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WAR and rumors of war are two very distinct things.

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THE only way to restore Omaha's normal business activity is to push local enterprises, add tributary territory and invite new industries.

CHILI can hardly make a casus belli of the absence of Minister Egan from the inauguration ceremony. The South American republic should hit upon something higger than Patrick Egan as an offset to the Baltimore difficulty.

Russia and France may yet make a club out of Bulgaria which shall batter down some of the pillars which support the Sick Man of Europe. Russia will never rest serenely until Constantinople is hers and she controls the Dardanelles.

A RESOLUTION to do his duty faithfully, unswervingly and intelligently during his entire term of office should be taken on the side with the oath to support the constitution and laws by every office holder in Douglas county January 1,1892.

ENTERPRISING cities who were so anxious to secure the Shenandoah normal school or Prof. Croan, or both, are relieved from suspense. Lincoln has bagged the big game, and now everybody in Nebraska hopes the Shenandoah educator can deliver his thousand stu-

ULTIMATELY the local factories of this section will produce only raw sugar. At some central point refineries will be established and that point will be the center of the beet sugar industry. In this connection it should not be forgotten that within a radius of 250 miles of Omaha will be the greatest beet sugar region in the world within twenty-five years.

STRAINING at a gnat and swallowing a camel is exemplified by the Board of County Commissioners in its last great act of allowing \$1,260.74 each to two weekly newspapers for publishing the tax lists and rejecting the bill of \$40 for a special engine ordered by the coroner for a wild, foolish midnight trip to Plattsmouth. The bill should have been allowed and the amount deducted from the coroner's fees.

THE building inspector of South Omaha has completed his annual report and it shows that 324 permits were issued as against 201 last year. The total cost of the buildings last year, however, exceeded \$1,000,000 while the total this year is but \$326,000. There is a good feature in the showing, however, which must not be overlooked and that is the 824 buildings are almost all residences and represent a large increase of pop-

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S refusal to pardon Harper, the former president of the Fidelity Savings bank of Cincinnati, who was sentenced to ten years' imprispament for embezzlement in 1887, will meet with popular approval. The people of this country want to see a few more swindling bank officers punished before leniency is extended to those already in durance vile. The term of ten years will let this particular old scoundrel off easy enough.

GOVERNOR-ELECT FLOWER has given directions that the ceremonies in connection with his inauguration, January 1, shall be as simple as possible. It was arrangements to make the occasion memorable for the grandeur of the disnothing of this kind, and following his suggestion the event will be notable for its lack of show and demonstration. The governor-elect of New York has not been suspected of the modesty which this would imply, but it is none the less creditable to him if sincere. He will hardly escape the suspicion, however, of using the opportunity to impress the people with the idea that although the possessor of millions his tastes and sympathies are altogether democratic, and therefore of posing for political effect. It is really probable, however, that Mr. Flower sincerely desires to have as little demonstration as possible when he is inducted into office, and that he has inauguration.

RECENT ARMY DECORATIONS.

A special recognition from the War injury to the public service. department for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle or in military operations should mean something. A bronze medal should be a decoration which any soldier could wear with justifiable pride. When it is given, or special recognition in official orders is necorded an officer for services scarcely above the commonplace it cheapens the honors of deserving soldiers.

There will always be a difference of opinion among military men relative to the merits of the late Sloux campaign. Some of the bravest soldiers in America take direct issue with their commanding officer as to its necessity. They will also disagree with the general of the army in the distribution of meritorious distinction among officers for services incident to the campaign.

The roll of honor which has recently others who were not even exposed to the inclemency of the Dakota blizzard. In military circles it is regarded as absurd because of the conspicuous slight put upon such brave officers as Captain E. G. Fechet of the Eighth cavalry, who rescued the Indian police from certain death at the Sitting Buil fight, General Forsyth and Captain Whitesides of the Seventh cavalry whose intrepidity prevented further shughter of the soldiers at Wounded Knee. There are other examples of the manifest partiality of the recent roll of honor, but these are by far the most glaring.

The thing is a lamentable face. The orders announcing this roll of honor tend to bring the whole system of public recognition of military services into ridicule. The brave men who are named in these particular military orders can hardly feel complimented or honored by the distinction, because of the manifest unfairness of singling out for equal honors officers whose conduct was not deserving of special mention. The elements of personal likes and dislikes have apparently entered so extensively into the recommendations upon which the War department has based its action as to lower the value of a military decoration, instead of inspiring men and officers to gallant and meritorious conduct in trying circumstances.

