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Three more weeks of congress.

What has become of the great popular

Just wait till the plumbers' bills begin What's the use of being oil inspector

if you can't strike oil? The weather man seems to be doing

his best to show absolute impartiality in the distribution of his favors. We fear very much that we shall be

longer than usual for the first strawberries of the season. That proposed Hawaiian cable may be a step toward annexation, but it will,

telegraph. The Chicago Herald asks: Why not annex Newfoundland? Why not annex the north pole? Because we can't get it just now.

sold originally for nearly 118, are now quoted at 114%. That represents the there is no valid excuse. cost of an undetermined financial policy.

The Brooklyn strike now threatens to leave a wake of litigation that will compare well with the suits that have grown out of the late Chicago labor

The ex-lieutenant governor drew \$58.40 as mileage to and from the presmoney he will draw from the state on mileage account. So let it go at that The laborer is worthy of his hire.

ceived during the year is not from the drouth or the blizzard, but through the mountebanks and impostors who are relief in the name of Nebraska sufferers for their own pockets.

entertained at Beatrice on Saturday. If any of the other state institutions exappropriations the cities in which they the ghost at once.

Not long since our double-headed contemporary appealed to its readers for 10-cent contributions on the chain-three system in the name of charity. We ber of responses have been received, but an anxious public still awaits an announcement of the result of the fake.

Ex-Oil Inspector Hilton says that he is withholding that \$5,000 in order to protect himself against claims for indemnification which the owners of the gasoline inspected may possibly bring. If so, where is the money? Wouldn't the gasoline owners just as soon trust the state treasury to hold their money as they would Mr. Hilton?

The supervising architect of the Treasury department promises to let the contract for the roof of the new federal building at Omaha some time this year. The specifications for the interior finishings have not yet been completed. But Major Clarkson still has hopes of retaining the postmastership until the postoffice shall have been established in its new quarters.

The heads of all the departments of the federal government will be heartily glad when the present session of congress expires by limitation. They have not had time searcely to do anything but respond to congressional resolutions asking for information, information which the inquisitive senator or congressman could easily collect for himself. After adjournment they will be relieved of this annoyance at least.

Phelps county has already taken pre Hudnary steps to issue seed grain bonds to the extent of \$50,000. The people of Phelps county are apparently acting under the impression that the early bird will be the one to catch the worm. The uninvested moneys in the permanent school fund do not aggregate over a half the maintenance of the gold reserve million dollars, and so could not provide for more than ten counties issuing bonds on the same basis as is proposed in Phelps county. When that money is gone seed grain bonds will be a drug on free coinage of both gold and silver at the market, unsalable except at huge rates of interest. If the State Board of these free silver democratic congress- it from the treasury. In this event it Educational Lands and Funds is to men have been relegated to private life. have no discretion to refuse any bonds beginning March 4 next, they ought to the government to again replenish its that are offered the state will run a great risk of dissipating a part of its indicating where they and their great It need hardly be said that it would school fund.

We print in another column an ac-States senate last week of the bill approductions of discredited statesmen. propriating \$4,000,000 for the erection of a new postoffice building in Chicago. The account is taken from one of the Chicago papers and is probably as accurate and as truthful a picture of the legislative proceedings in question as can be had anywhere. It tells how the considered. There were not a dozen senators in the chamber, much less a from obtaining fine table wines. quorum. One or two senators ventured to suggest that the bill was of sufficient importance to demand a more deliberate but they were quickly cajoled into silence by Senator Palmer, while Vice President Stevenson as the third senator from Illinois quickly went through the forms of reporting from the senate as in committee of the whole to the senate itself, ordering to a third reading, and perfunctorily declaring the bill passed. A measure involving the expenditure of \$4,000,000 went through one important stage of legislative enactment without so much as a word said either for or against it and without receiving the votes of more than

four or five members of the senate. This senatorial farce is performed much more frequently than is generally supposed. Senators make it a practice when they have bills which they know will be vigorously opposed by two or three of their associates to hold back until a propitious time in the absence of those senators, or even to procure their absence by one means or another, in order to railroad their project through by sharp practice rather than by persuasion and argument. Bills of the utmost importance become law without being acted upon by a constitucompelled this year to wait a little tional quorum because the few who are present refrain from raising objections in the hopes that their fellow senators will do as much for them some other day. Legislation under such circumstances is nothing short of mockery. If built, be two steps toward a postal But it is more than this. It is a fraud upon the people, who imagine that their representatives in congress are looking after the public interests and digesting every piece of legislation before giving it their consent. While many good bills go through by this senatorial courtesy United States 5 per cent bonds, that it opens the way to measures of doubtful character. It is an abuse for which

