

For the past two years the democrats have been indulging in the fond hope that 1912 is to prove their great opportunity. The joy of the democratic hosts was enhanced by their victory in the congressional elections of 1910. But since that time they have been having all kinds of trouble on their hands, in addi-
tion to some they had before.
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For instance: Congress is in extraordinary session, the republican senate and the democratic house having been called
together by the president. The house committee on ways and together by the president. The holse commitree on ways and wool be placed on the free list?" Chairman Underwood and some other democratic members say not; Mr. Bryan, the titular leader of the party says it must. Mr. Underwood says "Mr.
Bryan's attitude is both unjust and unfair." He doesn't explain to whom it is unjust, to whom it is unfair. Yet it is les than three months ago that the honse
accord with what Mr. Bryan wanted.
Over in the senate they are having their little troubles too which are not calculated to strengthen the democratic host very materially. Bailey, Johnstone, Fleteher and a few others
are siding with the unspeakable from Illinois; and Bailey, Johnstone, Fletcher and their friends elected Martin, the Vir ginia septagenarian as leader of the senate, in spite of the de Shiveles opposition of Mr. Bryan, whose candidate, Senato Shiveley, received a number of votes, amongis respects to
democrats. Since that time, Mr. Bryan has paid
the minority leader of the senate in acid tones on numerous occasions, his latest outhurst of condemnation being publishe ast week, as follows:
"The unholy alliance which Senator Martin is trying to make
to aid the Lorimer repulicans justified the opposition made to him by the progressive democrats when he was selected leader. His
leadership consists in leading those who follow him into the stand leadership consists in leading those who follow him into hese stane
pat republican net. His efrort to oustify putting the new Lorimer
investigation into the hands of a nine to six Lorimer committee as his investigation into the hands of a nine to six Lorimer committee as his
resolution proved was absurd. The sooner his leadership is re-
pudiated the better for the demoratic party."
When the democratic caucus met, the other day, Mr. Brya and his contentions were turned down, and the caucus recom mended that a duty of twenty per cent be levied on wool, and
this to be gradualiy reduced. In an attempt at a neat word olay the duty was called not a protection, but a levy for revplay the duty was called not a protection, but a levy for revvery much the same, and the action of the cancus does not seem o have materially closed the gap between the two fighting actions of the militant democrac
Then there is the prettiest fight developing between the Harmon democrats and the followers of Wilson, Folk, Champ Clark, and a half dozen others who are trying to find the exac ocation where the presidential lightning may strike, so that
they may get in the way. Yes, the peremial prophecy for democratic success is due out the factional difference within the party are about a
tringent as they were in the trying times of 1896 and 190 when the existing organization were completely routed.


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## LET US CLEAR IT

A few years ago, when the campaign for the building fund $\$ 30,000$ building The started, it was the intention to erect or the expenditure of about $\$ 10,000$ more than that figure, and portion of this money has been raised and applied on the and. There is still a small deficit, and a committee, consisting G. W. Phillips, H. A. Clarke, R. S. Diekinson, Richard Ramey and J. C. Echols, has been appointed to solicit subscrip-
That cleaning up of the balance, approximately $\$ 4,000$
That Columbus has one of the finest Y. M. C. A. buildings ody in Colum its size in the country is well known. Everyork of the association for our men and boys. had this building did Columbus have a suitable place to hold all inds of public and semi-public meetings, and it has been use argely for these purposes. Strangers coming to town ar hown through the building with a feeling of knowing that we ave something well worth while to offer, and many and sinere have been the compliments paid to the people for their
enterprise in securing it. The work with the boys in developing the social, moral, mental and physical natures has becom so popular that within the past year many boys
memberships that did not even consider it at first

In view of all these things, let every one be ready to he committee with a smile, an open heart and an open pocke book, and let us get our magnificent building clear of debt.

## PROGRESSIVE MERRICK.

Among all the ninety-two counties in Nebraska, there one that is taking a more advanced step in actual, substan tial progress than is Merrick county. For months the peopl up there have been working together to get good roads built in the county and much has been accomplished in this line, s ounty of good roads. Not only have they been building goo oads, but they have been putting up an intelligent advertising ampaign, telling of the fact, so as to get the people to know it
But they did not stop there. The people, by their repre
But they did not stop there. The people, by their repre entatives grew tired of housing valuable records in an ol
rame building that was made to do service as a court house building that had outlived its usefulness and had grown to be almost as much of a disgrace to the county as the Platt ounty court house has to this county. So, last Wednesday a vote was taken on the question of building a new cour house, the bonds carrying by a majority of more than two to
one. Practically the only opposition there, as in some other ounties under similar circumstances, came from the othe ttle towns in the county
Platte cepunty is making progress along the line of goo ample of our sister on the west and make preparations for pro ample of our sister on the west and make preparations for pro
viding a suitable place for our public records-records which have become priceless, and whose destruction would mean endless litigation?

Strange, isn't it, that the umps' rank decisions are alway gainst your own side?

