POSITIONS OF THE POWERS.

Relations of France, Germany and Russia in War Matters.

SYMPATHIES VERSUS SABRES.

Seeming Shelving of the Franco-German Conflict-Russia May be Entrapped - A Prohibitory Ukase-Army Strength.

Paris, March 11 .- [Correspondence of the BEE.]-The German elections having procured the majority necessary to secure the passage of the bill which, according to Prince Bismarck, is indispensable to ure, say the official newspapers, in order the preservation of universal peace, it to allay. ought to be a logical conclusion that peace is a certainty. And so it would be, providing always that the world were quite sure that the chancellor meant what he said, and that a need for war, somewhere, be not a part of his combinations. But here is the unknown factor of the equation, and save and except the chancellor himself, no one can possibly know anything of either his intentions or

Doubtless we shall read innumerable recitals of conversations between newspaper correspondents and distinguished personages, in the course of which the latter have unbosomed their inmost thoughts, coupling their confessions with earnest requests, as special favors to the interviewed ones, to omit no detail, to tell everything, to ask for further explanations, where aught seemed ambiguous, so that the public might learn the true situation. But neither the czar, nor M. de Giers, nor the emperor of Austria, nor any other potentate or prime minister will consent to be interviewed at all, while Prince Bismarck has, so often and in such uncomplimentary terms, aired his views concerning the

"REPTILES OF THE PRESS," that it requires a more than an ordinary dose of impudence on the part of any "special" or "our own" to affront the presence of the German premier, and a more than extraordinary dose of credulity on the part of the readers of the nartation of that interview to believe one word of it. No, it is not from the tales of the travelers that the public will ever obtain information as to the bearing of current events; language was given to man that he might conceal his thoughts, and European statesmen and European politicians only tell to their interluctors what they want the world to know, without caring whether the world wants to know it. Events and incidents are a safer guide to opinion than the stories, generally the offspring of fervid imagination, palmed off on the public, and if the public would simply look at what is going on all over the continent, it might arrive at the conclusion that if the danger of war be not so imminent as it appeared prior to February 21, that danger exists none the less and may be qualified as in-ceptable.

TRUE, THE TENSION
between France and Germany is not
quite so great and for this the world may
thank the Tsar, whose attitude of strict
reserve and refusal to commit himself to any German combination for the final destruction of the French nation, have given cause for serious reflection to the man of blood and iron who had counted upon Russian abstention from the Franco German conflict to carry out his purpose. I know that to go back a whole month, is asking a great deal in this age of electricity, where the events of a month ago are almost pre-historic, and yet I venture to remind your readers how, when it was generally but about and generally be lieved that Russia and Germany had ex-changed an occasional carte blanche for an oriental carte blanche, I wrote that the sympathies of Russia both in the mass of her population and in her directing were absolutely anti-German, an that her government would not willing! consent to any wholesale elimination of France as a first class nation, which by assuring the hegemony of the German empire would increase the danger anticipated by Russia herself from

HER AMBITIOUS NEIGHBOR.

There was no particular merit in this prediction, if you can call it so, nor had I been informed to that effect by any distinguished personage, not being even on ordinary speaking terms with either the German or Russian empesors, or M. de Giers, and never having seen but once either Prince Bismarck or Count Von Moltke. It was simply a deduction of common sense that, as Russia and Germany must come to blows some day common sense that, as Russia and Germany must come to blows some day, Russia would not willingly help her future enemy to any accession of strength. And the event has justified my opinion; Russia will not give the carte blanche hoped for, and will preserve the liberty of action; or, in other words, she will not permit the dismemberment of France, not because of any tander feeling of symause of any tender feeling of sympathy for the French, but because the French may, at a given moment, be useful auxiliaries.

