \$1,275,486,641—a total in growing accustomed to the change. ocean commerce of more than \$2,000,000,000. The exports were greater than those of any former year in our history, the three next better their present conditions. In the way highest years having been 1896, with \$1,005 .- of education the change of government has 837,241: 1897, with \$1,090,709,045, and 1898, accomplished much. There are now a large with \$1,255,494,358. The record must be re- number of public schools, with competent vised. We are no longer a billion-dollar country, but a two-billion-dollar country.

Tail Goes with the Hide. Springfield Republican,

The country west of the Alleghanics seems to consider itself entitled to both places on the republican presidential ticket. For every candidate brought out in the east for two candidates. There is Governor Shaw deemed by his friends to entitle him to the recognition. Then there is ex-Senator Ingalls of Kansas, who is still out of a job. license for cities of more than 10,000 and who is being urged for the nomination population at \$1,000 per year. At this for that and the other reason that he has time the license fee in South Omaha is had experience as a presiding officer in the pation tax of \$250 a year. The license other western states would probably be a

> Senator Honr and Barrett. Boston Herald.

Senator Hoar has taken sufficient pains made concerning his bare possibility they may be over- reasonably be expected that Great Brit- ished, which means an increase of about speech by Mr. John Barrett to deny the rett, "where I had been called to consult with the charge truthfulness of the statement as regards the circulation of his speech in the Philip government were now to invite media- give South Omaha better police and fire the late of t age and occupying his position to engage in personal controversies with men of the The only way to secure annexation caliber of Quigg and Barrett. One is reunder the present law is to have the minded by it of a perhaps familiar anecdote, proposition submitted by the mayor and which is related of an encounter between a big dog and a little one. The big dog's master attempted to separate the fighters, voters of each city. A year ago Mayor but the little dog's master begged him not Ensor made the promise publicly that to do it. "Do let them fight on," said he

IMPROVED CONDITION OF LABOR.

Steadily Drawing Together.

Indianapolis Journal. One of the most distinctive features of modern civilization is the condition of labor. he bettered condition of working men and The only advantage Omaha would the improved relations between employers gain by annexation would be in making and employes. Much yet remains to be done a better showing in the forthcoming in these respects, but a great deal has been it is a tradition which we in this country accomplished. The difference between present conditions and those which existed at cold facts of the Magersfontein engagement packers will not agree to deliver the fected before the census is taken Omaha the beginning of the nineteenth century is will be opposed to loading up with almost beyond conception. The Journal re-South Omaha's debt and enlarging the cently pointed out how large a part of the area served by its municipal govern- world, especially of the new world, practiced negro slavery at the beginning of this cenhave become better when the friends able that the British would have a right ment. Inasmuch as the city election in tury. Now it does not exist anywhere. Its Omaha occurs March 6 next little time abolition has been an immense gain for free is to be lost if annexation is to be voted labor. Equally remarkable and beneficial in its results has been the change in the relations between employers and employes. These relations are not yet what they ought to be and doubtless will be at some good time in the future, but there has been a dresses was delivered by Senator great change in recent years and the move-Europe it takes the form of what are called welfare or patronal institutions, and in this country of co-operative and profit-sharing ceiving its service. The account which concerns. These all have the same object in view, namely, bringing employers and employes closer together, bringing about identity of interest and promoting the common welfare of both. A recent compilation of statistics on the subject shows that there are now 120 profit-sharing firms in France, forty in Germany, ninety-five in Great Brit-Sweden is the latest nation to ask an ain and twenty in the United States. This raise the question, "Has Tommy Atkins enumeration only includes distinctly profitsharing establishments and not only co-opcrative concerns. Besides these there done more to induce the belief that a are a great many manufacturing establishgreat conflict in Europe was inevitable, ments in the United States whose propriethan to further the ends of universal tors have gone to great expense to prom peace. The various rulers all appear to in many ways. In many cases this plan in volves the erection for the use of employes think that peace talk from other na- of club houses, lunch rooms, bath houses tions is only a cloak under cover of bowling alleys, gymnasiums, reading rooms which to gain some advantage for a etc. A number of railroads have adopted plans by which all their employes may be come stockholders and several leading banks have adopted accident insurance and life pension systems for the benefit of their embeginning to tell on each other the ployes. Six American railroads now have relief departments for the benefit of their

which smaller establishments are gradually

said that one-seventh of the railroad em-

no employers in the world are as liberal as

American employers and in no other coun-

try are workmen as well treated. It should

be the aim and effort of all employers and

employes to establish and promote a condi-

"The money value of such abstrac

superintendent of one large establishment thrift and contentment cannot be expressed in dollars, but is nevertheless real." clerkship may go up in smoke.

