What is there in the railroad passen-

"deflecting the funds from their present

Delayed Congratulations.

Sloux City Times.

Strike Losses.

Scandal of the West.

New York Sun.

The Bell Working Congress.

Hereafter, when the observing spectator casts his eagle eye over the senate chamber he will always notice at least one senator on guard. The persistent Peffer may be strangely absent; the massive Allen may slip off down town to get his buttermilk and sandwich; the vigilant Cockrell may be elsewhere; in fact, there may be eighty-three vacant desks in the senate chamber. The eighty-fourth will always be filled, and its solitary occupant, will be a silver senator.

Afraid of some coup d'etat, the silver men have determined to hereafter take watches, so to speak, while the senate is in session. No "gold bug" is to be able to slip through the senate a bond issue scheme; no friend of the administration is to rush into the statute books, by a simple request for unanimous consideration, a law placing this consideration, a

law placing this country "at the mercy of

Cometimes it will be Teller, sometimes Dubois, sometimes Wolcott, sometimes Stewart, sometimes somebody else. But always somebody. The watchmen are upon the tower, and they would rather die than desert their posts.

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ened cabinet vacancy? The way to reorganize the Whisky

Why not Senator Hill for that threat-

trust is to take the water out of it.

of the penitentiary lease long enough? There is no longer any doubt of the fact that Omaha has a new fire chief.

The serimmage for the shoes of the with the funeral arrangements,

have fallen.

Douglas county has once more the privilege of having her affairs administered by a board composed exclusively of republican commissioners.

county appointing board seems to have learned by unpalatable experience.

The National Council of Women of the United States began at Washington yesterday. Here is an opportunity for to become quite serious. There are to be President Cleveland. Let him send it a sure tramps and tramps, some of them

A boom in international bimetallism will be the natural result of an international monetary conference, summoned at the instance of the German imperial government.

For once on the last bond proposition cotes of the Nebraska delegation in the house were recorded harmoniously on one side of the ledger, without distinction as to democrat, populist and

Any one who would have intimated three months ago that Senator Hill would be the principal defender of President Cleveland's financial policy would have been given what, in vulgar language, is called "the horse laugh."

We are sure the people of the United States will try their best to bear the ported are committed by these night disappointment brought upon them by the failure of congress to act on the various matters of importance on which congressional legislation was expected.

is nothing gained to labor by refusing

than a species of covert bribe-giving and effective. bribe-taking. A measure without sufficient merit to pass unless incorporated into a trade ought not to be pulled through on the strength of some unassallable bill.

If the legislature were able to give binding force to the penitentiary contract extensions, those contracts would be voidable in any court in which the manner in which they were secured should be shown up.

In law fraud vitiates all obligations.

Secretary Carlisle is said to look as if he had lost his last friend. He may not be down to his very last friend, but he has probably succeeded in losing as many in a short time as any man in public life, with the possible exception This is regarded as indicating a purpose be a party to a transaction of this kind,

missioners is having no difficulty in securing all the good firemen that can be accommodated with positions at the present rates of pay. Why, then, should city to increase the salaries in the fire department?

Crounse sailed for Europe he told a reporter of a New York paper that Nebraska had been injured by exaggerated reports of the condition of drouth sufferers. What a pity he did not express himself on this matter to young Mr.

Hitchcock. revision since the day he presided over to the end of the session, and thus the This would not only be detrimental to

THE APPOINTING POWER.

in the governor the authority to appoint the most important public officers not elected directly by the people. The governor is thus held responsible to the of the men whom he appoints. The republican party in particular has time principle, until it is now almost an axiom of republican government. Upon this point the message of Gov-

just previous to his retirement from office, offers some very excellent advice. the governor appoints the superintendent and other officers, while in others do so. this authority is given to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, he does not the present practice. "This is wrong," should be charged with the appointment in all these cases, and he alone should be responsible to the people for his actions. The responsibility for a bad appointment should not be a divided one, and one not directly traceable and chargeable to any one person. Considerations of a political or partisan character," he continues, "may be oprecommendation at this time, still sound fear of the loss of some partisan advantage."

