Hicks may thank his lucky stars that the ground hog doesn't possess intelligence enough to disagree with him.

that he will have his counsel precede monopoly. any telegrams in the future.

along the weather line and has the the month can go.

having floods in February. The state considerable worry. might reasonably have waited for March before occupying space with flood stories.

Papers are talking about Miles around the earth as though the merest infant with intelligence but slightly budded wouldn't know that it was miles around the planet on which we live.

That old fashioned chopper of wood who fails to notice the clothes line and gets his ax tangled up in it to the extreme discomfort of his head or other part of his person, is still in evidence

Now if the Germans should succeed in making a cheap fuel and light alcohol that they have occasioned in and about supply of patients.

succeeding game.

The mercury dropped to 42 below zero in North Dakota, therefore the man, woman or child who is so fortunate as to be able to call Nebraska "home" has no large protest to register. Be optimistic, therefore, and shovel coal.

Does Mr. Bryan's refusal to banquet with Mr. Cleveland at a harmony function mean that he will oppose the candidate who is likely to be named by Mr. Cleveland and other reorganizers to lead the democratic hosts next year?

Why should anything of the sort be called "a quiet circulated announcement?" If it is an announcement how could it be quietly circulated? and if it is "quietly" circulated how could it be an announcement?

Germany has at least consented to receive what that country considers due which is something of a concession, considering the position that has heretofore been maintained. Perhaps peace may finally result in the Venezuelan mixup.

Senator Quay is certainly an artist at the job of blocking legislative wheels. It is not, however, an evidence of ability that will particularly commend him to the people of the country, who bodies than to see "something doing."

Another South American war or two does not appear to create the interest and astoni-hment in the world that might be expected if the fag end of the continent was not given to such demonstrations. What would really astonish the people is that there should be no war there.

Senator Morgan designates the statehood bill as a peaceful political blockade of the senate, and the people are candid to acknowledge that his figure of speech is very apt. Why shouldn't they have the Hague court arbitrate their differences on the question and get down to the business of the session?

If St. Louis maintains her position against fradulant betting concerns people will begin to believe that they may be able to attend the great fair at the proper time without the greatest danger of losing the money they have carried along for board and admission to the show.

Nebraska real estate is in the list to compete with the land of any other state or portion of the country. It produces the crops that places the state well at the head of the list, and the farmers of other states are having their attention called toward Nebraska in a Sears made his move for revenue, remanner that is bringing results.

doing that of which he boasts.

The withdrawal of the German and Euglish war vessels from Venezuelan waters is a hard blow to the jingoes the majority of the people of the annual dinner of the New York press sung.

ome is entirely satisfactory.

It is said that a Yankee proposes to February has now done its full duty remove the dust and microbes from a house by a machine placed in the base- members of the club. common consent of the people to retire ment with an air-pump suction. Now as fast as the two remaining weeks of if he can make it cheap enough and effective he will not only have relieved the housewife of burdensome duties, Alabama is rushing the season by but will have relieved bacteriologists of

didn't lack the required hotel accommo-

An Oklahoma doctor has appeared in Chicago and requested the city council the Bartley pardon matter. to give in his charge all the drunkards of the city, promising to effectually cure them of the habit in three days. If the doctor can do as he agrees he has s wider field of effort than the mere forgive them for much of the trouble any town and village can contribute a

Minister Bowen has promised that An exchange has figured it out that a little Venezuela will hereafter be good whist player has once chance in 153,753,- and pay its debts and the allies have John D Rockefeller combines and con-339,799 of holding all the trump cards, raised the blockade from the ports of trols the whole output of coal oil, and in and yet some players are expecting that that country. Minister Bowen's good 1902 declared an annual dividend of good fortune to come their way at each offices deserve fair and spontaneous forty-five per cent on his shares of appreciation is to promptly meet their obligations.

> Cole Younger is now at his old home in Missouri. He traveled incognito and thus avoided publicity as he promised the Minnesota board of pardons. The board neglected one important clause, evidently, and while the ex-bandit will tainment of book readers. The Minnesota officials failed in their duty to mankind when they neglected to attach this restriction.

in the work. This country is 'always distress in any part of this country or its possessions.

