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Friday, Dec. 11	treasury, but it is hardly probable that any serious effort will be made to reduce

Average. 24,042 GEO. R. TZSCHUCK. Sworn to 1 cfore me and subscribed in my presence the sight day of December, A. D. 1891. SEAL. Notary Public. 21.042

lowing table:	The growth of the average of THE BEE for six years is lowing table:	
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January	10.374	16.200	15,204	19,574	19,655	28,410
February	10.395	14,198	15,998	16,984	18,791	25,712
March	11.537	14,400	19,080	16,554	20.815	24,065
April	12,191	14,316	18,744	18,559	29,564	25,925
May	12.439	14 221	17,181	18,000	20,180	25,943
June	12.236	14,147	19,243	18,854	20,301	25,917
July	12.314	14,003	18,035	18.74	20,043	27.021
August	12,461	14,151	18,183	18,651	20.773	27,363
Feptember	111,039	14,349	18,154	18,710	20,870	25,537
October						
November	10,048	15,726	18,0621	19.310	22.180	24,699
December	12,237	15,041	18,223	20.048	24,471	

PEFFER's committee places will be about as useful to Kansas as Jerry Simpson's speeches in Ohio.

MILLS is doomed to further disappointments. His defeat for speaker has encouraged other Texas statesmen to begin wire-pulling to beat him for senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Reagan.

SENATOR KYLE refused to caucus even with Peffer, while Irby, the South Carolina alliance senator, flocked with the democrats like the old Bourbon bird that he is. Irby fared pretty well in the grand prize distribution of committee places, but Kyle was left with his hands and nothing else in his pockets.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS, appointed as secretary of war by President Harrison, it will be remembered, was Blaine's most trusted lieutenant in the campaign of 1884. His selection at this time for a cabinet office should be proof positive that cordial relations exist between the president and the secretary of state.

fusing to pass a river and harbor bill, SIR EDWIN ARNOLD'S manager rebut they will hardly venture to do this fuses to permit any but press clubs to tender the English lecturer receptions, and he requests these to be confined to members of the clubs. The press representatives do not buy tickets to lectures. The manager has an Englishman's eye upon the American dollar and the American dollar never gets out of the range of an Englishman's eye. By THE time the bewhiskered accident from Kansas obtains all the inthey possess. formation asked for in his senate resolution time will have finished him and eternity will begin to be weary of him If the brand of financial legislation he represents waits until the resolution is passed and the investigation is concluded, before it is sprung upon innocent, unsuspecting people, the financial future of the country is entirely safe.

The democratic majority in the house be excluded by the imposition of duties of representatives will try hard to make neither the supply nor price of sugar political capital by a paring down of will be appreciably affected. With reappropriations. The leaders and gard to the coffee countries from which organs of the party admonish its representatives in congress to make economy their watchwork and to give it such rangement, and the other more impractical meaning as will place this congress, or at any rate its lower branch, in striking contrast to new commercial policy of the United its "billion" predecessor. Appenl States moves steadily forward, its wisto the speaker is being made from some dom already justified by substantial resources to put at the head of the com- suits, and presenting to the world an mittee on appropriations Mr. Holman. or some equally radical champion of the profoundest interest of statesmen economy in government expenditures. everywhere. and all along the line the proclamation has been made that the "billion congress" must be rebuked.

the bounty to the old soldiers already

allowed by law. What were the ex-

expenditures, if the high efficiency of

the service is maintained, and the peo-

ple will not regard with favor economy

that should defeat this result. There

was a slight increase for the Agricultural

department, which has been more than

repaid by the benefits that have resulted.

The demands of treaties with the

Indians necessitated increased appropri-

ations, the sundry civil appropriation

acts made a larger increase than was

perhaps absolutely necessary, and there

was an increase in the appropriations

for fortifications and rivers and harbors.

A careful study of the appropriations

will show that the democrats of

the present congress can make

little capital for economy if they have

a due regard for the public service.

They may save a good round sum by re-

we obtain most of our supply, the principal one, Brazil, has a reciprocity arportant ones are expected to have by the beginning of the coming year. Thus the economic problem which is commanding

A NOBLE CHARITY.

