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Sworn to before me and subscribed in the ence this 2d day of April, 1801. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

Now, please don't guarrel over the credit of originating the quorum-counting rule.

When the council gets rested from its junket we may expect the resumption of business at the old stand.

What a great difference it makes whether the marriage license is applied for by members of a royal family or by the children of the ordinary citizen!

Anything is called an army in these days that can assemble a corporal's guard of undisciplined men. Our real army will soon have to assume another name.

If Van Alen were not resurrected in the house the other day he would not have been heard of again until the next campaign contribution box was about to be passed.

Members of the lower house of congress have a wonderful faculty of making a discussion of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill cover an unlimited range of subjects. Anything is relevant when these bills are under consideration.

Who is governor of Iowa, Hubbard or Jackson? Is Iowa a Vanderbilt railroad province or a sovereign state with a constl tution and an executive limited to the exercise of powers devolving upon him by its provisions and the laws enacted under it?

A one-minute speech that when reported fills four columns of the Congressional Record captures the pennant for short dis tance talking. A congress which establishes the record for both long distance and short and a gentleman. distance speeches is most certainly a remarkable congress.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1894.

tives by a majority, perhaps even larger than that of the democrats in the present When Kelly's Industrial army made its house, what does such a promite suggest? appearance in San Francisco and later in Oakland the civil authorities there rang the should nominate the best men they can fire bells, ordered the entire police force to find willing to represent them-men of abilthe citadel, and implored the governor of ity and character, whose course with respect California to call out the militia. For reato legislation, even though they may be able sons best known to himself the governor to accomplish but little against a politically declined to be stampeded, and money was hostile senate and executive, will tend to raised to pay for transporting the army to strengthen popular faith in the wisdom and Ogden. The Associated press covered the the patriotism of the republican party. The events in Oakland fully, and the acts of the election of a republican house of representamunicipal law officers there gave the imprestives this fall will be but one step toward sion that Kelly's followers were desperadoes, reclaiming the government from democratic armed to the testh, seeking whom they might control. The senate and the presidency must destroy. People throughout the east rebe secured before there can be a restoration of garded the approach of the army as a threatrepublican principles and policy in the adened menace, and citizens of Omaha viewed ministration of the government. A house of It with misgivings until closer acquaintance mediocrity, composed mainly of small poli-The Hee was the first newspaper to tell

KELLY AND HIS ARMY.

this novel expedition, of the perfect dis-

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be secured.

ticians incapable of making a favorable impression upon the country, might be fatal the reading public of the true character of to the future of the party. There will not be lacking anywhere an abundant supply of cipline maintained by its commander, and of willing material. With republican success the pledges made by the men to obey the almost certain in nearly every congressional laws of the land. The Bee published the district of the north it will not generally first interview with General Kelly, which be necessary to drum up candidates. Republicans will therefore have a most favorable chance for careful selection, and this should than anything that had previously been said on the subject. The result was that the be made on the score of ability and character. If that be done the next house of closer the army came to us the better the opinion of it. The perfect obedience of the representatives may exert great influence for men to their commander gave evidence of

the future good of the party. THE IMMIGRANT RATE SITUATION.

less tramps, but, on the contrary, are what General Kelly claims them to be, a party of The immigrant passenger business within unfortunate mechanics and laboring men the jurisdiction of the Western Passenger whose real object is to reach the section of association has for months been an open country where they believe employment may sore in the railway rate situation, and unless some agreement is reached before the expira-No event in the history of Omaha has tion of another week it promises to cause created greater interest among the people the outbreak of a serious rate war, which than the coming of the Industrial army. should it once be commenced, could scarcely The inoffensive conduct of the men, the be confined to the immigrant traffic. Any courtesy and forbearance of Commander one who reads the accounts of the contro-Kelly under most trying circumstances. versy given in the various newspapers which have won for them sympathy and aid on devote attention to railway news could not both sides of the river. The army marched but gather the impression that the whole out of the Chautauqua grounds with protrouble has been needlessly raised by the visions enough to last them until Sunday, refusal of the Uulon Pacific to accept the and with over \$1,000 in money. The gendivision offered by the other roads. He erosity accorded the Industrials here was would even be led by some reports to be due largely to the signal ability and high lieve that the Union Pacific officials had set qualities of leadership shown by their comout deliberately with a fixed intention of re-