PRACTICAL MEN WANTED. The discussion in the Builders and Traders exchange regarding building and plumbing inspection in the city during the last week or ten days was boiled down finally to a complaint that these as well as other city offices are not always filled by practical men. The facts warrant the complaint. In looking over the list of officials who have been drawing salaries from the public treasury for the past year or two, it is quite clear that many men have been quartered upon the taxpavers, not because they were competent for the places to which they were assigned, but because they have been serviceable in ward politics.

For instance, a saloon keeper was appointed street commissioner, a stove repairer sidewalk inspector, and a miller chairman of the Board of Public Works. The plumbing inspector was not a plumber, and the license inspector was a real estate broker. The inspectors of material, working for \$3 per day, were in many cases pot house politicians, and not taxpayers competent by experience for the duties to be performed. In some instances men who have never been known to pay their honest debts, and others who are common drunkards, were foisted upon the city pay roll in the interest of partisan politics.

In appointing the officers of the pev city government the authorities should select men of honesty, sobriety, capability, experience and industry. There are a host of applicants for the places at the disposal of the mayor and other city officers and it goes without saving that from them a first class man can be obtained for each position.

A CONFLICT OVER APPROPRIATIONS. It is stated that Chairman Holman of the house committee on appropriations has announced his intention to cut down the appropriations for next year \$118. 000,000. It is by no means improbable that the Indiana economist believes that he can accomplish this, and that he will make a very determined effort to do so is not to be doubted. But, Mr. Holman's committee does not have control of all appropriations. The more important ones, that is, those carrying the largest amounts, are under its jurisdiction, but there are several other committees of the house whose privilege it is to report appropriation bills independently of the committee of which Mr. Holman is the head, and these may be expected to act with small regard for the wishes of that gentleman. His appointment was of course designed to assure the country that economy is to be the watchword of the present congress, and all other committees authorized to submit appropriation bills will be more or less affuenced by this fact, but it does not necessarily follow that they will be guided strictly by the extreme economical views of the chairman of the appropriations committee. It has even been suggested that he will have difficulty in getting all of his democratic committee colleagues to concur in his plans of re-

trench ment. There is very great probability, therefore, amounting almost to certainty, proposed by those having charge of the that there will be more or less conflict among the democrats of the house over appropriations. The bills over which play, but Mr. Flower would permit the regular committee has jurisdiction are six in number, and the estimated total amount under them for the next fiscal year, to be provided by the present congress, is a little less than \$220,-000,000. Manifestly it will be impossible for Mr. Holman to reduce this amount by the sum he is said to have decided upon as the cut which this congress must make in appropriations. By much the largest item he will have to deal with is that for possions, estimated at \$147,000,000, and he will hardly be able to effect any material reduction here. The estimates for the other five bills of swhich his committee will have charge amount to about \$73,000,000, and unless these estimates are extraordino ulterior motive in directing that | narily extravagant, and they aggregate simplicity shall be observed at his but little more than the amount appro-

printed for the current fiscal year, they

cannot be very greatly reduced without

Where, then, is Mr. Holman to make his proposed cut? The total appropriations for the current fiscal year amount, in round numbers, to \$402,000,000, and a reduction of \$118,000,000 would be nearly 30 per cent. Granting that the pensions estimates will stand, such a reduction as Mr. Holman proposes would leave only about \$137,000,000 for all other expendiman who will give a little attention to oral business and political disaster. the matter will see that this cannot be done without seriously impairing the efficiency of the public service and refusing appropriations where there is urgent need of them. It is not questioned that reductions can be made. A number of the estimates for next year are lower than the amounts appropriated for the current year. The present congress will not be compelled to provide for been published exalts some officers who | large deficiencies, as the last congress did not fire a shot at the enemy and had to do. It may decline to appropriate anything for river and harbor im provements, though in view of the extraordinary demand for legislation in this direction it will hardly venture to do this. But congress will not be able to make any such reduction in appropriations as Mr. Holman promises and make necessary provision for the requirements of the public service. Nevertheless the chairman of the appropriations committee will make the attempt, and may be expected to fight hard to carry it out, and he will probably eucounter the most vigorous opposition in his own party.

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

A vigorous, but unsuccessful, effort was made in the last congress to reduce the cost of the geological survey. In the discussion which was elicited it was urged that there had been a wasteful expenditure of money in this service, and that the results attained were not commensurate with the outlay. A strong array of facts was presented in evidence of this, and a good case was made out in favor of materially cutting down this source of expenditure, amounting last year to nearly \$600,000.