Thousands of Russian peasants are in

danger of starvation and thousands have The task which the democrats thus propose to themselves they may not find | probably already died of want. It is so easy of accomplishment as they apestimated that 20,000,000 people reside parently now believe, unless they are in the destitute districts. This is a prepared to cripple the public service population equal to nearly one-third and impair its efficiency. Doubtless re- that of the United States. The Russian ductions are practicable in some direc- government and the charitably inclined tions without this effect, but not to the people of that country are striving to prevent sufforing, but their resources extent necessary to supply the democracy with political capital of any value. are overtaxed, and thousands if not millions cannot be reached unless the gent is admitted by the more judicious lemocrats in congress that appro- erous outside world comes to their assistpriations for pensions under existing ance. iws will have to be made. There

America is smilling with abundance. loubtless will be no additions made to Our breadstuffs almost burst our granthis domand upon the resources of the arles and our flouring mills run night treasury, but it is hardly probable that and day. We are in the midst of plenty. We have enough and to spare. We remember that in the time of the late rebeltion Russia was about the only European monarchy whose sympathies were traordinary appropriations of the last with the union. We must help.

congress other than for pensions? There The Northwestern Miller of Minneapowas a generous sum provided for lis has taken upon itself the enterprise the construction of new ships for the navy, and events have of securing and shipping a ship load, shown the wisdom of the appropri- 6,000,000 pounds, of flour. It is a small ation. The sentiment of the country donation to present to 20,000,000 sufferers, unquestionably is in favor of building up but it will help and will stimulate other nations to emulate our example and may a naval force ample for defense and for the protection of our growing commerce. induce the people of this country The party that calls a halt to the proto contribute other articles of food with like generosity. The Miller degress of the country toward this consires every flour manufacturer in Amersummition, or even impedes it, will certainly incur popular condemnation. The lica to aid in this noble undertaking. last congress dealt very liberally Minneapolis millers have contributed over 3,000 sacks of flour, and the generwith the postal service, and the results in the improvement and ous response given to the request of greater efficiency of that service their representative trade journal makes have justified it. The promise is that it seem altogether probable the ship within two years the revenues of the | may be loade | and under way within a few weeks. THE BEE hopes Nebraska Postoffice department will exceed the

millers will all contribute to the consignment. THE ELI-UTKIC PROBLEM.

# The use of electricity is fraught with

danger to both life and property. The net work of wires crossing and recrossing each other throughout the city, entering every business block and many private dwellings, is a constant menace. Telephone wires falling upon a motor or electric light wire may burn out telephones in dwellings two miles away, and the dwellings may be destroyed. The breaking of the wires in a storm or from some other cause, may fill a street with writhing instruments of torture, and cause intense suffering if not death to unsuspecting persons.

In two recent instances the city was saved from destructive' fires only because the incipient conflagrations were discovered in time to prevent great

relocate is the superintendent. This is simply a hint to the ambitious cities of Nebraska who are just now distilling a vast deal of "enthusiasm over the prospect of securing this college, to make careful inquiry before concluding a bargain for the institution. Shenandoah is a live town and does not drop a baked. potato outside its plate merely because it is hot.

THE minority report of the Ketchem urniture investigating committee which has been "expunged" in red ink is the most conspicuous copy of a document in the clerk's journal of council proceedings. Red ink and resolutions cannot wipe out a damaging report any more than a whitewash majority report can remove a well grounded suspicton that there is fire where there is smoke.

THE South Omaha doctors might refer their personal antagonisms to the State Board of Health. That body should not be left with nothing more to do than to pass upon the validity of diplomas and collect fees from practitioners. The secretaries might be useful as a bourd of arbitrators and they would certainly be busy if physicians' quarrels were all referred to them.

GOVERNOR-SENATOR HILL OF New fork delayed presenting his credentials. until yesterday, which accounts for the absence of his name from the list of committees. The New York politician will have time to plan future campaigns and nurse his presidential boom by thus avoiding the taxing work of committees. The head of David Bennett Hill is as

hald as a billiard cue and as long.

OUR penitentiary stands well in relaion to the health and treatment of prisoners, but the fact remains that the convict labor of the per comes into direct competition with that of honest mechanics. This is intolerably bad. though not worse than the conditions prevailing in other state prisons.

A MISTAKE of 27,850 yards in the city engineer's estimates of the amount of earth required to fill a street will probably cost the city something like \$1,000 in excess of the contract rate for the work, on account of the overhaul of eacth to fill the deficiency.

OMAHA people owe a meed of praise to the Apollo club, not only because of its enthusiastic work for bettering the musical taste of Omaha, but because of its generous assistance to public charities. The club deserves its popularity, -

THE "Cut-off" case has been set for hearing in the supreme court January 25. In time East Omaha people will find out whether to pay taxes in Nebraska or Iowa. Meanwhile they are decidedly complacent, as they pay none at all.

FROZEN sand is a bad foundation for stone pavement, but the inspector and the Board of Public Works did not discover the frozen sand. An interested taxpayer brought the defect to the attention of the board.

