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ELI PERKENS writes to the Chicago Tribune about natural gas wells. Eli is ness transacted there could be done in Johnson" appeared in 1853, "Never Too ontinually writing about himself.

Ir the Union Pacific would reduce its fare, instead of reducing its running time, its enterprise would be appreciated by the people.

PossteLy the editor of the Lincoln Journal is considerably out of Gere just at present. It looks that way by a majority of two to one.

submit to the inevitable. It has borrowed \$1,000,000 to pay the expense of putting its wires underground in cities. Ir Mr. Test's calculations of the popu-

lation of Omaha is as accurate as Schaller's latest figures of the circulation of the Omaha Herald it will have to be taken with a grain of allowance.

THERE will be considerable pipe-laying in Omsha this season. At present, however, the weather is unfavorable to everything of the kind except political pipetensively.

BOR INGERSOLL was defeated in his attempt to be a delegate from the District of Columbia to the Chicago convention, The absence of his friend, Mr. Dorsey, in his hour of tribulation, must be a great trial to him.

We have been patiently waiting for Dr. Miller to give Mr. Calloway, who has just been appointed one of the new managers of the Union Pacific, the usual dose of taffy. It is all in vain, however. What lavish hands. is the matter? Is the doctor out of taffy, or is he at outs with his benefactors?

princely fortune in writing obituary poe- plus is a temptation to extravagant apstereotyped line of his elegies, "Climbed the Golden Stairs," has alone netted him wants in his district is small in comparimany thousands of dollars.

MR. CALLOWAY, who comes to the Union Pacific as assistant to Managing Director Ames, under the new arrangement of conducting the road, has for many years been the general manager of the Chicago and Grand Trunk railway. He is to be the practical manager of the road. He is said to be a very capable man, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the Union Pacific.

THE Philadelphia Press is responsible for the following, which will be appreciciated in a state that gave Garfield over 26,000 majority:

"The Nebraska democrats have prevailed upon J. Sterling Morton to retain his position as chairman of the party's state committee. His resignation threw the democracy into such a panic that it was feared Nebraska would go republi-can this fall."

THE supreme court of the United States has decided that a man who is accustomed to having more than one pair of breeche may bring a second pair home with him from a foreign country without paying duty on them, even if he has not worn them; and so with his wife's petticoats But the poor devil and his wife, who are not accustomed to having new clothes, must pay duty on what they don't wear they cannot bring into the country mere than their ordinary supply. But suppose the wife weare the breeches, will some astute lawyer tell us how the decision of the United States supreme court would apply in such a case?"

the state of Georgia furnished to the methods are larger and more extensive, the one that he hits. The commission is continental army, then in its borders, a and he has got past exacting absolutely powerless for good, and the has been trying during a century or so, There is reason to think, therefore, to get payment. The Forty-seventh con- that if he wins control of the Rock gress finally allowed this claim and ap- Island road, the infamous and shameful the office are very light, its salary compropriated the sum of \$35,000 to pay it. monopoly in coal which the Cable ring fortable, and the whole position entirely The controller of the currency, however, has kept up so long in western Illinois pleasant. So far as being of any practirefused to deliver the money to the au- and eastern lows will be broken up. This cal use is concerned, however, the railthorities of Georgia, but had the amount monopoly, which for many years has kept way commission of Iowa stands about on credited against the debt which Georgia the price of every pound of coal sold owes the United States government. In in all that region exorbitantly high, has 1861 a general direct tax to provide for been maintained chiefly through the inthe expenses of the war was levied on all strumentality of the Rock Island road of the states. Georgia, with the rest of The Cables have used its freight tariff to pursued an aggressive course in congress the states that seconded, refused to pay crush out every competition to their own \$500,600, still stands against her. The owner in a region of two hundred miles controller had the \$35,000 credited to unite with them in their gouge game against this account. Now this matter They have kept the people so completely had was to have all the nation's arms raises an important question as to the in awe of them by threatening to use the stolen and secreted among rebels in the rest of the states that refused to pay their immense power which the freight rates quota. If the claim is good against give them, that although these facts Georgia, as the controller's action indiare known to all men, yet no one dares

EXTRAVAGANT APPROPRIATIONS.

gress for public buildings is enough to the interest of the Cables, stands in the character. make the average citizen gasp for breath. way. The hope is that if the Vanderawful warning in the way of extrava equal rates will be given to all coal shipgance for two years. Unless the senate eighth congress is going to out-do all buildings are sliding through the house country in the tree states. with astonishing ease, considering the difficulty and slowness with which important legislation moves. Some of these buildings, undoubtedly are necessary, kuk, for instance, is to have a new pubic building that will cost \$150,000. There are about 12,000 people in that

Illinois have their grab.