If these are good reasons for concentrating the appointing power in the hands of the governor more than is now the case, how much more powerful are to be issued should be payable in coin to imitate their sis ers of Sloux City and Has not the state had the small end the reasons against divesting him of or specifically in gold expired yesterday. such appointing power as he now has! and the treasury will now proceed to Yet, there are numerous bills pending carry out its part of the contract, under ists in Nebraska have all along conbefore the legislature now in session intended to take away from the govenor the power of appointment to various offices, and to vest it in boards late Minister Gray threatens to interfere in which he can have only a minority if congress had authorized the substitu- the action of their co-laborers across the voice, if any voice at all. Is there any reason behind these propositions except Ex-Speaker Reed is attracting enough the considerations of a political and par- that these bonds will be redeemed in the world that statutory prohibition is attention to make up for the obscurity tisan character to which Governor into which Speaker Crisp appears to Crounse alluded? Have not the lessons parties that in the long run nothing is to be permanently gained by sacrificing advantage? If the legislature wishes to abolish useless sinecures well and good, but if it seeks merely to encroach upon Power is not always unalloyed pleas- the powers of the chief executive it ure, as at least one member of the will mistake the temper of the people.

A TRAMP NUISANCE.

Omaha householders are complaining just now of a new phase of the tramp nuisance that threatens, if not checked, deserving in their misfortune. But

there seems to be a regular organization of professionals in the city of late who make it their practice to ask for assistance only at night or in the early evening, and then to boldly apply at the but for money to procure a night's men should wait until after dark before form work in return for the alms or that they hope to frighten defenseless in the matter of interest. women into complying with their demands merely to be rid of them. In come with excuses for not presenting

themselves in the daytime. of the petty thefts that are being re-

THE DISCRIMINATING SUGAR DUTY. The senate finance committee last bill to repeal the duty of one-tenth of a cent on sugar imported from bounty paying countries, the republican members of the committee making no objections to reporting the bill. Senator publicans, moved to recommit the measure, with instructions to report a bill for the re-enactment of the reciprocity provisions of the McKinley act, to proaction on the repeal bill, which they nation under extraordinary conditions. could very easily do by this means.

Of course there is no possibility of passing a bill through either house pro- state fair away from Omaha after it has the legislature attempt to compel the posing a restoration of reciprocity, a been formally located here for the next duty on wool, and a bounty on sugar. five years by the body in which the There may be a few democrats who are decision is at present legally vested not unfriendly to the reciprocity policy, would be very much in the nature of A day or two before ex-Governor but the large majority of them are un- retroactive legislation. If the legislaalterably opposed to it. As to wool, the ture wants to provide for a permanent very basis of democratic revenue re- location of the state fair after the expiraform is free wool, and of course only tion of five years that is another quesdemocrats from sugar-producing states tion, involving only the right of the State could be expected to give any counte- Board of Agriculture to select the place nance to a bounty on that product. upon competitive proposals. When the Senator Aldrich's motion, therefore, bill is considered on its merits, howwhatever may be thought of ever, it will meet considerable opposi-Old Honest John Powers is deputy the merits of the propositions sub- tion. There are a dozen cities in Ne labor commissioner. As president of the mitted, was certainly not made braska that will want to compete for National Farmers alliance he favored with any idea that these could be the relocation next time and will be enthe sixteen-hour a day proposition for adopted, and therefore it must be con- titled to compete. Should the force bill farm hands. The question is, Has his cluded that the object was to open a pass the legislature the possibility of convictions on this subject undergone debate, which can easily be prolonged such competition would be shut off.

a vote. It is thought probable that it state as well. Permanent location by Since the very beginning of constitution would pass if it should be brought to a legislative engineer would throw the tional government the appointing power vote, but there appears to be a strong dead weight of state fair expenses upon lins always been regarded as an executive function. In every state governnot to make this concession to the dement, for example, it is usual to vest mands of the foreign governments any deficit, but would have to approwhich have established an embargo priate money for permanent buildings against our cattle and meats for the and for their maintenance. The state purpose of compelling the repeal of dis- would thus be but in the attitude of a criminating duties. Senator Platt doubt- show proprietor and its agents would citizens for the character and efficiency less voiced this sentiment when he de- act as gatekeepers, collecting money clared that if Germany wants to retall- from the people who patronize its ate it is a game that two can play at, show. Under competition in the matter and time again committed itself to this and that the way to convince that coun- of state fair logation the people of the try that her proposed retaliation is un- city where the fair is held must provide derstood in this country is to make use grounds and buildings at their own exof our power for retallation on Ger- pense. There is no sense in the measernor Crounse, sent to the legislature many. This is, perhaps, not a states- ure to saddle this unnecessary burden manlike view to take of the mat- upon the state, ter, but it seems to be held Referring to the fact that in the case by a sufficient number in the senof some of the institutions of the state ate to defeat the repeal of the discriminating sugar duty if they will to

Such a result would be a disappointment to the cattle interest of the counhesitate to express his condemnation of try and particularly of the west, which has been working earnestly for the resays Governor Crounse. "The governor peal of the objectionable duty. The action of the European governments has already resulted in some loss to this interest and it is feared that if the duty is maintained other American interests may be made to experience injury by being discriminated against in European markets. Of course this country can, as Senator Platt suggests, resort to retaliation. The question is posed to a favorable acceptance of this simply whether the duty is of sufficient importance to Germany to induce her legislation should not be avoided for to carry the matter to the point of commercial war

THE BOND TRANSACTION.