SYMPTOMS OF IMPROVEMENT. The outlook for a marked revival of the iron business is reported to be most favorable. Advices from Pittsburg extensive preparations been made to full sight, and it is said that the engineering offices are crowded with conent session. It is doubtless the last struction work. A correspondent of the slow in acknowledging even a resemlowing account of the erection of new nills at Pittsburg and vicinity, and it is predicted by those who are in a po The worst black eye Nebraska has re- sition to know and judge that a great iron business will come within the next twelve months. There is also a notable tramping through the country soliciting revival taking place in the tin plate industry. New mills are being erected and old ones extended, the manufacture of tin plate promising to realize a very Our junketing statesmen were lavishly marked development before the close of the present year. There appears to be every assurance that the foothold sepect to hold their own in the matter of cured by this industry under the foster- ing to London advices there is a strong ing care of the McKinley tariff will not are located will have to do as well by only be maintained, but that there will in the loan, and undoubtedly the British the visiting committeemen or give up be a steady advance, notwithstanding the more favorable conditions given to foreign manufacturers by the present law. All reports are that the Welsh

tin plate manufacturers take a very discouraging view of the future and have about made up their minds that they doubt whether any considerable num- will be forced to see the American market gradually slip away from them. It having been demonstrated that tin plate can be manufactured here of as good quality as that made in Wales, and by reason of the superior methods of the American manufacturers, at little if any more cost, there can be no doubt that the industry has come to stay and will probably within the next few years be one of the most important we have in the amount of capital invested and labor employed. The glass manufacturers, also, are preparing for an extension of business, and expect to materially

> of 1894. The revival of these industries, and especially that of iron, will mean a great deal for the prosperity of the country. It will furnish employment for most of the now idle labor, put capital in motion, and help the transportation interest. The iron industry of the United States is one of the greatest factors in the business of the country, because of its intimate relations with a number of other industries. When that is active it gives an impulse to activity in numerous directions. These symptoms of improvement in the industrial situation are therefore in the highest degree gratifying and reassuring. They indicate that the country has about reached the end of the long period of depression and

increase their output this year over that

ters they please, but they must expect count of the passage by the United for them only the reception accorded

CALIFORNIA WINES IN FRANCE. In the January issue of the consular can consul at Rheims, France, of the report of a committee of French wine two senators from Illinois, who had wines brought to Paris from the wine constituted themselves champions of the cellars of California. The vine growers the money collected as fees for the in-Chicago postoffice building, waited pa- of California, according to expert testitiently for an opportunity to call up mony, have made rapid progress within their bill at a time when the probability a comparatively short time in the art treasury really belongs to the parties

experts upon 100 samples of California the Hawaiian question Senator Cullom expressed that they will never surwhich will likely always prevent them

It is said that as a general rule the ordinary wines, which are most commonly used, have been declared the consideration at the hands of that body, best, and some of them have been compared favorably with the French best ordinary wines. They do not, however, improve with age, but when two years old seem to lose their quality. In the category of ordinary wines, according to the report of the consul, the red wines have been found superior to the white wines, by reason of the fact that most of the latter are made exactly like the red wines, the white grapes used in this case being allowed to ferment in bunches, The wines of better grade, made