mander, General Kelly is in some respects lecting every offer of compromise, however a remarkable man. He is not a political reasonable it might be, in order merely to demagogue, nor a walking delegate break up the Western Passenger association. Neither is he a frenzied reformer, with There may be some truth in this, but the denunciation for any political party, sect Union Pacific people tell a different story. or dogma. He is a modest, active business They contend that their road has secure man of excellent judgment and good taste control of the great bulk of the immigrant The meeting at Jefferson square Wednespassenger traffic by perfectly legitimate day evening was taken in hand by local remeans. It built up a business by paying formers of populistic tendencies, whose liberal commissions to agents for routing ardor caused them to attempt to turn the immigrants over its line, and naturally obdiscussions into a populist protest against jects to losing what has been gained at so all lawmakers and against both democratic great an expense. The Union Pacific reand republican parties. Prominent men in fused to become a party to the immigrant national affairs were denounced and clearing house agreement, which seeks to maligned. Commander Kelly listened paapportion the business among the different tiently. Finally he responded to calls for transcontinental roads. For months the a speech. He did not, however, enter into Western Passenger association has been enthe spirit of the occasion. He was not deavoring to induce the Union Pacific to there to denouce the millionaires, statesmen enter into an arrangement upon the disputed and lawmakers of the nation, and he said points, but they have stubbornly refused to so. His platform was, "Do unto others as concede the 20 per cent of Colorado traffic ye would that others do unto you." He for which the latter has been holding out appeared on behalf of his hapless followers, The crisis seems to have been reached last as their special champion. He blamed no week, when Chairman Caldwell abruptly party for the deplorable condition his men dismissed the immigration agent at New were in. It was a question of humanity, York with a letter alleging that he was vio-Whatever may be said of the folly and futility of Kelly's expedition, it will be admitted by all that he is a capable leader

lating his agreement by irregular methods that inured to the benefit of the Union Pacific, and accusing him of conspiring to demoralize the whole immigrant business. The immigration agent gets back at Chairman Caldwell with a letter in reply, which has been given equal publicity, charging him

more difficult to obtain would work untold hardship. Yet this, undoubtedly, would be

one of the objects of the combination, to in-Obviously that the republicans everywhere | crease the gains of the operators by making coal dearer, as has been done for years by the anthracite combine. But there may be some practical difficulties in the way of the proposed combination. The production of bituminous coal extends over nearly the entire country. It is mined in thirty states and territories, and while the great sources of supply are in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and West Virginia, a number of other states produce sufficient for the home demand and to spare. It may not be an altogether simple matter to organize a trust that will be able to control and regulate the production of this vast field, although to the modern method of capitalistic combination almost anything seems possible.

> In spite of law and of public opinion the trusts continue to flourish, growing stronger and more exacting by reason of the toleration they receive. The intrenched forces of monopoly were never so strong as now, and yet the representatives of the people propose nothing for their suppression, and the executive servants of the people make no adequate effort to reach them by existing law. It is a condition of affairs that is not creditable to the nation, nor is it to the advantage of republican institutions.

WHAT WILL THEY DO NEXT?

The second contract of the New Thomson-Houston company for electric street lamps will expire a week from next Monday. Under that contract the city is paying at the rate of \$140 per annum for all the lamps in excess of the first 100, which were contracted for at \$175 each per annum for the period ending November next. The bids for electric lighting for three years from May 1, 1894, were opened more than sixty

days ago. The lowest bidder agrees to furnish electric are lights of the required standard for \$112 a year each, or \$28 less than we are paying under the contract about to expire. The parties making the bid have filed a bond for \$25,000 as a guaranty of the performance of their agreement. The Thomson-Houston company, which has enjoyed the monopoly of electric lighting in this city for many years, has interposed all sorts of obstacles through its subservient tools in the council to prevent the consummation of the contract with Pardee & Co., the lowest bidders. One of the conditions under which Pardee & Co. agreed to contract for electric lighting at the reduced rate was that they be granted a franchise for a number of years that would enable them to become an active competitor for electric lighting, both commercial and municipal.

