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If you are going to shop, now is the time to do It.

gress We Trust" be placed on the new coins.

does not care who kisses her husband. Neither does he.

Council Bluffs is to have the "lid" that escapes "reform" these days.

It is not at all too early to remind you that Christmas is nearly at hand and that bargains are passing daily. "I expect to see a currency reform

bill passed by congress before Christmas," says Congressman Fowler. In what year?

A Pullman porter narrowly escaped being mobbed in Kansas City, That of plutecrais.

from Oklahoma, is an ardent Bryan dividuals. man. Sort of an aboriginal Bryan man, as it were.

course the receipts went to an emergency hospital.

The authorities are now placing an age limit on battleships. The next necessary step will be to place a treasury limit on them. It is about time for a reunion and a

report of progress by those southern democrats who have been organizing "to eliminate Bryan."

stage name and play Hamlet. Even their enterprises carried through to meeting competition caused by the that much of a disguse will be hardly enough to protect him.

A Chicago professor has been awarded the Nobel prize for researches into the subject of light. One would stoned by the monetary stringency of like a sneak every time the conductor should have that prize.

they want to," says an English physi- over done, and with increased profits; cian, who has an idea that all Amerand what was true of the jobbers was leans are rich enough to afford any- true also of the manufacturers and re-

It is strange how men will become so engrossed in public affairs that they forget matters that concern thempelves. The Illinois legislature adjourned without considering an antipass bill,

Radium has been reduced to \$1,000,000 an ounce. Women undecided about what to give their husbands for Christmas should know that radium makes the cutest shirt stude imaginable.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that Allegheny must be annexed to Pittsburg. Remembering the brand of publicity Pittsburg has been getting lately, Allegheny maintain its identity and reputation.

date Colonel Bryan has not been par- little expedients to whet curiosity, value of their stock. No other expomendations or his criticisms, inasmuch gate receipts. Then, when the race is this result. as in each case he has run counter to over and the picked team wins the some of his own atterances and posi- championship, the bloodthirsty contions in the past. He is, in short, testants will divide the receipts and paying the penalty of publicity. His rest for the balance of the winter, if remarks and addresses for the past the gate loot comes up to expectadozen years have been embalmed in tions. cold type and persist in rising up to confute if not confuse him.

Colonel Bryan denounced as wholly inger, Moth and the others of that undemocratic the president's recommendation of "the national incorpora- contests every week in the old Expotion of railroads and other interstate sition hall, and later in the Coliseum, commerce corporations." The official in the presence of applauding and payheld in Chicago in September, 1899, that the races were fixed and the athare at hand, in bound volume. One of letic idols were parties to the getthe most active members of that con- rich-quick conspiracy. But Omaha ference was William J. Bryan of Nebraska who, on the morning of Sep- ago and a six-day bicycle race here now tember 15, in addressing the confer- would create about as much enthuence said:

I am ready to adopt any method for the annihilation of trusts. One that I suggest 19..... 37,000 is this: That congress should pass a law 21..... 36,976 providing that no corporation organized little old New York is still a jay town. 37,300 in any state should do business outside 97,380 of the state in which it is organized until 24..... 38,100 it receives from some power created by 87,690 congress licenses authorizing it to do bust 26..... 07.090 neas outside of its own state. Now, if the 27...... 87.340 corporation must come to this body created with the passenger traffic business, the business outside the state, then that license 30 ..... 87,590 can be grunted upon conditions which will, in the first place, prevent the watering of stock; in the second place, prevent mopolies in any branch of business, hird, provide for publicity as to all of the transactions and business of the corpora-

> Either Colonel Bryan has forgotten what he said at the Chicago conference gotten it. The president, in his most radical recommendations for federal supervision of trusts and corporations engaged in interstate commerce has not gone nearly so far as did Colonel Bryan in his Chicago address.