THE FRANCO-GERMAN CONFLICT then, seems to be temporarily shelved, thanks, I repeat, to Russia's attitude, but it is only temporarily shelved. Prince Bismarck bides his time, and as Russia, just now, is the arbiter of Europe, you may expect that every effort will be made to so entantia Russia in some made to so entangle Russia in some other difficulty that, when the hour to strike at France shall sound, her only possible ally can no longer be a formid-able factor. The first symptoms of this proposed entanglement can be seen in the civil strife which has begun in Bulgaria, where the mutines of the Roustchouk, Silistria and Tirnova gar-risons are simply the beginnings of a general insurrection which, it is hoped at Berlin and in London, may oblige Russia to occupy the Balkan peninsula, and thus precipitate the collision with Aus-tria, which, immobilizing Russia's forces there and in Gallicia, will leave Germany entire freedom of action on the Meuse and in the Vosges. WILL RUSSIA ESCAPE

the snare thus set for her? This, it is difficult to foresee. Russia does not want to occupy Bulgaria, or she could and would have done so months ago. The question is: Can she avoid that occupaquestion is: Can she avoid that occupa-tion; may she not be forced to occupy, may not Austria steal a march upon her and, by moving towards coveted Salon-ica, force the Muscovites to seize upon the debateable land? It is in this com-bination of the chancellor that the peril to European peace is to be found, and that it is a very great peril, is admitted in all political circles everywhere on the that it is a very great peril, is admitted in all political circles everywhere on the continent. That Prince Bismarck has obtained his majority does not seem to re-assure anybody, except the Stock exchange speculators, if those be really re-assured. The emperor's speech at the opening of the reichstag was very vague; it was a second edition of the speech that was read to the reichstag last December; it mentions the same questions of home policy, and in the matter of foreign policy, there is nothing but the phrase, "see the preceding declaration;" there is not one word of enlightenment as to the present situation, not enment as to the present situation, not one word to justify or to contradict the rumors of war which were circulated during the electoral campaign. The con vocation of the reichstag itself

is AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACT,

not represented at the icaugurat session Why this extraordinary and unseemly haste, is the question asked and, until now, replied to only by the paraphrase by Her Van Bætticher of Louis XIV's famous "L' Etat e'est moi!" "The constitution is the emperor's will!" All of this is abnornal, and is calculated to inspire apprehensions, not only here, but at St. apprehensions, not only here, but at St. Petersburg, where the possible complications of the Bulgarian question, at one moment put into the background by the apparent imminence of a Franco-German catastrophe, are again beginning to absorb attention. Russia is preparing, and preparing actively for emergencies. For the first time within fourteen years a strong contingent of Pussian reservists— 150,000 men—has been summoned to do active service in the army, and an appropriation ad hoc of \$25,000 roubles, nearly \$450,00 has been placed at the dis-posal of the war department. This meas-

THE SPECIES OF PANIC CREATED by its announcement, should not cause either astonishment or apprehension among the ropulation. Every year Germany convokes 220,000, Austria 306,000 and France 425,000 of their dis-charged veterans for temporary duty with their respective regiments; and Rus-sia simply does likeway, in virtue of the general military law of 1871, which leaves it optional with the government to as-semble their reserves for an indeterminate period of time, not to exceed forty five days. Now, up to the present, these veterans have never been called out, and, though it is probable that in ordinary times, and if the situation of the continent were normal, this measure might have been passed unnoticed, such is the abnormal character of the general situa tion, so great is the international politi-cal tension, that the convocation is universally interpreted to be an alarming symptom of coming trouble. By the mil-itary law of 1874 the conscription was extended to all castes and classes of Rus-sian subjects who were and are held to military service from the age of twenty to the age of thirty-live; the first six of these fifteen years are to be passed with the colors,

THE LAST NINE IN THE RESERVE, which must not be confounded with the which must not be confounded with the militia, an institution as yet imperfectly organized. But so formidable are the numbers of the annual contigent that scarcely one-third of it has ever been utilized, so that the onus fell upon a few, while the majority did not receive that utilized, so that the onus fell upon a few, while the majority did not receive that military education for which the law was invented. To obviate this inequality, the late Emperor Alexander 11. reduced the term of service from six to three years, and thus managed to bring into training fully two-thirds of each class; with the accession of his successor, however, this system was again changed, and although in the infantry and foot artillery the soldiers get off with five year's service, in all the other corps they are obliged to serve out their full time. The contingent really incorporated every year never exreally incorporated every year never ex-ceeded 190,000, but the minister of war, General Vannosky, devised a new plan, somewhat resembling that of the one year's volunteer service in France, by which he added, annually, 22,000 men to the normal number, so that now the annual contingent amounts to 212,000 men, of whom five classes are in the infantry and foot artillery and six in the cavalry, field and horse artillery and engineers.