THE Western Union is preparing to laying, which is being carried on very ex. scarcely decent. None seemed to be as they were in England, and he was a manner in which this singular unanimity was brought about is, of course, evident enough. Every congressman who had a job simply pooled with every other congressman who had a job to work all the jobs through, and the thing was done. Having been all determined beforehand the reading of the bills and the voting upon them were merely matters of form. In this way \$5,000,000 of the country's revenues were showered around with

The most fruitful cause of congressional extravagance is the surplus revenue. It is impossible that there should be PHILADELPHIA has a funeral every half \$900,000,000 more in the treasury than hour the year round. It is no wonder the legitimate expenses of the governthat in such a field Mr. George Washing- ment require without there being frauds ton Childs, of the Ledger, has made a somewhere. The presence of such a surtry. It is safe to say that the concluding propriations that few congressmen can as though the government could afford so little shady. So long as the surplus continues to be a feature in our financial operations, there will be a constant invitation to unnecessary expenditures of all sorts. Of course, for the fact that there is a surplus, the stupidity of previous congresses, who have neglected to reduce the tariff in spite of the evident fact that it was too heavy for the needs of the

country, is to blame. The people set the seal of their disapproval on the excessive appropriations of the forty-seventh congress in a very summary manner. It seems very strange that the forty-eighth congress should have so quickly forgotten that lesson.

THE fight between the Cable interest and Vanderbilt for the control of the Rock Island road is soon to take a definite shape in the election of director. Vanderbilt is supporting John Newell of Cleveland, and Cable has thrown his induence in behalf of H. H. Porter, the present incumbent. At first sight this contest looks very much like a plain case of dog ent dog, in which the public had no other interest except that the two much as possible. There is, however, as matter of fact, a good deal of difference between the two sides, and a good deal of eventually win. Vanderbilt is a monopassessment, and the amount, moves, or to force every other mine

The recklessness with which money is being appropriated by the present con- all the track thereabouts, and is cun in tions, both of a political and literary cont in perpetuity on the capital invested. The forty-seventh congress has been held bilt interest, which is so initiaical to the up by democratic philosophers as an Cable pirates, gains control of the road, shows a wisdom in economy, which the their present grip u on the trade, and nouse has failed to exhibit, the forty the price of coal will fall at least four cents a bushel. That will mean the reprevious records. Bills for new public newal of the trade of a great extent of

DEATH OF CHARLES READE.

Charles Reade, the novelist, is dead. He was born in 1814, and graduated at but the greater number are steals. Keo- Magdalen college, Oxford, in 1835. Although called to the bar, in 1843, he paid more attention to literature than to law. His first literary effort in the field of ficdecayed old town, and they need a tion was "Peg Woffington," which gave new public building about as much as him an immediate reputation. It was they need an ice-palace. Waco, Tex., a this success, no doubt, that determined town that most map-makers omit, gets his future career. He at once devoted \$1.0,000. Probably all the public busi- himself entirely to fiction. His "Christie an ordinary store-room. Small places in Late to Mend" in 1856, "Love Me Little, Love Me Long" in 1859, "The Cloister In all there are over forty of these ap and the Hearth" in 1861, "Hard propriations, all of which are excessive Cash" in 1863, "Griffith Gaunt" in 1866, and most of which are entirely useless. "Put Yourself in His Place" in 1870, The most surprising thing about this and "A Terrible Temptation" in 1871 reckless disposition of the revenue is the These are his principal novels, although total indifference with which congress- he wrote several others, besides a large men seem to receive all objections and number of short stories. Mr. Reade's arguments raised against the different works generally are skillfully and smoothitems. When the Keckuk steal was ly written, and are noted for their sensaunder discussion, it was shown very tional and intricate plots. He wrote plain that there was not the slightest with some political or social object in necessity for a public building there, and view, his aim generally being to create that all the government officers were some needed reform. His novels are by comfortably and conveniently quar- many ranked with those of Dickens. tered in buildings advantageously In point of popularity Reade leased for ten years to come certainly stands next to Dickens. Yet the bill had a clear majority of a Reade was also a dramatist of considerahundred. It was so with all the rest of ble merit. Most of his novels were the items. Every one went through dramatized by himself, and he also wrote swimmingly, in spite of protest and ar- several independent plays. He was gument, republicans and democrats a strong advocate for the rights of bolting the whole thing without opposi- authors, and also the international copytion. Many of the appropriations were right with the United States. In this rushed through in a haste that was country his works were read as eagerly given any serious consideration. The frequent contributor to leading magazines and periodicals.

