Destruction of Unrivaled Prosperity, Lower Wages and Scantier Employment-His Policy Could Not Be Carried Out, Even Though He Were Elected-A Comparison of the Two Great Parties. | On the 11th of January, 1871, in speak-

Those who so fondly hoped and believed that the "anti-imperialists," as destiny of this country, whether for Some one asked how long the journey certain repulgicins termed themselves, good or not, to annex more territory. had been, and Digger City then heard would support Bryan for the presidency, are to be disappointed. Senator Hoar gave out a statement a few days, ago, in which he said:

"I do not presume as yet to foresee the issue of this business. The alternative of electing Mr. Bryan is not, in my judgment, to se contemplated for a moment. His election means, if he and his party can have their way. the destruction of our unrivaled prosperity, lower wages, a scantier employment for our workmen, the chasing of our standard of value, tarnishing the national faith, the destruction of credit, the arraying class against class. bring into contempt the authority of the supreme court, and undermine the security of property and values. No. some of our friends say that it is better that all these things should happen than that this policy of imperialism should be persisted in. But that is not the question.

"It is not the question whether Bryanism or imperialism be the worse for the American people. The question is whether anything that Mr. Bryat can be trusted to accomplish in olposition to imperialism is worth attaining at the price of all these other sacrifices. For one, I cannot see anything to expect in the way of a return to the ancient principles of the nepublican party by the election of Bryan. We could have stopped the whole thing by defeating the treaty of Paris, which would have compelled it to be amended by making the same provision as to the Philippines that we thought it right to make in regard to Cuba. That purpose was buffled by Mr. Bryan. The defeat of the treaty, or rather its Washington and by his personal influence induced enough of his followers to vote for the treaty to insure its passage with but a single vote to spare. It would have been defeated, as it was, if Justin Morril had lived. I have no doubt that Mr. Bryan did this for the sole purpose of keeping the question open as an issue for the cam-

ed? Congress will settle the question so far as the establishment of a government for the Philippine archipelago is concerned, before the present auministration shall go out of power, and in all probability before the present session shall be over. Whatever may be the fate of the presidential election. the Republican ascendancy in the Senate for at least four years longer is assured. If it were not so, there are the first half of February the receipts many Democratic senators-my infor- of the government exceeded the exmation is that there are at least nine -who agree with that large number of republicans who are in favor of holding those islands forever, or at any rate for a long and indefinite period. | tration, in a time of peace, the govern-I suppose the same thing is true as to ment was running behind and increasmany Democrats in the house.

THE TWO PARTIES.

One the Party of Progress; the Other the Party of Blind Opposition.

One the Party of Progress; the Other the Party of Blind Opposition. At a banquet on the occasion of the Lincoln birthday celebration at Chicago, Hon. J. K. Cubbison of Kansas,

in responding to a toast, said: "The democratic party has but one positive idea and that is opposition to the republican party. Its platform is rotten from age and defective from use. Only one new plank has been placed in its platform during the past forty years, and that plank was sawed in Arkansas, transported to Chicago by Coxey's "army" as the Kansas "pop" says, "because the bulwarks of the Chicago convention," "free and unlimited coinage of silver" is the only new song the democratic party has learned since the civil war, and that song like the song of a dying man be-

came the melody of its dying hour. The democratic party is a national mourner. Every four years it buries its treasures. In 1860 it buried "state sovereignty." In 1864 it buried "opposition to the war." In 1868 it buried opposition to reconstruction." 1672 it buried a "renegade republican." In 1876 it asked the republican party to furnish the cadaver. We refused, and with great grief and lamentation it finally buried "Tilden and reform." In 1880 it buried "Hancock and local tariff issue." In 1884 it missed the tuneral procession, but continued to wear mourning. In 1888 it buried democratic party obtained absolute it. power in all branches of the government. It almost immediately conmenced divorce proceedings against contest the democratic party will enjoy of the executive chamber. another carriage ride to the cemetery, and this time it will bury three things -Bryan, Aguinaldo and all hope of future success."

Showing Up the Frauds. The democratic Papillion Times has been telling some more truths about the sham reform state officials.