On the "borrowed clothes" proposition Colonel Bryan asserts that the No one has suggested that "In Con- regulation, enforcement of the law tration of labor disputes are all demo-Mrs. Kubelik is quoted as saying she ence that the patent on them was practice was wrong, but that legal rerecord is against the colonel on those experience. It is a mighty good town the greenback party declared for gov- conducting a prosecution in each case platform and Colonel Bryan supported the state, where the decision sustained left home with \$1,000 in cash. A necessary without stopping his horse and the populist candidate for the presia mere private in the ranks.

town knows no color line in its haired the growth of public sentiment on im- White, who prepared the decision, conportant questions. They belong to cluding his decision as follows: the people and are not subject to Senator Owen, the Indian senator patent or exclusive possession by in-

CHRISTMAS AND BUSINESS. In some way a connection more or A foot ball game for charity was less tangible, but distinct and definite, played in Kansas City last week. Of exists between business and the Christmas holidays. This is beyond and ownership thereof and whether the carried apart from the natural rush in the re- did not, for the purpose of enforcing the tail stores, where holiday goods are handed out in great profusion. It is therein which a court of squity would proin a large way the harvest home of tect. plans laid long before and brought to fruitful conclusion through careful ap- scalper out of business. It holds that plication and watchful attention.

balances of accounts. If December of a problem that has caused them finds them in normally good condition, great losses in the past and compelled Eddy Foy is going to change his or with a reasonable proportion of them to resort to desperate methods of successful conclusion, they can count issue of such tickets and the use of comes to them with extra blessing.

one. Prior to the disturbances occa- buyer of a scalper's ticket of feeling naturally think that Mr. Rockefeller November Omaha dealers in all lines passes through the car. were doing business far in excess of any local experience. Jobbers re-"Let your children eat all the sugar ported trade beyond anything they had tailers. The contraction of business during November was not sufficient to seriously disturb any local firm. While each of them felt the effect of the enforced constriction, all of them have found trade sufficiently great to keep their November business quite on a Omaha is coming up to Christmas with a certainty of prosperity as great as that of 1906, if not greater. And for name. Possibly the books of the comthis reason the day will be joyously pany have been looked after more celebrated.

SIX DAYS BICYCLE BACKS.

New Yorkers have finally taken their horse cars out of public service. but they still cling to some of the old forms of amusement and graft that have been on the tabooed list in county can hardly be blamed for wanting to seat towns in the west for many years. The press services are carrying detailed reports of a six-day bloycle race The managers of the Prussian rail- now in progress in Madison Square ways have been petitioned to provide garden, with all of the prearranged certain cars on Saturday and Sunday thrill fakes that marked such events nights for the special use of persons when they were pulled off in Omaha. under the influence of strong drink, some twenty years ago. Crowds turn exposition are boasting of their inten-Such action is not necessary. The man out and hang over the ropes for hours tion not to ask congress for an approwith the jar would just as leave ride while the hired performers, who have printion, and proclaim that in this rein the car with the crowd . . . siready agreed upon the apportion- gard they are singular. If the Scattle going on

HORROWED POLITICAL CLOTHES, ment of the gate receipts, go through people can may after their exposition In his series of speeches at "Bryan | the motion of gaining and losing laps has closed that they have equalled the dinners" the Nebraska leader of the with timely regularity and with a Omaha record they will have real ocnational democracy is apparently nicely adjusted purpose of making the ession to boast. Omaha not only did dividing his remarks between com- contest look close and exciting. Of not ask the government for a loan, but mending President Roosevelt for "bor- course, the contestants will, a Hitle received no assistance from the govrowing democratic clothes" and con- later, have a few quarrels and threaten ernment beyond the exhibit, and closed demning him for advocating "some to kill each other as soon as the race its exposition by refunding to the very undemocratic doctrines." Up to is over, and they will resort to all the stockholders \$5 per cent of the face ticularly happy in ofther his com- arouse enthusiasm and increase the sition ever held has even approximated

The contest serves to remind Omahans of the days when Prince, At the Bryan dinner at Washington Eck, "Senator" Morgan, Bullock, Ashbunch of champions used to pull off proceedings of the trust conference, ing multitudes who refused to believe learned its lesson nearly two decades siasm as the appearance of an Anti-Saloon league representative at a brewer's picule. In many respects

THE SCALPER'S FINISH. After a fight for years over one of the most vexatious problems connected the court of last resort in this country, has decided that the practice of what is known as "scalping" railroad tickets is unlawful and that a per-Omah's courts, although the case deor has trusted that others have for- cided by the supreme court was on an thoroughly aroused. appeal from Louisiana.