> THE BEE'S SPECIAL DISPATCHES. THE BEE publishes alleged "special dispatches" from the east. The Bee's telegraph lines would be struck by lightning if somebody should steal the shears.
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> —[Republican, 5th.

In reply to the above THE BEE published a receipted bill from the Western Union telegraph company showing that THE BEE received during the month of March over \$150 worth of special dispatches from Chicago, Washington and other eastern points. The Republican of to-day has to acknowledge that its insinuation, that our specials were bogus, was without foundation. It says:

"THE BEE claims to have received in support of its assertion. By this bill we learn that ninety-nine one-hundredths of THE BEE's special service comes from son with the whole, and certainly seems Chicago. This is simply nonsense. THE BEE has not had by its specials from the trifling a sum, even if the purpose is a cast a single item of consequential news which was not covered by the associated press. However, this is none of our

> As usual the Republican has succeeded in making itself supremely ridiculous Anyone who knows anything about newsgathering knows that Chicago is the principal center in the west for the collection of news. It is the distributing point for the whole western country. THE pondent receives news from all over the country, and news that is either not reported by the associated press, or is given the public pass judgment upon its special dispatches, but we are unwilling to submit to the opinion of the Republican, a paper that does not know what news is. Notwithstanding the assertion to the contrary the Republican takes our enterprise to heart as much as if it really hurts the Republican.

GOVERNOR SHERMAN has not yet filled the vacancy in the lows railroad commission, although it was understood that he contestants shall hurt each other as would do so on the 10th of April. Major A. R. Anderson, the commissioner whose term has just expired, ex-Senator Mc Dill, John Y. Stone, an almost forgotten reason to hope that Vanderbilt may politician, and Lieutenant-Governor Manning, are candidates for the place. So far olist, and a thoroughly unscrupulous as performing the auties of the position man, but he is not as mean, grasping and are concerned, the governor might as Somerims in the year of grace, 1777, grinding a monopolist as Cable. His well throw a club at the four and take frederice will put into practice the views and pet theories of Crown Prince Frederic and pet theories and pet theories of Crown Prince Frederic and pet theories and pet the Crown Prince Frederic and pet theories and pet the Crown Prince Frederic and pet the Cro certain amount of supplies, for which it tribute from particular localities, most devoted railroad attorney would not be much less effective than an honest man would have to be. The duties of a level with the Keeley motor.

MR. RANDALL told the democratic convention of Pennsylvania that he had "in advocacy of the cardinal principles of Jefferson, Jackson, Polk and Buch man." Those who remember that the only "cardinal principle" which James Buchanan south will think, if Mr. Randall's own statement is true, he had better be muz-

nish coal at reasonable rates. But the commerce of France. Besides this he about \$100,000. The Indian govern-

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

in behalf of his pet scheme made a powin behalf of his pet scheme made a pow-history of these modern loans of English erful speech. He maintained that it was capital. Hitherto they have tended toa good thing for the state that the largest number of capable citizens should possess if this loan is made, they will tend tothe franchise, and he defended the exthe franchise, and he defended the ex-tension of the franchise in Ireland as an the trade of India with Great Britain, act of right an ustice. It was no doubt gratifying thim and his support-which merchandise would be shipped to ers to see the bill passed by such a decisive vote as 390 to 210.

resentation of the People Act." It prolodger franchise at elections shall be es- interested. tablished in all counties and boroughs throughout the United Kingdom, and ate in a county in England or Scotland, tion for such election; and if the qualifying premises be situate in a county or borough in Ireland, be entitled to register as a voter, and to vote at an ough. When a man himself inhabits any dwelling house by virtue of any office, service or employment, and the dwelling house is not inhabited by any person under whom such man serves in such be deemed for the purposes of this act and of the representation of the people acts to be an inhabitant occupier of such dwelling house as a tenant. Subject to the saving in this act for existing voters, the following provisions shall have effect with reference to elections: (1) A man shall not be entitled to be

owner of the whole of the tithe rent abling the members to co-operate in po charge of a rectory or vicarage.