But argument and facts availed noth ing, and through the favor of the senate the geological survey received about the usual generous appropriation. It provides places for a number of persons who have claims upon congressmen, and this undoubtedly has had much to do with enabling the director of the survey to have his demands complied with. An effort will be made in the present congress to cut down the allowance for this service and it ought to be successful, as there is no reasonable doubt that the work of the survey can be efficiently carried on at less cost to the government than at present. No one will desire to see the usefulness of the geological survey impaired. It is a necessary and important service, and it will not be denied that its results have been valuable, but it can be demonstrated that these could have been attained at far less cost to the people, and the duty of economizing in this direction, when it can be done without injury to the ser-

vice, is obvious. In order to do this it will be necessary to reduce the force now employed in the survey, and a number of persons who have friends in congress will lose comfortable places which give good pay for little labor, but if there are any such who are not capable of earning a livelihood upon their merits they have no business in this service, and justice to the people requires that they be dropped from it. But it is not alone in this direction that economy may be judiciously applied to this service. There are other sources of extravagance and waste that may be cut off without in the least impairing the usefulness of the geological survey, and congress will have no difficulty in finding these. It was a good purpose for which the survey was instituted, but there has been a persistent and successful effort to enlarge the scope of its operations, and it is time it were brought back to its original object and functions.

THE finding of the courts in the New York election cases gives the control of the senate of that state to the democrats. and is therefore a triumph for Governor Hill. The new legislature of New York is thus made democratic and will be under the domination of Tammany. It will have the duty of redistricting the state, and a radical change from the existing arrangement will undoubtedly be made, both as to congressional and legislative districts. It has been suggested that it might provide a new plan for the choice of presidential electors, either adopting the Michigan method or providing for their election by the legislature, and it will not be surprising if one of these plans shall be adopted-more likely the latter than the former, if the Tammany-Hill combine can have its way. This legislature will also elect a successor to Senator Hiscock, so that after 1893 New York will be represented in the United States senate by two democrats. Governor Hill will not fail to claim for himself whatever credit there may be connected with this result, and it is very likely to strengthen his following. At any rate it is certain to make him stronger in the admiration and confidence of Tammany, and that is now the ruling power in New York democracy. Hill has now a firmer grasp than ever on the democratic machine in his state, and it will be strange if he does not control the delegation in the next national convention.

BUSINESS methods in the management of our city and county affairs will do more to save money for taxpayers than spurts of false economy in the extension of public works.

EIGHTEEN thousand dollars for a \$12,000 lot reduces the value of the Byron Reed library bequest by a snug

Who will be the republican nominee for congress from the Omaha district?

Premature Presidential Chick. Chicago Herald. But in the case of Senator Paimer, there are many who believe that his nomination

would assure victory in alvance of the

balloting.

ily in Camera. When it has become the dominant sentiment in that country, and takes shape in a formal request from the government, it will be time for this country to decide waether it will assent to the propo-

Inflation and Disaster.

It appears that the principal cause of the recent revolution in Brazil was the emission of a lavish ampunt of paper currency. In other words, the alliance policy was tried, tures of the government. Any practical and it had to be anandoned to prevent gen-

Dakota's Divorce Center.

Phila leiphin Resord. Divorce scandals are increasing in Sioux Falls, S. D. Husbands and wives seeking release from the irksome chains of matrimony are rapidly increasing the transient population of that city, although they cannot be said as a rule to contribute much to its social

Why the Mugwump Laments.

Cincinnati Commercial. Twenty-five tin-plate factories in the course of construction in the United States is a fact which the talented and vociferous mugwump tin-plate liars of the east, west, north and south contemplate with sorrow.

Apologize and Save Funeral Costs. Philadelphia Press. The government of the United States will indoubtedly welcome an apology and reparation from Chili. This country has no desire

Hit Reminded Them of 'Ome.

for war, but its uniform must be respected

in every port at all costs.

Chicago Hevald. New York is covered with dense fogs, and ts anglo-maniacs are of course delighted. They can saunter up Broadway and imagine that they are taking a stroll on the Strand or Picadilly in foggy London.

A Terse Truth. New York Tribune.

A railway smash-up which might have been prevented by the exercise of a moderate degree of common sense cannot be regarded

NOTHING BUT TALK.

