Woman's Rights in Polynesia. A paper which Dalsy seems to have enjoyed listening to a good deal was on the marriage customs of New Britain, New Caledonia and the Polynesian isles. In the first place, the girls do not seem to have a very happy time in their maiden

days, sometimes passing as many as four or five years of their existence in a wicker cage about seven or eight feet high and ten or twelve feet in circumference, where there is only room to sit or lie down in a crouching position. When, however, these girls are taken out of their cages great marriage feasts are provided for them, so that their only consolation during their incarceration must

be the unsatisfactory one of the prospect of the good things to come. On the Duke of York Island a most objectionable practice prevails. The bride presented with numberless and costly gifts, which are given to her in public, and all of which she is in honor bound to return in private. Just fancy how exasperating, and how much more difficult

for couples to furnish! A custom nearly as reprehensible as that of breaking a cocoanut over the happy pair and sprink ling them as much as possible with the milk. It is hardly pleasant for the bridal gown from Worth's, or the wedding coat from Poole's! As to widowers, it must be an expensive process out there for them to marry again, for the female relatives of the first wife are allowed to as semble, and to do as much damage to the husband's property as they can accomplish. A man may have as many wives as he likes, provided he can pay for them; but this would not seem a serious drawback to some people, as they are mostly paid for in shells.—London Figaro.

Robert Houdin's Curious Contrivances.

Houdin acquired a comfortable competence by the exercise of his art; and he built a handsome villa at Saint Gervais, near Blois. When he had retired from business, he amused himself by introducing various curious inventions into his place and the grounds attached to it. The garden gate was situated some 400 yards from the house. A visitor had only to raise a diminutive brass knocker, and let it fall upon the forehead of a fantastic face-making but a faint sound-when a large bell was set in motion in the villa. At the same time the gate swung open automatically, the plate bearing the name "Robert Houdin" disappeared, and another took its place, on which was en-graved the word "Entrez." When the postman delivered the letters he had brought he was instructed to drop them through a slit in the gate into the receptacle provided for this purpose. The box, directly this was done, started of its own accord on its journey to the front door of the house by means of a miniature elevated railway.

Houdin invented, too, an ingenious contrivance by which, while lying in bed, he could feed his horse in a stable fifty yards from the villa, for, on touching a small button, there was put in motion an apparatus that caused the exact portion of oats required for the animal's meal to fall into the manger from the granary above. By another curious piece of mechanism a little bench that stood beside a ravine in a remote part of the grounds was so constructed that immediately any person sat down upon it the machine automatically traversed a narrow bridge that spanned the gorge, and, having deposited its occu-pant on the other side, the bench returned to its original position.-Chambers' Jour-

What Self Binders Have Done.

The self binder was first successfully attached to the reaper in 1876; from 1867 to 1875 inclusive our average crop of wheat, varying more with the season than with the planted area, had been 258,000, 000 bushels. In 1877, when the self binder first began to be used, the crop mounted to nearly 364,000,000 bushels Again, in 1878, it mounted up, and from that date to 1887 inclusive, in which period the use of the self binder had be come general, the average crop, varying more with the season than with the planted area, was 440,000,000 bushels. Could the crops of the last ten years have been saved without the self binder When we consider that the total number of self binding reapers now made and sold is more than 100,000 a year, requir ing over 30,000 tons of twine to bind a single wheat crop, do we not find in the tying of that knot on the self binding har vester a main factor in the export of grain with the returning import of gold on which we resumed specie payment' By that single improvement the cost of wheat was reduced not less than 6 per cent., and in some places 10 per cent .-

Afraid of a White Cat.