Add to these figures about double the number of militiamen, about an equal number of reservists, and

THE COSSACK CAVALRY
and light artillery, estimated at somewhere in the neighborhood of 800,000
men, and you must agree with me that,
whatever may happen, Russia will not be

taken unawares.

In this connection, I ask leave to quote In this connection, I ask leave to quote some statistics, copied from a remarkable article published by the Kieff Journal, and credited to one of the most distinguished tacticians in the Russian army; from this article, it appears that the total war effective of the armies of Europe, inclusive of the forces echeloned by Russian army; sia and Turkey along their Asian fron-tiers, is estimated at 25,000,000 of men, of whom 6,000,000 for Russia, 4,000,000 for France, 3,000,000 for Germany, 3,000,000 for Austria, and 2,500,000 for Italy; the number of horses needed for the service of these myriads exceeds 1,320,000, and the question becomes pertinent: are those horses to be obtained?

RUSSIA, BY HER PROHIBITORY UKASE concerning equine exportation beyond her European and Transcaucasian frontiers, struck a very heavy blow at both Austria and Germany which depended upon Russian studs, in a great measure, for the remount of their cavalry, and it that the blow was directed, to which fact the press of St. Petersburg calls particular attention. Russia is the richest of all nations in the matter of horseflesh; France is the poorest and the Novosti gives with exultation the following figures as evidence of the great superiority of Russia in the arm which is destined to of Russia in the arm which is destined to play so important a role in the next war: France owns, in the aggegate, three millions of horses, and will need when her army is mobilized, 430,000 for field service; Germany must bring out 397,000, and possesses three and a half millions; Austro-Hungary has \$,800,000 horses will need 175,000 for her army; while Russia can draw at sight on 19,700,000 chargers and draught horses in her central provinces, according to the her central provinces, according to the census of 1882, and including Poland, Finland, Arkangel, Astrakan, Orenburg, and her Cossack territories, can make up a total of over thirty-two millions. Now the annual export of Russian horses has never exceeded 27,000 so that the drain in that line was not serious and coud never become so, but General Vannosky is Germanophobist, and in the measure re-cently put into execution at his special and earnest request, must be read a desire to be disagreeable to that ation which is the peculiar abomination of every consistent orthodox Moscovite.

CARROLL TEVIS.

A Literary Columbus.

In answer to a letter from a friend in Washington Ignatus Donnelly writes from St. Paul, Minn., to establish his faith in the forthcoming Shakespeare-Baron cipher:

Baron cipher:

Your valuable favor is received. In a few days—less than a week—I go home, thank God. I came here to try and belp the people. I have worked intensely and persistently, but the money of the ratiroad corporations has triumphed, and our session will amount to nothing. I am utterly disgusted. I shall return with pleasure to the cipher. I am ashamed of myself for having wasted so much valuable time with gewgase and corruptionists. I feel disgusted.

I know you do not take any stock in that canard, that I had written a letter to some one in New York that the cipher had failed. The man who made that statement (as good old Horace Greeley, in his indignant wrath, would have said) is a "liar and a horse thief," The cipher has not failed. I propose to stick to my book until I put in the hand of the printer, and I hope to do that by July. The world will never cease to be astonished, not at my book but at the marvelous revelations it will contain. "Bide a wee." "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." With great regard, your friend, IGNATIUS DONNELLY.

This assurance leaves us with the con-

This assurance leaves us with the conviction that the gifted author of "Arlan-tis" is either insane or mistaken or hoaxing or lying-or a literary Columbus.

Chicago Herald: Forty-nine years ago the father of Harrison Gilbert of Chili, Ill., bought a two-year-old pony from the Indians. When the war of the rebellion Indians. When the war of the rebellion began the pony was twenty-five years old, but Mr. Gilbert rode him all through the war, and neither was hurt. The old fellow still lives, tenderly cared for. He hasn't a tooth in his head, lives on corn bread and bran mash, and is probably the oldest horse in America, if not in the world.

LENTEN LEISURES.

The Penitential Season Solemnly Drawing to Its Holy-Week Close.