#### Benefits of Protection. Non You

WHERE THEY WILL FIND TROUBLE. that have not accepted reciprocity shall the only part of the institution likely to of this insult impossible, and to set as example to the nation by declaring vacant the seat that awaits the completion of Governor Hill's state stealing camp algo.

#### Conducive to Public Health. Phila leiphia Ré-ore

Senator Paddock's pure food bill, which might have been passed in the senate last session but for the time wasted on the force bill, is again before that body; and as it has the endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, as well as that of the senate com mittee on agriculture, it should now have plain sailing. There is some room for doubt in regard to the capacity of the federal gov ernment to deal adequately with the ovil of food adulteration ; yet anything at all accom plished in this direction would be a gain to public health and to trade morals.

ON TO INDIA.

Detroit Tribune: If England and Russia really engage in a finish fight we can quietly sit down and smile as the price of wheat 2004 1111

St. Louis Republic: Russia has added Turkey to her peace league, and she may now proceed in more confidence in her chemes to attack England and Asia and the triple alliance in Europe,

Philadelphia Record: It remains to be en whether England will continue to be indifferent to her danger in India now that the semi-circle of Russian conquest is fastenin; around the northwest and northeast of Af ghanistan.

New York World: If the sensitive feel ings of Great Britain are at all hurt by that little affair at Gilgit, Russia can afford to apologize. It would not do to give too much prominence to the steady advance of Russia oward India.

New York Commercial Advertiser: There war news in the air today, and there will be plenty of it for some time to come. Russia and England have at last met face to face on the "Roof of the World," as the Pamir plateau is called and they have met, too, with

possession of its Asiatic dominions Great fritain will exert all its immense ing on the important financial interests of the manager. The Press club was the only n war and diplomacy. So far as the intelli-cent outsider is able to judge the advantage a the expected conflict would be on the side organization permitted to give a reception to he distinguished Britisher and then only club members were admitted. of England, but whatever be the outcome of the struggle the world will witness a mighty conflict when the lion and the bear grapple

Philadelphia Record: White Eagle, the last chief of the Omahas, is buried at Sulphor Springs, and was interred sitting up right on the back of his favorite horse.

Chicago Tribune: White Eagle, the last chief of the Omahas, is buried at Sulphur Springs on a little plateau overlooking the tribe's namesake city. The curious thing about his grave, which is marked by a low mound, is that the noted Indian was interred ago. According to Partington, Messner said he supposed Reininger had money. When he first met him, Reininger told him he was going sitting upright on the back of his favorite

#### TICKLING THOUGHTS.

New York Herald: Sahlso--What was that so ution you gave my wife for her oyes? Dr. Endee-Chloride of sodium; why? Saidso-Nothinz, only Mrs. Knoitall was so cock sure it was sait.

Cork: Mother-in-Law-Does George like your bread. Jennie? Daughter-in-Law-I can't make out, mother, What do you think he means by saying I ought to cast it on the waters?

Washington Star: "Don't you think it is good of Santa Claus to bring all these the horas and Grams to us?" said the little girl, while her nother beamed deligntfully. "I don't know," replied the crusty, unmar-ried uncle. "If there are any children where Santa Claus lives he is probably glad to get rid of the stuff." rate of \$3.15 was adopted for a new high building. So high a rate it is claimed is practically prohibitory, and the owner is re-ported to have said that he saw nothing left for him but to tear down the two upper stories of his building, reducing it to eight sto-ries in height. The building is to be used for mercantile purposes and hence a much higher rate is demanded than for an office

Widenwake: "How is your wife today? sked a lady of a genileman she met on the "She is some better, thank you." "And has has her inflamaroomy toryism left

her yet?" "Her informatory rheumatism has left her," replied the gentieman.

LEAP YEAR IS COMING. Philadelohia Press.

Sociation of the Northwest, in session at Springfield, endorses the Paddock pure food The days of 'ninety-one quite fast

REFUSED TO BE LIONIZED. How Sir Edwin Arnold Was Received in Chicago. CURTAILED FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

Entire Club Membership of 1,200 Was to Participate in the Affair and Ladies Were to Be Present.

May Save I unity's Life.

who was convicted of the murder of Samu

o leave town on the Baltimore & Ohio, and

High Building Insurance.