As for himself, the old engineer says that he is not at all superstitious, but h knows men who are handling the throttle on the Bee Line who regard it as a bad omen to see a white cat cross the road in front of an engine in the night time "You may think it is extremely foolish," said he, "but there is a man in charge of a passenger engine on this line that can ne er be induced to make time after hav in seen a white cat cross the track at ni ht. Such a thing does not happen very often, but he claims that it never fails to be the forerunner of some bad luck, not necessarily to his train, but somewhere along the line. After seeing the white cat he always feels his way along, as it were, and gives as an excuse for his failure to work up to the schedule that his engine would not make steam rapidly enough. The other engineers are on to him, but they never joke him about it, as he is extremely sensitive."-Globe

A French Clothier's Advertisement. The latest device for attracting the attention of possible purchasers which has been adopted by several Paris shop-keepers is an "immovable boy." Outside a clothier's, for instance, the "boy" stands without moving a muscle, and bears on his carcass the newest fashion in blouses or corduroys. Passers by are easily at-tracted by the remarkable figure, which they take to be an effigy in wax work or a tableau vivant. The boy has been well drilled and lives up to his work. He smiles not, neither does he wink, nor does he betray by the slightest sign, token or movement that he has anything in common with the ordinary palpitating and effervescing specimen of humanity, the "boulevard boy." The device draws, for spectators are usually lost in amazement at the impassive features of the breathing simulacrum of a dummy figure.-London Telegraph.

At the First Reception. Mr. Quickrich—I say, Maria—! Mrs. Quickrich—Don't interrupt me when I am receiving the guests.

Mr. Q.—But—I say—we hired that band
by the hour, and it's mighty mean of them to play so slow.

(The orchestra were playing a non-turne.)—Pittsburg Bulletin.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republicans of the United States, assembled by their deligates in national convention, pause on the threshold of their proceedings to bonor the memory of their first great leader and immortal champion of liberty and the rights of the people, Abraham I incoin, and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and gratified the heroic names of our later leaders who have been more recently called away from our counce is, Grant, Garfield, Arthur, Logan and Conkling. May their memories be faithfully cherished. We also recall with our greetings and prayer for his recovery the name of one of our living hero-s whose memory will be treasured in the history both of republicans and of the republic. The name is that of the noble soldier and favorite child of victory, Philip H. Sheridan.

In the spirit of those great leaders and of our devotion to human liberty, and with that hostility to asl forms of despotism at doppression which is the fundamental idea of the republican party, we send frate and congratulations to our fellow Americans of Brazil upon their great act of emancipation which completed the abolition of slavery throuhout the two American continents. We earnestly hope we may soon congratulate our fellow citizens of Irish burth upon the peaceful recovery of home rule for Ireland.

WE AFFIRM OUR UNSWERVING DEVOTION to the national constitution and to the indissoluble union of states to the autoonmy re-The republicans of the United States, assem-

to the national constitution and to the indis-soluble union of states to the autonomy re-served to the states under the constitution, to the personal rights and libertles of citizens in all states and territories is the union and es-pecially to the supreme and sovereign right of every citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, to cast one free ballot in the public elections and to have that ballot duly counted. We hold a free and honest popmay control. We had a free and now a popular ballot and just and equal representation of all people to be the foundation of our republican government and demand effective legislation to secure the integrity and purity of elections which are the fountains of all pubof elections which are the fountains of all pub-lic authority. We charge that the present ad-ministration and the democratic majority in congress owe their existence to the suppression of the ballot by the criminal nullification of the constitution and laws of the United States, We are uncrompromisingly in favor of the vancrican system of protection. We protest against the destruction proposed by the presi-dent and his party. They serve the interests of Europe

of Europe wk will support interests of america We accept the issue, and confidently appeal to the people for their judgment. The protective system must be maintained. Its abandonment has always been followed by general dis ster to all interests except those of the unsurer

we denounce the Mills' bill as destructive to general business, labor, and the farming inter-ests of the country, and we heartly endorse the consistent and patriotic action of the reoublican representatives in congress in oppos on the democratic party to place wool on the free list and lines; that the duties thereon shall be adjusted and calintained so as to furnish full and adequate protection to that in-

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The republican party would effect all needed
ceduction of the national revenue by repealing
the taxes on tobacco, which are an arrogance
and burden to agriculture, and the tax upon
spirits used in the arts and for mechanical purposes, and by such revision of the tariff laws as
will tend to check imports of such articles as
a reproduced by our people, the production of
which gives employment to our labor, and recase from import duties these articles of fordight production, except luxuries, the like of
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still remain a larger revenue than is requisite
for the wants of government, of internal taxes
rather than surrender any part of our rotecrather than surrender any part of our rrotective system at the joint behist of the whiskying and agents of foreign manufacturers.