"BUDDING BONNETS BLOOMING"

Orange Blossoms in the Local Gardens-Fashionable Luncheons-Great Operatic Attraction -Omaha's Art.

A Dull Week in Omaha Society. Society has closed the dullest week of the season. People are enjoying the novelty of entire abstinence with as much relish as they accept any other mandate of the social authorities. Church members are devoting their energies to planning innovations in the way of guild entertainments as most befitting the season, and several are said to be on the tapis. Those whose greatest delight is in conviviality give small dinner parties that are restricted as to numbers and searcely serve for the delectation of those who peruse the record of the social swim. After Lent there will be a revival of gaiety and a general squaring of obligations. A large party will be given at the Millard April 12, by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Squires and another of equal mag-nitude is being discussed in military

A Boston Luncheon. From a recent letter written by one of Boston's cultured maidens to a friend in Omaha, the following extract is taken for the benefit of those who are interested in luncheon parties and the feast of language that accompanies them:

"I must tell you about my lunch which was such a success. Last Thursday was the day and a worse one we have not had all winter. It rained steadily until the middle of the forenoon, when it turned to snow and we had a regular New England snow storm, but the girls all came and everything passed off pleasantly. I am going to be silly enough to tell you all about it. They came about fifteen minutes before lunch, so I will commence by telling you about the table. At each plate, beside the napkin, sets of silver and sticks of bread was a bunch of pinks of different varieties, to which the plate card was attached with satin ribbon. Mama surprised me with a bed of tulips, which made a very showy center piece. As I have gone so far, and brought you to the table, I will produce the menu for your benefit. First, we had chicken for your benefit. First, we had chicken on toast points, potato puffs, rolls and spiced fruit, then lobster salad and rolls, lettuce, olives, etc. After that, gelatine with a custard, sugared ginger, and fruit to top off with. We sat at table a couple of hours, and had a delightful talk over the pictures at the 'Paint and Clay' club exhibition. Then we adjourned to the drawing room, and I don't know when I have enjoyed conversation more. Discussed all the new books and many of the old ones. On leaving the girls expressed themselves leaving the girls expressed themselves delighted with my simple entertainment, and that ot course made me very happy.

Brilliant Wedding. The most important event in Jewish circles for some time was the marriage last Sunday of Miss Ray Horwich and Dr. Dymenberg. The ceremony was solemnized at Germania hall, in the presence of about three hundred friends. Many useful and elegant presents were

received, as follows: Gilded globe clock, H. Berthold; silver water set, J. Harris and family; silver water set, J. Harris and family; silver hand-engraved teapot, S.Berger, Chicago; silver card receiver, L.Kattinsky, Chicago; silver butter dish, L. Posky, Lincoln; silver card receiver, B. Danovitz; castor, Julius Meyer; silver butter dish, J. Goldberg, Council Bluffs; castor, C. Shaw; castor, F. Talmud; easel-clock, J. H. Harris, Cheyenne; silver pickle dish, S. Newman; silver cake dish, S. Snyder; silver cream pitcher and spoond-holder. J. Rothboltz: knives

der; silver cream pitcher and spoond-holder, J. Rothholtz; knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis; silver table and tea spoons, Miss A. Davis; set knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernstein; set knives and forks, M. Bernstein; set knives and forks, M. Gillinsky; set of knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tuckman; toilet et, L. Ginsberg and family; berry set I. and M. Cahn and H. J. Frey; chandelier, J. Kendir; chandelier, J. Levy; two oil paintings, H. Spiegle and family; album on easel, J. Levy and family; album, A. Kline; glass wine set, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fraiden; glass water set, M. Stone; water set, A. Lewis; water set, A. New man and son; water set, Misses A. and F. Goldstein; water set, Mr. and Mrs. Demorse; china set 102 pieces, Mr. and Mrs. Willinsky; china boudoir set, Mr. and Mrs. Michaels and family; china boudoir set,

Willinsky; china boudoir set, Mr. and Mrs. Michaels and family; china boudoir set, Mrs. A Smith; oyster set, Miss Y. Netzner; china set, fifty-four pieces, Miss Fanny Horwich; match safe, Mrs. Stein; cigar stand, S. Nosovitsky; dust pan, duster and whisk broom, Mr. Brodley; six linen towels, Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein; worsted table spread, B. Furst; red cherry card table, I. Gillinsky, Council Bluffs; camp wicker, S. Block, H. Cohn and O. Danbaum.