The time in which congress was allowed to decide whether the new bonds which the government will pay, during tended that the prohibitory law of Iowa the thirty years the bonds are to run, more than \$16,000,000 in interest in excess of what it would have had to pay their cause. What have they to say to tion of the word "gold" for that of way which will accomplish no other "coin." It is very generally conceded final result than to publish the fact to gold or its equivalent. That has been a howling mockery. the course with the bonds already isof the recent past taught all political sued by the government, and undoubtedly there will be no departure from it. But the silver men of the house, aided principle to party spoils and partisan by some republicans who there is reason to believe acted largely from partisan feeling, refused to allow this change in examples of English, expressing a belief terms, and the price of this refusal is that "fines and licenses is a crime," dethe generous sum above stated. What manding a constitutional amendment good purpose has been served by this ongressional rejection of an opportunity source into other channels" and intimatto save the treasury more than \$500,000 ing that better results would be obannually it would be interesting to tained "if the money were applied to a learn. It has not put the bonds already hospital fund, where the physical or issued in any better position, nor has it mentally diseased might be cared for." in the least improved the credit of the government. The cause of silver has not been advanced by it, nor is the pledge of the government to maintain lature, makes a bitter attack upon Secthe gold standard any less binding than retary Morton, whom it holds responbefore. We have simply declared that sible for the appointment of Euclid we are not disposed to make a specific Martin as postmaster of Omaha. It is agreement to redeem these new bonds a bit significant that unfavorable comwith gold, and rather than do so we are ment upon the appointment of Mr. front door, with a request, not for food, willing to pay a higher rate of interest, Martin has so far been confined to demolodging. There is no reason why these doubtedly they will be redeemed with of harmony than has heretofore pre-The only effect this policy is vailed in the various camps of gold. making their rounds unless it is that likely to have is to make future subthey can not then be well asked to per- scribers to our bonds, if another issue should become necessary, more exacting

The contract made between the secre

tary of the treasury and the syndicate most cases, when told to return in the of foreign and domestic bankers has morning for work, they fail to reappear, been severely criticised. Democrats as or, if they do, it is at nightfall that they well as republicans have condemned it in unmeasured terms as a transaction which gives all the advantage to the We are inclined to believe that many bankers, and one humiliating to the country. It has been declared that even bankrupt Egypt has negotiated her wandering tramps, who are encouraged loans for less than the figures given to by timid householders. The police do the syndicate that has taken our bonds, not seem to take cognizance of these and that this, the richest country in the prowlers, or at least their efforts have world, will have to pay a higher rate thus far failed to repress the nuisance. of interest than Norway, Belgium, and The Brooklyn street railway strike is A great many people are making it a even the British provinces have to pay only now formally declared off, although rule to refuse point blank to give money on their obligations. But all these it was off, in fact, weeks ago. There to all tramps who do not apply for as- make their obligations payable in gold, sistance in the light of day. This course and undoubtedly if our government to recognize the failure of a strike so has proved partially successful. If it were to do this it could borrow all the soon as that failure is plain and beyond were followed by all the citizens who money it asked for at 1 per cent less are bothered in this way and were sup- than it must pay on the new bonds. ported by a more rigid police surveil- Unquestionably this transaction is some-Legislative logrolling is nothing less ance it would doubtless be substantially what extraordinary, but it is to be borne in mind that the exigency was The Bell Working Congress.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The Bell Telephone company, not satisfied with the monopoly it has enjoyed for several years under government patent, and the great advantage over competitors it still enjoys through its established exchanges and its experience, is striving to get an extension of government aid in its control of the business. Two bills, Nos. 5361 and 6698, now before congress, are intended to amend the patent laws for the benefit of the Bell company. They should not be permitted to pass. The Bell company has obtained in abundance the rewards the patent laws hold out to inventors, and its course in reaping the fruits of that monopoly has rendered it exceedingly obnoxious. The public has patiently submitted to exactions sanctioned by law; it will not be tolerant of other exactions authorized by laws to be passed for the special benefit of the Bell company. also extraordinary. It is not to be doubted that the syndicate of bankers will make a profit out of the transaction. week made a favorable report on the though the great gains estimated by some are not likely to be realized. But there will be some benefit to the govern-Already gold exports have ment. stopped, and the scramble for gold has ceased. Shipments of gold from Europe Aldrich, however, representing the re- have begun, and hoarded gold is coming out of its hiding places. The national credit is safer now than it was ten days ago, and the promise is that it will not again be so seriously menaced for a vide for paying bounty to growers of long time, perhaps never again, unless domestic sugar, and to supply deficient the next congress should make as great eies that may result from removal of a failure as the present one has in dealduties on sugar by imposing duty on ing with the financial question. It is wool and increasing custom duties and certainly to be hoped that the governinternal taxes on articles of laxury, ment will never again be compelled to on the part of the republican senators but those who condemn it do not give to inaugurate a debate on the tariff the administration just credit for an The Board of Fire and Police Com- question, with the purpose of preventing | honest effort to protect the credit of the