The decision marks the end of one tory is a complete triumph for the railways. The case decided by the aged roads. supreme court was originally brought president's position on railway rate in Louisiana, where an injunction was issued by the lower courts reagainst trusts, the income tax and arbi- straining "scalpers" from dealing in non-negotiable, reduced-fare passenger cratic doctrines and leaves the infer- tickets. The lower court held that the taken out in the name of William Jen- dress could be secured by the railroad nings Bryan of Nebraska: The written company only in individual cases. The railroad companies were not satisfied propositions. As far back as 1880 with the decision, as the necessity of erament regulation of railway rates, practically rendered the state law an income tax and compulsory arbt- against scalping worthless, and both tration. In 1892 the populists in plaintiff and defendant joined in takcluded those planks in their Omaha ing the case to the supreme court of lice to look after her husband, who electrical circuit. The mounted operator dency that year, and he certainly also held that the wrong-doing was of needs police protection-or at least moving. This is accomplished by placing should not now claim parentage of a continuing nature and issued a per- needs protection. policies that were urged when he was manent injunction against the scalpers. The supreme court of the United National policies and lesues are not States sustained the finding of the able to carry Nebraska cannot be conmade by individuals. They result from Louisiana supreme court, Justice strued into an argument against his would seldem be resorted to, it is seen that

> Any third person acquiring a non-transferable, reduced-rate ticket from the original purchaser, being therefore bound by the clause forbidding transfer, and the tickets in the hands of all such persons being subject to such forfeiture on an attempt being made to use the same for passage, it may be well questioned whether the purchaser of such ticket acquired anything more than a limited and qualified forfeiture, retain a subordinate interest in the ticket amounting to a right of property

The finding effectually puts the the ticket is the property of the It is in December that business men original purchaser and cannot be transook back over their year and cast up ferred. It frees the railway companies Incidentally, there is a moral phase In Omaha the year has been a good to the proposition. It relieves the

The editor of the "Junior Yellow" to. On April 20, 1901, his paper was accommodated by an investigation of its circulation by a leading Omaha merchant. They claimed 11,567 bons fide circulation in Omaha, Council Bluffs and South Omaha, as an average for six months. Investigation showed that they were paid but for 7,356 copies as an average for this period. Let him prove that the statement regardpar with that of last year, so that lng the investigation is not in accordance with the facts and we will denate \$2,000 to any charity that he will carefully after their having had this

experience, Mayor "Jim's" program for the Sunday closing very closely resembles nuch of his other strategy. It would be as efficient to arrest a single person for the making of a test case, but not so spectacular as the plan for arresting one person in each of the prescribed vocations. It will certainly be a motley as well as a representative array that lines up before the bar in the police court on the "morning after," Promoters of the proposed Seattle

ride to a hospital in the patrol wagon wagon has its distinctive function in police administration and it should not be used to convey persons injured in street accidents to their homes or to the hospital. It is bad enough to be hurt by a street car without being

Protests are still being made by asociations of merchants against the adoption of the parcels post system. How a merchant can be injured by an extensive application of a principle of transportation charges bearing no relation to cost or distance is not easily understood. However, the express combine will be keenly appreciative of opposition to the parcels post plan from any source.

James J. Hill admits that the rallroads have raised \$1,000,000,000 for improvements during the present year, This rather spoils the story that the railroads are so poor they have trouble in keeping the fires going in the en-

In connection with its "lid" Kansas City has developed a new industry. manent injunction may hold against Messenger boys are "boot-legging". it. This sustains the action against cigars down there. This is merely a this industry which was taken in the tip on what Omaha may expect when did not have confidence in the ability of to make good. the various efforts of "reform" get

The Lackawanna railroad has paid of the most vigorously and persistently an extra dividend of 10 per cent in adfought legal battles in the history of dition to its usual 10 per cent divi-American railroad affairs and the vio- dend. The rate tegislation has not caused confiscation to properly man-

> It is announced from Washington that the United States will withdraw from Cuba when intervention there is no longer necessary. England said something like that about Egypt a century or so ago.

The South Omaha packing companies are not apparently discouraged by prospects, as extensive improvements to the plants indicate. The packers realize that people must eat, no matter what else happens.