with the grapes grown on the vines im-

ported from Burgundy and the Bordeaux districts, have been pronounced generally good and not lacking in aroma and clearness, but they do not possess the "bouquet" to be found in the products of the famous wine regions of France, and, although they are at first fragrant, they do not leave a durable taste in the mouth after they have been absorbed. It is conceded by these French experts that the Californians have their wine cellars admirably fitted up, that their plants they have neglected nothing to make their goods attractive and to introduce them. Moreover, they are making progress continuously and the wines of the last two vintages are very superior to those of preceding years. In short, it is confessed that the Californians have accomplished all that energy and capital can do to make their wine-making industry a success, but with this commendation ceases. The ordinary California wines, which are the best made, do not improve with age, according to the French experts, but on the contrary lose their quality when two years old. This being the case the California product cannot be expected to displace the French brands; which

the world holds in highest esteem. The French wine experts, however, are of the opinion that portions of California may yet produce a wine that will favorably compare with the best take full advantage of trade not yet in French production. To quote from the consular report: "That French wine experts, always so conservative and Philadelphia Press recently gave a blance of foreign-made wines with theirs should concede that California i ucts, ought certainly to be a great enand almost unprecedented revival in the couragement for the vine growers of California to persevere in their so far successful efforts."

> GOLD FROM EUROPE. The negotiation of a bond sale abroad will result in bringing to this country probably \$35,000,000 in gold, which ought to have some effect favorable to the restoration of confidence. Accorddesire in Paris and Berlin to participate purchasers will have no difficulty in marketing on the continent whatever proportion of it they may be disposed to part with. It is to be presumed however, that there will be no great desire to sell, for the bonds constitute a first class investment at the rate of interest they carry and the long time they have to run, so that the first purchasers will be very likely to hold on to them. It is noteworthy that while the bonds of the government are wanted American securities generallythat is, those of railroads-continue in disfavor, though there was a little better feeling regarding them at the close of last week. It is said to be felt abroad that the higher rate of interest which the government is compelled to pay on the new bonds is a reflection upon its credit, but this is really not the case. What the government is doing is buying gold and paying for it in bonds redeemable in coin, and the higher rate of interest is simply demanded by the sellers of gold to pay them for the risk of having the bonds paid in silver. A gold bond could have readily been disposed of at 3 per cent interest. It is an instructive lesson as to how the financial world discriminates between the two money metals, and ought to have a wholesome influence on the public mind. Those who urge that the United States should have an independent financial policy, regardless of the policy of the rest of the world or the great commercial nations, may learn from this incident that a debtor country, as this is, cannot isolate itself from the rest of the world in this re-

the country has about reached the end of the long period of depression and distrust and is at the threshold of another era of substantial prosperity, so far, at least, as its manufacturing industries are concerned.

The inflow of gold that will result from the latest bond negotiation of the government ought to have, as already will have. But the difficulty is to know how long the government will be able to keep the gold thus received. It would essem that the supply which severely to task and appeal for popular support. With them the only possible solution of the financial difficulties of the government lies in the immediate may repeat the course of the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of these free silver democratic congress in the reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of these free silver democratic congress in the reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of these free silver democratic congress in the reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the set free silver democratic congress in the color reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of these free silver democratic congress in the color reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the set free silver democratic congress in the color reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the set free silver democratic congress in the color reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the set free silver democratic congress in the color reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the government to again replenish its gold supply in the way it is now doing, the free silver democrate congressing the proportion of the financial difficulties of the election as indicating where they and their great color and the reserves of gold by withdrawing the reserves of gold by withdrawing the old ratio of 16 to 1. As most of the set from the treasury. It is feet morning to a prevent the pu

can stop them from issuing all the let- bonds for this purpose, even at a higher rate of interest. The protection of the reserve could be effected by making such provision regarding the payment of customs dufles in gold as would insure the treasury a steady gold income, but there is no probability that conreports there is a resume by the Ameri- gress will do this, the proposition for this purpose in the administration bill

having been rejected by the house.

Ex-Oil Inspector Hilton pretends that spection of gasoline which he is un-lawfully withholding from the state Hilton and will permit the latter to sink of opposition should be the slightest, of preparing wine, but however much by whom it was paid to him. The oil Just as the senate was about to adjourn they have accomplished they have yet companies were evidently not aware un- and Lancaster county, and it is no wonder after a long and tedious discussion of a good deal to do, and the opinion is til apprised by Mr. Hilton that they had this money on deposit with him to notified the vice president that he had mount certain obstacles engendered by their credit. In fact, they have long girls who could not pass an examination in 'a little matter" he would like to have the climate and some other causes ago reimbursed themselves for every cent that they have laid out for inspection. The gasoline upon which 10 cents a barrel was collected has all been sold to Nebraska consumers and the extra 10 cents, if not more, too, has been spection fees it ought to go, not to the oil companies, but to the people who bought and paid for the gasoline.