The Chicago fire underwriters think they have solved the question of high buildings.

building, for which rates are 90 cents. If the

Odds and Ends.

tually as its promoters promise, it will revo

lutionize many business methods and accel-erate the business gait of the city. The in-vention is that of James W. Beach, an attor-

Henry Marshall Kingman, second vice

president of the First National bank of Chi cago, who suicided at Grand Rapids yester

day, was born in Dubuque, Ia., in 1842 and

spent many years in business in that city. About a year and a half ago he was attacked

with a slow fever which shattered his nervous

system and completely incapacitated him for

The following western people are in the

At the Grand Pacific-W. F. Cutler, J. R

Lane, Walter Chambers, George Adgate, C

. Hedges, W. N. Hedges, Sloux City, Ia. 3. W. Stewart, Dubuque, Ia.

At the Palmer-Joseph Gafford, Burling-

on, Ia.; B. B. Lang, Marshallton, H. Gar-

At the Wellington--Mrs. M. F. Thompson

James P. Donahue, Davenport, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs.C. A. Cosgrove, Mason City, Ia.; George

At the Auditorium-L. M. Schafer, Clin

J. H. Millard and Miss Millard of Omaha

are at the Palmer on their way home from the east. Mr. Millard has been teiling the

New York reporters what ought to be done with young Mr. Field. He is of the opinion

that his form of insanity looks best behind

AT THE SEAL ISLANDS.

housands of Baby Scals Dead from

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17 .- Ounalaski

advices to December 5 were received here by

the United States revenue cutter Rush

which has returned from Bering sea. Ad-

vices state that with the departure of the

seals southward an opportunity was given of

inspecting the rookeries on the seal islands

and that more than 10,000 young seals were

found dead, apparently from starvation. The

Among the orders brought to Ounalaska by

Starvation-Alaska News.

Western People in Chicago.

work.

iron bars.

such, Des Moines, Ia.

H. Schafer, Fort Madison, Ia.

cantile purposes.

At a meeting of the board held yesterday a

the Report Will Be.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE BEE, Casimuros, Neb., Dec. 17 .-- To the Editor Citicano, Ill., Dan, 17. f THE BRE: Dr. J. E. Helms, United States Chicago society is very much "put out" Indian agent at Santee agency, is just now 🏲 because Sir Edwin Arnold, acting, it is said, on the anxious seat. Special Agent J. G. on the advice of his manager, refused to Leonard of the Indian office at Washington be lionized. When it was learned a month is at the agency investigating charges of a o that Sir Edwin was to visit Chicogo, the maileasance in office preferred against the Union League club decided to receive the doctor. Mrs. Joseph H. Stier and a halfbreed Indian, whose reputation is thoroughly bad, are the prosecuting witnesses. Several agency employes have been taken into the scheme to work the downfall of the agent. Dr. Helms has been in charge of this agency a little more than a year, but has made a good impression upon the people hereabouts. He may have made mis-takes, but they have been errors of the head and not the beart. Mrs. Stier is a Quakeress and a busybody. She wants her husband appointed agent and it is believed is seeking to logare Dr. Helms with the department in order to accomplish this purpose. Mrs. Stier is a good woman in many respects and ons worked hard in her capacity as matron at \$500 a year, but she was so unpopular at the agency and on the reservation that she either resigned or was removed. The misthey would not turn out to the entertain-ment at Music hall. It was his opinion that if any of the society and interary people were really anxious to hear the poel. sion school employes and most of the government employes at the agency are friendly to Dr. Helms and think his removal they should be willing to pay \$1 each for the privilege. The Chicago Literary club is another or-

would be a serious misfortune to the schools and the Indians. Major Hill, the former agent, has been extremely vin-dictive against his successor and has contin-ually encouraged the Indians to come to him ganization which did not receive Sir Edwin because they could not do so without infringat his home in Springfield with their gossip. This he has retailed to the department in long letters and has kept Dr. Heims under fire continually. If the latter agent were in-clined at all to be corrupt the constant es-plonage of Hill, Mrs. Stier and others, with

es ive visits from department officials, If the alleged confession of Charles Mess-ner proves to be true, William E. Purdy, would prevent it in a very great measure. Major Hill has never forgiven Dr. Heims for recommending the removal of two lady emteininger and sentenced to be hanged, is an ployes who were in great favor during the Hill regime, but were discharged for good innocent man. A dispatch received from Rockford, III., last night says that a young man named Partington had confided to the cause at the suggestion of the superintend ent of the government school, approved by Agent Heims. Dr. Heims is an old citizen of officers of that city that he was in possession of a confession from Charles Messner, for merly of Elgin, 11., who admitted that he Pawnee county, and was appointed agent at o agency on the recommendation of had killed and robbed Reininger on the Illi nois Central tracks in Chicago two years the Nebraska deleation. SANTER CHIEF.

#### HORRORS OF SLAVE HUNTING.

Awful Stories of Crnelty from the Dark Continent.