Cornelius Vanderbilt said to a friend good it does me-all this money that never had it in my band for a moment. I dress no better than my private secretary and cannot eat as much as my Hicks' or any old almanac's forecasts. coachman, I live in a big servants' boarding house, am bothered to death by beggars, have dyspepsia, and my use it mainly for their own benefit."

ment along these lines. If the department of commerce fulfills expectations, people will be wondering how the nation has managed to get along with-

out it for so long a time. Some of the would-be critics are allegislature because it is claimed that it vision it was realized by most people of the state that little would be accom-Some newspapers that occasionally plished until this matter was disposed all the news while it is news, are and few except those whose chief desire frequently detected in giving choice is to find fault are making any comspace to that which is a month or two plaint. If this work is thoroughly old at the least. It is the usual thing taken care of most people will feel that with the boastful publisher to be caught | the body has done a great deal for the doing that which he deplores and not state. With this matter disposed of it coming before it.

breed a terrible war between those all space in the sensational department that his life and achievements should benefit to the people of the state and the countries and the United States. To and worked himself into a frenzy at the be reviewed at this time and his praises

countries concerned, however, the out- club, given Saturday night at the Waldorf Astoria. The theme for his vitrolic exuberance was the negro question. If Mr. Hearst should happen to be the He not only reviewed the fact that in candidate for president on the demo. South Carolina they had used the shotcratic ticket next year, that party gun and the tissue ballot because there would of necessity be compelled to were 30,000 more negro voters than whisper quite low on the trust question. white voters in the state, but when it With a string of papers spanning the came to the meat of the question, ex- folk utensil has scarcely begun to simcontinent under his control, Mr. Hearst claimed: "Do you think it was our after reverse his order of doing business would not be in a position to very purpose to raise those negro children to do not appear to comprehend the fact feet of hole should be considered when with the senate. It may be expected firmly stand on a plank opposing a condition of enlightenment in order that an important campaign will very the state's experiments are undertaken. that they might govern us? By the shortly be up to the people. holy God, no!" It is a matter worthy of comment that he was hissed and compelled to quit his speech by the

> Is it any wonder that Governor Savago proved unpopular during his term in the office of chief executive? He absolutely failed to keep in touch with the people of the state during his incumcumbence, as is well evidenced by what The West Point Republican serves The News has presented on the hospital ernor Mickey is thinking of applying notice on Norfolk that if West Point matter. In spite of this unanimity the Rooseveltian method to the legisof sentiment in favor of rebuilding the lature and if no revenue law is adapted dations, the people of that town would hospital for the insane at this place, he will call the legislature in special give this city a merry chase for the fire- much of what has been in evidence session. He wishes to diasabuse the mens' tournament. It is an attraction since the destruction of the building, idea that he is a railroad governor by that any town could well afford to' en- the governor planned its abandonment favoring a law that will make the railtertain as there is not a question of its and carried his plans as far as his of- roads bear a just share of the burdens ability to draw and entertain a crowd. fice would permit him. He would have of taxation. gained much in popularity by keeping his ear to the ground, both in this and

Some one expresses this opinion regarding the fine assessed the coal dealers of an eastern town, which is right to from potatoes the western world would bounderies of the Windy City. Almost thieves are punished and those who plan and execute large robberies are permitted to escape : "The coal dealers in Delaware, Ohio, and many other acknowledgment from Venezuela and stocks, and in the same year raises the that the unit of measurement shall be the best method the people of that price of coal oil twenty per cent, and country have at hand for showing their nobody indicts him. The retail coal the archipelago will have an oppordealers combine and make a few dollars and they are robbers. Rockefeller combines and makes millions and he is a philanthropist."