the meetings of the alliance in this city? repeal bill be prevented from reaching the interests of those cities, but to the

THE GOLD BOND DEAL.

New York World: (dem.:) This is not a done in France.

Atlanta Constitution (dem.:) We presume that the cuckoos who, against their own con-victions, may feel themselves compelled to defend Mr. Cleveland's gold bond scheme, will claim that if the scheme had been indorsed by congress it would have resulted in a saving to the people of \$16,000,000 during the next thirty years.

Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.) The very day the London gold bug bankers "coin" bonds sold in our market at a premium of 10 per Who has been playing bear for Uncle Sam?

Denver Republican (rep.) Congress will prove false to its duty if it does not immediately pass a concurrent resolution annulling the contract recently made between the admistration and the Shylock syndicate. Kansas City Times: Mr. W. J. Bryan, a stateman, objects to the resolution authorizing the admistration and the Shylock syndicate. In the president to buy gold with gold bonds on the ground "that the secretary of the treasury redeems United States and treasury red

road's revenues is derived from freight instead of bonds made psyable in "coin" entails a loss of nearly \$16,200,0000 upon the traffic. But the general freight agents seem to be able to abide by compacts made, say nothing and saw wood. Yet everybody knows that freight agents are prone to giving secret rebates where competition is active and sometimes they have been known to give free transportation to shippers to get the business. Perhaps the freight men are Buffalo Express (rep.:) It is said that the adepts at covering up their irregular

United States would save \$16,000,000 by the gold guarantee. This is true on the tracks. And then again a car load of supposition that it will pay in gold anyway. But this \$16,000,000 difference can be made freight can't talk like a car load of school ma'ams or a theatrical advance up by paying part of the interest in aliver. and since the money lenders insist on buy-ing the bonds at terms which imply a par-The women of Council Bluffs who tial silver payment, it would be good business advocate statutory prohibition propose sense to give them what they buy. It certainly would be much more just than to confirm by legislation the contract which would embark upon a crusade against the let guaranteed United States bonds go at par, saloons of Council Bluffs. Prohibition-Why the gold bonds, under this contract, would actually bring to the government less gold than the coin bonds! St. Louis Republic (dem :): Six years ago has been and is being rigidly enforced this month August Belmont stood in the to the satisfaction of all concerned in

awarded ribbons to the stump-tailed fox-At that time his fame rested on the owner-

which was the height of canine vegue. As bench show judge and president of the American Kennel club he gradually acquired national reputation.
Today he designates to the United States We suggest that the good women of

government the terms upon which gold by the hundredweight shall be furnished for redeeming currency notes. He negotiates with a president and a secretary of the treasury in secret upon the fate of a nation's the Woman's club interrupt their interesting discussions of public questions long enough to inquire which of their number is the author of those brilliant That is the beauty of a free country.

can't tell when the man you esteem be-neath your serious notice will have a big slice of country standing in his name.

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS.

The dates for the Saunders county fair have been fixed for September 10 to 13. Broken Bow has a new paper, the Custer County Union, started as the organ of the new political party, the "union."

While the Fremont city council was discussing the advisability of putting in a mu-nicipal lighting plant the gas went out. The Papillion Times, whose editor is Rev. Mr. Ernst, paster of the Presbyterian a democrat and a member of the legischurch at Wayne, has tendered his resigna-tion to take effect in March. He will remove to Illinois.