A Chicago woman has asked the poman in Chicago with that much money he may be called at any time, even while

This talk about Mr. Bryan not being candidacy. He can come as near carrying the state as can any other demoerat, which is not saying much.

A revival in the grain business is noted, shipments for the last week having been much freer than those of November. This means that money is getting back into service and that dry and dusty roads and fields, with results cal permits. It has been the custom of the business will soon fill the cables.

"The banks no longer need currency," says the Wall Street Journal. The banks, then, might turn it over to to be heard several feet from the instru- hundreds of preachers scattered everythe Christmas shoppers, who will take ment. After various tests it is safely asgood care that it is not hoarded.

A Friend in Need. Chicago Tribune. Cherish a kindly memory of the clearing house check. It was a good friend in time

A Discouraging Shortage. Indianapolis News.

Don't be disappointed if you fall to re ceive one of those \$30 gold pleass which have just been shipped from the Philadelthe year a good one and Christmas them made by scalpers and rival roads. phia mint. There are only 115,000 of them, which, as you will readily perceive, are not enough to go round.

Business on the Hove.

Kansas City Star. The Harriman ratiroads are preparing to expend many millions of dollars on iments and extensions. Now, if the of mounted pay for such officers. raticond business was all shot to places, can earn \$2,000 for charity if he wants as some of the glum railroad presidents declare, it is thought Mr. Harriman would

> Law and Unwritten Law. Baltimore American.

It is time that the written law took practical notice of the important fact that though the unwritten law is indefensible both in law and ethics, its popularity is largely owing to the fact that it makes the lawbreaker pay the penalty, and pays more attention to facts than to technicalities. In other words, it is an ugly growth which cuipable neglect on the part of the law

Ballroads Out of Politics. Leslie's Weekly. Recent railway lagislation, beginning with

the Hepburn amendment of 1906 to the Interstate commerce law of 1887, and sup- In a contest between muscular cheek and demented by the acts of various legislatures, together with the suits which have een brought by the government against relating and other abuses, have worked a out them loose from all connection with politics of any sort. The measures against he roads which have been proposed have all been placed on the statute books, and bite; the dog it was that died." there is nothing more for the roads to. fight against. All the legislation in that thirty years, Hannis Taylor will present t have nothing further to fear or hope from the state and national lawmakers, and are Philadelphia." The purpose of the me mate business of handling the traffic as expeditiously and cheaply as possible, and history of the constitution," and "ts press of putting their facilities at the service of upon congress the long neglected duty of the public. They should be left unmolested honoring, by an appropriate monum by our lawgivers while the good work is the memory of an American statesm going on.

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Glenned from the

Army and Navy Register. The service pay bill will unquestionably go through the senate without appreciable delay. It has the heartlest support of influential senators and there are no signs of obstruction in any quarter. There will not be the same promotness of approval in the house, and there are those who entertain some apprehension lest Mr., Hull, chairman of the military committee, may find it impossible to obtain the consen of Speaker Cannon to get the bill off the calendar early in the session, although That Denver man who refused to every effort will be made to that end. It is understood that the president has promoted the chance of the bill by sending administered a deserved rebuke to for Mr. Cannon and Mr. Hull and pointing Omaha police practice. The patrol out to them the eminent justice for prompt enactment of the bill. The occasion for doubt as to the approval in the house of the measure is through any effort, sincere or inimical, to add to the provisions of the measure. It is appreciated by those who understand the situation that nothing can be obtained beyond what is now in the bill, and the principal menace to the bill further aggrieved by a ride in the will come from a disposition to tamper with the existing phraseology.

Arrangements have been made by the army signal office to obtain an increase of the telephone systems at interior posts and provide a telephone for each set of officers' quarters, and is estimated for in accordance with instructions from the secretary of war, it will necessitate the installation of 2,452 telephones at a cost of \$112,218.24 The installations will cover a period of two years; therefore, only half of the sum is entimuted for this year.

Arrangements have been made to install a 200-foot wireless telegraph tower at the army signal corps depot at Fort Omaha, Neb. This will provide for the installation of a powerful wireless telegraph set by means of which, it is believed, there can communication with Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth, where are installed stations of less power. The Fort Omaha outfit is the same as that which has been purchased for Alaska and which will be put in place early next year.