AGAINST PAUPER AND LABOR TRUS S.
We declare hostility to the introduction into
this country of foreign contract labor and of
himese labor alien to our civilization and our
constitution, and we demand the right enforce-

constitution, and we demand the rigidenforcenent of existing laws against it and favor such
morediate legislation as will exclude such laour from our shores.

We declare our opposition to all combinaions of capital organized in trusts or othervise to control arbitrarily the condition of
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ent alike unjust burdens and unfair d scrimpation between states.
PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION.

eads for American citizens and settlers not iens, which the republican party established a 18/2 against the persistent opposition of he democra's in congress, which has brought ur great western domain into magnificent de-elopement. The restoration of unearned land rants to the public domain for the use of ac-ual settlers, which was begun under the ad-ainistration of President Arthur should be ontuneed. We deny that the democratic party as ever restored one acre to the people, but leclare that by the joint action of republicals lectare that by the joint action of republicals and democrats about fifty utilion acres of unarned lands, originally granted for the contraction of railroads, have been restored to be public domain in pursuance of conditions asserted by the republican party in the original grants. We charge the democratic administration with tailure to execute laws securing to ettlers title to their homesteads and with using appropriations made for that purpose to arrass ignocent settlers with spics and proseutions under the false pretense of exposing utions under the false pretense of exposing

auds and vindicating the law.
ADMISSION OF TERRITORIES, The government by congress of the territoris based upon necessity only to the end that
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norality are such as to insure stable local govinterial resources, public intelligence and norality are such as to insure stable local government therein the people of such territories apply the permitted, a right inherent in them, forna for themselves constitutions and state vernments and be ad itted into the union ending preparation for statehood all officers erect should be selected from bona fide esid-nts and citizens of the territory wherein hey are to serve. South Dakota should of ight be immediately admitted as a state in tennion under the constitution framed and dopted by her people and we heartily entre the action of the republican senate in vice passing bills for her admission. The result of the democratic house of representatives, or partisan purpeses, to favorably conster these bills is a willful violation of the red American principle of local self-government, and merits the condemnation of all just enable the neople of Wishington, North akota and Montanna territories to form continuions and establish state governments hould be passed without unnecessary delay, he republican marty pledges inself to do all in spower to facilitate the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Wyoming, Idaho and rizona to the enjoyment of self-government s states. Such of them as are now qualified s soon as possible, and others as soon as they any become so.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

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THE MORMON QUESTION.

The political power of the Mormon church in e territories as exercised in the past is a senance to free institutions too dangerous to clong suffered. Therefore we pledge the ree long suffered. Therefore we pledge the reiblican party to appropriate legislation,
serting the sovereignty of the nation in all
ie territories where the same is questioned,
and in furtherance of that end to place
bon the statute book legislation stringent
a right to divorce political from ecclesiastical
ower, and thus stamp out the attendant
ickedness of polygamy.
The republican party is in favor of the use
both gold and silver as money, and conemistic policy of the democratic adminisation in its efforts to demonetize silver.
We demand the reduction of letter postage

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It is not per ounce.

