ECOMPLAINTS

All our catalogues for the fall season are now gone. We sent out seventy-five thousand, all told. Out of every hundred persons who recieved these catalogues seventy-two have sent us orders up to date and we have not heard of a single instance of dissatisfaction by any name or of any kind. If there is anybody amongst the fifty-four thousand who ordered goods through this catalogue and who is dissatisfied we want to hear from him now. We want to know just wherein he has cause for regret. We want to hear complaints of any nature, large or small. We wish to rectify whatever may seem to be wrong.

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DECLINE IN PRICES.

Reasons Given by M. Meline, the Prime Minister of France.

standard who do not resort to invective when asked for reasons why they advocate the principles set up by them. The attention of these few is called to a recent address delivered in the French chamber by M. Meline, the prime minister of France. M. Meline explained that unable to raise more to send. neither decreased rates of transportation nor excess of production can account for the gradual and persistent decline of prices, and continued as follows:

This fact (the decline in prices in gold countries while they have remained steady in silver countries) cannot be disputed, and the cause is easy to find. Silver has preserved its full value in silver standard countries, while gold bas appreciated because it alone has enjoyed the privilege of free coinage and has thus become the only international money that is acceptable everywhere, while silver has become simply a commodity. The result has been that all products valued in gold were bound to rise, since, with the same quantity of gold it is now possible to obtain a double quantity of products. The simple observation I submit to the chamber, for we may say that in it is contained the essence of the en-

tire monetary question.

But the monometallists cannot, unfortunately, do away with the fact that there exists 900 millions of human beings who know silver only, who use silver only, who do business with silver only, and who will not have gold.

Opposed to these 900 millions of human beings who recognize silver only, there are, I admiti 400 millions of gold monometallists. It is quite true that these 400 millions are among the richest and most powerful nations, the nations which are the creditors of the whole But these nations would be highly imprudent to be carried away by their strong situation and present power, and to despise their adversaries; these adversaries, the silver standard countries, are young and vigorous nations (commercially speaking), with they are getting them already.

If to these advantages be added those resulting from the use of the silver standard, which enables them to sell their pro- stripes very close to the colors of the gallant vessels and their crews may find ducts at a low price in our markets, which serves as a protective tariff for them and favors the development of their industries, it will not be a matter for astonishment if some day a transference of power is made in their favor, to the serious detriment of the nations for the poor and oppressed in every that now so pride themselves upon the gold standard.

M. Meline made reference to the at- Times. tempt put forth by the United States and France this year to open diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain to the end that a fixed parity be adopted. This, he said, was done for the purpose of putting an end to "the monetary auarchy which exists throughout the world and which creates such confusion in in-ternational commerce. While admitting the failure of the attempt M. Meline expressed his conviction that sooner or later the time would come when the pressure of circumstances would force the nations of Europe to look this problem in the face and solve it.

The Pittsburg Post, commenting on this address, declares that it is an admitted fact that the finances and currency of France are administered with as great, and many claim with greater, wisdom and skill than any other nation of the world, and that these words of the prime minister of that nation are entitled to thoughtful consideration. His remarks are in line with the policy which that nation has always pursued and cannot be shoved aside by that class of eminent financiers who bolster up their arguments in favor of the single gold standard by shricking "anarchists"

and "repudiators."

The fleanciers who persist in ignoring the growing strength of the allver countries are digging their own financial graves. The question of bimetallism is not dead. It is not even sleeping is a living, growing question and will never be settled until it is settled along the lines of justice and humanity -World-Heraid,

The Cuban Situation.

Spain's day of fate in close at hand. As a last resort she has offered to the Cubans the skeleton of an autonomy that the Cubana will not accept and which Spain rould not give if she so willed. Her emissaries have been sent bile, Ala to the insurgent leaders to offer them money and position, and the bodies of the emissaries are decorating the trees.

about the insurgent camps. Blancohumane though he may be when compared with Weyler, finds himself unable to provide for his own sick, wounded and famishing troops, to say nothing of the reconcentrados who are hearded to-There a few advocates of the gold gether in the cities and dying off like The money lenders of Paris have refused to furnish another cent to the Spanish government, and revolution is threatened within the confines of Madrid. Sagasta boldly announces that he will send no more troops to Cubs, and while claiming that this is because more are not needed the world knows that he is reign of brutality, oppression and rapine s almost over in Cuba.