A soldier recently obtained a furlough and made a trip to Washington at his own expense, from a western post, in order to receive medical treatment at the army general hospital here. It seems that the soldier gamblers of that class in congress for hin the post surgeon to properly attend to his case, and it is claimed this distrust of the professional ability of the surgeon was The quartermaster general of the army was of the opinion that the soldier should be reimbursed for the cost of his transportstion to Washington. When the furlough was granted, the commanding officer supposed the soldier had returned to duty status and, consequently he traveled at his pleasure during the period of the furlough, and not being under orders to travel the comptroller has held he is not entitled to reimbursements, for the cost of his transportation.

port of some experiments which have recently been made by Lieutenant A. C. Knowles, 12th Infantry, on duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan, The test is intended to permit telegraphic and telephonic communication between mounted operators without requiring that either man dismount and establish his station by connecting his busser to wire which he was reeling out and to complete the circuit by driving a metallic pin into the ground. This was effected by making the horse a part of the small piece of copper (properly connected to the instrument) against the animal's body, and as the horse always has one or more feet on the ground while moving at the ground connection is completed through one or more hoofs. Of the several horses used in these experiments, only a few showed any discomfiture, and those that were affected by the current were soon quieted. They appear to exhibit surprise. rather than pain at something unusual, to which they quickly become accustomed. These tests were made over all kinds of ground-very wet, muddy, moist, perfectly have decided to stop the issuance of cleriof practical value. With two mounted operators similarly equipped, and separated by five miles of wire, conversation was carried on without difficulty, the horses stand- year what the railroads called their cleriing in grass. The buxser was loud enough | cal bureau insued these clerical permits to seried that this arrangement will not only work as efficiently as that at present in uso, but with a great saving of time, and doing mile is not a high charge, and there are away entirely with all the present preliminaries incident to station establishment be- to any class of persons. Preachers will fore conversation is possible. The army probably fare better in the long run if they signal corps authorities are not inclined to insist on being entirely removed from the regard the experiment as of permanent mendicant class, value or as likely to lead to the adoption of this system in the service. There is however, keen appreciation of the novelty of the experimentation conducted by Lieu-

There is some hope for the infantry captain, at last, in the latest letter written by the president on the subject of military horsemanship. He shows that the policy will be distinctly in favor of having the infantry captain actually mounted, a condition which will contribute to the chances

tenant Knowles.

PERSONAL NOTES

Jeff Davis, senator from Arkansas, is keeping his campaign promise of going on exhibition. People who have had a chance to see the

coins look good to them. Hon. Albert Ware Paine, the oldest practicing lawyer in the United States, died at Bangor, Me., on Tuesday, He was M years of age and had practiced law con-

new twenty-dollar pieces affirm that the

linuously since 1835, Jesse L. Livermore, the plunger, who cleaned up \$3,000,000 in Wall street, and now has 300,000 bales of cotton, is only 28 Ten years ago he was marking prices or the board of a Boston broker's office. The fellow who rode in a Pullman car as booster for Pedestrian Weston grabbed

most of the funds realized from the trip. muscular logs, the latter are fied to the An attendant at the Children's museum

Bedford Park, Brooklyn, was bitten by s general reform among the roads, and have Gila monster in October and the worst consequences were feared. He is now all right, but the Gila monster is at the point of death. , "The man recovered from the After a special study of more than

rection which the people have asked for congress, at the present session, a memo has been granted. The roads, therefore, jul in behalf of "The Architect of Our Federal Constitution, Pelatiah Webster of ow giving their whole time to their legiti- tal is to place in the hands of congress th 'data for a new and pivotal chapter in the

Reverend Sam Jones's Widow Gets \$1,000 per Year for Life

The name and the fame of Rev. Sam P. Jones have gone over the nation. While the noted evangelist preached the Gospel with great power, it now transpires that he provided for his wife with great good sense. As a result of this foresight and self-denial

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NEBRASKA POLITICAL DESET.