"One cannot read the published accounts of the proceedings of yesterday's meeting of the State Board of Transportation without reaching the the conclusion that Messrs. Meserve, Wolfe and Cornell acted more like board in 1897, requiring the roads to that there would be no performance, grant carload rates to shippers of live but when he was notified by telephone stock, and his resolution was adopted from the theater that his walking stick notwithstanding a vigorous protest by was there he put in a belated appear-Attorney General Smyth, who was sup- ance. ported by Secretary Porter. Tc a man ap a tree or in Nebraska it would some times appear that Wolfe, Meserve and Cornell were representatives of the callroads and not servants of the peo- state, has just celebrated his 113th ple. Language too strong cannot be birthday. He was born in Warren. employed in condeming these men | Horkimer county, and lost his eyesight who are selling the people and their fourteen years ago, but otherwise is party to the railroads. This latest ac- well preserved. He has used tobacco

the blame belongs for failure of secre- WHEN HE LAUGHED. taries to "do something" during the past two years. The Lincoln Post, the able champion of the corporation faction in the fusion forces, will probatly ask to have the Times arraigned on a charge of treason, because we dare point out the real traitors to fusion principles and to the fusion cause. But WHAT BRYAY'S LIFCTION MEANS, fusion hopes in this state blighted by leaders may be filling state offices.

> Senator Stewart's Views. That venerable silver leader. Senator Stewart of Nevada, has not changed his mind on the expansion question.

ing on the San Domingo resolution,

I do not believe in the power of any the laugh it was to know so well. man or set of men, or of any party, to prevent the accomplishment of this destiny. While this republic grows it must expand, it must increase; as it grows it must extend its territory as its wealth and power increase. That while it was attaining its destiny, and his kid will stick together, eh?" History does not furnish us an example and prominence which has not during growth expanded. It is one of the elements of growth for a nation to expand, as much as it is an element of growth in the oak, which, as it grows, must have room to extend its trunk

Globe 1871, page 427.) In a speech on the floor of the Senate a week ago Senator Stewart made ment in favor of retaining the Philippines. He said that the president had acted wisely and properly in the matter, and that the administration had not departed from the teachings of the fathers of the republic.

and multiply its branches." (Cong.

Reducing the Debts.

The farmers of Seward county made reduction of \$40,564 during the month of January. Farming pays in that county. Gage county is also pros-The farmers there reduced their indebtedness \$13,828 during the month.

During the year 1899 there was a total reduction of the real estate mertamendments, as I have indicated, was gages in the state amounting to \$7,assured when Mr. Bryan came to 127,814. Since the election of McKinley the total reduction has amounted to \$19,907,635, or about \$19 per capita for the entire population.

Another Increase in Wages.

Three years ago the Baltimore & Chio road was practically bankrupt, as were many other lines, the result of stagnation of business under democratic times. Now all this has "Now, what can he do if he is elect. | changed. A few days ago the B. & O. announced an increase in the wages of its engineers, affecting over 3,000 men. Other roads have taken similar action since the election of McKinley, and hundreds of thousands of employes have been directly benefited.

Reducing th National Debt.

Prosperity makes its showing in the United States treasury as usual. For penditures by \$3,118,619.79. For the past eight months the net gain has been at the rate of \$4,500,000 per month. Under a democratic adminising the public debt. Note the differ-

Travels Like a Plutocrat.

Fusion papers are announcing that Bryan has traveled 92,720 miles since his nomination in 1896. Had he not traveled on passes and levied on local committees for his incidental expenses. the straight coast of such a trip would be over \$5,000, provided he rode in ordinary coaches the same as the on the shoulder and said: 'dear common people" patronize.

Rate of Increase.

The decided increase in prosperity may be traced by the figures showing about him, and smiled. No one but the sales of American manufactured Wheeler, perhaps, who was accusgoods to foreign countries during December. In 1897, \$23,000,000; in 1898, \$28,000,000; in 1899, \$36,000,000. Farm products show a corresponding in-

"Ben Hur's" Great Success as a Play. One of the most pronounced dramatic successes of the season in New York is William Young's dramatizathree months holding the stage of the by.' Broadway theater, with crowded houses. The dramatization of "Ben Hur" was done with assistance in suggestion from Gen. Wallace, author of

Twenty-Four Hour System Works Well The American Society of Civil Engineers has been discussing the advisability of the general adoption of the twenty-four-hour clock, and a prominent member of the society, who is a manufacturer in Maine, said in a recent speech that he had been using the "tariff reform." In 1892 under the twen'y-four hour system for time and how he was coming on, when a laugh leadership of Grover the Second the all his workmen like it and understand -it was Larkins'-was heard just

All "Roosevelt" Shops.