Under the charter no franchise can b granted to any corporation by the council until after the ordinance embodying the same has been published for two week previous. Two ordinances had been framed with a view to granting franchises under certain restrictions to companies that would accept their conditions. It was expected that these ordinances would be ordered published during the absence of the council on its tour of the coast. But on the night before the council started on its tour Councilman Wheeler adroitly managed to side track the ordinances by a resolution to defer publication until after the council re-

turned. And now we are within ten days of the expiration of the Themson-Houston contract and still no action taken. Will the council do its duty now at the eleventh hour, or will the majority continue to dance to the dulcet music of Mr. Wiley and deliberately conspire to rob the taxpayers by throttling competition?

The city this year has a surplus fund on

A TRIUMPD.

New York Tribune (rep.): Mr. Reed is entitled to feel some little satisfaction in the final surrender of the democrats at Washing-

Globe-Democrat (rep.): The new system will meet a long-felt want. No legislativ mbly anywhere will be without it much longer.

Kansas City Journal (rep.): Mr. Thomas B. Reed's fight for business methods in legislation has been long and arduous, but it has won. Mr. Reed is to be heartil; gratulated.

Indianapolis Journal (rep.): The Reed method of counting a quorum is the only ra-tional, logical way, and the democrats will have to adopt it substantially whether they want to or not.

Courier-Journal (dem.); For a man who despises the democratic party as much as he professes to do Mr. Reed has worked very hard for an endorsement of himself and his rules from that source.

Kansas City Times (dem.): If the new rule was analagous to the Reed rule what was the use in such a motion? At this At this distance it looks as if there was very little comfort for Mr. Reed in the rule adopted. St. Louis Republic (dem.); The rule does not vindicate Reed's methods, and is to that extent a defeat of that incarnation of small vanity is something to crush Reed's llibuster without following his vicious ex ample.

Chicago Post (dem.): The adoption o the quorum counting rule is not a personal triumph for Mr. Reed-unless the Maine statesman glories in the discomfiture of It marks the return of congre congress. to reason

New York Sun (dem.): It seems to un the democrats in the house of reprethat sentatives should give Hon. Thomas Brack ett Reed a silver service or a gold gavel, a ome other tangible and permanent memoria for their indebtedness to that eminent col-lector of quorums. Undoubtedly Mr. Reed himself is entirely satisfied with the tril ute that he has received at the hands o his opponents, but surely their gratitude man who has saved them from themto the selves, so to speak, will not be satisfied a easily.

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS.

The Seward postoffice will be moved the 1st of May.

Evangelist McKaig is holding revival meetings at Seward and sinners are being saved The Seward County Teachers association will hold its next meeting May 12 at Seward. The Columbus planing mill is again in active operation. Business is picking up every

where. A successful revivalist is about to test his skill on Nebraska City people. His name is Brown and he will open his campaign on the 1st of May.

Ill health caused George Covel, an old settler of Keya Paha county, to commit sui-cide by cutting his throat. He was at one time quite well off.

The capital stock of the Exchange bank of Franklin has been increased 50 per cent and Jacob Bernhard of Hastings has been elected president of the institution.

The Young Men's Christian association of the Fremont district will hold its fifth annual inference at Norfolk April 27 to 29. large attendance of workers is expected

Unscrupulous tree agents have loaded up several residents of Weeping Water with hazel brush that was labeled "flowering shrubs" when it arrived from the "nur series.'

An enraged dog attacked a child of James Wisda of Ord, and before the animal could be driven off from the little one it so ter-ribly mutilated the face of the child that it believed the sight of both eyes was de-

stroyed. A jug of raw alcohol caused Gebhard Meinof Cordova to attempt the destruction o He shot at his daughter his whole family. but she was too quick for the old man and knocked his gun in the air just as it was discharged. A neighbor was called in and helped the family to entertain the jaggard during the night, and in the morning spirits had effervesced enough to allow him to retire and give the women a chance to rest.

The Colonel Has the Floor.

Globe-Democrat. There is now an opportunity for Colonel Watterson to repeat his observation about the democratic party marching through a

HERE AND THERE.

In the revised lexicon of the democratic press there is no such word as czar.