Messner persuaded him to go over the Pan-handle, saying he had a brother who was a COLOGNE, Dec. 17 .- At a meeting of the freight conductor on that road and it would cost him nothing for railroad fare. On the African society here Canon Kespes road extracts from the diaries of African missionway to the freight depot Messuer claims he committed the murder. The body was found and Purdy was arrested and convicted of the aries, which told of revolting crueity in connection with slave hunting in the neighborhood of lake Tanganyka. One of the state-

crime. The conviction was based on purely circumstantial evidence. "The notorious slave hunter Makatuba

brought back with him 2,000 natives of every age and sex as the result of his last expedition to Karem. These wretched people were chained in batches of a score. They were living skeletons. While the caravan was traversing the Kirando country where there was a famine, the marching slaves were obliged through hunger to dig up and eat roots which animals refused to eat. A large number of women and children who, for want of strength, impeded the rapid march of the column, were drowned. Laggards through illness were killed with cudgels at the rate of from ten to fifty daily. Every morning the bodies of those who had died Every board of underwriters maintains the stand it has taken, it is protty safe to assume that no during the night were dragged out and more high buildings will be erected for merthrown to the hyennas which followed the camp. The most horrible tortures were

#### placed upon unruly slaves." The Cider and Cider Vinegar Makers As-

Similar accounts were given of cruelty practiced by other slave hunters. The missionaries ransom the slaves and place those at are sick in a hospital whenever p

the Rush on her return to the seal islands was one from the treasury department pro-hibiting the killing of blue foxes on the is-lands during the present season. The killing of these foxes for their fur has been con-sidered a perquisite of the lessee of the scal island and means a a loss of about \$60,000 to the North American Commercial company. An inquiry at Pribyloff islands disclosed the fact that no other vessols than the pas-sing whalers bound down from the Arctic have been sighted since the departure of the Rush in September and it is reported that the intended raid of the seal poachers was

unfounded unless that the latter thought better of this project and gave it up.

HE IS ANXIOUS.

# Indian Agent Helms Wonders What

guest from nfar with royal hospitality. The plan was to have a reception at the club house on the evening of December 14. The entire club membership of 1,200 was to participate in the affair and ladies were to be present. It was also decided to invite about 150 additional guests, representing the literary colony, pulpit and press. But Mr. Neuman, the local manager of the Star lecture course, objected streniously to the poet attending any reception. Mr. Neuman believed that if 1,500 of the representative people of Chicago should see Sir Edwin at the Union League club on Monday evening their curiosity would be allayed and

nded rifles.

St. Louis Globe-Domocrat: To retain

n the contest for the mastery of Asia.

Burial of White Engle.

EARL RUSSELL, whose ante-nuptial escapades were so brazenly announced by himself in the late divorce trial, has decided to make a lecture tour of America. Suffering freemen, what must be done? The law restricting the importation of paupers and contract laborers is useless in this emergency. We have borne patiently the visits of actors, preachers, essayists and commoners, but if the nobility is to be turned loose on our country we shall be forced to fall back upon dynamite to protect our good name.

COLONEL CONGER is represented as saying, in regard to the republican nomince for the presidency, that the committee will look the whole field over and determine who is the most available man and when the decision is made he will be nominated by acclamation. The Colonel arrogates a good deal of power to the national committee. THE BEE is of the opinion that the convention will name the man without consulting the committee. Besides, unless the committee has better judgment then than it had last month in Washington it will not know a good man when it sees him.

THE premier of Ontario, Canada, has declared in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States, and he believes this to be attainable without any reference to political union. He thinks the hope of Canada now lies in the liberal party, which he counsels not to bar its progress or lessen its also to make very considerable reducusefulness by favoring the transfor of the country or its allegiance to any foreign power. Ontario is the agricultural region of Canada, and almost to a man its people are in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with this country, but they have not yet succeeded in convincing the manufacturing interests that this is desirable, and so far as has yet appeared those interests have the sympathy of the Dominion government. But the influences that are moulding public opinion in Canada, as well as modifying the business conditions in that country, are undoubtedly operating favorably to a policy of unrestricted reciprocity, and the time may not be very remote when the Dominion government will be prepared to negotiate to this ond.

in view of the unusual demand for the improvement of national waterways. The expectation is to reduce appropriations by not less than \$100,000,000, but if the democratic representatives find it practicable to cut them down to the amount of haif that sum, without endangering the public interests, they will exhibit greater capacity for the economical administration of the government than there is now reason to believe