In a republic like ours, where the critizens is the sovereign and the official the servant, here no power is exercised except by the will the people, it is important that the sovereign exchool is the promoter of that intelligence high is to preserve us a free nation. Therefore the state or retime or both exception. re, the state or nation, or both combined, sold support free institutions of learning fficient to flord to every child growing up the land the opportunity of a good common-

OUR MERCHANT MARINE. We earnestly recommend that prompt action taken is congress in the exactment of such gis ation as will best secure the rebabilitagis ation as will best secure the rebabilitation of our Absertican marine, and a protest against the passage by congress of free ship bill as calculated to work injustice habor by lessening the wages of those enged in preparing materials as well as those freetly employed in our shipyards. The derivation of coast relifications for the early rebuilding four navy for the construction of coast relifications and modern ordinance and other proceeds on the power of defense for the extension of defense for the extension of the harbors of the power of first persons to our dies for the power of first persons to our dies for the power of first persons to our dies for the power of the harbors of the power of the power of the power of the harbors of the power of the p

country, promote trade, open new and direct markets for our products and cheap in the cost of transportation. We affirm this to be far better for our country than the democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pet banks."

The conduct of foreign affairs by the present administration has been distinguished by inefficiency and cowardice. Having withdrawn from the senate all pending treates effected by republican administrations for the removal of foreign burdens and restrictions upon our commerce and for its extension into a better market it has neither affacted nor proposed market it has neither affected nor proposed any others in their stead. Professing adherence to the Monroe doctrine, it has seen with title complacency the extension of foreign influence in Central America and of foreign trade. mence in Central America and of oregin trade everywhere among our neighbors. It has re-fused to charter sanction or encourage any American organizytion for constructing the Nicaragua canal, a work of vtal importance to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine and of our national influence in Central and South America, and necessary for the development of trade with our Pacific territory, with Souli America, and with the further coasts of the Pacific Ocean.
FISHERIES QUESTION

We arraign the present democratic adminis-tration for its weak and unpatriotic treatment of the fisheries question, and its pusillantmous surrender of all privileges to which our fishery vessels are entitled in Canadian ports under the treaty of 1818, the recurrecate marin-tine legislation of 1850 and comity of nations and which Canadian fasting vessels receive in the ports of the United States. We condemn the colley of the present administration and the democratic majority in congress towards our fisheries as unfriendly and conspiciously

unpatriotic and as tending to destroy a valuable national industry and an indispensible resource of defense against f reign enemy.

The name of American amplies alike to all cilizens of the republic, and imposes upon menalike the same obligation of obedience to the aws. At the same time ci izenship is and must be the panoply and safeguard of him who weats it, should shield and protect him whether high or low, rich or poor, in all his civil rights. It should and must afford him protection at home and follow and protect him abroad in whatever land he may be on a lawful errand. CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

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The men who abandoned the republican party in 1884 and continue to adhere to the democratic party have deserted not only the cause of honest government, but of sound finance, of freedom and purity of the ballot, but especially have deserted the cause of reform in the civil service. We will not fail to keep our pledges because they have broken theirs, or because their candidate has broken his. We therefore repeat our declaration of 1884, towit: The reform of civil service auspiciously begun under republican administration should be completed by a further extension of the reform system already established by law to all grades of the service to which it is applied. The spirit and purpose of reform should be observed in all executive appointments, and all laws at all executive appointments, and all laws at varience with the object of existing reform leg-islation should be repealed, and that the dan-gers to free institutions which lurk in the pow-er of official patronage may be wisely and ef-

fectively avoided.

The gratitude of the nation to the defenders of the union cannot be assured except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to The legislation of congress should conform to the pledges made by a loyal prople, and be so enlarged and extended as to provide against the possibility that any man who honorably were the federal uniform shall become an inmate of an almshouse or dependent on trivate charity. In the presence of an overflowing treasury it would be a public scandal to do less for those whose valorous service preserved the government. We denounce the hostile spirit shown by President Cleveland in his numerous vetoes of measures for pension relief, and the action of the democratic house of representatives in refusing even consideration of general

tives in refusing even consideration of general pension legislation.

In support of the principles herewith enunciated, we invite the co-operation of patriotic men of all parties, especially of all workingmen whose prosperity is seriously threatened by the free trade policy of the present admin-

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