Nearly every barber shop in Albany 1896, when the democratic party with is a bood advertisement for the barber tears in its eyes laid away forever the | but as a matter of fact that governor free and unlimited coinage of silver does not petronize any of the shops. at the ratio of 16 to 1. In the coming He gets shaved in the private room

Country Versus City Girls.

A New York expert has been giving his views on saleswomen. He says that a country girl is better than her city bred sister in this line of work. He gives as his reasons for this that the country girl is not so likely to have her head full of social amusements, that she is, as a rule, more more than the city maiden.

Wouldn't Play Until Cane was Found. Paderewski kept an audience in Co-

New York's Oldest Inhabitant. be the oldest inhabitant of New York | poems. tion on their part shows clearly where | rince he was 10 years old.

When Larkins laughed all Digger City laughed with him. Never was a laugh more merry, more contagious. of the twentieth century will be the The men of Digger City were a sober inhabitants of the Friendly islands. lot, and to them the bright side of life | Though they are not by any means the no imatter. We cannot afford to have was generally reflected in and measured by the gold they dug, but be luck | the globe they will be living in the the uncondemned conduct of any of good or bad, not one of the rough men | twentieth century while all other peoour party leaders, even though those that made up the mining camp ever ple will still be living in the nineteenth had the temerity to dispute Larkins' century. It will be Tuesday, Jan. 1, right to laugh and make others laugh 1901, to the Friendly islanders at a with him.

Larkins laughed because he was sad. Larkins arrived in Digger City one stormy winter night, no one knew from where. With him was a child, "I believe that it is a part of the a chubby, goiden-baired boy of 4 years.

"The kid and I," said Larkins, with a wave of his hand toward the east, "come from there. We didn't leave much behind, and mebbe we haven't got much in store ahead. But we'll has been the history of every country | stick together, won't we, old boy? Dad Then Larkins smoothed the baby's comes the change of day which naviof any nation that has risen to power hair and laughed until the crowd had gators in the Pacific ocean experience. caught the infection.

learned little of Larkins or his boy. sailing westward repeats a day. The In mining camps a man is judged for Friendly islanders will, for a brief pewhat he is. The man with a past can | riod, be in advance of the century, so bury it. Digger City learned to know far as we or any other nati 'n are conand to love Larkins for himself and cerned. In New York people will be for his boy. The man lived for the at breakfast on Monday morning, Dec. child, and when other miners were at 31, when the Friendly islands will be laby to the baby.

visit the Screech Eagle. "It's just to give the boy a time," Larkins would It is high time that the Aunties read | explain. "His dad's too old to care on Senator Stewart out of the popocratic | his own account." Yet the man could not have been over 30 at the most.



Then Larkins and the boy would proceed to have the "time," and while it lasted the onlookers would declare that the frowzly-headed baby was quite lily are away on a visit at present and as old as the big, bearded miner who I am keeping bachelor hall out at the would toss him in the air and gallop about the room as a horse for the little I was aroused at about 3 a. m. by a driver. To the baby this play was a serious matter, as it clutched its fa- dining room and, thinking I had shut ther's suspenders and lisped commands up the dog there, I jumped up very for which he labored all day, and the foolishly and came down stairs in my room would ring with merriment.

One day while Larkins was at work the child wandered from the cabin and was drowned in Otter creek. That day every pick in the camp was laid down. No man could work when Larkins' "kid" was dead.