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

The announcement that reciprocity agreements have been concluded be tween the United States and all the British West Indian islands and British Guiana marks another step forward in the foreign commercial policy of this country of decided importance. It is indeed a more important victory for the reciprocity plan than appears from the material advantages expected to result, since it is a practical renunciation by the British islands of the commercial domination of England. The United States has long furnished the principal market for the products of these islands, the building inspection or gas inspection value of whose exports amounts annudepartment can be made responsible for

ally to \$32,000,000, and whose imports are a little less, but while this country has taken 58 per cent of what they exported and England only 32 per cent, the latter has furnished 65 per cent of what the islands imported and the

United States only 32 per cent. The advantages which England has enjoyed in this trade have been very largely due to a system of tricky tariffs A correspondent of the New York Tribune, who is investigating the commercial situation in these islands, says that England is responsible for the tariffs. They are made by the colonial councils, but these councils are the merest creatures of the British government, with no power whatever to enforce a will contrary to that of the British premier. His agents in the islands, the governors, says this correspondent, are governors in fact, and the tariffs are their work. They are framed to deal very generously with the

manufactures of England, but they tax heavily the flour and meats of America. It would seem, therefore, that in effeeting reciprocity arrangements with the British West Indian islands, by which they agree not only to greatly enlarge the free list of their tariffs, but tions in the duties in the leading agricultural and other products of the United States, a positive and substantial commercial victory over England has been gained. In this view there has been no more signal triumph for the cause of reciprocity, for obviously only under conditions of the most pressing necessity would the British government yield concessions which it is reasonably to be expected will in time cost the manufacturors of England half their trade with these islands, now amounting to over \$20,000,000 annually. With the conclusion of these arrange

ments the United States has secured reciprocity with countries that produce nearly 90 per cent of the sugar and molasses which this country imports, so that if these products of other countries | safely anchored at the old spot, and that | more than to the public to make a repetition | Up.

Had the electric torch been apolied in the middle of the night instead of during business hours the buildings referred to would have been totally de stroved and loss of life would probably also have occurred. In these cases the fires were directly traceable to defective work in placing the wires loading from lynamos in the buildings endangered. The overhead wire system will some lay be abolished and many of its incldental dangers will be removed by placing

the wires in subways where storms and surface catastrophes at least will be avoided. The dangers in the isolated plants may be largely avoided by a rigid vstem of inspection which shall compel

builders to employ competent electricians to wire their buildings and will see to it that careless or inefficient construction shall not be responsible for the dangers which now threaten us. The gas and building inspectors should give this subject some attention and the council should provide a system of licenses for electricians similar to that which is supposed to protect us from incompetent plumbers and engineers. The

wires through private and public build--

ngs,

OUR two senators announce that they are obliged to devote a great deal of ime to the postoffices of the state and hence they have divided the state into the north and south Plaite in the interest of economy of time. The explanation may be satisfactory, but in view of he old time controversies between the orth and the south Platte sections it yould have been far better if the senators had agreed upon some other line of division than the meandering river. By he way precedent has usually left to the ctiring congressmen of the same politial faith as the administration, where they are succeeded by the opposition, the district patronage. Why this departure? Why should not Ex-Congressing) Connell, for instance, be relied upon for recommendations for appointments in the First district? Is it not possible the two senators are overburdening themselves with spoils business that would setter be left to the three republican

ex-congressmen? This course would avoid the hated sectional distinction of" north and south Platte most effectually. THE Board of Public Works should nspect its inspectors. When an inspec-

tor presents his bill for pay or certifies to the completion of a contract some member of the Board of Public Works ought to know in a general way whether or not the inspector has been at work and whether or not the contract certified to has been honestly complied with A few protests from taxpayors like Mr. J. M. Wilson, who will not be dissunded from insisting upon honest public work, can perform an immense service to the ity by asserting themselves.

IT is just barely possible that the western normal college of Shenandoah, ta., which is now supposed to be on wheels by reason of a recent tire, is

Protection to our tabor has raised Amor ican industry from a condition of colonial vassalage to British capital.

> Good for Mighty Little. Fremout Flail.

If the oil used in Nebraska is as poor as THE OMAHA BEE makes out, it isn't fit even to "pour on the troubled waters,"

> For the Fublic Good. Plattemouth Herald.

The Bag continues its warfare upon th state oil inspectors. It is certainly taking an aggressive step in the interests of the people in so doing.

Reversing the OI1 Adage. Chicago Mail.

The Bell Telephone corporation has declared a dividend of \$3 per share, payable January 5. Taking into consideration the "water" represented by the dividend paying stock there can be no doubt that talk is as golden as silence is claimed to be in the old adage.