The extension of the time given by the administration at Washington will avail spain naught. Its only result will be to prolong the agony and send thousands to the grave from sheer starvation when they might be saved by prompt and humane action, and the result issure to be Cuban independence. When the historian of the future writes the history of the United States during the period from 1894 to 1898 he will write pages that will bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of those who shall come after us, just as the events of that time are now bringing the blush of shame to the cheeks of those who believe that humanity is above the accumulation of dollars and who believe that the brotherhood of man is above the aggrandizement of the few. The brave Cubans have suffered and endured much. Their companions have been like unto those of Washington, and they have had their Valley Forge. Their Yorktown may already be seen in the distance.-World-

Senator Allen

We of Nebraska are proud of him, even if he did once fall down and forget for a day to be a good popocrat-the bounty question. His attitude on the Cuban question endears him to every lover of liberty. The interests of no bondholder stands between Senator Ailen and the granting of justice to the patriot insurgents who have so long been given the cold shoulder by the cowardly administrations of Grover whom labor is cheap, and who need only cleveland and William McKinley. Oh, engineers and master mechanics, and for a few more Allens in the senate! Had he the power he would tomorrow not only grant belligerent rights to the Cu-glare and the war flag are all ominous, Cubans, nor permit them to be lowered until the last of the Spanish butchers should have been driven from that island over which they have too long held bloody sway. Allen has his blemishes, but he also has his heart of sympathy land and every clime. Long life to him

McKinley a Palsifier.

"The government, without any fixed gold revenue, is pledged to maintain gold redemption, which it has steadily and faithfully done and which under the authority given it, will now continue to do."-McKinley's Message.

Matters have come to a pretty pass when the highest servant of the people must deliberately falsity-in plain English, lie like an ordinary mortal-to bolster up an untenable position.

Any man at all familiar with this matter, knows very well that the government is not pledged to gold redemption -not one dollar of our obligations have to be redeemed in gold. If the infamous conspirators who are now trying to fasten the British system of finance upon the American people are successful in their netarious efforts, we may have such a law-and God help us when we do-but at present no such a law exists upon our statute books, and President McKinley is perfectly aware of this, too. Saunders County Journal.

To The Land of Sunshine and Flowers.

Why spend the winter months amid the frost and snow, when a lew hours place you in the aunlit, butmy Southland, where you can spend the winter in comfort, and enjoy boating. lishing, driving, and all kinds of outdoor

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BARTLEY'S BONDSMEN SUED.

Attorney General Smyth Begins an Action upon Bartley's First Bond,

Attorney General Smyth has begun a suit against ex-treasurer Bartley and cover the sum of \$335,000-embezzled

It was originally included in the suit much, what can the rich pay? brought in Douglascounty for \$556,000 but as the embezzlement of school funds occured at the state capitol the offense complained of took place in Lancaster county and for this reason a separate Wilbur F. Bryant, whose letter you pubsuit is instituted.

The sureties who signed Bartley's first term bond qualified collectively for made defendants, together with the justification of each, are as follows:

John Fitzgerald, \$600,000; Nathan S. Harwood, \$200,000; J. D. Mcfarland, ham, \$40,000; C. C. McNish, \$100,000.

Three of the bondsmen, John Fitzgerare dead. Bank Wrecker Mosher, who was in the list, has left the country, several others have removed from the state and some are known to be judgment-proof, yet there are several wealthy men among the number. The district court adjourned last week and the next term will open the first week in February.

The bond sued upon was approved by two different governors. It was apgovernor, January 5, 1893, and by governor Crounse January 16.

POPULISTS AGREE ON A COURSE.

Oppose All Preposed Amendments to Currency Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- A caucus of the populat members of the house of representatives was held at the National | this ten per cent? hotel tonight. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously, except by the true friends of reform. that referring to civil service:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that we will resist all efforts to so modify the existing civil service law as to enable any party that may be in power to fill the different positions in the civil service with partisans.

Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all efforts to destroy our terfuge of refusing to ressue the same more. except in exchange for gold.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any scheme of enlarging the powers of na-tional banks. That we oppose the conferring of power to issue notes designed any bank, corporation or individual.

Resolved, That we favor the early consideration and passage of a joint resolution recognizing the independence of the

Resolved, That we are in favor of the early passing of an equitable voluntary bankruptey bill.

away from Keil amid the smoke of can- by stating that the government should non and the glare of red lights and issue no paper money of any sort, urgcarrying at their main mast the German ing as a substitute that the banks alone war flag, with Prince Henry, the em- task of deciding what volume of money peror's brother, as their commander, is needed for the business of the country The event appears to have created great and providing the same. He pretends enthusiasm in all Germany. The departure of the cruisers was in all respects the government a most dangerous cona successful one, but the smoke and red bans, but would place the stars and says the Rocky Mountain News. These a final resting place in the bottom of the Yellow sea, and may never again return to the latherland.