(2) Where two or more men are own ers either as joint tenants or tenants in to confer on him a qualification as a voter in respect of the ownership of such es- of terrorism and anarchy, and having no

hereon, each of such owners whose interest is sufficient to confer on him qualification as a voter shall be entitled (in ditions as if he were the sole and, when registered, to vote at an election, and the value of the interest of each such owner, where not otherwise legally defined, shall be ascertained worship, the abolition of the censorship by the division of the total value of the considerable number of special telegrams land or tenement equally among the all political offenses. Demands so modduring the last month, and quotes a receipted bill from the telegraph company pying any land or tenement in a county of political or personal liberty exists in be entitled, after the passing of when registered, to vote at an election for such county or borough in respect of such occupation subject to the like conditions respectively, as a man is, at the passing of this act, entitled to be regisered as a voter and to vote at an election for such county in respect of the county occupation franchise, and at an settlement has been effected as yet. The election for such borough in respect of the borough occupation franchise.

Bismarck's early retirement from the lished fact. Speaking of the reasons BEE through its Chicago special corres. which lead him to the step, he recently said: "I am seventy years old. My nerves are in bad condition. I have not tions to the cession of these protime to be unctious. The telegraph vinces, on the ground that Peru had more detail. THE BEE is willing to let is interested in whatever happens in the capitals of the world, including New York and Washington. The world is a chessboard, and I must watch moves affecting Germany. It is necessary now to study not only dominant politicians, but also wire pullers, financiers and curwas its own funeral. Our specials count Its duties might overtax a younger man's for THE BEE every time, and that is what strength. Without the Emperor's sup-

port I could not get through. While the cable informs us that Em peror William, who has been in feeble condition for some time past, is convalesyears old, renders his permanent recovery very doubtful. In fact, his death may announced almost at any time. ccession of the crown prince, Frederick, o the imperial throne will inaugurate adical change of policy, and of course put Bismarck on the retired list. The crown prince has very decided views on questions of public policy, and they are known to be radically at variance with those of Prince Bismarck. It is by no means certain, howover, that Emperor erick. The crown prince of Russia, it will be remembered, was opposed in the most respects, to his father's policy, but Editor of Bloomington (Neb.) Guard. when the nihilists made him emperor he was a changed man.

The situation in Egypt still continue ritical. There are some features of this Anglo-Egyptian war that would appear comical if they were not tragical. No-body either in England or Egypt appears now able to say clearly what the fighting is about. The British appear to have fought Osman Digna because he came too near Suskim, while he said the readers and the republicant in the state desire, not too near Suskim, while he said the readers and the republicant in the state desire, not what the prejuddees or advantages of son he came near Suakim was because they would not leave the country. After

The Bombay chamber of commerce has nade a proposition to the government of odia, which a few years ago would have other states. About \$5,000,000 are sharged on the books against these states, and if the claims are just they had better be collected.

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In another column will be found the announcement of Mesers. THOS, COOK & SON, Way York, and at a year year ago would have an excited a mere ripple of attention in the United States, but which at present is of ominous importance to our agricultural interests. The government is asked to construct railways to the extent of from two thousand to three thousand miles annually, and at a yearly expenditure of cents.

cent in perpetuity on the capital invested because of the scarcity of capital for investment in India. This would make bilt interest, which is so initialized to the Cable pirates, gains control of the road, equal rates will be given to all coal shippers. In that case the Cables will lose their present grip where the road and the case the Cables will lose the present grip where the road and the ward the east and northwese. In the isive vote as 390 to 210.