A North Platte citizen, in speaking of politics in general up in the Sixth district, said "The congressional candidates in the Sixth district on the republican side of the fight will probably be H. M. Grimes and Judge Church of North Platte, Jack McColl of Lexington, Judge Hamer of Kearney, Judge Wall of Loup City, Judge Kinkaid of O'Neill, and James Whitehead of Broken Bow. 1 think the matter will finally come down to a contest between the man selected from the North Platte aspirants and Judge Kinkaid. I think this because the counties west of us will support a North Platte man. We will have at least eleven counties solid for the man selected by the North Platte republicans. Then I believe that Judge Kinkaid will come down with the northern tier of counties at his back, so that the contest will really he between him and the North Platte aspirant. Whitehead will have his own county, Wall will have his oounty and Hamer may have his county."
"What is the feeling among the republicans of the Sixth with regard to a candidate for

There is a general desire among republicans of the Sixth to see Douglas county name the candidate for governor. We recognize up there that the republicans of Douglas saved Post and it is no more than fair to allow Douglas county to name the candi date for governor "Do you hear any particular man men

"No. The idea is to let the republicans of Douglas county settle that themselves. BOUGUEL OF SAILES.

Elmira Gazette: You can't measure a girl's ve by its sighs. St. Joe News: The dark ages are the one-that elderly spinsters refuse to divulge.

Washington Star: "I wish." said the elderly tentleman who gives advice. "that I could bersuade all young women to drop their enew ing gum."
"I have dropped mine." said a young miss.
"Ah? I am alad to hear it."
"I couldn't help it." she went on demurely.
"I was so interested in what you were saying that I swallowed it."

New York Herald: Spacer-What did the editor say about your poem on the earth?
Liner—Said he would like to see me go leever into the subject Spacer-How much deeper? Liner-From what he said I should judge about six feet.

HER JUSTAKE.

She said the ring he gave to her Was not a perfect fit. Oh, fatal error! For he got Another girl for it. Columbus Post: The debtor may have the

onsolation of knowing that there is always omebody thinking of him.

Atlanta Constitution: Old Subscriber—I called to pay you that & Lowe you. Editor doftly:—There was no burry. You needn't deprive yourself. Old Subscriber—In that case I'll defer it, as I really do need the money badly.

Editor (rising)—John, lock the door, and If
he makes a break for the window knock him
down with the maliet. Now, shell out that \$6

WON BY A NECK. New York Press. Her dress was cut decollete And of his heart made quite a wreck; From others she drew him away. In short, she won him by a neck.

Washington Star: One of the specin Italian art conspicuous in this country is the facile dexterity by which short measure is given in a nickel's worth of peanuts.

Boston Post: It is true that a rough ex terior may cover a warm heart, but it is not safe to bet on the kindness of a dog because of the rasping quality of his bark.

A NEW YEAR IDYL. He resolved to leave off smoking.

Swearing, chewing, aasty jo cing, Drinking, gambling, never poking His ruddy nasal organ into other folks' affairs; His great goodness-so folks reckoned-

Made the angels glad—they beckened.
And on January second
He started, pure and happy, up the broad
celestial stairs.

Kate Field's Washington: Mr. Van Ogden-I hear that Mrs. Crawford has left her hus-band and run off, with another man. Mrs. Van Ogden-Eun off with another man! Impossible, Charles; she was a Phila-

Dairas News: ()When wild young to out for fun. they are going to have it if they have to fight for it.

delphia girl.

Chicago Tribuot. A man is like a postage stamp. When he Behadly stack on himself, as it were, he is not worth 2 cents for any prac-ical use.

Chicago Timeat Outside of the poker New Year's day ? al

THEO T. W.N.S. Frant Floating.

Brother! you wish growl and frown.
Why don't young ove from Grumbletown,
Where everything is tumbed down
And life is illwiys ireary?
blove over into Gladville, where Your face will don a happy air And lay aside the look of care For smiles all bright and cheery. in Grumbletown there's not a joy

in Grumbletown there's not a joy
But has a shadow of alloy
That will its happiness destroy
And make you to regret it.
In Gladville they have not a care
But what it looss inviting there.
And has about it something fair
That makes them pleased to get it.

'Tis strange how different these towns of ours are! Good cheer abounds in one, and groesome growls and frowns. Are always in the other, if you yo it sides of ashen grey. Would change for sunny soutles of May, Fram Grombletown, oh, hasto away; Move into Gladville, brother.

An interesting program has been prepared Converting Consider the Farmers Institute, to be held at Brosen Bow January 14, 15 and 16. Chanceller Canfield and other professors of the State university will deliver addresses.

COMING WITH THEIR CORN.