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks of St. Louis waited for that February blizzard and then sent out a marked copy of his publication, containing the following paranot appear on the stage or travel over graph for the information of skeptical the country on a lecture tour, he pro. editors: "We have already said in poses to inflict on the public a book print that February, according to our delineating his "career" for the enter- figuring, would bring many winter storms, and rough weather generally. We shall now see. Keep your eye on our forecasts, and your hand on the throttle." We take our hand from the throttle to inquire of the reverend probut the Americans interest themselves every month produces storms; some are stormy storms and some 'are ready to respond to such appeals, but just storms, but they come without would take it as a double insult if any waiting the desires of Hicks or any foreign country should intimate by a other prophet. If the Hicks' forecasts contribution that the United States is are to be of any advantage he should not able and willing to look after any name the day and hour and the place where a severe storm will strike. Anyone with a reasonable command of astronomical language could approach Hicks as a forecaster of weather. They like nothing better from legislative just before he died: "I don't see what would generally, most always, hit it if they foretold wintry storms in winter you say is mine. I can't eat it, I can't and summery storms in summer, bespend it, in fact, [I never saw it, and cause there are nearly always disturbances in some part of the country that may be called storms in support of

This is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the observance of which by the mitted. money is in the hands of others who people of the United States is scarcely second to that of Washington. Someone has well said that if the latter was The lower house of congress is in the father of his country, Lincoln defavor of a department of commerce and serves the distinction of being known it is likely that the senate will agree to as country's uncle at the very least. the establishment of such a branch of It was under his administration that the government. The department will the country, born during Washington's give governmental aid and direction time, was preserved. His is the distoward the advancement of American tinction of having directed the country's trade and the development of Ameri. affairs through the war of the rebellion, can industries. America is distinctly a preserving the union from distintegracommercial and industrial nation and it tion and making freemen of the slaves is anticipated that this department will of the south. Abraham Lincoln was be an important factor toward advance. born 94 years ago in Hardin county, Ky., his first political venture being as candidate for the Illinois legislaturein 1832, but he was defeated. His first office was as postmaster of New Salem. In 1834 funds ran low and in a spirit of economy Lincoln was again a candidate for the legislature and was elected. In 1836 he was re-elected. In 1840 he was an elecready beginning to find fault with the tor on the Harrison ticket and made speeches in all parts of Illinois. In 1846 is accomplishing nothing. When Mr. Lincoln's national career began by his election to congress. In 1860 he was are given to boasting that they publi-h of. It is an important bit of legislation time opponent, Stephen A. Douglas, who headed the democratic ticket. He was night of April 11, 1865, he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, an actor. while attending a play at Ford's theatre. is believed that the legislature will Washington. He died the rext mornmake rapid progress on other matters ing without having regained consciousness. This, in brief, is the history of a have made a careful examination and man who arose from the commonest of estimation to favor the belief that Senator Tillman is evidently averse to common people to lead a great nation underlying it are valuable natural dewho hoped that the trouble would permitting his nephew to longer occupy thorough its darkest era. It is fitting

Mr. Bryan has been talking to the women of New York. He told them a secret-that he is not a candidate for president or any other office. The report is therefore likely to be spread.

Lincoln's municipal pot has long passed the boiling point, while the Nor-

"Gas" Addicks has resorted to threats against the stubborn Delaware legislators. His chance for an election must be growing worse. Bring some of those legislators to Nebraska so that Mr. Bryan and some more of us common people may have an opportunity of spatting them on the back.

It is reported from Lincoln that Gov-

The president has decided to advance his private secretary, George B. Cortelyou to the position of secretary of the new department of commerce. It will be a fitting acknowledgment of faithful service and from what the people have the point. Too frequently the petty had an opportunity of knowing of Mr. Cortelyou's ability it is believed that he will fit into the new chair to a nicety. The new office will be one of the most important in the cabinet and it is beplaces are being indicted and fined for lieved that Mr Cortelyon will be comcombining to raise the price of coal. petent of directing its affairs with splendid results.

The senate has decided that the Philipines must have a gold standard, and the p.so. Now Mr. Bryan's friends in tunity to make a campaign for the free and unlimited coinage of the silver peso at the ratio of something to one. In future years the action of the senate may be entitled to distinction as the crime of 1903.