> Intellectual Reciprocity. Chicago Mails

The dollars which Sir Edwin Arnold will carry home with him as pleasant souvenir. of his American trip will be a mere bagatelle to the pounds carried away from "the tight little isle" by oar distinguished fellow-cit izen, Hon, Buffalo Bill. We Américans may not be "way up" in postry, but we know a thing or two about putting by something be ionest work and proper care in laying sides a cotton umbrolla for the proverbial coming rainy day.

> Died in the lineness, New York Trit

A man has just died in Washington who has been employed in the Treasury department for sixty-two years, having been ap pointed during the Jackson administration. It was in Jackson's time that the doctrine "To the victors belong the spoils" had, its rise. It is satisfactory to reflect, however, that a better legacy from that far-off period has been a faithful clerk, who kept his place through the fifteen following administrations and died in the harness.

> Will They Learn? Fremant Fluit.

THE OMARY BES SAYS: The republican party cannot hone to regain upremacy in 250pressa until it purges itself f jonners and public plunderers. These men care uothing for party excepting as it affords them a chance to loot the treasury. And Tax Base is right. During the years

that the republican party held sway in Ne prasks a swarm of cormorants have gathered about the fat official positions like flies about a molasses cup h a prairie shanty. They care nothing for the odium they cast upon their party so dong as they fine their own pockets and the scruple not as to the honesty or dishoursty of thei methods. The rank and file of the party are disgusted and they

nave rebuked their leaders in no uncertain tones. will the rebuice be heeded or must it be necessary to scourge the whole official temple of every vestige of the party before the leason is completely learned! The people are prepared to do it if necessary.

> Declare the Sent Vacant. S. Paul Pians r Press.

Governor Hill has refused to resign his seat as governor because he had to carry through a plot to steal the logislature of his state and secure the passage of a law appointing presidential electors who would yote for him. This is the boldest conspiracy knows to American politics. And the man guilty of it has oben elected to the United States senate, and contemptuously leaves his seat vacant until such time as the success or failure of his notarious design shall give him leisure to decupy it. This is the groatest in suit that has even been offered to the senate \* \* The senate gives it to itself still

Are drawing to a close, And 'ninety-two will then come in 'To end the ladies' woes. If you ask why, the one reply

Explaining all the chear. Is that the year divides by four. And hence it is leap year. B at, ladies dear, a word to you As onward days do creep; And that is this -what'er you do. Please look before you leap.

Somerville Journal: Luclie-Do you know, young Mr. de Hopper said to me that I was the lovellest girl at the ball last night? Estelle-Gracious! Why, I don't know that young Mr. de Hopper drank.

New York Herald: Ethel-I don't believe which proposes to lay underground pipes through which it will transmit by force of air the United States mail you love me any more. You haven't kissed me tonight. George-You wouldn't want to be treated like a beefsteak, would you? Ethel -flow might that he? George-Smothered in onions.

Philadelphia Times: Now that the rebellion s over, those of the Chinese rebels who have been captured will be beheaden. This is to emind the rest of the country that they must and their peace and queues

nev. The object is the quick collection of mail. Letters and papers can be dropped Boston Transcript: The relish of wit conyet people do many surprising things which are not at all witty. into upright tupes as they are now into street corner mail boxes. They will, by force of air, be carried to the center of the underground tubes and forced from the sub-postal

Texas Siftings: Veiling at a street car for chastening lady is a sort of charity bawl.

Boston Post: It may take nine tailors to make a main, but one is enough to unito him. O.1 City Blizzard: The thinner a thing is the more it is inclined to spread itself.

Binghaniton Republican: The aroma of loves is the breath of suspicion.

Clev land to Mills. New York Sun.

My Dear Sir: Positive engagements alone arevent my hastening to Washington to pre-My Dear Sir: Positive engagements alone prevent my hastening to Washington to pre-sent in person ity sincero and pathotic con-gratulations upon your election as speaker. You will not, I hope, thick it muiss if I sug-gest the advisibility of a renewed and even more than ordinarily solonin consecration on your part at the present time. I have re-newed my own consecration for the further term of twelve months, and I should fall in my duty to the supreme and sucred trust re-posed in times coornissioned by un calight-ened apprehension of the perits menacing the fundamental and reasonable principles of free zovernment through the selfish schemes of those who know the public yood and would deceive and being at a ortificat hour those libertorned but not unpatriotic citizens who look to them as guides to their political actions, if I not-lected to urge you likewise to reconsecrate. On this auspictors occurs mean of the tremendous responsibilities which settish apathy or indifference to higher calis-tion and yours are and on yours a complete and scheme budie to reconsecrate. For the tremendous responsibilities which settish apathy or indifference to higher calis it, at these of personal convenience and com-fort match in period and would com-fort attribution that funds and yours are grandly besting find. Yours truy GROVER CLEVELAND. Ta Hon Rozer Q. Mi Is, Soeaker of the House of kepresentatives. Washington, D. C.