> Senator Smith seems to think there is great urgency for the appointment by the senate of a standing committee of investigation to look after municipal affairs in Omaha. If there really are grounds for such complaint why do not Senator Smith and his advisers take their affidavits and formal complaints before the grand jury now sitting? The fact of the matter is that the alleged testimony which Senator Smith has in his possession was trumped up solely to induce the legislature to pass the Churchill-Russell police commission bill. Should that bill become law the police and fire departments would at once be plunged into partisan politics, in which event the enforcement of law would be utterly impossible.

We know quite a number of worthy citizens who would like very much to have Secretary Carlisle figure out a are perfectly constructed, and that comfortable surplus in their finances as the result of recurring deficits.

Imbecility and l'atriotism.

New York World. The act of the Colorado legislature making it an offense to fly foreign colors in that state would shut foreign shipping out of its harbors if it had any. It is not necessary to be an imbecile in order to be a patriot.

Buffalo Expres

The next proposition of the Pacific railroad speculators will be to buy out the government's claim. It is said that \$75,000,000 will be offered for it. That is considerably better than the Reilly funding bill, and proves, at least, that it paid to defeat that measure,

Spurning the Common Herd.

Chicago Times, Magnate Pullman is upon a pedestal of egotism which lifts him among his superior beings of the human race, and that he should be confeonted by an ordinary bailiff reading to him the vulgar demands of a mere court of justice is an exhibition of audacity that may be described even as populism.

> Reception of Deposed Royalty. New York Tribune.

New York Tribune.

If in the event of ex-Queen Lilloukalani's deportation she should conclude to take up her residence in this country, common politeness would not permit her great and good friend at Washington to do less than welcome her with all the pomp and ceremony due to a royal visitor. The coming of the deposed dusky monarch would give Mr. Cleveland a roomy opportunity to show that his hospitality is all wool and a yard wide.

The Core of the Controversy. New York Tribune.

New York Tribune.

Justice Gaynor, speaking as a private citizen, puts his finger upon an important point in the Brooklyn railroad controversy when he attributes the trouble to the companies oppression of their employes in order to pay dividends on an excessive issue of bonds. The steps takem by the Brooklyn City company in creating a vast paper capitalization are described in his letter to the State Board of Arbitration. Of course, all these things were done within the strict letter of the law, but Judge Gaynor declares that "to say a thing is done according to law, or that there is no law forbidding it, does not always relieve it from moral odium."

Raising the Cattle Embargo.

Denver Republican.

The national house of representatives has The national house of representatives has passed the bill to remove the differential sugar duty, and it is possible that the senate will concur. Presuming that the bill will become a law, it will then remain to be seen whether G rmany will r move i's proh bition upon the importation of American cattle and beef. It is not probable that the restriction will be removed at once, for that would look too much like a confession that it was adopted as a retaliatory measure. That that was the motive which prompted its adoption hardly admits of doubt, but under the circumstances it may be several months before our export cattle trade is releved from the burden. It all serves to show what a lot of blunderers the democrats are. There would have been none of this trouble if they had let the sugar schedule of the McKinley law stand.

The Outflow of Gold. Philadelphia Times.

During the twelve years following the resumption of specie payments up to the passage of the Sherman act, or from 1879 to 1890 inclusive, the demands for the redemption of United States notes in gold amounted to only \$23,345,440, and of this \$11,458,539 was in the first year, when business was adjusting itself to the new order.

The Sherman act brought an immediate change. In the year 1891, the very year the McKinley tariff went into effect, no less than \$9,703,557 of United States notes were redeemed in gold by the treasury and reissued. This was a larger sum than in any year since 1879. Only \$688,870 of this sum was in the treasury notes of 1890. The silver scheme had discredited the greenbacks and the drain of gold had begun.