Mrs. Mumaugh's Studio, Mrs. Mumaugh's classes in black and oil colors seem to gain in enthusiasm now that Lenten season has brought leis-

ure to the disciples of art. Mrs. Lizzie Wilkins has decorated a very handsome scarf of glove orange pink, with tapestry dyes. One end has a border of deep lillies and the other a design of reeds and birds that seems to be woven in the fabric.

Mrs. Hengin is worsing on a study of trees and water with a bit of landscape in middle distance, all in shadowy tones, Mrs. Celma Higginson is completing a difficult figure landscape entitled "Spring." The entire picture has points of excellence that seem to develop with each inspection. The main part of the picture, the figure, is that of a maiden lost in meditation but apparently not "fancy free." The pearly drapery is admirably handled, making the figure well defined, yet in perfect harmony with the surroundings, which are in subdued twilight tones. The land-

scape is in every way suggestive of early spring and the atmospheric effect is well brought out.

Miss Pelton is putting the finishing strokes on a charming wood interior, illustrating the lines. But the dark foilage interweaves in one unbroken roof of leaves. A gently winding slope is roofed with trees, the sunlight falling in middle distance. A masculine figure reclines in the shady foreground. The striking fea-ture of the picture is its remarkable per-

spective.

Mrs. Mumaugh is painting a graceful spray of double roses on porcelain for an

Mrs. Magrane's Social.

Mrs. Magrane's social Wednesday evening was largely attended and passed off most successfully. The music was furnished by Hoffman, and Balduff attended to the wants of the inner man. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George A Josiya, Mr. and Mrs. Edholm, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vierling, Mrs and Mrs. Eugene Duval, Mr. and Mrt. C. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Matthews, Mrs. I W. Miner, Mrs. S. J. Alverez, Mrs. A. F. Pilcher, of West Union, lows; the Misses Vierling, of Chicago, Brown of Ceuncil Bluffs, M.

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The West End Club. The West End club held a very pleas-

ant meeting Tuesday evening at the home of J. A. Fuller, 124 S. Twentyfourth street. The following programme was given:

Fuller, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Howard and Miss Fuller.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Koch, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. Whinnery, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Whitemore, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Rennagle, Miss Butterfield, Miss Ebersol, Miss Kuhn, Miss Chamberlin, the Misses Boulter, Miss Wood, Miss Fuller, Mr. Kuhn, Dr. Brown, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wills, Mr. Ebersol, Mr. Ebersol,

The National Opera Company. It is a matter of congratulation to local musicians and the public generally that the National opera company will give a short season of grand opera here. The exposition society expect to spend about \$1,500 in making the auditorium what it should be. A permanent stage will be erected of sufficient dimension to accommodate the entire ensemble of 300 mumodate the entire ensemble of 300 musicians. This will occupy one-third of the building. The company will appear Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12 and will give two evening performances and a matinee. The operas selected are "Faust," "Lohengrin and "Lakme," three of the most successful in the repertoire. The scenery and costuming will be on a scale of magnificence, such as is attained only by the National opera company. The prices will be moderate in comparison prices will be moderate in comparison with the magnitude of the enterprise. The sale of seats will commence day, April 6, at the box office of the exposition building.

Art Gossip.

Collins and Shantz have completed several fine portraits recently including a crayon likeness of Miss Lee, of Hast-

Miss Brodt is busy preparing dainty

Easter offerings. A pretty banner of bolting was decorated with a spray of purple wisteria blossoms, and other equally effective designs were noticed. equally effective designs were noticed.

In Rose's window is exhibited an oil painting by Miss Beyer, of the Brownell faculty. The subject is taken from a well-known engraving and represents a young woman standing in a listening attitude by a half closed door leading to an adjoining room where her lover is going through the embarrassing formality of consulting the domestic powers. The subject, for the most part, is well handled, except that the main figure is brought into such startling prominence as to detract much from the rich and subdued coloring of the rest of the picture. This fault might be easily remedied and a more harmonious result achieved by toning down the brilliant blue of the drapery.

Wessberg-Benson.