Ex-Speaker Reed's smile is somewhat sardonic nowadays, minus the imperial anh Governor Waite isn't saying a word, yet

the reflection of his smile provokes hysteria in the shoriff's offics. Senator George thinks \$5,000 is too much alary for salary for a congressman. The salary of senators-but that's a horse of another color.

The Kansas City Journal's frequent referce to cattle and hogs lends support to the that the town is holding its own in nopulation. If the Pacific contingent of the Common

weal army subscribes to Coxey's good road platform, it is difficult to understand their avers on for walking. Major General O. O. Howard has been writing a book about Isabella of Castile, based largely upon studies made during his

recent journey in Spain. The town of Evansion resolutely refused to annex itself to Chicago. Evanstonians possess a wholesome disrespect for the

Koohlsaat feminine duffer. David Dudley Field left his home in the Berkshire Hills and arrived in New York City with a bible and \$10. He died full of

ra and of years, and leaving an estate of \$1,000,000. Oregon democrats in state convention rigorously spurned Pennoyerism. The refusal of the executive to permit the state cannon for a Cleveland celebration is

thus avenged. A candidate for congress in Ohio illustrates his speeches with an English-made pocketknife This is a commendable departure from the discredited eloquence of the wire nail.

Governor Tillman of South Carolina figures out a profit of \$41,153,49 from his state bar for three months, but he does not include in the expense account the cost of the military force required to suppress insurrections.

Diogenes has forsaken Chicago, and the asons therefor amaze Chicago as much as Diogenes. An honest man bearing the humble and unromantic name of James Gub bins has been discovered. He picked up on the streets a wad of \$15,000 in greenbacks and returned it to the owner.

Mrs. Eva Blackman, secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners of Leavenworth, has not only elevated her husband among the finest, but has locked the city's gates against variety shows. Lofty 'pedalotry and abbreviated garments are strictly outlawed in that burg. As a reform kicker Mrs. Blackman is a success.

COMMONWEAL AND WOE.

Chicago Times: Kelly's army of Com-

monwealers ask for trains while the Coxey army is stealing marches. Both branches demand good roads, too, St. Louis Republic: Governor Jackson of Iowa ordered the militia to the border to meet the western division of Coxey's army. This action was not needed to mark a dif between Governor Jackson and Governor Hogg.

Denver News: Iowa will be everlastingly disgracid if her citizens allow Kelly's army to suffer for food. All the men ask is to be allowed to go forward and have an

casional square meal. They are peacefully inclined and are in the midst of plenty. Hungry men may become desperate Detroit Free Press: General Kelly i

showing himself quite a tactician in WASHINGTON, April 19.-The Agriculing his army by easy stages toward Wash

tural department has been notified that two ington. He shows his contempt for cor porate power by seizing cars whenever they erds of domesticated buffalo and elk are to be found in Otoe county, Nebraska. There are nine animals in the former and eight in the latter. The owner collected the ani-mals and is caring for them in the hope of being able to preserve the breeds from ex-tinction. are available, and failing in this he take

to walking as naturally as a company of barn stormers in a hard season. SOME OF THE JOYS OF LIFE.

Harper's Hazar

I love to watch a subterfuge while fuging on its way. I love to look at dadoes and their doings all

the day. It suits my soul to sit and see a hypo-Indul huging in his hypos as he chonders on his back.

I do not care for theaters, yet state it for a

It gives me joy to go and see a first-class

ater-act. And drinking, 'twixt us two, I deem a very

sinful sin, Although I love to climb on high and drink Washington Star: She was a very little a landscape in.

girl, yet strong men fled in fright, because, you see, that little girl was going to recite. I like to ponder when I've time on questi

shoes.

TURNER WILL LIKELY WIN.

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Pettigrew Will Not Interfere in the Democratic Rows in South Dasota.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE. 1467 F Street, N. W., WASHINGTON, April 19.