The next year, 1892, the notes redeemed amounted to \$36,200,509; in 1892 the figures rose to \$76,556,290. The Sherman act was repealed, but it was too late, and in 1894 the gold payments reached \$141,741,003.

The drain is still carrying the gold out of the treasury and coming back for more. And narrow partisans will not help to stop it. Unjust Discrimination.

Sioux City Journal.

The Chicago, Milwauk e & St. Paul road has agreed at last to make the fast mall train somewhat faster between Chicago and Minneapolis.

But the train is still held at Chicago till But the train is still held at Chicago till 3 o'clock in the morning. It might just as well leave Chicago at 1 o'clock, as the Minneapolis Johrnal shows, except that it is held back two hours so as to be a part of the special private carrier service of three or four Chicago companies which publish morning papers.

The slow fast mail train from New York arrives at 11:26, in the evening. Its mail could easily be transferred by 1 o'clock in the morning, if the purpose was to serve the public.

FOICE OF THE STATE PRESS

Central City Nonparell: Frank Hilton, late chief oil inspector, is reported \$5,000 short. He should keep away from Helt county.

Fremont Herald: We admire Rev. Mr.
Ludden for the economy he shows in holding supplies until he can secure a favorable rate from the railroads, but we feel sorry for the unfortunates who are starving and freezing lom had been waiting for this moment. He through the United States this year on his way to England. This sprig of Oriental royalty is reputed to be a great tiger hunter, hence it behoves the mayors of cities through which he will pass to guard the during his well meaning but misguided ef-

Blair Pilot: From the fact that after several

days of oppressive silence on the subject,
Mr. Crounse's paper, the Omaha doubleender, has printed some facts about the
Hilton emberzlement of state funds, it may or swim without his further assistance. Fremont Herald: One-third of the stu the Lancaster delegation is anarous to in-crease the university tax. In that way Nebraska pays for educating a lot of boys and the Fremont grammar grade. It is not the

mission of the university to do the work of

the public schools. Hastings Democrat: About the pervious piece of business that we have seen in years is the bill introduced to pay attorney fees and expenses for the impeached ex-state offi-cials. These men were practically convicted, added to the selling price. If there is to be any refunding of the gasoline interm. They ask for \$10,000. The boys are There are lots of rascals in Nebraska, but these gentlemen outdo any-thing yet reported. We expect soon to hear of Bank Wrecker Mosher suing the state for

Madison Reporter: More than 100 cars o previsions, coal and clothing accumulated at time, and at last the bill was put on its final Lincoln in the hands of the refer commission passage. But here Senator Harris of Tennes-appointed by the legislature before the sufferers could get a mouthful. Several cars of impatience, "Seems to me this is rather an potatoes, onions and other perishable food important bill," said he.

remained on the tracks week after week Before either of the Illinois senators could and froze so as to be useless. To cap the answer Senator Blanchard of Louisiana a climax, the B. & M. railroad waited until all loyal friend of Chicago came to the rescue. this stuff accumulated, and just as the imbecile commissioners got ready to ship sufferers at the free rates that road had Manager Holdredge announced that he would charge full rates and gave as his reason that he had already extended the free rate as long as the road could afford. Great stroke of business on the part of Holdredge o get all the stuff to Lincoln free on other roads and the B. & M. get full rates for Fremont Leader: In the impeachment

proceedings two years ago it was shown that and Mr. Palmer echoed it as the two ex-Dorgan, Mcsher's agent, was allowed to draw changed significant glances. out of the state treasury nearly \$33,000 on the cell house contract, and the work he per-formed was worth from \$8,000 to \$12,000. He afterward paid \$6,000 to Hopkins, and still has in his possession from \$12,000 to be asked for a committee \$15,000, on which presumably the state is tween the two houses, and the vice president paying from 6 to 7 per cent interest. We desire to call the attention of the new attorney general, and ask that he institute a of Vermont, the first two being democrats immediately to recover the money with interest thereon. It is also his duty to Encouraged by Mr. Cullom's success, Mr. the interest thereon. It is also his duty to institute an action for the recovery of the \$500 drawn by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings for a junketing trip of which here was no authority or shadow of law for such a trip. Also \$200 paid to Hopkins and Howe for a trip to Pittsburg. In this time of great money stringency in the state the burdens of taxation should be lightened as much as possible. The Leader insists that the money in question which must amount to \$19,000 or \$20,000, be recovered and paid into the state treasury.