lecting so important a matter as this, an excursion from Omaha to Lincoln on tion so favorable to the interests of both.

garding mediation, should assure those. There is unquestionably a very gen- tickets, but also help to supply the \$4.000 the fall of the city in August, 1808, there measure the effect in elevating the pro- it. Shall we not be allowed to say that Dr. Leyds declared that he is could needless and unwarranted Interference Omaha's Greater America exposition number at the present time is near fifty, the columns of the Warsaw Clipper, but it is of their own emotions, as we American dent of the ultimate triumph of the and which will establish a precedent that Omaha cannot do better than They represent all classes of booze dispensionally breaks over provincial bounds cans? Verily, the kinship appears at many saries. They occupy conspicuous locations and sheds its warming beams on the coun-points. and are said by correspondents to be, next to try beyond. the army, the principal evidence of American civilization in Manila. A like condident Kruger would never bar the door pleasure, or to lay down principles public eye openers on the do-nothing tion of affairs obtains in Havana. A corto negotiations for an h-norable settle affecting that trade as its own con- State Board of Transportation. Elev- respondent of the Chicago Record, writing ling and instructive. "At the midnight hour ment of the war, "but it is not our venience or relations may dictate. Our enth hour eye-openers, for political ef. of the prominence of the saloon at the capital of Cubs, says: "Law-abiding Americans, who realize that their example is farreaching among a people whom our govto make the first advances. Past events the mercy of any power under any cir nal sensation, but their sincerity is open ernment is trying to teach the principles of good conduct and correct self-government, regret to see the encroachment upon the better part of Havana's residence and The British hope to do great things in is not necessarily a question of morals or South Africa as soon as reinforcements in religion, but of governmental economics. A the shape of the duke of Marlborough and few nights ago there was an 'opening' of one of these places on the Prado. Passing it late at night I noticed that it was crowded the village was doomed to distruction, rewith American prospectors and residents in a more or less glorious state of hilariousness, many of them well beyond self-control, while the walks outside were crowded with observing Cubans of the middle and lower classes, whose remarks about the 'male Americano' were not to our credit. drunken American is always a had Amercan, a half-drunken American is a halfbad American. While Cuba is an American camp, might it not be well for the government at least to limit the number of such places that it licenses and thus avoid in good part the frictions and an-

> tives growing out of habits of bibulousness?" Isidor Martinez, a Cuban resident of Philadelphia, has just returned from Havana, and gives his impressions of it to the Press 'Hayana," he says, "is today an entirely different city from what it was when I was young man. The first thing that would empress the visitor would be the general with broom and water, and I tell the truth see that they are being benefited, and they are anxious to do what they can to even

noyances between our people and the na-

inister to Siam, breaks into print on the theatrical features and confides in mem- turn the scale." bers of the press an inkling of a sensation about to drop. As Barrett was a newspaper correspondent at Washington at the time he was appointed minister to Siam he became thoroughly acquainted with the rope; and his knowledge thereof proves effective in keeping his name in print. A story told in Washington illustrates his regard for the "I" in current news: Barrett was invited to a Dartmouth college dinner and was called on for a speech. That was just what he wanted. He would rather speak than eat and besides he holds in high esteem the ability of John Barrett as an or-So he began to relate the prominent part he took in the Orient during and after the war with Spain.

"When I was in the cabin of that magnificent vessel, the Olympia," began Barorder that we might protect together the common country, the greatest republic which the world has ever known. Dewey placed his hand upon my shoulder and solemnly said to me-

"Who stole Widow Perkins' squash pie?" The voice was the voice of an old classmate of Barrett's. It broke upon the speech with the force of an exploding shell. Instantly all the Dartmouth men solemnly

answered "John Barrett!" The ex-minister to Siam grew red and embarrassed, floundered through a few more entences and sat down.

IS TOMMY ATKINS GUN-SHY?

Traditional Valor Somewhat Tarnished by Recent Events. New York World.

The undaunted courage of the British soldier on the battlefield has been celebrated in song and story until it has become one of the fixed traditions of English literature. would not willingly abandon, and yet the as furnished by the London correspondents create a painful impression of a possible

The jingo London Mail says that after the first volley from the hidden trenches they turned and ran, literally colliding and limbing over one another in their con-The correspondent of the fanfusion." atically Tory Globe, presumably Earl de la Warr, eays: "It is useless to disguise the fact that a large percentage of our troops are beginning to lose heart in this campaign. Can you blame them?"