It looks now as if Senator Pettigrew would let the democrats of South Dakota fight out their own battles. He has been appealed to from time to time to take a hand in the efforts of certain disgruntled democrats to defeat the confirmation of Mr. Tinsley, nominated for postmaster at Sloux Falls, and Dr. Turner at Yankton, but H is learned tonight that he has decided to keep "hands off." E. M. O'Brien is still in the city and is putting up a stiff fight te defeat the confirmation of his successful rival, Dr. Turner, O'Brien is very sore. He has learned since reaching Washington that his appointment was actually made out by Postmaster General Rissell and sent to the white house, was there O K'd by the president, but was later recalled by Biasell because he had received a bundle of yankton. Senator Kyle is on the side of Dr. Turner and he says the nomination will be confirmed. O'Brien is making a strong effort to enlist the sympathy of

Senator Hill and other leading senators against the doctor, but is not apparently naking much headway. D. M. Ettleman was today appointed postmaster at McPaul, Fremont county, Iowa,

vice W. L. Forney, resigned. Bill to Retire Revenue Marine Officers.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-Representative Mallory has reported from the commerce committee a bill to place on walting orders and permanently remove from the active list such officers of the revenue cutter serv-ice as becomes so incapacitated by reason of the infirmities of age or physical or mental disability as to be unalee as becomes so incapacitated by reason of the infirmities of age or physical or mental disability as to be una-ble to efficiently perform the duties of their offices. The vacancies in the active list occasioned by the removal of incapacitated officers are to be filled by promotion, in order of seniority, after writ-ten examinations as to their professional qualifications. Heretofore accompanying re-ports show there have been no means whereby the incapacitated officers could be removed from the service, and the govern-ment has been obliged to retain them on that list, thus barring indefinitely the pro-motion of capable and efficient junior offi-course of discharging them in their old age, broken in health, and in many cases desti-tute of means of earning a livelihood. The officers of the revenue cutter service are appointed for life, and their duties are not less arduous and exacting than those of naval officers. No Duel for Jere.

No Duel for Jere.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-Judge Jere Wilson was found today at the Interior department engaged in a contested land ase. "Judge," said the reporter, "is it true that you and Attorney Stoll are going

o fight a duel?" "Tut, tut," said Judge Wilson, "don't talk to me about such nonsense." "But you have received a letter from Mr. Stoll in which he seems to almost threaten

Stoll in which he seems to almost threaten your life." "I don't know anything about it," said the judge in a way that indicated that he did not care much about the matter. The re-porter got the idea that the letter had been received, but that Judge Wilson hardly con-sidered it seriously, and did not intend to answer, apologize or fight. He did not even seem disposed to be mad about it. When shown the printed reports of the letter he said he had heard nothing of it and read nothing about it and had no time to talk about it. about it

Nebraska Elks and Buffalo

RRISK AND RREEZY

Buffalo Courier: It is the boarding house

hicken that has a really tough time of it.

American Industries: "There is at least

American industries: There is at least one place," said the statesman, who looked yery weary, "where men of all parties must stand together." "Where is that?" "In a crowded horse car."

Lowell Courier: Blest is the man who has music in his soul, except him who walks up the church aisle with creaking

Pudd'nhead Wilson and the Wilson tariff bill taken together have proved too much for Mark Twain, who has been compelled to make an assignment of his book publishing business. The next time Mark Twain starts a story he will look for a title that will act less like a hoodoo.

The people around O'Neill are very much interested in the transfer switch law, as they claim it is needed to enable them to ship beets to the Norfolk factory. It is safe to assume that they will not be able to use the transfer switch the present season. Railroads do not obey a state law in a hurry.

The only way to learn whether a bill for coining the seigniorage has the approval of President Cleveland is to pass it and let it run the gauntlet of a veto. A bill awaiting his signature may be read in a different light by the president than the same bill when merely submitted for introduction in the house.

It may transpire that the city comptroller has blundered in raising an issue between city and county in relation to the distribution of taxes and appropriations. In our opinion this city is not paying for anything in the way of maintaining local government that it can consistently shift upon the shoulders of out-of-town taxpayers. We can afford to let well enough alone.

It has been intimated that one reason for the rapid fall of telegraph poles in this city during the last few weeks may be traced to an anxiety in certain quarters that every thing possible be done to prevent a new electric lighting company from stringing its wires upon poles already planted. The idle telephone poles might have proved too tempt ing a bait if left standing much longer.