Many Nebraska Farmers Eager to Aid Russia's Starving Millions.

PLANS FOR SENDING THE SHIPMENT.

Six Cars Ready to Start at Any Time -Seeking Instruction from Washington - Help is sadly Needed.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, deputy commissioner of the Nebraska Bureau of Labor Statistics, came up from Lincoln yesterday at the request of Secretary Nason of the Board of Trade, to check up the latter's relief fund account of last winter, and it was found to be correct.

Mr. Ludden has charge of the work of raising a train load of corn for the famine sufferers of Russia, and in response to inquiries gave a very cheering report of the shook a

"Governor Thayer called for one car of corn from each county," he said, "but only counted on about sixty all told, and so notified Secretary Rusk at Washington, I am sure Nabraska will contribute the sixty car loads, and I am hopeful of getting one from

each of the ninety counties.
"The governor's proclamation was not issued until December 20, but we could have had fifty cars ready for sulpment if we had had instructions from Mr. Rusk now to send it. I first wrote letters to the boards of trade, then to the county clerks and today a third series is being mailed to the county agricultural societies. I shall also write personal letters to all the wealthy Russians in the state, whose names I can secure, asking them for cash contributions. "Very little personal effort has been put

forth as yet, and the most that has been done thus far has been through the kindness of the press. Curiously enough, the quickest responses have come from the districts which themselves received relief supplies last winter.

Count es Contributing.

"Red Willow county has a car of corn awaiting instructions, Culbertson reports another, Ravenna a third, York county a fourth, and Dodge county offers two. A committee is at work in Lancaster county, and Douglas county will raise enough cash to

"It is proposed to use part of the cash contributions to print circulars in the Russian language explaining the various modes of preparing corn meal for use as food. This will not only prevent a needless waste of corn, but it will help to advertise Nebraska and its great stante product. During the Irish famine America sent the sufferers a large quantity of corn meal, and since that time Ireland has consumed more of our corn than all the rest of Europe. It is believed that the present movement will have a similar result in Russia. If the railroads do their part, there will be no expense attached to he work except the small item of printing. Let me say here that contributions of small sums of cash will be acceptable, and they

will be put to the best possible use.
"We have had many letters asking for shipping instruction, but have been unable to answer thom satisfactorily because we have received no directions from Secretary Rusk, Senator Paddock, who was in Lincoln vesterday Rusk, Senator wired Secretary Tracy asking that the Ne-braska contribution be sent in the Constitu-tion, which has been designated by the government to carry America's offering across the Atlantic. Governor Thayer last night wrote Secretary Rusk at length for shipping instructions. No arrangements have as yet been made for the payment of the freight charges to the scaboard. We hope Mr. Rusk will secure free transportation from the railroads, but if he doesn't we will make the

Arrangements for Shipping. "We expect to begin loading our contributrain ready to leave Nebraska by January 10 and to reach Chicago about the time the Min-nesota train arrives. The governor of Minnesota has been very anxious to have the contributions of the two states go together in the Constitution, and we are working to that and Two Minnesota men, by the way have volunteered to accompany our joint shipment to Russia at their own expense in to see that our contributious are distributed among people actually in need. This will prevent its being diverted to the use of the Russian army and protect it from plundering officials. The corn will be kiln

dried before being out on ship, so that it will reach Russia in the best possible condition.

"A number of papers have published an interview with Colonel Charles de Arnaud, author of 'The New Era in Russia,' in which he denied that that country is in need of outside help. Some of our correspondents have referred to that interview as a reason for not taking steps to gather the desired car load of corn. The statement in the interview is in-correct. We have information direct from the Russian legation in Washington that aid is needed and will be accepted. Before making this announcement the legation cabled its government at St. Petersburg, so there can be no mistake on this point. We have this-assurance through Senator Paddock.

"The governor's proclamation, by the way, has been a good advertisement for Nebraska. It was sent out by the Associated Press and favorably commented on by papers all over the country. We have also received letters of inquiry from all sections of the union, in-dicating that it stirred up a widespread interterest in Nebrasica."

ACTOR SCANLAN INSANE.

The statement of W. J. Scanlan's manager, Augustus l'itou, that the noted comedian is insane will be a shocking surprise to the admirers of the popular comedian in the west. He was filling an engagement at the Fourteenth street theater in New York and appeared on the boards as late as Friday night of last week. He did not appear Saturday afternoon or evening, and his manager and friends were forced to confess that his mind is affected; in short that he is suffering from paresis, the disease that has sent to the asylum and to the grave Tony Hart, John McCullough, Bartley Campbell, Charles E. Blanchette and other theatrical men of note. In an interview in the New York Sun, Manager Pitou says of Scanlan : "Yes, he's gone, completely so. His mind is totally unbalanced. Ho is a mental wreck, and I'm all unnerved."