The miners went at once to Larkins' shanty and found him there, sitting on a barrel, his head buried in his hands. He did not look up when they approached, and "Bill" Wheeler, gambler, who was with the party, touched him

"Larkins, we've come to do what we can. It ain't much, but we can search the creek for the boy. Cheer up-" Larkins raised his head, glanced

tomed to reading the faces of men, noticed the gleam in his eye. "Thank you, boys," said Larkins, simply. "You're good, but you don'tyou can't-understand. The kid is gone, and it's a father's place to find They smashed against the furniture it was that the great soldier spent his find him. I'll start out after a time. when I feel better. I'll find the kid, the whole neighborhood, and I have finally passed away May 5, 1821.

That night practically every man in | Times-Democrat. Digger City assembled at the Screech Eagle, but there was little drinking and no stories. They were there to wait and could not tell for what. Some one had suggested that Wheeler and another go to Larkins' cabin to find outside the door. Then the man, with arms, stalked into the room.

horse. Come on! Ha! ha! ha!"

bune.

Type as Ammunition. and another was crippled for life by a fectly understood. thurch bazar announcement, and the editor, who had taken refuge with the British troops, had a narrow escape Abraham E. Elmer, of Utica, said to from being hit with one of his own

> Business Principle. Mr. Gotrox-So you want my daugher, eh? Do you drink? Bob Bluffer-Not while I'm doing business! that go till later!-Puck

THE NEW CENTURY. Friendly Islanders Will Be the First to

Greet It. The first people to breathe the breath most progressive people on the face of time when the rest of the world will And yet there was a suspicion that be at the fag end of the nineteenth century; will be eating, or working, or playing, or sleeping, during some phase of Monday, Dec. 31, 1900. The first dawn of the new century will break upon a point in the Pacific ocean just to the east of the Friendly islands, along a line conforming in general to the meridian of 180 degrees east and west longitude from Greenwich. On this meridian is what is known as the date line. The date line in theory follows the meridian, but in reality it varies from the theoretical line in number of places. At the date line A vessel sailing eastward skips a day Months passed and still Digger City when reaching this line, but a vessel

course, it may be that some ship may to the English public. be crossing the meridian at the point in the Pacific where the twentieth century will begin. Then those on board the ship will get ahead even of the

LAMP BULBS HIS WEAPONS. Burglar Put to Flight by a Bombardment From the Householder.

in the nineteenth. An east bound ves-

sel approaching the meridian at night

might have the unique opportunity of

celebrating two New Year's day.

employed in a fight," said a business man of the south side, "I think I brought the most fantastic on record into play one night last week. My famhouse. On the night to which I refer noise somewhere in the region of the night clothes, without so much as a pocketknife. When I opened the dining room door I was startled to see a big, rough looking fellow bending over the sideboard at the far end of the room, and after we had stood there en tableau for a moment the fellow made a rush at me. I leaped back into the hall and glared around for a weapon. On a table near by were a dozen incandescent light bulbs, which I had brought home to replace some that had its rocky shores, and his death there burned out, and purely by instinct I after the battle of Waterloo. Napograbbed one of them and threw it at | leon landed on St. Helena in Novemthe burglar. It hit the door casing ber, 1815. The population of the island close to his head, and, to my amazement, exploded with a noise like a than 4,000. The former emperor occuyoung lyddite shell. I suppose it was | pied a residence and grounds known a still greater surprise to the other fel- as "Longwood." This was situated on low, for he let out a yell and broke for | a plane at the summit of a mountain the rear, followed by a rapid-fire bom- about 2,000 feet above the sea. The bardment of 16-candle power incandescents, which I continued to chuck at | three and a quarter miles inland from him as long as he remained in range. the little town of Jamestown. Here with a series of crashes that alarmed last days, and it was here that he boys, never worry. You don't think | been gathering up fragments of broken tion of "Ben Hur, now for about his dad would desert him now? Good- glass ever since. The burglar must have thought I was chasing him with Larkins spoke earnestly, and the hand grenades. It was the first time

Why the Needle of the Compass Points to the North Pole.