A Holdrege dog had his jaw broken and a ctor was called who mended the fractured bone with a silver wire and will attempt to save the animal's life.

at the same time admitting that un- crats. This argues for a higher degree neck was broken, death resulting instantaneously. He had been drinking. It is understood that Rev. C. E. Battelle

terian prople to preach indefinitely, says the Niebrara Pioneer. It was his letter to The Bee which had more to do in bringing early relief to the settlers in Raymond town-Euclid Martin, the new postmaster at Omaha, has not yet received the congratulations of the Nebraska delegation in congress. Mr. Bryan and Senator Allen are particularly silent on the subject, ship and Boyd county than any other cause. Frank Landie, an aged German, was found murdered at the door of his cabin about ten miles northeast of Loup at Davis Creek. He had been killed by a charge of shot fired at short range, striking him in the back of the neck and lifting the whole top of the skull According to the estimate of the senate committee on education and labor, the strikes during the past six years have involved losses aggregating \$98,556,859; and it is impossible to see that the labor problem has been in the least degree simplified by this enormous expenditure. The perpetrators of the crime are unknown, as Landie was a pauper, being unable to work on account of having years ago frozen both hands and feet, resulting in amputa-

Wallis of his costumes at Humphrey just as curtain was about to go up, says the

New York Sun.

The divorce law of South Dakota has been a shame to the state ever since it became a state. It has given the state a bad name. It has had a demoralizing influence upon it. It has brought untold evil upon many families. It has been a source of fraud. It has been useful only to unworthy men and women. At one time the law was so amended as to require a party to a divorce to reside half a year in the state before beginning an action; but this amendment was repealed last week, and only three months' residence is now required. This legislation is highly discreditable to South Dakota, It is proof that the legislature has no conception of the proper grounds for divorce, or that it is regardless of them. It widens the door of ruin.

The curtain was about to go up, says the Madison reporter. A Norwegian girl going from Newman Grove to Norfelk picked up Mr. Wallis' satchel and left her own and departed on the train, and when Mr. W. opened the satchel to put on his costume he found it contained a night robe, corsets and other miscellaneous and unmentionable articles of female apparel and virtu.

Sheriff Derby of Butler county had a pretty close call for his life, according to the David City Press. He went down on the valley to derve up to the house and went in Mrs. Vincent had a nice reception prepared for him in the shape of a double-barrel shot-time the door of ruin. The sheriff grabbed the gun and succeeded another in reserve, and as she was getting home with him. Vincent was not at home at the time. The Vincent farm was recently sold at sheriff's sale, and Mrs. Vincent has grown morbid worrying over the matter Samp Cooper, who was with the sheriff, does not care to travel with an officer again

> Louisville and the Grand Army. Courier-Journal.

So, up with the pennant of the city of Louisville—up with the easign of the com-monwealth of Kentucky—up with the monwealth stars and stripes of the nation—and, if we must talk of battles, what have any of us to blush for in the memory of Shiloh and Chickamauga, of Antietam and Gettysburg—though, whilst we are about it, we may as well remember Yorktown and New Orleans, Cerro Gordo and Buena Vista. It was a Kentuckian who invoked the spirits of the dead—"On fame's eternal camping ground," let us, living Kentuckians, fittingly welcome to Kentucky soll such as remain of those who fought so well, whom we fought so well—welcome them with all our hearts—in honoring them we celebrate ourselves—for soon, too Soon, the page will be stars and stripes of the nation-and, Washington Post.

Washington Post.

In the language of the wild and woolly west, which they represent, the silver senators are now camped upon the trail.

Hereafter, when the observing spectator Hereafter, when the observing spectator casts his eagle eye over the senate chambers his eagle eye over the senate chambers.

so well—welcome them with all our hearts—
in honoring them we celebrate ourselves
—for soon, too soon, the page will be
turned down, the door will be closed, and
it will be written of us all—blue coats and
gray coats—undistinguished and undistinguishable at last, the one from the other—
on that farther shore where—
"Glory walks with solema round,
The bivounc of the dend."

A Prize for lowa. Cedar Rapids Republican

Some twenty years ago a cowboy depos ited \$3,000 in a Council Bluffs national bank and went west to look after some cattle While there he was killed, and all efforts While there he was killed, and all effort to find his heirs, if he had any, have proved fruitless. After ten years, according to the law, such unclaimed money reverts to the state. Auditor McCarthy is now investigating the matter, and it is probable the state treasurer will receive quite a respectable sum from the original amount, to which will be added the accumulated interest.