"Why, you can hardly Imagine the shock t gave me," he said, "when I was hastly cummoned to the hotel early this morning to attend scanian. He had been attacked in the night with one of the wildest hallucinations imagicable, and, what's worse, he had raved and acted like an out and out maniac for the first time since he had been stricken with the fearful malady. learned upon arriving at the hotel that

In response to a direct inquiry Mr.

Pitou said that Scanian was a victim of par-

he had rushed down stairs into the main corridor, and caused great consternation among the hotel employes and others present by his wild movements. He became so violent that it required half a dozen men to hold him. He imagined that he was being pursued by some reientless enemy. Much as I hate to admit the fact, I must. Though perfectly rational at times, his mind is completely unbalanced, and there is no telling when he may fly off the handle. I deeply regret Scanlan's state, as much as if he were one of my own family. "In fact," Mr. Piton continued, "I have all ready made arrangements to send my children and folks to my sister's home and will put Scanian in my own house in West Ninety-fifth street, where he will re-coive the attendance of the best brain specialists and trained nurses. I will have him removed to my house early tomorrow morning, for it is impossible to keep him in any hotel. Besides, he has a holy norror being confined in an losane asylum. In lucid moments he begs and implores his wife and myself to keep him out of all such insti-tutions, whether public or private. This we will do as long as it is in our power. With proper care, I think he may be kept under our guardianship. His physical condition is such that I hardly think he will be tortured long. His general health is broken almost as much as iris mind. Nevertheless, if he should linger, I will rent apartments some-where or secure a house in the suburbs and have him removed to it.

If Scanlan's ifiness shall prove to be as

serious as his friends fear, it will take from the American stage one of its characteristic figures. A young man yet, he is already a star of magnitude, and one whose carnings have been far beyond popular belief. He was born in Springfield, Mass., on February 14, 1856, so that he is not yet 36. His parents were of Irish descent. As early as his teath vear he was on the professional stage, not only in his native city, but in this city, too vet there are few playgoers of this day who looking back to 1866 will recognize in William J. Scanlan the "Master Willie" whose boyish soprano delighted the frequenters of Broadway concert halls in the flush times

after the war.

Mr. Scanlan's present malady first manifested itself more than two years ago, while he was traveling through Texas. He was subject then to attacks of fatigue and depression, the results of which were quickly remarked by those who acted with him, if no by those before whom he acted. On severa occasions during his tour through the south west the performance was delayed while was recovering from one of his spel's. manner of living undoubtedly is the cause of his impaired health.

Flushed with success, young, robust and popular man wherever he went, his habits became reckless, and he defied the laws o health. It is no secret among his nearest friends that he has been excessively fond of health the gaming table-a fascination that was not more costly to his purse than it was ruinous to his physical system.

FROM 'ROUND ABOUT US.

Nebraska. Harvard barber shops will bereafter close n Sunday.

A Niobrara man shot a thirty-five pound beaver the other day. Franklin county old settlers will hold a remion during February. The matrimonial fever is reported epidemic in Antelope county.

Farmers about Liberty have organized a ome insurance company. Alvin Jenkins, a farmer at Portal, shipped several tons of broom corn and received \$75 a

Willis G. Brown and Miss Etta Thorneurg of Oakdale have joined fortunes for

McAuliff's dam on Lodge Pole creek near happell, went out the other day and flooded the bottom lands. Fourteen new county bridges have been completed in Dixon county and two more are

under construction It is approunced that a poutcon bridge across the Niobrara, connecting Boyd county with Atkinson, is now assured.