Over three hundred years ago scientist studied out the theory of the compass and why the needle pointed to the north. It is not, however, a fact that the needle points exactly to a dripping burden held tenderly in his the north. Sometimes it veers to the are obliged to live. Houses that were marked a member of the House the east and sometimes to the west, de-"Late, ain't I, boys?" said Larkins, pending on the locality, and, as a curi- be found occupied by five, six, seven, I came down into this section of the Grover, and made preparations for a has on one of its shelves a shaving cheerily. 'Couldn't help it, though, for ous phenomenon, it does not always and even a dozen families. There are country, in army blue about thirtyfirst-class funeral which followed in mug labeled "Theodore Roosevelt." It the kid and I have been having a romp point the same way in the same way in the same way in the same way in the same place. 20,000 families, or 100,000 of the poputhat precty near played his dad out. The entire earth is a magnet and nat-Pretty soon now he'll be too old to urally controls all the lesser magnets. there are only 4,694 families living in awhile out here in Virginia, and my Stoffler, a German mathematician. He play, and his dad won't be much use The pole in the northern hemisphere is then. But we had a great time, didn't consequently called the northern magwe, my boy? Now, baby, let's play net and the opposite the southern mag- utterly powerless to cope with the evil But Larkins laughed alone, for they ject, "Since poles of contrary names remissness of duty on their part. But knew that he was mad .- Chicago Tri- attract each other, while those of the pending the completion of the main that the pole of the magnetic needle | ment need be expected. which turns to the north is really the At the time of the Maori war in New southern pole of the needle; while the Zealand a newspaper correspondent pole turned toward the south is the attentive to her business, and that she had a strange experience. The pub- north pole. As the vertical plane passstudies the wants of her customers lishing office of a newspaper was close ling through its poles does not coincide to the scene of some of the hottest with the meridian plane of the place, fighting. During the struggle the it follows that the needle does not al-Maoris ran out of ammunition for their ways turn to the true north. The delumbus, O., waiting forty minutes last guns, and, raiding the newspaper of clination, as the angle of the two servants of the railroads than zervants | Saturday night because he could not | fices, charged their guns with type and | planes is called, is not the same in evto the public. Meserve offered a reso- and his cane, and would not leave the stereo blocks. This novel ammunition ery part of the world, which accounts lution to rescind the action of the notel without it. Indeed, he sent word proved very effective. One of the for the variation." The study of magwhite invaders was severely wounded netic influences is most interesting, but with a patent medicine advertisement, as a rule the subject is quite imper-

How to Toughen Paper. A plan for rendering paper as tough as wood or leather, it is said, has been recently introduced on the continent. It consists in mixing chloride of zinc with the pulp in the course of manufacture. It has been found that the greater the degree of concentration of the toughress of the paper.

IS LIKE NAPOLEON.

"OOM" PAUL TO BE CONFINED ON ST. HELENA

If the Tide of Battle Goes Wrong with Him in South Africa-Rumor Predicts

in the evening. At Calcutta it will be inhabitants grew in numbers and pros-In 1600 the British West Indies com-

English as well as by the Portuguese. moment of crossing the date line the ous settlements along the coast of Afwould be in the twentieth century, Island for the benefit of their ships the bobbins. while those in the rear would be still on the way to India, so they abandoned it. Thereupon the Dutch seized it with WHOLESALE DEALER IN FAKES alacrity. But in the middle of the seventeenth century also abandoned it. leaving it for the more promising colony of the Cape of Good Hope. It is interesting to remember that it was hold on South Africa, leaving a way for the English to occupy St. Helena. "Of all the outlandish weapons ever Out of the Dutch occupation of Cape newspaper business was rather peculiar Colony, followed in the beginning of and as the story is now pretty generalthe century by the English occupation ly forgotten it may be worth telling. thereof, has arisen the present trouble He had persuaded one of the big northin the Transvaal. It would be passing ern dailies to send him on a trip to strange if that trouble should result | Hawaii to write up the sugar industry, in President Kruger's occupation of but after he arrived at 'Frisco he conthe island. When the Dutch left for cluded it would be foolish to make a the Cape of Good Hope the English long ocean voyage when there were so took possession of the island of St. Helena; that is, the East India company took it, for a stopping place for their ships. The first governor of the island under English supremacy erect-Dutch recovered the island by strategem, but the next year the English regained possession. From that time until 1834 the island remained in possession of the East India company. It then became a possession of the Brit-

The event, however, which made St. Helena famous for all time was the banishment of Napoleon Bonaparte to was then but a hundred or so more grounds embraced 1,500 acres, and were

Dublin's Death Rate.