Thursday evening the wedding of Mr. A. Wessberg, of North Platte, Neb., and Miss Caroline Benson, of Omaha, occurred at the residence of Mr. John Wessberg, engineer at the office of Gibson, Miller & Richardson, No. 827 South Twenty-first street. The invited guests present numbered forty or more. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Foglestrom, of the Swedish Luth-eran church. Mr. Wessberg is con-nected with the Union Pa the Telegraph

company, and the bride's parents reside in Sweden. The presents were many and elegant.

Brevities. D. H. Stewart is in from an extended trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nash are home, from

Miss Brandeis has returned from a visit in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Creighton are at

Hot Springs.

Mrs. James Morris left Saturday for a trip to Chicago. Captain and Mrs. Ijams went to Chicago Thursday. Mrs. Samuel Burns and son, Robert,

went to Chicago Friday. R. C. Cushing left yesterday for an extended western trip. Mrs. W. S. Curtis will go to St. Louis

next week to visit relatives. Judge and Mrs. Wakely have returned from a fortnight's visit in Chicago. The Park Avenue club met at W. H Alexander's Monday evening. Miss Mamie Stelling left Thursday for

Massillion, O., to spend the summer.
S. G. Joyce has been in New York the past week in the interests of business. Mrs. W. P. Mumaugh entertained, last week, Mr. and M.s. Bartlett, of Chicago. Leonard Strang leaves Tuesday for Green River, to be absent three months. Mrs. E. E. Balch leaves to-morrow to

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stanton, of Valpa-paiso, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Logan. Mrs. Gertrude Haight, with her little

daughter Alice, are visiting friends in Chicago. A. H. Wynn, who has spent some time in Omaha, will return to Salt Lake early

next week. Mrs. Oakley and Mrs. Richards of Lin coln, were guests of Mrs. C. J. Green ast week.

Mrs. J. M. Metcalf, Mrs. S. P. Morse and Mrs. Kitchen made a party to Hot Springs Thursday. W. W. Carr, of the firm of Carr, Ryder & Wheeler, of Dubuque. is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. G. Joyce.

Mrs. Chas. B. Westren is entertaing her brother, F. S. Smith, a prominent rail-road man from the east.

Miss Helen Bowman, who has been visiting Mrs. S. G. Joyce, is in Beatrice doing a crayon of Senator Paddock. Mrs. Henry Fuhrman, one of Fre-mont's leading ladies, was the guest of Mrs. Adolph Meyer last week.

Miss Martha Smith, of Batavia, N. Y. sho has been visiting Mrs. Captain Mc Cauley the last two weeks, will return home to-morrow.

The Knights of Pythias are making preparations for the grand ball to be given by them Tuesday, March 29, at the exposition building. Mrs. Guy Barton accompanied by Mrs. Rollins, returned last week from a so-

journ of several months in California much improved in health. J. H. Millard, Miss Millard and Miss Barrows left for New York Monday to meet Mrs. Millard, who is returning from

a winter's sojourn in Europe. Hugh J. Smyth and Miss Maggie Ru-dowsky were married Friday evening. A

large number of presents were sent couple, who have gone to Canada on their wedding tour. Mrs. Dr. Jones is enjoying a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward P.

Hall, of Boston, who have spent the win-ter in the south, and will remain here about ten days before going eastward. The Atternoon Luncheon Club met last Dodge street, and enjoyed a pleasant session. Its next meeting will be held at Mrs. Sol Bergman's residence, 710 South Eighteenth street.

A large number of the military and other residents called at Mrs. General Crook's Friday to pay their respects to her guests, Miss Kate Field and Captain and Mrs. King. In the evening the infantry band was present and some good music was had.

The congregation of St. Mary's avenue church is to be congratulated on having raised \$15,000 last Sunday toward the new tabernacle. A novel and interesting entertainment is in couse of preparation, further details of which will be developed

Dr. F. B. Ives, a prominent physician of Chicago, with his wife spent a few days with old friends in Omaha last week. The doctor is on his way home from California, where he and his wife have spent the winter. He thinks Omaha has a great future in store.