Unless there already exists a definite Europe as to the carving up of China, this naval demonstration of the German emperor is certain to provoke trouble, -political as well as physical. -Papillion and will eventually embroit all Europe. The policy of the great European powers is to grab all they can of Asia and Africa, and each is watching the other with jealous eyes. Japan bas shown a disposition to declare herself in the combination, at least so far as anything affecting China is concerned-an as sertion of Oriental arrogance not at all pleasing to the land-grabbing rulers of Europe. The issue now pressing to the front is, will Germany be permitted to permanently occupy Chinese territory? Apparently Emperor William is determined to do so, and on the assent or dissent of Russia, or France, or Great Britain hinges the whole matter of peace

PLANS FOR RAISING REVENUE.

Different Methods Of Taxation Proposed by Senators For the Relief of the Treasury.

In discussing the deficit in the treas-

administration in regard to it the twentieth century says that some way of taxing the poor will have to be contrived. The wealthy will not tolerate the idea of an income tax, and accords scheme for taxing tea, and Senator Morrill it in layor of taxing coffee. The whatever is to be the outcome, things cannot be long delayed, for no man, and

on government either, can go on very long if he or it speads more than is reorived in the shape of Income, The idea of the country has been suggested, but Mr. McKonna, who is so soon to go on the benck of the supreme court, declares that a national tax on railroads is un-

stitutional, although taxes on the poor are invariably so. It is a little odd to have men like Senator Lodge get up and say that our country is the richest one on earth and blessed with inexhaustible natural resources, while at the same time there is no way of providing taxes enough to run the government. Senator Lodge says the talk about the distress the bondsmen, for his first term to re-cover the sum of \$335,000—embezzled taxes laid on the poor yield so much. German squadron, consisting of three This is really a very striking and ingen-ious argument. If the poor can pay so

> Fusion or Union or Neither EDITOR INDEPENDENT:-

Why does not your correspondent, lished December 16th carry his comparison to the end? He says "the republican \$2,500,000 over and above liabilities. party was essentially a fusion move-The names of the bondsmen who are ment," composed of all the reform elements of that day.

But he faills to note that when those reform elements combined they did not der it would be regarded as hostile \$200,000; F. M. Cook, \$100,000; L. M. form a fusion or confederation but a Keene, \$100,000; J. T. May, \$100,000; union under the new name Republican.
E. H. Barnard, \$100,000; Sereno B. Colson, \$100,000; G. W. Wattles, \$200,
Number of the reform factions, the know with his forces, evacuated the forts and retired to the lower part of 000; C. W. Mosher, \$500,000; R. C. Out. nothings, the free soil democrats, the calt, \$250,000; Isaac M. Baymond, \$100,000; A. J. Sawyer, \$100,000; S. H. Burnham, \$100,000; C. C. Burr, \$35,000; Nelson C. Brock, \$50,000; H. H. Shinberg, \$30,000; H. O. Devries, \$25,000; A. R. Graham, \$40,000; C. C. McNish, \$100,000

Will Mr. Bryant give us a satisfactory eason why the populists, silver-demoald, S. B. Colson and H. H. Shaberg, crats and silver-republicans should not drop fusion, drop their separate organizations and names and form a union under a new name and upon a single platform embracing all of the most vital industrial reforms, such as free coinage of silver, government issue of all paper money, government savings banks, government ownership of telegraph and tel phones and main track ines of railroads, municipal ownership proved by James E. Boyd, the outgoing of all city utilities, graduated income tax, election of president and U.S. senators by direct vote of the people? I do not undertake to mention all of the essential reforms.

Doubtless the initiative and referendum should be included and some others. Is there not a loss of at least 10 per cent of the anti-republican vote in the attempt to "fase" or confederate the several factions of the reform forces? Will anything short of union save us

But no sacrifice of vital principles to either union or fusion should be made W. L. HAND,

Kearney, Neb.

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Comptroller of the Currency, James H. Eckles, is traveling around the country making speeches to the bankers and richer sort of merchants on the currency question. After a good deal of circumas to the present depressed condition of Two crack German cruisers have sailed business he sums up the whole matter should be trusted with the important dition.