THE REPLY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. S. 1801. GROVEN CLEVELAND, 15 Broad, New York-Go and sonk your head. R. Q. MILLS. [2) cents. Conject.]

Chili, beware. Our venerable Uncle Sam Is slow to wrath, but when he starts Out on the warpath It takes a continent to hold nim.

wool, wouldn't take him very long to make lly ug visit anywhere ly ng visit anywhere South America. 5 harmless if he's let alone, but don't

oke him with your cane. for then dangerous. This tough old fow still roosts n the flar-pole's topmost end. wh in wave the Stars and Stripes. all him, Call.

bill, and the president and secretary were in structed to write a letter to Senators Cul lom and Palmer asking them to support the MAKING WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

On the evening of November 21 Miss Belle New Developments in the Trouble Be-Crowley, 20 years old, left her home at 309 tween France and Bulgaria. Jarfield boulevard, and since that time

Soria, Dec. 17.-The French minister of nothing has been heard or seen of her, despite the fact that overy effort has been made to discover her foreign affairs has instructed the consuls of is country in Bulgaria to withdraw as a rewhereanouts. The missing girl, who is a vocalist, having sung in the Paulton Opera company, left her home on receiving a telesult of the expulsion of the correspondent of the Agencie Havas from that country. It is not believed. France will resort to arms to enforce her demand that the decree of expelgram in response to an advertisement which she had answered inquiring for a soprano. sion be withdrawn, vetnevertheless the Bal The Beach Pneumatic Conveyor company, garian minister of finance is going to Vienna to negotiate a loan for the purpose of strengthening the army. Already troops have been hurried to Roustchouk and Philipas well as packages, has asked the city council for an ordinauce enabling it popolis and the garrison of those places aro now twice their usual size. to lay its pipes along the streets and alleys. "If it is introduced here and works as effec-

### Solomon Smith's Sarcasm.

OMARA, Neb., Dec. 16 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: Sir-The Current Topic club seems to be interested in discussing the railroad problem, or advocating the government ownership and control of all railroads. This is a very interesting topic to discuss, and very likely the club will know more when they get through than they do now, which is not saying much, anyway. It seems rather unfair for one of the members to shy his castor at the new Union Pacific depot and make a point on his side because the depot was not finished, and one of the members claims the ostoffice will be built and completed before he depot 13.

Well, why should not the postoffice be completed first? The builders have gone into it with a rush; for right on the start they are working all the men and mules that can be got into the pit to get a solid foundation, week days and Sundays also. Very likely on he principle that the foundation will be more substantial by being built on Sunday is the reason for doing the work on the Lord's day. It seems very appropriate that a great gov-erament of sixty millions is obliged to work men and mules on the Sabbath to build a government building.

Of course it makes no difference to the people attending the half dozen churches in the vicinity of the new postoffice site, the work must go on Sundays and Mondays and all days for either the affirmative or the nega-tive of the Current Topic clab must come out ahead. And then these discussions are hold in the Young Men's Christian association Christian community the d. Solomon Smith. uilding. this: Enough said.

Sucing a Secret Society.

A beyy of lawyers from Illinois, accom panied by Attorney A. R. Talbot of Luncoln, dropped in on the United States court yesterday to look up the case of Maltby against the Modern Woodmen of America Maltby has suod for \$7,000, which he claims the order owes him as commissions for securing members. The attorneys for the Modern Woodmen are J G. Johnson of Chicago, J. W. White, Tam-pico, Ill., and A. R. Talbot of Lincoln. Mr. H. E. Custeel, head clerk of the order, from fulton, Ill., is also present.

#### Death of Colonel Nathway.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17,-Colonel Nathway, governor of the National Soldiers' home, died this morning on the home grounds. He suffered three strokes of apoplexy during the night.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



DON'T RUFFLE THE EAGLE. Chicago Tribune. 'hill beware!

takes a continent to not a fination of the source of the s

row stones n4

The American Ergin, And You'd better Not stir

indiscriminate slaughter of the seals without regard to sex, it is contended, deprived the young seals of their dams and their natural sustenance.

I set there: mark you. Chill, re is a bird-a large, tough, healthy bird-thus been known to lly a Washin ton to Africa come back home with both his talons full