Everybody says "Swat the fly." Sure. That's what the coverers are doing every day
It is said by the fans that Wednesday's game was the etest ever played on a Columbus diamond
"Champs Devour Discoverers," shouted the Fremont Tri bune after Wednesday's gay
of indigestion the next day.

We could have pointed out a hat worn by a lady friend of urs last week that would have made the heart of a botanica tudent, searching for speciments, leap with joy

Some one has said that the man who invented barbed wire hould have been hung. The fellow who originated

And so Norfolk is sure to have a new depot at the Junction. Now, if that live commercial club of theirs can only coax
somebody to put up a new hotel-but it will have to come.

A Norfolk newspaper man has been complaining about a sore heel lately, but admits that it is about well again. He Cure that did it-the curing, we mean.

A number of candidates for the republican nomination for judges of the supreme court have already announced themselves. Among the number are the three judges whose terms expire next winter, Judges Letton, Root and Rose. In addi-
tion to these gentlemen Judge Hamer, of Kearney, and Judge tion to these gentlemen Judge Hamer, of Kearney, and Judge
Cobbey, of Beatrice, have also announced their candidacies. Cobbey, of Beatrice, have also announced their candidacies.
Among the democrats, there seems to be a dearth of candidates just at present, the man most mentioned being Judge 1 . he will seek the nomination, and as far as known has not said that he will not.

## IN TIINES CONE BY

Interesting Happenings of Many Years Ago, Taken From the Forty Years Ago This week.
 The Platte river. The insurance companies offered
ne Thirty Years Ago. Hugh Hughes had bought the lum-
er yard on the north side of the
rack, now owned by John E. Kauf. Much threshing remained to be
mank, now owned by John E. Kaur
Mun one in the country, the early winter
receding having put a stop to it in


Thieves entered the tailor shop
C. A. Linstrum and got away with . A. Linstrum and got
The local camp of the Sons of ve
crans was organized.
Considerable complaint was being
nade of windows in vacant house
being broken, the windows in th
own hall having ween shattered
malicious person.
question was
Whether County was raised as
Jherirg Henslisey and
Caldwell were democrats
bupulists, the gentlemen apparently
Ten Years Ago.
Frank C. Turner, one of the Turne
brothers then in charge of the Jour
Mrs. Fred Gottschalk, mother of $\mathbf{L}$
Gort Johnsen died.
were married at thiss Gene wilso
hide in Cheyenne.
Gray's new Years Ago.
c. N. Was opened.
C. N. MceElrresh was being urged to
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cunty attorney to succeed L .
county attorney to succeed I. R.
ham.
Dr. C. A. Allenburger and
Emma Wake were married.
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Great altruistic jor, for i do not believe the waterWAY WILL EVER DAV COMmEnCIALL
Then, again, look at the enormous army of laborers along the canal army in the field.
There is nothing edible to be had along the works from Colon to Panama, and every morning a train leaves with so many thousand eggs, so many pounds of bread, butter, meat, vegetables and provision of all kinds to supply the commissaries at the various points along the and cared for by this WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION.

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## Lust For Wealth <br> Will Lead Country Into Disaster <br> By THEODORE ROOSEVELT

T LAS OVERPOWERING LUST FOR WEALTH WILL SOONER OA Moper curb is applied.
The lust for power does not conine itself to the capital a heir efforts to get MORE than their jat due from heir employers. This materialism and paganism will RUIN this country if we are CAREFUL. That is our greatest danger coday, and it is the minsters' duty to get together and take steps to REMEDY the situation. abor and capital never could be brought together by merely catering the material welfare. The moral consideration must be included, and we must look to the CHURCH to supply that leaven.
Men of great wealth who have employed the most material of ceans to amass their fortunes must not be surprised if labor leader mploy extraordinary tactics to PRESS their demands. The labor eader sees that the pressure applied by the capitalist is considered part of the game by him, so why should he not go to great lengths to get what he wants? If this is excusable in the capitalist, why is it not in the labor leader ?

## A Mistake to Aim at Disarmament

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ITHOUT war a nation would DEGENERATE, would ocome effeminate morally and physically.
IT IS A mistake to aim at disarmament. war UEN AND MOBLE WOMEN.
While we all hate the EVIIS and HORRORS of war, we may ation eode may development of a code of international equity. Yet I believe we should be on our guard lest we carry the talk of peace and disarmament TOO FAR
War is indeed an evil and cannot be carried on without frightful suffering and horrible consequences. But war is a TRAINING in moral courage, in self discipline, in zeal for righteousness, in patriotvioes that destroy mational strength.

Keep the Babies i. Home
dr HENRY D. CHAPIN of New York
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HE moment a baby is taken from its home its growth and development ahow a steady LOSS. I don't believe an infant A FEW sunvive, but every one legs than half
a year old dies.
I don't care how well the institution is managed; the resulta are the same. One reason for the great mortality rate in institutions for
babies is the spread of INFECTIOUS DISEASES. babies is the spread of INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