Grow and Quigg, the two republican con gressmen who were elected at supplemental elections this winter by majorities indicating an unexpected revulsion of democratic voters, were the principal actors on the floor of the house on Wednesday. These are the two congressmen who, Major Handy declared only a few days ago, had made a big furore and then dropped completely out of sight. The major's sight is evidently falling.

If there was sufficient extra work entailed by the prosecution of the Capital National bank swindles to retain a special attorney for that purpose while the district attorneyship was occupied by a republican, why not also now when a democrat has been appointed to that place? It looks like a petty discrimination to give Mr. Sawyer the district attorneyship without giving the position which he vacates to some other good demo crat. Are all the legal plums exclusively for Mr. Sawyer's delectation?

When men are driven to the point of seeking help from chattel mortgage sharks they may as well leave all hope behind Many persons borrow money of such agen cies with full knowledge of the risk they assume, yet they must have bread. They are unable to protect themselves. For this reason the city and county authorities should throw around all such unfortunate persons the protection the law contemplates. Chattel loans at a fair and legal rate of interest are desirable, but the business has grown into what may be called robbery under forms of law.

fourth congress will undoubtedly be republican by a very large majority. Very few well-informed democrats, if any, question that this will be the case, and all men who are able to take an absolutely fair and impartial view of the situation freely concede it. The south may return about the usual

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

The house of representatives of the Fifty-

not of politics.

number of democrats, though this is by no means certain, but from the states north of the Mason and Dixon line the probability is that the democratic party will send fewer representatives to congress than in almost any year since the war. The substantial reasons for this opinion are to be found in the elections of last fall and of this spring, which clearly indicated a widespread revul sion of popular sentiment against democratic policy. With as strong an emphasis

as was possible under the circumstances the people have declared their utter dissatisfaction with the party in power and manifested their engerness for an opportunity to dislodge it from power.

Nobody is so blind or so stupid as not to be able to see and to understand why this is so. The advent of the democratic party to power, with full control of the legislative and executive branches of the government, followed a period of almost unparalleled national prosperity. It brought with it a change to almost unprecedented depression. which still continues, and the effects of which will be long felt. Two things have contributed to produce this unfortunate condition-the reckless determination of the democracy to overthrow the policy of protection and the persistent tendency of the controlling element of the party toward a financial policy which would debase the currency and seriously impair, if it did not destroy, the credit of the government. The party has shown itself both incompetent and unwilling to deal with national questions in a broad and patriotic spirit. It has not been able to rise above sectional influences and consider questions affecting the whole people from the standpoint of the general welfare. In congress the committees are dominated by the south and southern sentiment and southern wishes prevail. Representatives of the south framed the Wilson bill and the members of the senate and the subcommittee. who revised that measure, are from the south. It was southern votes that made pozsible the passage of the silver seigniorage bill, and it is the south which demands the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on state bank issues, in order, as Senator Morgan of Alabama says, that those states may have restored to them their sovereign right to issue currency, of which they are, according to the same authority, unconstitutionally deprived. In addition to all this the party is split into warring factions. Its chosen leader is almost friendless and is denounced more bitterly by his fellow partisans, by men who

helped to put him in the executive chair, than he has ever been by his political opponents. Lifelong democrats, who have done distinguished service for the party, are charged with treachery because they refuse o accede to the demands of the extremists and depart from the teachings and the example of the fathers of democracy. It is because of these things that the peo-

ple have lost confidence in the democratic party and are anxious for the opportunity to arrive when they can show their distatisfaction in a way that can be felt and as to the meaning of which there can be no mistake. Conceding that under any circumstances now conceivable the republicans will have control of the next house of representacost of that article which would make it

for the immigrant rate muddle upon the shoulders of an innocent party, and threatening suit in the courts unless the letter of dismissal is promptly withdrawn.

with attempting to shift the responsibility

The tension having been brought to this point, the roads upon different sides of the controversy are reported to be seeking alliances in the east, preparatory to waging a relentless war upon one another. One authority has it that the Union Pacific has persuaded the Northwestern to stand by it to afford an outlet to Chicago, and that it is also making arrangements by promises of larger shares of the traffic to secure one or two of the trunk lines as connections to New York. The Western association is trying to hold its members in line, and threatens for the period of the war to go back to the high commissions against the principle of which it is so bitterly opposed. So alarming does the situation appear that the presidents of the Trunk Line association

have been summoned to a meeting in New York next week to use their efforts to avert the impending conflict. Should the war be finally precipitated it must involve other traffic besides the immigrants. The outcome will decide the question who is to con trol the commissions paid for immigration traffic.