Kearnsy Hub: The report of Luther P.

Ludden, manager of the state relief commission, to the legislature gives an itemized counties, and defends the comission from the many charges that have been made against it. Buffalo is one of two counties cited to show that complaints were unfounded, bu it is not explained that nearly all of the supplies shipped to this county were moved after the most tremendous pressure had been brought to bear. The report of the house investigating commission appears simultaneously, and while not drawn in language of strong censure is nevertheless a varificatio of nearly all that has been alleged as i the shortcomings and incompetency of the Ludden admits that suplies were held back while the commission was being reorganized by the legislature. But there was no excuse for this. Less red tape, less dignity, less procrastination, and a common sense policy by the exigencies of the situation, and there is still no visible or tangible evidence why Ludden should not be supplanted at once by a man of brains and business. Campfire: Commander Church Howe is

certainly entitled to the gratitude of every old comrade in Nebraska for the interest ing line, and hangs up a purse aggregating he has taken the past year in their behalf. \$16,000 for the best the country can produce He has visited over half the counties of the state and counseled with the comrades and spoken at over 100 gatherings of old soldiers, in fact, the greater part of his time has been given to the Grand Army of the Republic. As a result hardly a single post has been dropped from the rolls. Three months ago he organized a Bureau of Relief to aid the destitute comrades and their familles in the western countles. The records and more than 200 shipments of provisions and clothing. Commander Howe has con-tributed personally more than \$500 to assist the weak posts and destitute comrades; he has also arranged for the collection of seed grain in the east and thereby enable our western comrades to try once more to raise a crop. Commander Howe has certainly a crop. made a model commander. From various parts of the state comes the demand, reelect him, that he may execute his plans for relief. Our relief work this year is of much more importance to the needy comrades and their families than the election of some other comrade to commander. Another year and we trust the circumstance now confront ing by returning to our usual custom.

QUIZZING TOM REFD.

Chicago Herald (dem): Thomas B. Reed may be slightly incoherrent on the financial situation, but it is plain enough that some-body has hit his presidential crazy bone pretty hard.

Courier-Journal (dem): The Hon, Thomas B. Reed's efforts at practical statesmanship are at least brightening up these bleak winter days for Hon. Benjamin Harrison and Hon. William McKinley.

Chicago Record (ind): As a leader of re publicans Mr. Reed evidently recognizes all this, for the measure proposed by him to ide over present difficulties avowedly was trimmed so as not to arouse opposition from the advocates of free silver. Perhaps this may be taken to indicate that Mr. policy in the next congress will be one concession to free silver men.

St. Paul Pioneer Press (rep): Reed's com promise proposition was voted down yester-day-109 to 187-as it deserved to be. For it was plainly a political maneuver in the interest of his presidential ambition. It was pal tering in a double sense with a solution in which the country demands, above all, a bold and decided stand on the part of its

of wrong-headedness and high-handedness The World has recognized and admired it It is a grief, therefore, to see him introducing a substitute financial bill manifestly for no other purpose than that of escaping the necessity of taking ground for or against an issue of gold bonds for the redemption of

Senutional Space Filters.

Kansas City Star.

A sensational correspondent of a New York paper, who has been detailed to find out the suffering in the west, writes as follows: "Unless you wish to do penance for your sins, stay east! Life in the west is one dreadful routine of hardships and privation, without any compensation, unless it be the blue sky and endless stretch of level land." It is true that there is at certain times of the year and in certain places a degree of hardship, but take it the year around and there is more hunger, suffering and privation in the tenement district of New York than in all the thousands of square miles of these "endless stretches." If anybody wishes to "stay east" it is his privilege to do so, but perhaps it is well enough to reflect that a few adobe houses on a bleak prairie represent "life in the west" about as accurately as a back attic room in a Mulberry Bend tenement illustrates life in the east.