Doe Bixby in the Daily Drift of the State Journal says: "If we were governor we would not hesitate to commute the sentence of Niegenfind to imprisonment for life. The man is not right in the head. He is a degenerate and can not help it. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." It may sound brutal to some to disagree with the sentiments expressed in this para-America is responding generously to gnosticator—now don't confuse it with graph, but there are a whole lot of the appeals for help from the famine fabricator-if the same forecast might people in this section of the state who sufferers of Sweden and their wants not apply to March or April, or any have no hesitancy in standing by the will be relieved though no other people other month of the year? Almost conviction that Niegenfind merits the punishment decreed by the courts and lations. A detachment of cavalry has nothing less. As long as there is a law providing for capital punishment this man is certainly one against whom it should be enforced as his crime was thoroughly brutal. Furthermore there are a large number of people who would have taken the law in their own hands had they doubted that such would be the murder's fate. It is not believed that the governor has been requested to show clemency by anyone cognizant of the crime, and the resultant impression is that they are entirely satisfied with the court's decree. There would be many to compliment the governor should he follow the advice of the Journal poet, but there would unquestionably be much dissatisfaction in this part of the state where the crime was com-

> Will Present a Hole. The prospects seem favorable to the passage of a bill appropriating some of the public money of Nebraska for the purpose of experimenting with regard to what may be under the state in the way of gas, oil and coal. If such an appropriation is made the money should be spent to the best advantage, and Norconnection.

Some years ago the Norfolk municipal government determined to try for an artesian flow of water, and, in purscance of that end, a hole was bored into the earth to the depth of something like 1,000 feet, after which the city the city council decided to give up the quest. This hole was steel-piped the entire depth and is still in good repair.

If, therefore, the state desires to experiment in this section of the country the city will, without a doubt, present it with this 1,000 feet of hole, costing nominated for president by the newly between \$3,000 and \$4,000 with which formed republican party and was elected to make the test. With the object of by a handsome plurality over his long- the appropriation in view, the offer of this hole is to be considered in no other light than as that of a magnificent gift re-elected to the office of president in and a saving to the approdriation of 1864 over Gen. McClellan, and on the the cost of boring and piping that distance. The casing is of a diameter of eight inches for about 500 feet and the balance is six inches in diameter.

The geological formation of this section of the state is said by those who posits that but await disclosure to be of world. In the boring of wells in this vicinity stratas of coal have been dis- hours.

closed in several instances and in various localities, and there is no doubt but that coal, oil and gas are concealed in the earth's depths. Lying at the conflux of two valleys with the slope of the western part of the state this way it is believed that such deposits, if they exist in the state, are nearer the surface here than at other points, and these mer. The politicians of this latter city facts combined with the gift of 1,900

ENGLAND IS NOW AT PEACE.

King Calls Attention to Fact in Speech From Throne.

London, Feb. 18 .- King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra and surrounded by the court and all the officers of state, opened parliament yesterday afternoon. Earl Salsbury, kneeling, handed the king the speech, which his majesty read from the throne, as follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: My relations with all the foreign powers continue friendly. The blockade of the Venezuelan ports has led to negotiations for the adjustments of all the matters in dispute. I rejoice that a settlement has now been arrived at which has justified the blockading operations to an immediate close. Negotiations have taken place for an adjustment of the questions which have arisen in regard to the houndary of my nossessions in North America and that of the territory of Alaska." The speech next referred to the Ball-on question, saving:

"The situation of the European prov inces of Turkey gives cause for serious anxiety. I have used my best efforts to impress upon the sultan and his ministers the urgent need of conservative, well considered methods of

Austro-Russian Note Submitted. Vienna, Feb. 18.-The Neue Freie Presse announces that the Austro-Russian note yesterday was submitted to the cabinets of Berlin, Paris, London and Rome, and that it will be presented to the porte on Feb. 19, unless the powers require a revision of it, in which case its presentation will be delayed until Feb. 21. The reform proposals are chiefly of an administrative and financial nature, such as the porte heretofore has promised, but never executed. One new feature is the ap pointment of a governor who shall have authority to act without referring to the porte in every contingency. It Famous Bandit Summoned to Sister's is believed in political circles that the porte will oppose the appointment

Three Deaths From Plague. Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 18.-There were three deaths from the plague yes terday. Two hundred and two patients been sent there to compel strict ob

servance of the rules. California Lemon Crop Damaged. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.-The cold wave which has swept over south ern California during the past four or five days, bringing snow and frost mining the damage. It has been as certained that lemons suffered most the entire crop.