A PROJECTED COAL TRUST.

It is reported that the bituminous coal operators are proposing to turn the strike of the miners to account by the formation of a gigantic coal trust. The output of the Hocking valley, Ohio, is now controlled by an organization of operators, and similar arrangements exist among operators in Indiana, Illi nois and the Pittsburg district. On account of the strike it is expected that a national conference of coal operators will be held early in May, advantage of which is to be taken to effect an organization of all the operators. It will be seen from the fact that local organizations already exist that there need be little difficulty in carrying out the scheme for creating a trust, and the wonder is that this has not been done before. There is nothing in the way of its accomplishment, so far as any legal interference is concerned, for the federal anti-trust law is a dead letter, and if the coal operators will incorporate in some state, New Jersey, for instance, where combinations of this kind are favored, the coal trust may enjoy a prolonged existence and vastly increase the wealth of the men connected with it.

A combination to regulate the production of bituminous coal in the United States, amounting annually to not far from 120,000, 000 tons, and also to regulate the price. would be a more serious matter to the American people than any other combination that now exists. It would be capable of oppressing consumers far more severely than the Sugar trust ever has done, with its annual dividends of \$20,000,000, or about dollar for dollar of its actual capital. Coal is one of the necessities in the use of which it is not possible to practice so close an economy an with every other necessity. The poor family may cut down the daily or weekly allowance of sugar or flour according to the exigency that compels curtailment, but when the demand comes for coal with which to keep warm it must be met or there is suffering To tens of thousands of families in this country the question of a sufficient supply of coal to make home comfortable in winter is always a serious one and an increase in the

hand for purposes of paving street intersections which it is unable to expend because i lacks petitions from property owners asking

for paving in front of their premises. Without the petitions the council has ne jurisdiction to act. No one will contend that paving should be extended broadcast throughout the suburbs just at this time. but there are a number of unpaved streets in the heart of the city which are waiting for such improvement and which might as well be improved this year as later. Unless something be done soon to secure petitions for paving on those streets that need it our record of street paving during the coming year will not be in any way creditable. This is a matter which rests with the property owners. The city stands ready to defray its share of the expense.

In wrestling with the problem of unemployed labor the country is confronted by a condition, not a theory. The army of idle workmen has to be fed at the expense of people who have means or people who are in position to spare a portion of their earnings. The question is whether it would pay better to open avenues for employment by setting

on foot public works that are needed or leave the army of unemployed to work out its

own salvation. In pursuing the former policy the surplus of labor would be absorbed and the earnings of the army of nonproducers would circulate among the mercantile class. In pursuing the let-alone policy we would stimulate anarchy and depredations upon property under the plea of necessity, which knows no law.

If nothing else is done this year in the way of street paving the section of Capitol avenue between Sixteenth and Twentieth streets should be repayed. Its present condition is a disgrace to the city. The width of the street and its location in the face of the High school square admits of parking for three blocks, and hence the cost of re paving would be comparatively small. The property owners ought to petition for it as a matter of pride as well as of comfort.

The Commercial club has postponed in lefinitely the discussion of the question of charges for bank collections and credits. This does not mean that the existing arrangements have become any more satisfac tory to the merchants and jobbers, but that they prefer to drop the matter for the present. A voluntary return to their former and more liberal policy on the part of the banks would increase their prestige with their patrons to no inconsiderable extent.

Heap Big Injun.

Kansas City Times. The Samoset club of Omaha is a little shy on name, but it is all right in good democrat principles.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Baking Powder CCOS ABSOLUTELY PURE

shaughter house to an open grave without any danger of having his prediction dis-credited. Like

Tillman Scores a Point.