CRICAGO POSTOFFICE IN THE SENATE.

postoffice bill tonight is as remarkable as it is brief, writes William E. Curtis in the rose hurriedly with a bill in his hand, "Just a moment," he said. "I have a small matter here that will not take a minute

No particular attention was paid to the request, as the few senators present had started for the cloak rooms. There was no objection to the request and the vice president directed the clerk to read the bill.

"A bill to provide for a public building for the city of Cheage, etc." read the clerk. He was proceeding with the text of the measure when Senator Butler (S. C.), who had lingered at his deak, seemed suddenly to arouse to the importance of Mr. Cullom' "little matter." 'Why, Mr. President," said Mr. Butler

rising to interpose an objection. But at this Senator Palmer, who was stationed on picket duty on the democratic side, was at Butler's elbow. He hurriedly explained that the measure was all right and had received Secretary Carlisle's approval. The carnestly engaged Butler's attention Then he carnestly engaged Butler's attention on a of one. Her food will be pushed through Hawaiian point in which the South Carolinian a narrow slit in the cell and reading matter interested. While Mr. Palmer thus held Butler at bay Mr. Cullom had the clerk quickly proceed with the text of the bill.
When it was completed the vice president who evidently desired to expedite the measure nmittee of the whole to the full senate, then the title was read a first and second

The bill is all right. said he. committee on public buildings and grounds has carefully examined it. The secretary of the treasury has expressly approved it.

would be a great misfortune to have objection vice president, seeing no further objection, put the question on the passage of the bill. There was a loud "aye" from and Mr. Palmer, supplemented by some random votes. There were no negative votes. Mr. Cullom drew a long breath of relief

"I move to reconsider and to lay on the table," said Mr. Cullom, in order to have all the parliamentary formalities which clinch a vote beyond any possibility of doubt. announced as the committee Senators Vest of Missouri, Blanchard of Louisiana and Morrill

White of California and several other sen-ators came forward with their "little bills." But they were summarily cut off by Mr. Harris, who by this time had fully waked up to the importance of the bill just passed. "There are very few senators here," Mr. Harris, as he glanced about at the or ten present. Then he caused a laugh by "We are not full enough to do busi

No more business was done, and the senate soon adjourned. As Mr. Cullom went home he ran across Mr. Hill of New York on the Pennsylvania avenue cars time I ever saw \$4,000,000 go inside of a

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Governor McKinley does not want to suceed Senator Brice. He is looking higher. The spinal column of the winter is not It is a north pole with icebergs for knots.

If it be true that the road to a man't heart is through his stomach, it is reasonably certain the chefs of the various state institutions will now do their prettiest.

Congressman Lafe Pence, the Invalls of said to have made his peace with the powers that rule and will presently enter the ice of the corporations and move east. A "pure steel brick" paving firm which of getting supplies to the front was demanded | charges \$5 per square yard has seriously offended an alderman by assessing his prop-

erty abutting a newly paved street. The the statesman's scruples. The New York Herald is determined t encourage American genius in the story tell-

The first prize is \$10,000, the second \$3,000 the third \$2,000, and \$1,000 for an epic A Chicago Tribune man expressed his

sympathy for an afflicted friend who strug-gled in vain to cough up his liver and was rewarded with a card bearing this device: "I'm taking the advice of every blamed fool that comes along with a remedy What's yours?'

apology to W. W. Astor for having criticised that gentleman's alleged extravagance in decorating his wife's grave. The criticism grew out of a report that Astor had given a florist an order to place a blanket of flowers on Mrs. Astor's grave every day for a year, and that the order entalled an expense of \$40,000. The New York Sun pronounces the report a cruel and premeditated lie, made up by a New York florist and by him sent to the newspaper offices. If there is no law

ventor of that malicious lie, the chiefs of the

wspapers imposed upon should not rest until a means is found. The Ameer of Afghanistan

tame animal, if they would avert a rition of the experience of the late Kalauakua. Hon, T. C. Platt is in a position to

on his hands. The former has a legislature n his hands, or thinks he has, not respond with excessive alacrity when he touches the button. Six of his senatorial majority, holding the balance of power, have jumped the traces, and that soulful "har-mony" which hitherto filled the forests of Tioga with melody is succeeded by dismal

infinitely worse than death. The character of the punishment is related in connection with the sentence of Madam Jonioux, convicted of poisoning three of her family. It is stated that the cell in which the murderess is to be placed is so situated that not a ray of light can ever penetrate it. And after she enters that horrible dungeon she will never see a human being or hear the voice of one. Her food will be pushed through denied her. A few months of such life must bring either insanity or death,

Chicago Post.