Agree on Army Bill. Washington, Feb. 18.—The conferees on the army appropriation bill reached an agreement yesterday. The senate amendment providing for the detail of retiring army officers to the number of twenty for service with organized militia was agreed to but the provis ion for the assignment of retired offi cers as attaches at American embas The conferees agreed to the provision that citizens of Porto Rico may enlist folk has a suggestion to make in that Rican regiment may be ordered for service outside of Porto Rico.

Failed to Break Ice Jam.

break up the ice jam in the Vistula, from the grave. near Szcuezin, by dynamite have failed. The town of Szcuezin is threat ened with destruction. The people are suffering greatly. The floods have compelled them to kill their animals and devour the flesh raw, all their food, cooking utensils and belongings having been swept away by the floods which extend for many miles. Fur ther troops have been summoned to aid in succoring the villagers.

Coghlan's Fleet Goes to Honduras. Washington, Feb. 18 .- Upon further report from United States Consul William E. Alger, at Puerto Cortez, that conditions in Honduras are threatening and that American interests are likely to be endangered owing to the international turmoil. Secretary Moody decided to send Admiral Coghlan's fleet of cruisers and gunboats, now cruising in the Caribbean, to the gulf coast of Honduras. The orders will be issued today.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.-Springfield yesterday experienced one of the most severe blizzards in years. Street car service was practically abandoned. All trains entering the city were from fifteen minutes to two hours late. The thermometer fell ten degrees in three



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COLE YOUNGER GOES HOME.

Sick Bed in Missouri Town.

St. Paul, Feb. 16 .- Cole Younger, the pardoned bandit, left St. Paul and Minnesota Saturday for his old home in Missouri, which he has not seen for twenty-seven years, when he left it to participate in the memorable with the plague have been admitted his arrest and imprisonment. Younger lished and 121 have died. These fig but he received a telegram Saturday had planned to leave St. Paul today, ures do not include the deaths in the stating that his sister was seriously city. The family attacked with the ill at Lees Summit, Mo., and he deplague at the town of Oso have now all died. Other cases are reported from that town, where the inhabitants have been defying the sanitary regulations. A detachment of cavalry has would probably go into the stock raising business.

> CONNECTS DENVER WITH GULF. New 'Frisco Road Will Join Colorado With New Orleans.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 16.-John B. Linden, general manager of construcis broken and orchardists are giving tion and townsites of the 'Frisco lines their attention to the work of deter in Oklahoma, stated that all the securities have been sold and all the townsites contracted for between In certain localities the entire lemon Enid, Okla., and Denver, Colo., on the crop for the summer was killed and extension of the Arkansas Valley and in nearly all sections of California Western from Enid to Denver. This there was more or less damage. It is extension, he says, will be the main conservatively estimated that the los. line to Colorado of the 'Frisco extenwill be between 10 and 20 per cent of sions being now made northwest from Guthrie, Oklahoma City and Tulsa City, I. T. The three lines will converge in one in northern Oklahoma. The ultimate result will be a direct line from New Orleans to Denver.

Jury Unable to Agree. Indianapolis, Feb. 16.-After being out forty-eight hours, the jury in the case of Dr. J. A. Alexander failed to reach an agreement and was discharged. On the final ballots the vote sies and legations abroad was omitted stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction . There were several serious altercations during the considerain the regular army and the Porte tion of the evidence in the jury room. The perplexing question in the minds of the jurors, they say, was whether Dr. Alexander had guilty knowledge of the fact that the body of Rose Neid-Vienna, Feb. 18.-The attempts to linger had been unlawfully taken

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