Cincinnati Comn

Cincinnati Commercial. Governor Tiliman of South Carolina is now eligible to membership in any mug-wump society. He declares that Cleveland is a sham and intimates that a microscope would not discover a particle of respect for him concealed anywhere about his guber-natorial person. natorial person

> A Wrecked Opportunity. Washington St

Senator Hill has been securing the warm-est praise and the bitterest condemnation from the ranks of both republicans and democrats. If he had not committed him-self so unreservedly to the "I am a demo-crat" motto, he might go ahead and form a nerty of his own crat" motto, he mi a party of his own.

War Among Labor Unions.

Detroit Free Press. The strike on the Great Northern is developing a novel state of affairs in the fact that the strikers are opposed in their undertaking by some of the most powerful labor organizations connected with railroad operators. It is a new factor in the labor problem, and it would be a strange thing if the opposition should prove strong enough to win for the company what it could not accomplish through its own strength.

Chicago Journal Nebraska has been heard from. The Samoset club of Omaha, the leading demo-cratic organization of the state, met and adopted resolutions in which Senator David B. Hill was "a traitor, who, having hitherto skulked behind the watchword, 'I am a democrat,' has dealt a treacherous blow at the vitals of his party at the time of its greatest peril." The Samoset club evi-dently appreciates the position of the party before the people. Chicago Journal.

Friendly Receiver Scandal

The case of the Northern Pacific suggest

But if you'd go and do likewise, beware of one mistake Most folks who think they're thinking thoughts are very apt to make: Don't ever reach conclusions; 'tis a fatal thing to do; And no man's ever yet gone wrong who to Detroit Free Press. And no man's ever y that motto's true

Squeal of the Braves.

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The case of the Northern Pacific suggests the necessity of congressional action as to the appointment of friendly receivers. That the books and papers of a plundered rail-way should be intrusted to the care of ac-compliees of the plunderers, the acts that brought about disaster concealed and all chance for punishment and restoration de-stroyed is offensive to justice. It would not be too much to ask congress to enact a law barring the appointment of any officer of a crippled railway to a position as receiver. The scandal has grown to a size, through the weakness and folly of United States judges, that demands radical treatment.

Chicago Record. The (Union Pacific) road can be operated and pay its debts to the government if it is forced to do so. But the element of private speculation must be eliminated from its management and it must be conducted private speculation must be eliminated from its management and it must be conducted with regard to the government as it is with regard to other creditors. The roads have too long played fast and loose with the government. They have pleaded the baby act and used a strong and powerful lobby. The chairman of the Pacific railroads com-mittee has usually. If not always, been a railroad manipulator, like Brice, who is now at its head. The result is that the government finds its demands against the roads constantly increasing, until now its interest account is larger than the principal of the debt and rapidly growing. In the return to economy the Pacific railroad leeches ought to be lopped off first. At \$1.25

op and great, "is the past before us or behind us as they state?" For if it is behind us, and we see it, as I've

Would Barnum's tents be large enough to keep the mammoth hid?

and cogitate, I hie me to my roomy room and there

man's ever yet gone wrong who to

ruminate.

Chleago Record: "And what is your oc-cupation?" inquired the judge, severely. "Your honor," replied the prisoner with the accent of pride, "I am an active and hardworking member of the United Order of Veterans of the Commonweal armies." We must indeed have optics on the hind side of the head.

Buffalo Courier: If you will notice, the experienced walter is seldom upset, no mat-ter how big a tip he gets. I love to solve great problems like, was Hamlet mad or same? Are germs derived from Germany? are sealrings on the wane? And if the Dinotherium still dined as once he did.

New York Tribune: Smith-Don't you think there are very good people in the

Brown-No; they are all dead, "Gracious! You must have "Gracious! You must have been walk-ing through a cemetery."

Indeed, all things considered, in reflection lies real life. It lightens every sorrow; 'tis the antidote Indianapolis Journal: "Uncle," asked the It lightens every sorrow; 'is the antidote to strife; And when there's nothing else to do but sit

little boy, "why do they call from to from clothes with sad irons?" "They are sad," replied the bachelor uncle, "because they are generally managed by some woman." iome womai

HER SLEEVES. Detroit Free Press. She laughed in her sleeve, With intent to deceive. But the gown she was wearing that day Had sleeves of such size That to her surprise They gave the dear damsel away.

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