Judge Coffin, tttorney for the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of Lincoln, returned this morning from a trip to Sterling, Neb., where he went to look after some legal business in the interest of the Farmer's Mutual. He goes to Omaha agreement between the nations of tonight on similar business. The increasing volume of business done by these two companies, keeps the Judge bobbing

> The general representative of the Old Line companies in a recent article said, and well said that the Mutual company would claim the credit of having brought the old line dwelling house rate down 20 per cent. That is true and the Mutual expects to write Dwelling House Insurance for 30 per cent less than that. They charge when writing the insurance 50 per cent of what the old line company did charge. These home companys should be patronized by our people. He sure that the Nebraska Mercantil Mutual Insurance Company carrys your risksall it can take.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle is on record as denying that we have any such law, And if that is not good authority the Journal would cite its readers to the President's own secretary of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage. In answer to an inquiry regarding this very question be wrote from the "Treasury Department" at Washington, from the "office of the secretary,"-as late as November 4, ary the probable policy of the present 1897, in part as follows: "Sir -- In reply your letter of the 1st instant, you are informed that the department does and make a practice of redeeming silver dollars or silver certificates in There is no law requiring such redemption. Do not these words of the secreingly, Senator Allison is to the fore with tary impugn the veracity of the presidon't?-Saunders County Journal.

Populists in the senate want to revive and overcoats sold by Paine & Warlal-Blood will tell" and so will the suits The Mobile & Ohio railroad offers the income tax, but the decision of the over many stores that mark goods up, supreme sourt stands in the way. But, and then lower the price to make customers think they are getting a bargain.

> Alter refusing to resign to please Grover Cleveland, Chief Justice Field now steps down and given McKinley the of lovying a special tax on the railroads pleasure of putting some trust led favorits on the supreme bench

The Populista in the Illinois Legislature have so far worked and voted with constitutional, and we are inclined to the Democrats against the proposed suspect that he knows all about it, garymandering of the state in the in-Taxes on the rich are not apt to be conSEIZURE OF KIAO CHAU.

Bear Admiral McNair Makes His Beport to the Naval Department. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-Germany's ecupation of Chinese territory has been officially reported to the Naval department as follows by Rear Admiral McNair, in command of the German squadron, consisting of three men of war, arrived at Kiao Chau bay on the 13th inst. The commander of the squadron landed on the following day with 600 blue jackets and ordered General Chang, the commander of the Chinese garrison, to retire beyond the hills within twenty-four hours, commencing at 3 o'clock on that day (14th), further informing General Chang that the Chinese soldiers would not be permitted to take away anything save their rifles and personal effects. The German commander furthermore declared that in the event of the Chinese garrison ignoring this or-

Seito. It is generally conceded now that before occupying Chinese territory the German admiral informed all the commanders of squadrons in the Asiatic waters of his proposed action, and, as stated in the dispatch concerning the submission of information by the German admiral to the French admiral, the former gave "the reason it is supposed, that Great Britain infor the action taken.'

and retired to the lower part of

Rear Admiral McNair will be succeeded as commander-in-chief of the Asiatic squadron in a few days by Commodore George Dewey, who left war with Japan, and it is believed San Francisco on December 5 for Yo-

kohama, where he will hoist his flag. States has no other policy in China protectorate over Central China, with than protection of American subjects a capital at Nanking. and their interests, and instructions to this effect have been given Rear Admiral McNair and Commodore

TROUBLE IS EXPECTED.

Indians May Resist Abolishment of Tribal Courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The delegates of the Cherokee and Creek Indians held a conference yesterday to decide upon some course of action with reference to the act of Congress abolishing the Indian courts, which goes into effect January 1. They hold that the act is unconstitutional, and, after a session of several hours, reached a decision under which they will instruct the tribal courts to sit just as though Congress had never enacted a law superseding their jurisdiction. If stopped by the United States authorities, and the officials of the Indian courts are arrested, application for a for in the United States courts, and a to be the bursting of the land boom. test case will be carried to the supreme court for a decision of the constitutionality of the act. The Indiana say they will employ two of the best constitutional lawyers in the United States to represent them, and they profess great faith in gaining a favor-able decision.