Fremont Tribune: Should Congressma Pete" Hepburn succeed in getting through legislation that will end stock and produce gambling, he can have a presidential boos that will make all the others look like 22 cents, but we fear there are too many

Norfolk Press: The present congress car easily save the country from a financial panic by falling to pass any fool currenc general among the inhabitants of the post. laws. If there were not that danger in sight, business conditions would soor right themselves and the sooner congress gives assurance that there is no such danger the better it will be for the country. Wood River Interests: We note that quite

a large number of the fusion press are given to roaring and faunching over the financial situation, telling how the coun try is going to the devil and that the republican party is to blame for it. When our country is in stress such unseemly and ill-advised conduct only makes matters worse. Some fellows in their blind parti The army signal office has received a rezanship forget the good of their country. Friend Tolegranh: Congressman Hinshaw

tells President Roossvelt that Nebraska is for him and receives the assurance for the sixty-ninth time that the president would under no circumstances become a candidate for a third time. Possibly Mr. Hinshaw had not yet learned that Nebraska republicans in convention assembled declared for William H. Taft, and that President Roosevelt greatly desires the nomination and election of Mr. Taft, Congressman Hinshaw's toadyings around the White House to the contrary notwithstanding.

Walthill Times: There is no indication that Ronsevelt to loss admired by the Nebraska country press than formerly, but country editors over the state are vigorously refusing to boost for branch organizations of that Lincoln Roosevelt club. Why? Because the country editors have not yet been convinced that the president does not mean what he says. He says he will not run No doubt, he means it. What then is the use of the Rossevelt slub? If the clubs were being organized to boost for certain Roosevelt policies, it would be another matter-we would help form one, ourselves -but they are not being formed for that

Nebraska Signal: It is announced that all the railroads operating in this territory railroads for many years to allow all clergymen to ride at one-half rate or some other special rate, and the first of each where. If any excuse ever existed for making a special rate to this class of travelers it has disappeared. Two cents per objections to issuing special rate permits

PLASHES OF FUN.

"Are you beginning early Christmas shopping yet, Mrs. Smith?"
"No: I generally do mine at the last minute. You see I am kept so busy writing articles and giving talks on how to spare the overworked clerks."—Baltimore American.

"I wonder," said Terence, exhibiting his phenomenally calloused pedal understandings to the critical gaze of the chiropodist, "if ye can do anything fr a pair o' herny handed feet."—Chicago Tribune.

Large-The good die young. Little-That's the reason I never make New Year resolutions.—Judge.

He had gone out to get a little something to drink. Soon he came back and deposited a bottle on the sideboard.

"A whole quart?" asked his wife,
He turned upon her in surprise.

"What is a quart among one?" he queried."—New York Globe.

"Why don't we see men like the novelists "Give it up. Why don't we see girls like the illustrators draw?"-Louisville Courier. Journal.

"Now! such language!" exclaimed the man who had just beard Colonel Bragg for the first time, "Now I can understand why he's called a fire-eater. I never beard such fiery words."

"Yes." replied the man who knew the colonel better. "I have found that he's property called a fire-sater because he has to eat those fiery words so often."—Philadelphia Press.

"You hear so many people nowadays quoting about "the way of the transgressor. What does that mean to you, anyway?" asked Young.

"My boy." replied Hanskeep, "the weigh of the transgressor is usually 1,700 pounds of coal or less to the ton."—Philadelphia Press.

THE DECEMBER QUESTION.

Denver Republican. Month of the world's most joyous scape,
What is the problem of death or fate?
What can mere fame or fortune mean?
What do we care for small or great?
Propounded early, and likewise late;
This question the world's attention draws:
Making all else of little weight:
"Daddy, is there a Santa Claus?"

What though the day be clouded o'er With portents dire and threats untold— Though cares may weigh on us by the

And doubts come crowding, insistent, bold? From the rush and hurry in search of That piping treble now makes us peus and we hear the question we saked old: "Daddy, is there a Santa Claus?" The grimmer questions are swept saids.

By the query that comes from childles

And the rogue who asked it is hugged. Then high in fond arms the tot is flung.
Still—echo from Land of the Never
Was!—
Comes that upon which great joys are "Daddy, is there a Santa Claus?"

L'ENVOL Prince, can you answer it out of hand?— Of what avail are your wise, wise saws?— The question that's heard throughout the land: "Daddy, is there a Santa Claus?"

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