A statement of the crop fallures of 1894 has been issued by the Agricultural department of the United States. Some of the figures given are stunning in their proportions, and show that the losses of the ment of the United States. Some of the figures given are stunning in their proportions, and show that the losses of the drouth-stricken region are almost incredible in amount. In 1881 the corn crop of Nebraska amounted to 157,290,000 bushels. In 1894 the total yield in that state amounted to only 13,855,000, a loss of 13,345,000 bushels. Last year's crop was less than 9 per cent of an average one. Estimating the value of the decrease at 25 cents per bushel, the loss in money would amount to the tremendous sum of \$35,836,250.

South Dakota's crop of the same cereal dropped from 29,511,000 bushels in 1893 to 1,490,000 bushels in 1891. Iowa usually produces from 250,000,000 to 550,000,000 bushels of corn. Last year it only yielded \$1,340,000 bushels. Iowa's money loss from the failure of this crop was not less than \$50,000,000. Kansas' usual crop of corn amounts to 140,000,000 bushels. Last year that state only produced 41,700,000 bushels. It is estimated that the total loss in money from the failure of the corn crop in the states named was not less than \$200,000,000,000.

LAUGHING MATTERS.

Philadelphia Record: The preacher who enthusiastically describes the beauties of paradise is not necessarily an advance

New York Sun: Smith-The real estate market must always be active. I should think. Brown-Why, so? Smith-There are so many fellows nowadays who want the

Truth: He-If I am to get ahead in the world, I must take a partner. She-You might take a silent partner. He-I don't see how I could, when I-I want you.

Detroit Free Press: Old Bearder—What do you mean, sir, by asking me to loan you money? I don't know you, sir. New Boarder—That's why I ask you.

Washington Star: "Sayin' de right thing at de right time," said Uncle Eben, "am er great gif". But not sayin' anything at de right time am mos' ez good an' er heap mo' reli'ble."

Albany Argus: A medical authority suggests that those who kiss should first sponge their lips with diluted carbolic acid. But where is the girl that would be willing to be caught with a bottle of carbolic acid in her pocket? Buffalo Courier: Visitor (in the far west)—
I suppose out here, as back east, justice occasionally comes high? Vigilante Bill—Yer
dead right, there, partner. Ain't a telegraph
pole in the whole durned country less'n
twenty feet.

Atlanta Constitution: Don't growl because the sun is hid, and the weather's out of tune; don't sigh and bawl, for you'll have all the sun you want next June!

Life: "Men are such inconsistent creatures," sighed Mrs. Witterby. "It was only the other day they were enthusiastic about smashing the machine at the polls, and now I see that they are going to vote by ma-chinery. What won't they do next?"

IT FIT THE CRIME. Chicago Tribune.
Little Miss Kickles,
She ate some mixed pickles,
In the pantry where nobody spled her.
And the very same day,
It is painful to say,
They occasioned much anguish inside her.

LIL'S APPEAL TO GROVER.

New York Sun

Grover, dear Grover, please come to my ald,
I'm locked up in Honolu-lu;
My subjects are raising the deuce of a row,
And I've no one to help me but you.
My throne now is gone, I'm out of a job,
And, Grover, I really feel ill;
So fit out a war ship, and come right away
To rescue your own little Lil.
Oh, come, please come,
Come Grover and rescue your Lil!

Grover, dear Grover, say why did you take That war ship away from my bay? Your love I'm afraid has grown awfully cold, Since Paramount Blount went away. Oh, what will they do to your dusky young

when they try her for conspiracee; Get a move on that ship, or you nev see Your own Liliyokalanee. Oh, come, please come, I'm wretched as wretched can be!

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