St. Clair County Obstinate. OSCROLA, Mo., Dec. 23. -At a mass seeting of citizens of St. Clair county, held in the court house, called by the county court in order that the judges might learn the sentiment of the people in regard to compromising with the bondholders, T. M. Johnson made a speech in which he said he would not give the bondholders \$5 for a clear receipt against the bonds. O. E. Robinson, prosecuting attorney, thought the people should ask Judge Philips for more time to consider the matter. A similar meeting was held at Collins yesterday, and another will be held at Appleton City to-day. The

Philips at Kansas City next Monday. Miss Whitney in a Museum.

county judges have to report to Judge

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23. - Miss Edna Whitney of Chillicothe, the young lady who attained much notoriety last fall by reason of being refused permission to act as one of the maids of honor during Kansas City festivities, has become "stage struck," and is beginning her footlight career in this city. She is holding receptions at the Eden Musee,

Paola Man Kills Himself.

PAOLA, Kan., Dec. 23 .- Just after soon yesterday James Claire of Paola committed suicide at his home by shooting himself with a revolver. Claire was 28 years old and until recently had been working as a harvest hand in Western Kansas. His act was due to despondency.

Horse Thieves at St. Joseph. Sr. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23.-A gang

of horse thieves made a raid on the business section of the city yesterday and stole several borses. One rig. valued at \$400, belonging to Fred Miller of Palermo, Kan., was stolen within a block of police headquarters.

Contphas. Mo., Fireawept. DONIPHAN, Mo., Dec. 23.-Fire de-

stroyed the business portion of town early yesterday morning. Twenty-six business houses were burned, and the total loss is estimated at \$100,000, with about \$33,000 insurance. The fire started in the warehouse of a drug store, but the origin is unknown.

A Prisoners' seif-Sperifica

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Charles Manlin, a horse trader, was taken to the county fail charged with burglary. He claims to have received stoich goods in a trade. Instead of eating with the other prisoners, he slipped the food into his poskets. When his wife and several babies called to see him, they waited until they thought they were unobserved, and then he handed her the food. The matter was called to the attention of local charttable organisations, and when the prisoner was told that his family would be provided for he ate ravedQUINCY RE-ELECTED.

Boston to Be Under Democratic Bule for Two Years More.

Bosron, Dec. 23. - Mayor Josiah M. Quincy, Democrat, was re-elected by a decreased plurality over ex-Mayor Curtis, his opponent of two years ago. The city went Republican at the state election last month. The attempt to split the Democratic vote in the city by vigorous work on the part of Thomas Riley, running as a silver Democrat, proved futile. His railies were crowded and his audiences apparently intensely loyal, but less than 3,000 voters supported him at the polls, the Democrats, as a rule remaining loyal to Quincy.

The total vote was but little more than that of two years ago, when the registration was 91,487, against 102,-480 for the present election. The total vote for mayor, with one precinct missing, is as follows: Quincy, Demoorat, 39,707; Curtis, Republican, 35,-741; Riley, Bryan Democrat, 2,885; Goldstein, Socialist, 776.

ENGLAND WANTS A HAND

Will Not Mit Idly By While the Other Powers Are Partitioning China.

LONDON, Dec. 32. -- According to a dispatch from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Chee Foo, on the north coast of the Shan Tung promontory, as a warning tends to oppose the division of Chins without consulting her. It is reported there that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the indemnity of the that Japan and England are acting in concert to preserve China from dis-The government of the United integration, favoring the idea of a

MAY LEAD TO TROUBLE

State Department Investigating the Kill-

ing of American Sailors in Japan. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. -The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future. These are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station. The exact conditions under which the killing occurred are not known here yet, but a vigorous investigation is to be made and heavy damages likely to be demanded.

A \$4,950,000 Fallure in Australia LONDON, Dec. 34.—A dispatch from Melbourne, Australia, says C. H. James has failed for £850,000 (\$4,\$80,writ of habeas corpus will be applied | 000). The cause of his troubles is said

> Weyler to Publish a Protect MADRID, Dec. 23. - Lieutenant General Weyler is preparing to publish a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress.

> > One Lock Too Many.

Only a lock of anhurn hair Caught on the front of his vest; He thoughtlessly touched the button His wife—she did the rest!

To Save Coal Bills

A secret chemical powder introduced abroad, when sprinkled over the top of the coal in a newly made fire cements the upper part of the fuel together and nuses the coal to burn at the bottom and throw the heat into the room, instead of allowing a large part of it to go up the chimney.

Nerves

Are the Telegraph System of the body, extending from the brain to every part of the system. Nerves are fed by the blood, and are, therefore, like it - weak and tired if the

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