Arthur McKnight is meeting with great success in his large vocal and elocutionary class that meets daily at Boyd's opera house at 4:15 p. m. The class numbers about 600 of Omaha's representative youth. Those who wish to join this free class should do so early next week. During next week rehearsals will begin at 3:30. It is Mr. McKnight's intention to

An Iowa Congressman Who Stands in High Capitoline Favor.

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The Old Congress and Cigar Stumps-Decollette Dresses-Sarah Bern-

hardt - Mrs. Don Cameron in a Box.

Washington, March 23 .- In the language of flowers, the late congress is "absent but not forgotten." We shall have occasion to remember the doings of that distinguished body of men for some days to come; and especially shall we have occasion to remember what they didn't do. It is woeful to visit the halls of congress now, like a great banquet hall deserted. Stumps of half-chewed-up cigars are all that is left of some of the great members. The sofa where I last saw Ben Butterworth sprawled out at full length looks so lonely. From the ladies' gallery a sleeping member, be ever so brilliant and handsome when awake, doesn't look very pretty and elegant when sleeping in a crablike position on a lounge in the lower house of congress. The upper house of congress. The upper house of congress, I am glad to say, don't sleep that way. It is a pity that every occasion to remember the doings of that ss Mamie Stelling left Thursday for sillion, O., to spend the summer.
G. Joyce has been in New York the week in the interests of business.
S. W. P. Mumaugh entertained, last of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, of Chicago. onard Strang leaves Tuesday for n River, to be absent three months.
S. E. E. Balch leaves to-morrow to her daughters at Notre Dame ol.
S. and Mrs. H. L. Stanton, of Valpastand Mrs. H. L. Stanton Mrs. H. L. Stant voting American couldn't see congress on its last legs, so to speak. I fancy there would be more intelligence at the poles than there is now. I have confidence enough in the people to believe we should have men in congress who would truly represent the intelligence of the masses. As it is now, heaven help us all, yet it is not surprising after all that CONGRESS IS LOADED UP

with such raw material as we had in the make up of the late unpleasantness. One make up of the late unpleasantness. One has but to go over to the capitol and listen to the questions asked by the knights of the ballot box while viewing the remains—all that's left now, empty desks and chairs and lounges and spittoons. In the house the stranger will ask: "Will you please show me the desk that General Logan sat in?" And when told that General Logan was a senator, the reply will be: "Yes, but I want to know where he sat." And when the polite guide takes the stranger to the senate and points of General Logan's desk, he takes a solemn view of the old-fashioned thing, and remarks: "Why, that's not much bigger than our school desks to home." And then, after trying to open the lid and pull out the draw, idly gazes about and asks: "Where did Randall sit?"

"Randall didn't sit here in this

"Randall didn't sit here in this chamber at all," replies the urbane pointer-out of things, sticking close to his "Why, I thought Mr. Randall was a member of congress."
"So he is," but his seat was in the

house."

"What do you call this 'er room?"

"This is the senate, only senators sit in these desks."

"Ch. Well, I suppose that ere pulpit

up there is where Speaker Carlisle held forth." "That is the vice-president's chair."

meekly responds the guide, thinking, no doubt, that he would have to charge this stranger double price. "I thought the vice-president was dead. I voted for that man.'

"So he is; but the senate elects a sena-tor to fill his place. Mr. Ingalls now holds that position," "I want to know. I have heard of Ingalls, smart fellow, isn't he? Where's he

from?"
"From Kansas,"answered the guide.
"Well, I'll be blowed. I thought Ingalls came from New York. I've heard about the stuck up airs he put on and I thought maybe he tuck a few lessons from Conkling." "HE'S TWO LOVELY FOR ANYTHING,"

said a young lady as she gracefully swung herself into Colonel Henderson's seat. "Do you know," speaking to her companion, "that Colonel Henderson is the most delightful waltzer? He knows just how to handle a young lady. I wish some of our young gentlemen would take lessons. It is such a pity he is mar-ried; one would never think it to hear him talk to young ladies, he is so agree-able!" The young lady cast her eyes toward the skylight and looked dreamy

for a few moments.
"Who is Colonel Henderson?" asked the companion.
"Have you lived in Washington all this

"Have you lived in Washington all this time and not known who Colonel Hen-derson is? Why, he is a member of con-gress from Iowa, and the handsomest man in congress, too."