The act is properly entitled the "Rep. loan, if properly expended, would tend to largely increase the capital of India as a wheat and corn growing country, and thus still further depress the price of vides that a uniform household and these products in which we are so greatly

> When political arrests are made in Russia the victims are generally described in every man possessed of a household the police reports as "nihilists." that qualification or a lodger qualification being the faction which is most dreaded shall, if the qualifying premises be situ-by the conservative portion of the peo-ate in a county in England or Spotland, ple, but by no means the one which is regarded as most dangerous by the gov be entitled to be registered as a voter, ernment. Between the fierce sanguinary and when registered to vote at an elec- hue of the nihilists or anarchists parties tone down through a great variety of shades to the moderate advocates of a constitutional monarchy. Next to the anarchists, who make war upon all political institutions and regard dynamite as election for such county or bor- legitimate agent of revolution, are the socialists and communists, who advocate entire social equality and community of goods. Then there is the agrarian revolutionary party, which holds with Henry George that there should be no private ownership of the soil. These factions office, service or employment, he shall are separately organized, and are frequently in hostility, which greatly lessens the task of the government in keeping them in check. One section of the terrorists insists that the entire organization should be controlled by a central committee at St. Petersburg, issuing its orders in secret, and unknown to the (1) A man shall not be entitled to be agents who are called upon to do its registered as a voter in respect of the bloody work, while another demands lownership of any rent charge, except the cal organization as a better means of enlitical movements. Growing out of the anarchist faction is an organization called the "League of Youth," composed of common of an estate in any land or tenement one of such men, but not more than one, shall, if his interest is sufficient doctrines.

> Altogether separate from these factions tate, be entitled (in the like cases and sympathy with their air s or methods subject to like conditions as if he were is the "party of the people," which dethe sole owner) to be registered as a voter, and, when registered, to vote at an shall have a voice and influence in the management of the political affairs Provided that where such owners have of the enpire. This party in turn is derived their interest by descent, succes- divided into factions, one of which urges sion, marriage, marr age settlement or cautious advances until the people are will, or where they occupy the land or better fitted for participation in public tenement, and are bona fide engaged as affairs, and the other insists upon the partners carrying on trade or business duty of the people to use all legitimate means to secure their political rights. A still more conservative party is enthusisatic for some form of constitutional the like cases and subject to the like con- government after modern European ditions as if he were the sole patterns. The programme of this party owner) to be registered as a voter includes the creation of a legislative in respect of such ownership, body in which all projects of laws shall of the press and a general amnesty for or borough in the United Kingdom of a Russia; but not even the party of lear yearly value of not less than £10 Nihilists is more obnoxious to the government than that of the conservatives, who this act, to be registered as a voter, and, merely ask for the shadow of a constitutional system.

> > The ratifications of a treaty between

Peru and Chili have been exchanged at

Lima, and the war may be regarded as at

an end so far as these powers are con-cerned. Between Chili and Bolivia no

terms imposed upon Peru are as harsh as

might have been expected. They involve the cession of those southern provinces Prussian ministry seems to be an estabwhich furnished the occasion for the quarrel. It is announced that England and other European pow-ers have recorded their objecmade concessions to their subjects which are not guarded in the treaty. In the view of international law, however, no private rights can militate against the cession of national territory. The new government takes the territory subject to all the obligations incurred by the old. rent opinion everywhere, and to act rap-rent opinion everywhere, and to act rap-idly upon information telegraphed in their rights. The limits set by interna-And foreigners must address themselves tional law in these matters have not been much respected in the treatment which Peru has received from Europe-ans, It was the encroachment of foreign claimants upon Peruvian rights-an encroachment somewhat parallel to that of Egypt-which plunged a congress of the American powers had been carried out, we would have been in a position to prevent repetitions of the Egyptian tragedy on this continent, and perhaps to secure such terms for Peru as would have made this peace a permanent settlement rather than an armed truce. But under the policy which abstains from united American action, lest the sensi-bilities of Europe should be offended, we can but stand and look on.

> Senator Van Wyck on the National Convention.

> Many thanks for your very kind letter. Previous thereto I had written The Ne brasks Press, in substance which I repeat, that under no circumstances can I consent that my name be used as dele-

official position may suggest.
As to your other suggestion

beating him, however, and slaughtering this juncture of affairs, the less scheming thousands of his followers, they have left in state and national conventions the it. Then Gordon is at Khartum trying to better. Any attempt to override the make the Mahdi ruler of the Sudan, wishes of the people may repeat the lesbut the Mahdi will not be made ruler of the Sudan by him, and says he will box has healthy revenges where the mass kill him if he catches him. of the party have been over-reached or betrayed. Yours, C H. Van WYCK.

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