The death rate of Dublin, Ireland, always abnormally high, has become miners left him by himself, still sitting I ever knew incandescents made such | quite appalling. The city is plentithere on the barrel. They knew that a row when they broke. An electrician fully supplied with hospitals and docnothing they could do could soften his tells me it is caused by the air rushing tors-more plentifully, perhaps, than into the vacuum."-New Orleans any other city of its size in the world -but the mortality, especially among the poorer classes, seems to be daily increasing at an alarming rate. The main drainage and the house drainage, both of which are as bad as bad can be, are generally regarded as the chief cause of the mischief, combined, of course, with the unsanitary conditions under which the bulk of the citizens pocketful of pennies any more," reoriginally intended for one family will other day. "Yet I can remember when lation, living in filthy tenements, and very small potatoes. We were camped a famous prophecy was made by Jean self-contained houses in the city. The public health authorities appear to be net, but says an authority on this sub- and grave complaints are heard as to same name repel each other, it follows drainage scheme, no radical improve-

> Proved His Theory. The late Hall McAllister some years ago entertained a visiting scientist at the Union club, before its amalgamation with the Pacific, and during the evening, a particularly foggy one, made some whimsical remark conveying the idea that fog was an excellent conductor of sound. The scientist took ex-Mr. McAllister on what it was based. "On phenomena which we have all observed," returned the ready jurist. "On an evening like this we hear the fog horn quite distinctly, but when there is no fog we cannot hear it at all."-San

Francisco Argonaut. Scarlet Fever Shuns the Tropies. Let the zinc solution the greater will be form in the tropical or sub-tropical re- trusted to the ordinary changels of the gions of Asia or Afri: 1.

RUSSIAN LACEMAKERS.

Peasant Women Who Employ the Winter Hears at This Calling.

The Russian peasant women are

among the finest lacemakers in the world. The lace made by them is strong and practicably indestructible. The women make their lace in winter, This Fate for the Grand Old Farmer for during the summer time they are much occupied with agricultural dut-The statement that has been going dustry, for the peasants even produce the rounds of the English press to the their own materials. If they have seed effect that if Oom Paul Kruger is cap- they grow the flax, spin the thread and tured he will be imprisoned on the weave the lace; or, if they have sheep island of St. Helena, draws attention to yield them wool they spin and finalto this island retreat, which has been ly convert it into the celebrated and immortalized as the home of the first beautiful Orenburg shawls. Sometimes Napoleon. The island, which lies over a woman makes her lace from the very 1,000 miles west of Africa, was dis- beginning-that is, from the sowing of covered by the Portuguese in 1501. At the flax seeds-that she may even sell that time the discovery was of con- the lace for herself, but that is not siderable importance, for the island lay always the case. It often happens that on the route of ships going around the some women raise the flax and spin world, or part way around it, to India, the thread and then exchange with the and it was looked upon as a safe and lacemakers, but the whole thing is convenient stopping place for vessels. done by the peasants among them-The island was accordingly well stock- selves, and it is entirely peasant labor, ed with "goats, asses, hogs and other the men even making the spinning cattle" for the benefit of passing ships. | wheels and the looms for weaving. The The first human inhabitant arrived in women get up early in the morning, it 1518, and the event came about in this may be at 4 or 5 o'clock, and they way: The Portuguese had won a vic- work on until 11 or 12 at night. But tory in India, and had taken captive for all that they are a gay people, and a number of Portuguese deserters. The in the evening a great many will asvictorious general ordered that the semble at one house and will sing as deserters should have their ears, noses, they work. Occasionally they will stop right hands and left thumbs cut off, for a little while and will dance, and and that they should be sent in that then start working again. They are condition back to Portugal. But in re- happy, and as they all work for themturning they were mercifully landed at selves and have no masters they are this quotation from his former speech, the Screech Eagle bar trading their celebrating the advent of the new St. Helena, where they were given at liberty to use the design they like and then followed with a strong argu- dust for drinks Larkins might be year. At that time San Francisco will poultry, fowls of different kinds and working best and to labor or rest acfound at his cabin humming some lul- be sleeping the sleep of the just after partridges, and other wild fowls were cording to their own convenience. a well-spent Sunday. At London it set free on the island for them. Vege- Many of the lace designs are old, while Often Larkins and the boy would will be lunch time on Monday, while tables and fruits were also left that others are made by the workers from at Melbourne it will be about 10 o'clock | they might have subsistence. The few | things they see around them, the frost on the windows being a frequent about 6 o'clock in the evening. So pered, planting fruit trees and veg- source of inspiration. Every thread in over this whole globe there will be a etables, which grew abundantly. In a piece of lace has to have a pair of time when the Friendly islanders alone June, 1588, Thomas Cavendish, the bobbins. The children begin with a among the people of the earth will be- English explorer, sighted the island, piece of narrow lace with about ten long to the twentieth century. Of and the first account of it was given pairs of bobbins, and experienced cording to the width of the lace. Lacemakers generally live in one place. pany was organized, and the island was more frequently visited by the and the women who do other kinds of work are together in other towns. Friendly islanders. Indeed, just at the But the latter people had made numer- Near Moscow there is a town which is filled with lacemakers, and on appeople in the forepart of the ship rica, and they no longer needed the proaching it one can hear the sound of