The German citizens of Norfolk have or ganized a turn verein and the new society will start out by giving a grand ball January 11. The improvements made in Hastings the past year amount to over \$500,000, with prospects that the amount will be doubled in

The B. & M. is to build a depot at Mc-Candless station, between Shubert and Nemaha City. An elevator will also be

Rev. M. F. Carey has preached his fare-well sermon as rector of St. Mary's church at Netraska City. He has accepted a call to There is talk of putting in machinery at

Chappell to extract the sweetness from sugar

beets, and then sending the product to Grand Island to be refined. While crossing the pontoon bridge near Stuart Fred Cooper, a Keya Paha county farmer, slid into the river with a load of wheat. He saved himself, but lost his wagon

and grain. A peculiar case is interesting the people of York in which Mr. Bartholomew, a prosper-ous farmer, is one of the principals. He has a son in Texas who had been married, and, as the story goes, without getting a divorce he remarried. Domestic troubles arose and Mrs. Bartholomew came up from Texas about eight months ago to her fatherin-law's. A compromise was fixed up whereby ne was given a note for \$600 to pay simply abandoning her claims. When the note became due the old gentleman discovered that if she were not his son's legal wife he had no cause for paying her, and he refused to settle the note. She sued him and he filed a counter claim for board. The lady is stopping in York and proposes to fight her ciaim, and Bartholomew swears he will not pay it, and as both have money at their command the chances are good for a very interesting

Iowa. Marcus Bros., Clinton grocers, have failed

There are 3,474 pupils enrolled in the Bur-Clarion's new court house will be dedicated at the March term of the district court. Patrick Sullivan and Frank Dung broke

lawsuit.

nto Mrs. Crook's shoe store at Davenport Christmas day and secured \$10 from the safe They were arrested. The Old Fellows lodge at Atlantic is the largest in the state, its members numbering

nearly 300. The todge has about completed a new temple costing \$25,000. Herbert Fre and John Houk became in volved in a quarrel at a shooting match at Davis' coal mine, northeast of Corydon, and while one was attempting to get a gup.

which was lying near, it was discharged, in-stantly killing Newton Houx, a companion, who was attempting to separate them Thomas Loughlin, a well known business nan of Clarion, is dead. On Christmas day he went to Belmont on a railroad velocipede to meet Father Egan, a Catholic priest. When almost half way home he gave out. Father Egan went to a house a short distance away for help and when he returned

Mr. Loughlin was dead. A Codar Rapids man who owns a valuable porse conceived the idea of testing human nature the other day. Accordingly he hung a placard upon the horse, which was tied in front of his office, announcing that the entire outfit must be sold for \$30. Soon there was a procession of experts looking at the teeth of that poor horse and lifting his feet with a most knowing air, each one in turn and the that the price was much too high. a great object lesson and no one had discov ered that a \$500 outfit was being offered for \$30 when the owner came out and drove away.

VALUABLE DOCUMENT MISSING.

Jeff Davis' Bond, Given on the Charge of Treason, Lost. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 29.-It has become

known that the bond given to the United States government by Jefferson Davis to answer to the circuit court of this city for treason is missing from the court records. This paper bears the signatures of Horace Greeley, John Minor Botts, Jerrit Smith and other prominent persons. The present clerk of the circuit court, M. F. Pleasants, who was chief clerk of the Department of Justice in Washington at the time of his appointment to his present position in 1870, found that the document was missing soon after his arrival as clerk, and ever since he has made lingent efforts to find it, but without success. He has had many offers for the original or a fac simils of the paper, one of the most tempting being from a prominent magazine. He said today that he had a suspicion as to the thief, but declined to say anything about him except that he was dead.

Bud Year for Lafe Insurance. New York, Dac. 29.-The troubles of life insurance companies during the year 1891 have been as numerous as those of the fire insurance companies. Life insurance men do not deny that the year now closing has been the worst on record for them. Hardly any one in the business has made large profits. The grip, insurance men say, was the cause of large expenditures and in marine circles the loss of life during the year has been larger than it has been for many years. The result of so much bad business will probably cause some of the companies to con didate with others. If the grip epidemic carries away many victims this winter the number of consolidations will be all the more numerous.

This Gan Was Loaded. John Wilson, a 14-year-old lad, residing at South Seventeenth street, near the tracks, was returning from hunting yesterday afternoon and while jumping a fence near the Teath street viaduct his gun was discharged, wounding him in the right leg so badly that the limb had to be amputated.

Forgot to Cancel Stamps. The Hetzel rothers were fined \$50 and coats, and one men, 'er of the firm was remanded to the custory of the marshal for ten days for seeping empty eleomargaring kegs in their basement with uncancelled

HIS VIEW OF THE WAR RUMORS

Senator Palmer Sure the Administration Desiros Peace.

UNITY OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

This is the Policy as He Observes It-Nothing in the Situation to Apprehend Trouble-Odds and Ends.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE BEE, Care voo, Ita., Dec. 29. Senator Palmer, who is spending the holidays at home in Springfield, in an interview regarding the Chilian matter, said

The trouble with Chill, in my opinion, is not serious enough to warrant any prediction that there will be war between this country and our South American neighbor. opinion that there will be no war. If the ad-ministration had regarded the situation as very serious, congress would certainly have been asked in some way to remain in session, instead of adjourning for the bolidays.