"Oh! you mean the one-legged soldier who is always protecting the pension bills?"

"One legged soldier: well if you should see him dancing you would think he had two legs. I do wonder if Colonel Henderson has a wooden leg? How interesting this does make him. If I should ever marry a soldier and he should get killed or something, I am sure Colonel

HENDERSON THE HANDSOME | Henderson would get me a pension. It can understand now why Colonel Henderson talks so earnestly about soldiers and pensions for soldiers and their families. He is so eloquent! I hear that he has a charming family and is very devoted to them. They have not been in Washington this winter."

"That's the reason he is agreea ble to other ladies, I presume, because he is de-voted to his own wife and daughters," replied the companion. It will not do to tell all these pretty girls said while chatting over Iowa's handsome member. As all Iowa is justly proud of her soldier-statesman, I shall be pardoned for being a listener to the above innocent prattle. It is something to "see ourselves as others see us." Colonel Henderson deserves all the good things said of him both in society, where he is a general favorite, and in the halls of congress. From a soldier's stand-

He is large, but not fleshy, good he and well-rounded proportions; a fine head covered with a thick growth of brown hair, mixed with gray—early piety, as he is not an old man, just on the verge of prime manhood-about forty-five: has a round, ruddy face, adorned five: has a round, ruddy face, adorned with a heavy brown mustache, well trimmed to set off a large, pleasant mouth filled with white, even teath. As his eyes change with thought and feeling, it is difficult to tell their color. Blue with patriotic sentiment, gray with friendly appreciation, brown with tender sympathy for humam suffering and black with keen justice! He is always well dressed and nearly faultless in appearance. One can hardly realize always well dressed and nearly faultless in appearance. One can hardly realize that he is crippled to see him walking about the floor of congress. His lameness is scarcely noticeable—seldom uses his cane, and then only when taking long walks or going up or down stairs, or when fatigued. He gives close attention to legislation and is a hard worker upon the appropriation committee of which he was a prominent member. He is a general favorite here in Washington both in and out of congress. Probably no member has more warm friends on both sides of the house. Not in heart a "soof the house. Not in heart a "so-ciety man" and yet a man for society inasmuch as he knows how to be agre able to all about him. Is a good after dinner talker and knows how to dine at the

club. Enjoys a good eigar with a good joke and, I am told, plays a skilful hand. Has enough faults to save him from being a model of perfection. Surely lowa can justly be proud of Colonel Henderson, the soldier statesman.

SOCIETY IS AT LOW TIDE,

judging by the appearance of some of our-leaders in the Whitney box parties at the theatre to see Sara Bernhardt the other night. Not even the sable garment of Lent to clothe them with christian grace and decency. I have talked a good deal about our society women stripping themselves to the vulgar gaze, but of all in-delicate exposure some of the ladies ill the boxes were the most insensible to an want of womanly modesty. Blase women of society, who thus appear before the public, is simply disgusting, and enough to make a true mother's heart ache to see young girls in the society of such women. All glasses were leveled to those boxes, and such a murmur of disgust, as that expressed all about me, L have never heard in a theatre before. L have never heard in a theatre before. I wondered if Sara Bernhardt didn't "smile in her sleeves" and think of the awful wail that went up in New York society when she first landed in their midst, and, that too, as a leader of New York society gave the box party. I want you to understand that these nude womens are not a part of Washington society proper, but the "Ostler Joe" set that come and go with politics. come and go with politics.

This was Mrs. Whitney's first appearance in public since the birth of her baby girl, so of course all eyes were upon her, and of course surprised that she should appear in a low necked dress. Another to appear in a low cut dress was Mrs. Don Cameron. She has been quite ill, and shows the traces of illness; her arms and neck were skinney and thin quite ill, and shows the traces of illness; her arms and neck were skinney and thin, anything but pretty to look at. Said a lady by my side, "Is it possible that Mrs. Cameron is here to-night, when our papers have dispatches that her uncle's wife, Mrs. Hoyt Sherman, of Dos Moines, is dead?" But what cares society for the home that was made desolate and the hearts that are breaking? We hear much about the "uncultured west," Yet even naughty, wicked Chicago has a "Moral Educational society," who send a note of thanks to Mrs. Grover Cleveland for not receiving decollete dresses. Such is life.