Newspaper Man Who Gulled Both the

Public and His Employers. "The most incorrigible faker that ever spilled ink on a daily paper is at at that time that the Dutch took their | present a director in a big trust in the northeast," said an old reporter last evening. "The way he got out of the many good cyclopedias at hand, and proceeded to grind out his letters from a room in the Palace hotel. The correspondence attracted a good deal of attention, and his description of island ed in 1658 a fortification. In 1672 the life were generally regarded as the most truthful and graphic that had ever been penned. Just how he arranged about getting his remittances I don't remember, but he fixed it somehow and kept the thing up for several months. Then he was supposed to return, and at last really took the train for the east. En route he got broke in a Pullman car poker game. It was then he executed his great coup. He got off at a little town in Arizona and telegraphed his office: 'Just held up by train robbers. Got all I had. Wire me \$250.' The office answered: 'Money sent. Rush in full account hold-up.' In response he promptly wired a lurid story of a train robbery on the great American desert, which his paper printed under glaring headlines next morning, and when a few western correspondents denied it later on they weren't believed. The superintendent of the road, however, was very sore, and took the trouble to send a bunch of affidavits to the merry romancer's editor. When the young man was confronted with the proofs he said calmly that a chap on the Pullman had held a sequence flush against his four aces, and if that didn't constitute train robbery he would like to know what did. The argument was ingenious, but it didn't save him. He was ignominiously fired. and now, as I said before, he is a bloated trust magnate, rolling in riches. I always thought he would come to some bad end."-New Orleans Times-Demo-

Value of Small Change. "It isn't safe to start out without a dime. I had forgotten all about the incident, when some two weeks later he came into my room, and, opening his hand, held out to me on his little pink palm the silver piece I had given him. 'Heah, Mr. Captain, you can have it back,' he said plaintively. 'It won't buy nuffin'." - Washington Star.

amount of mail which comes to him daily Emperor William of Germany, has established a private postoffice, with a complete staff of clerks and secretaries. The incoming mail is divided into three classes, the private mail. which goes directly to the Emperor. and that which is sent to the chiers of the civil and military cabinets. The answer to each letter is read and signed by the emperor. They are then put A medical paper directs attention to into the hands of trusty messengers for the curious fact that scarlet fever has delivery, as a letter from the emperor ever been observed in an epidemic is considered too important to be in-

Emperor William's Private Postoffice.

For the handling of the immense

ENTERPRISING YANKEE WIDOW She Knew the Value of a Life Pass and Made Use of It.