From what I have been able to gather in Washington, I think it is the policy of Mr Blaine to avoid war between this country and Chill.

This is in accord with the idea of the unity of the avoid war between the country and Chill. of the American continent which he enter-tains and which is a good idea."

W. G. Goodati's Success.

W. R. Goodall, formerly of Omaha and well known there, has just sold his play, "The Absent Minded Man," which he wrote while in Omaha, to Roland Reed. The con-

sideration named is \$10,000.

The Hernid says of the play editorially: "W. R. Goodall, a Chicago newspaper man, has just sold a play to Roland Reed which the actor declares gives him the best opportunity of his life for genuine comedy work. The play will be first given next spring at the Boston Museum and will doubtless score a splendid and immediate success. Boston does not produce much of anything nowadays in the way of literary or dramatic art, but what it has lost in the creative faculty it has goined in the critical. Chicago is glad to write books and plays for Boston proud of the honor and confident of the verdict. Boston naturally demands what Chicago gives-

Odds and Ends.

D. A. Blodgett, owner of the Times building, has taken out a permit for a structure to cost \$700,000 and intends to convert the present building into a say scraper. The work of construction will go up in sections, like the "Fair" building, so as not to disturb the Times in its occupancy. The dimensions are 100 by 180 feet on Washington street and

Fifth avenue.

A son of Lyman Gage, has just reached home from New York, says his father is on the way to complete recovery. All he needs now is a continuance of the same attention he is receiving in New York and plenty of rest and quiet. His recovery is assured, though it will be some time before he will be able to re ume business.

After a lively debate, the ordinance for the extension of the West Lake street line of the West Chicago Street Railway company, for twenty years, was passed on unanimous vote, the fight being made on the length of the franchise. Thomas L. Kimball has been in the city

for several days to secure a permanent manager for the Union elevator at Council Bluffs, the present tenant, who took possession as a creditor for Brown Bros. not wishing to continue in the management. The elevator building is owned by the Union Pacific and several other roads, while the elevator business is conducted by a stock company, of which Mr. Kimball is president,

Western People in Chicago.

The following western people are in the At the Grand Pacific-Carl G. Borch, Davenport, Ia.; C. J. Ives, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; W. F. Banks, Marshalltown, Ia.; J. A. Rhalberg, Dubuque, Ia.; Thomas L. Kimbali, W. H. Wyman, Omaha. At the Palmer—John J. Stork, Council Bluffs: F. J. Kahn, Sioux City, Ia.; C. S. Hutchins, Burlington, Ia.; H. H. Bowman, Beatrice: H. W. Koundtree,
At the Wellington—James P. Donahue,

Davenport, Ia.; Miss L. Seaman, Grinnell, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robbins, Lyons, Ia.; C. H. Bonbright, Des Moines, Ia.

At the Leland-Mrs. Pohlman, Omaha.

At the Auditorium-Lewis Cotter, Muscatine, Ia.

TOBACCO IMPORTING FRAUDS. Special Agents of the Treasury Make

a Discovery. NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- At the instance of American tobacco growers the department some time ago issued an order that all tobacco importations should be sent to the public stores and every balo examined. It was found by the board of appraisers, in acting on the Lieb case, that the importers of Sumatra tobacco were in the habit of entering wrappers as fillers, saving \$1.65 on duties and the American growers made the same charge against many importers of Havana tobacco. Special Agent McCov has just com-pleted an examination of a lot consisting of 31 bales which were entered by Stachelberg & Co. as Havana fillers, dutiable at 35 cents per pound. It was found that fifty of the pales contained the finest Havana wrappers valued at \$20,000 and dutiable at \$2 a pound. The tobacco was seized yesterday on a charge of fraudulent invoice and the importers will be prosecuted for violation of the customs laws. Heretofore, when undervalued tobacco had been found, the entries have been raised and no punishment inflicted. There are now several thousand bales of tobacco at

the public stores awaiting examination. Another Tin Plate Factory. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.-The N. G. Taylor company, which has been operating a small tin plate factory here, today completed arrangements for the erection of a factory in this city which, when completed, will be the largest establishment of its kind

in the United States. Bush Fires in Australia. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 29.-Extensive oush fires have swept over the districts of Albany, Wagga-Wagga, Temora and Mudges, causing immense damage to crops and burning a large number of head of live

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