What was the "dreadful elaughter" that made the flower of the British army, the famed "Black Watch" and the Gordons and the Seaforths, "turn and run" and "lose heart?" Out of the 4,000 less than 100 were killed, less than 400 were wounded. And, from the still form in the shallow grave no matter how fleetly the British may have toward the heights where Cronje, the lier run, all could not have been shot in the of Africa, and his soldiers stood. Then

These facts and others of the same im- strong jaws set like steel, and the veins port in the accounts of other battles-flight on the hands that clasp the rifle handles or surrender following insignificant losses- swelled almost to bursting with temperature been mowing down savages so long that armed men spoke more elequently that when he faces real resistance he becomes ever spoke the tongues of orators. For ou 'gun-shy?'

HERE AND THERE.

The most noticeable and regrettable feature

terly description of a fire that is both thrilof January 12," he writes, "when the inhabitants of Brink Haven were wraped in natures fond embraces of sleep, the wild 419 applicants for pensions out of a single wired cry of FIRE!! FIRE!! FIRE!! rang out in thundering tones upon the midnight frosty air calling in no unmistakable voice to the unconscious sleepers to flee for their lives, hundreds of people rushed from their business district of American barrooms. This slumbers, only to be confronted by the devouring flames which were shooting their firery tongues in every conceivable manner. consuming everything that they came in contact with and for a time it seemed that gardless of the heroic efforts of daring humanity, men, women and children rushed forth scarcely half clad to save their lives, men taking their lives in their hands went forth with all their energy to rescue the unconscious sleepers from the firy ordeal of thousands of veterans who have no claim that was raging with unabated fury from building to building, fond mothers rushing have thought of asking for them until they franticly hither and thither lightly clad, discovered how easy it was to obtain them. seeking the safety of their loved ones, who so far as they knew were perishing in caucy has imposed upon the nation is colorthe firey elements. Thus in their endeavors sal. It far exceeds any other item of cost to save precious lives the consuming mon- in the government. It has become burden ster was doing its destructive work, build- some to the taxpayers and, what is far worse inga crashing to earth one after another than that, it has reduced the once honorable only added fuel to the mighty flames as they duty of service in the army to a sordid. went sweeping skyward with unabated de- mercenary basisstruction. All that could be done was done | The outlay for pensions has not dimincheerfully, and many dangers were en- ished with the rapid decimation of the vetcountered by falling timbers. The fire orig- erans of the civil war, and now a new ininated in the hotel at the head of the main stallment of claimants has appeared to augstairway on the first landing, the bullaing ment the draft on the public funds. It is lies in smouldering ruins, nearly all the now more imperative than ever that the govcleanliness of the streets. This is one of contents of the holtel were destroyed, only ernment shall adopt for its own protection the many American reforms. Every day about \$25 worth were saved. The building the iron-clad policy of limiting its pensions three or four hundred men clean the streets and contents were insured for \$3,000. The to soldiers who can produce undoubted proof home of Mrs. Day was entirely consumed, of disability incurred in the service, and that when I say that Havana's streets are cleaner contents nearly all saved; no insurance. The all claims not sustained by such evidence than are streets in Philadelphia. The Cu- large, fine livery barn lies in ashes and shall be summarily rejected. bans like the American ways and are fast chared ruins, contents nearly all saved, no lives reported as lost,"

"High Dving and right-thinking people" may criticise the Warsaw sample of hot stuff and stamp it as the florid frenzy of an amateur. Not at all. Veterans who rank as models occasionally indulge their fancies in like work. There is M. De Biowitz, the crack English correspondent at Paris. In a brown off much."

Washington Star: "De real big folks," said Uncle Eoch, "doesn' out on as inucle already says some er de common ones. When a man really hab somethin' he's glinnerly so busy hangin' on to it day he hasn' time to show off much." The facility with which John Barrett, ex- | crack English correspondent at Paris. In a recent letter be said: "I quote this be Philippine question is a source of surprise cause the Liberte is one of those amphibto most people. When he is ripe for a journals that, waiting to see which way fresh deliverance he arranges all the usual the wind blows, sometimes unexpectedly

ENGLISH SPREADEAGLEISM.

Best Efforts of Fourth-of-July Amer leans Clearly Outclassed. Indianapolis News.

In his "American Notes" Rudyard Klo ling tells of an entertainment given him by a club in San Francisco, where he heard oratory with the roundest of o's and deyoured a dinner, the memory of which will descend with him into the hungry grave. What followed he thus describes:

"There were about forty speeches delivered; and not one of them was average or ordinary. It was my first introduction to the American Eagle, screaming for all it was worth. The lieutenant's heroism served as a peg from which those silver-tongued ones doctors having killed him?" turned themselves loose and kicked. They ransacked the clouds of sunset, the thunderbolts of heaven, the deeps of hell, and the splendors of the resurrection, for tropes and metaphors, and hurled the result at the head of the guest of the evening. Never since the morning stars sang together for joy learned, had an amazed creation witnessed such superhuman bravery as that displayed by the American navy in the Samoa cyclone. Till earth rotted in the phosphorescent starand-stripe dome of a decayed universe that godlike gallantry would not be forgotten. I grieve that I can not give the exact words. My attempt at reproducing their spirit is pale and inadequate. I sat bewildered on coruscating Niagara of-blatherumskite. It was magnificent-it was stupendous; and was conscious of a wicked desire to hide ny face in a napkin and grin."