One of the islands in Panama bay used to belong to an enterprising old woman from Connecticut, the widow of a sea captain, and she lived all alone there in a little cabin for several years after her husband died. In the course of time-that is, about ten years ago ies. Lacemaking is entirely a home in- | -the Pacific Steam Navigation company desired that particular island for warehouses and repair shops, and when it came to make the purchase the ancient Yankee dame drove a very hard bargain. She made it a condition of the sale that the company should give her a life pass upon its steamers between Panama and Valparaiso for herself and a maid to be used at her pleasure. This was done without misgivings. The manager of the company thought it was only right to give the old weman a sea voyage now and then, but experience caused him to think differently, for as soon as she had conveyed the title to the property, and had received a card signed by the president and general manager granting her passage at all times on their line, she calmly moved aboard their best steamer, selected a stateroom and cruised up and down the coast for several months. At Guayaquil, Callao, Valparaiso and other of the large ports she would go ashore while the ship was loading and unloading, but she always left most of her traps in the stateroom and came aboard again before the sailing date. When she got tired of one steamer she would try another, and was not contented with getting her living free of cost, but actually attempted to make a profit out of the arrangement. The old woman had never enjoyed the luxury of a maid in her life before she entered into this contract with the steamship company, but on several occasions brought a woman aboard whom she introduced as such, and she demanded that she be allowed free passage. The company's officers discovworkers use more or fewer bobbins, ac- ered that she was collecting fare from these women-that is, scalping her pass -and declined to carry any more of them. The old woman made a terrible fuss about it, and threatened to sue the company for violating its agreement, but a lawyer she consulted advised her not to prosecute the case, and she reluctantly abandoned it. She continued to live aboard the Pacific steamers until her death a few years agc .- Chicago Record.

FEASTED UPON FOE'S CARCASS Merrymaking of a Frisco Neighborhood

Over Death of a Ghost. Two hundred residents and property owners of the Sunset district participated in a novel entertainment the other evening. For some time past a voracious goat belonging to Philip Diez has been a constant source of annoyance to its owner's neighbors on account of its depredations in their yards and its beligerency when disturbed on these occasions. All sorts of schemes were devised and executed for the purpose of circumventing this unwelcome visitor, but with persistence worthy of a better cause the goat overcame all obstacles, overruled all objections and continued to show an extremely bold front to all who sought to discourage his raids. Finally, in desperation, a committee of his victims called upon the goat's owner and demanded satisfaction. Recognizing that his goat was incorrigible and anxious to conciliate his angry neighbors, Diez consented to sacrifice the animal to the public good and suggested that his visitors help him to eat the carcass of the brute. This idea was accepted with avidity and the committeemen left, highly elated over the success of their mission. On talking the matter over with their friends, however, other victims of the goat's idiosyncrasies expressed a desire to attend the obsequies and the idea suggested by Diez was finally adopted as the keynote for a public demonstration. A committee of arrangements was accordingly appointed, a formal program drawn up and some 200 invitations were issued. The affair took the form of a banquet at Park View hotel, followed by an entertainment. The goat's meat had the distinction of being served on a separate table. P. J. Diez was given the place of honor as toastmaster in recognition of his generosity in sacrificing his pet.-San Francisco Chronicle.

Predictions Were Wrong. In 1186 astrologers said the world

would be destroyed by the conjunction of the planets. A few years later another alarm was raised, and in 1532 Simon Goulari claimed a mountain had opened in Assyria and a scroll had been shown him on which was written the prediction the world was coming to an end. He frightened everybody. Again, in 1354, the end was foretold: a famous astrologer was the prophet, and people were so terrified they sought refuge in churches, but the dreaded headquarters were in the big planta- said in 1524 there would be a universal tion home. A son of the house and deluge in February. People in Eumyself became good friends, although rope, Asia and Africa thought their he was five and I nearly thirty-five. end had come, and in Germany people One day, in lieu of the candy, which I sold their property to those who had had forgotten to bring him from the less credulity. Thousands fled to the near-by town, I gave him a silver half | mountains, some took to boats, and one man built an ark. Not a drop of rain fell during February. In the eighteenth century there were many prophecies and, as usual, the common people were vastly frightened. In 1832 it was claimed Biela's comet would hit the earth, and turmoil resulted. Mother Shipton sung that the world toan end would came in 1881, but the earth stayed on and the inhabitants were properly thankful. A Mr. Baxter created a sensation in England by saying 1887 would see the end of things temporal, and thousands believed. They were much surprised to find themselves still living when 1888 dawned.

Who He Was.

Visitor-"And who are you, my little man?" Cuthbert (with conscious pride-"I'm the baby's brother."-Pittsburg Bulle-

A searchlight isn't necessary to enable a man to find fault.