It is not often that a better travesty or blatherumskite," as Mr. Kipling calls it. given than this. Undoubtedly we do infulge in it greatly. But what should be said of the following? It is part of the description of the battle of Maegersfontein, sent by the correspondent of the London Daily News, telling of the burial of Gen-

cral Wauchope.

"Out swelled the pipes to the strains of the 'Flowers of the Forest,' now ringing proud and high, until the soldlers' heads went back in haughty deflance and cyes this plack of splendor, 'tis agreed by men of wit Trait if the steam were wanting the machinery would quit. flashed through tears like sunlight on steel; now singing to a meaning wall like a woman nourning her first born, until the proud heads dropped forward and rested on heav ing chests and tears rolled down the wan and scarred faces, and the choking sobs broke through the solen's rhythm of the march of death. . . . Then once again the pipers pealed out. 'Lochaber No More' through the stillness like a cry of pain until one could almost hear the widow in her highland home moaning for the soldier she would welcome back no more. Then, as if touched by the magic of one thought. the soldiers turned their tear-damp eyes every cheek flushed crimson, and of the grip, and that look from those silent each frowning face the spirit of vengeance

sat, and each sparkling eye asked silently

Schools for the training of journalists. It would indeed need a Kipling to travesty of American occupation of Manila is the have not been in operation in this country that! It is likely so near a travesty that prominence of American calcons. Prior to for a sufficient length of time to accurately the most of us could do nothing but imitate people in the United States who are eval feeling in this country that our to be absorbed by the great imported urging intervention on the part of our government should take a decided post musician engaged by Lincoln as the the repressive arm of Spain. Within three work, and Ohio furnishes the latest and elder English, they of the land of repose, months after American occupation thirty most notable example. This particular new quite as emotional, and quite as oblivious American saloons were started, and the journalist hides the light of his gentus in to the superlative expression thereof, when

NEW PENSION RAID.

A late issue of the Clipper contains a mas- Strennous Endeavors of Cubian War. Soldiers to Get on the Rolls Kansas City Star.

Admitting that the climate of Cuba in the rainy season is more deadly than shrapnel, regiment that fought at San Juan-without losing a man-is a formidable starter for the new raid which is being organized on the United States treasury. If this is an average sample of the disposition of the soldiers who took part in the Spanish war the pension frauds growing out of the rebellion will appear almost Insignificant by comparison, though no credit is due to the spurious pensioners of the civil war because they have been exceeded in rapacity by some of the soldiers in the Cuban campaign.

The system of plundering the government in the name of patriolism has been in existence for thirty years or more, and it has been so successful in its operations as to whatever to pensions and who would not

The expense which this form of mendi-

LIGHT AND ERIGHT.

Chicago Record: Pete — Council Bluffs! Where is that, vaw? Paw—There are some council bluffs in the ity hall, my son.

Boston Transcript: Hettle-Really, Tom. you believe Sanderson knows all he pro

esses to know? Harry—Of course not. That would be im-Detroit Free Press: "She's very mascu-

"Oh, I don't know. She is and she isn't."
"Why, you used to consider her extremely annish, but one day I asked her why she

Cleveland Plain Dealer; "I don't believe the British can ever conquer Oom Paul;" "Why not?" "He wears his whiskers too much like "He wears his whiskers too much like Urcle Sam." Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Pa, why do folks call the owl the bird of wisdom?" "Because he's got sense enough not to come out and fly around until all the boys about your size are in bed."

Detroit Journal: "George Washington, the

the story about his Indianapolis Journal: "Do you believe

e's got money to buy his own cake and ce eream.

THE TAXPAYER.

Washington Star. Oh, the man who pays the taxes—he's the poor forgotten elf
Whose biography must linger on oblivion's dusty shelf.
There are pomp and celebration, there are

There are pomp and celebration, there are poetry and song.
But the man who pays the taxes lingers out among the throng.
Nobody asks about him and nobody prims his name;
He never gets a blast when people sound the trump of fame.
There's glitter and there's glory—plaudits echoing far and near—
But the man who mays the taxes never gets

But the man who pays the taxes never gets a single cheer.

There's a big resounding whistle on the engine when it tolls—
None think about the water as it bubbles and bolls—
There is buzz and there is bustle and the people love to gaze.
As the prodigy goes onward in its unresisted ways.
We guite forget, while watching all the

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