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

BRYAN AND THE BONDS.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Bryan of Ne Mr. Bryan, being a democtat, though inoc-ulated with populism, ought to know how the account stands; but it strikes one very forcibly that the democrats owe it to themselves, as well as to the president, to support him in all earnest endeavors to extreate the country from the embarrassment in which that party has placed it.

Kansas City Star: Mr. Bryan's theatrical remark that he would gladly die "If by dying he could prevent the passage of this bill"president made his secret bargain with the issue of 3 per cent gold bonds, suggests London gold bug bankers "coin" bonds the unhappy fact that the failure of the necessary number of democrats to die has cent. The last \$50,000,000 of 5 per cent thus far successfully retarded all manner of bonds, running for ten years, sold three months ago at a premium over 17 per cent, by Mr. Bryan's heroics and is reasonably rejoiced that in a few days he will be in a

wars and so much fuss and feathers over traffic agreements, divisions of rates, arbitrary tolls and long hauls? Passenger traffic of a trunk line is only about 30 per cent of the carrying busi
Telburg (rap.) The failure of the treasury redeems United States and treasury redeems United States a Chicago Tribune (rep.:) The failure of the government pay him in silver. The ef-congress to authorize the issue of gold bonds the secretary of the treasury would be to create a premium on gold. The only benefi-claries of such a result would be the Wall instead of bonus in the sentile a loss of nearly \$16,200,0000 upon the people of the United States. That is not far from 25 cents per head of the total population. It means nearly \$1,25 to the average workingman who is the head of a family of five persons. It is a big price to pay for blatherskite oratory in favor of free silver ment suspended specie payments until it resumed again. Mr. Bryan, who is trying to and for relative picayunish objections by a sumed again. Mr. Bryan, who is trying to few sound money men to the terms of a make the public believe that he is the reprecontract made in despair of sufficiently sentative of the people, is really the repre-prompt action by congress. blers. He is assiduously carrying grain to their mill, and so far as appearances indicate, he is doing it without compensation to himself.

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

As a sensation center St. Paul is hopeessly left. Georgia's claims as a winter resort have ome foundation in fact.

The old flag flutters merrily from many appropriation flag poles. Governor McKinley is doing considerable talking, but is not obliged to record his vote.

The Southern States Magazine prints a timely article on summer temperature in that section. It soothes the ears jarred with sleigh cowbells.

The introduction of a bill in the Connecticut legislature to prohibit treating is a sugges-tion to the lobby to get down to the national lingle standard. Li Hung Chung has been reinvested with

he yellow coat, peacock feather and other celestial regalia. William Wilson shivers on the lee side of the blizzard. Dr. Booze of Baltimore is having a recount of the vote by which he came in second in the race for congress in Maryland. He ex-

pects to get there. Booze always does, A dazzling collection of "sun dogs" was witnessed in several Missouri towns last week. Evidently the November returns from Missouri had just reached the neighborhood

An alderman of St. Paul, on a wager of \$30, sawed, split and piled a cord of wood in eight hours. That's nothing. It is a poor alderman who cannot saw less and make more in the same time.

Seven hundred and fifty Chicago clergymen were invited to preach on municipal patriotism last Sunday. A majority re-sponded, but the result cannot be determined until the ward managers manipulate the primary returns. While the German emperor and empress

were out sleigh riding in Berlin they came across three small they snowballing in Thiergarten. One of the snowballs struck the emperor, and the culprit, abashed, ran up and said: "Did I hurt you much, Herr Kaiser?" His anxious tone made the emoffender a memento of the meeting.

Thirty years ago a Pennsylvania editor turned his pile of \$500 over to an impecuni-ous friend, who hurried westward in search of health and fortune. Recently the editor was informed that his i. f. crossed the range and bequeathed him \$50,000 to repay loan. Incidents of this kind, how are too rare to popularize journalistic loans. The amount outstanding far exceeds the re turns without counting the "unearned in-

Tobacco as consumed by great poten tates is an interesting topic to the majority of men. The emperor of Germany smokes cigarettes, the new czar of Russia prefera a pipe, President Faure of France is a great consumers of cigars, the sultan of Turkey alternates his cigarettes with a hookah, President Cleveland puffs a cigar after dinner. out smokes less frequently during the than he used to; the emperor of China has no time at present to smoke anything.

> Brains, if Not Beauty. New York Sun

The American School Board Journal publishes the portraits of a considerable num-ber of state school superintendents who have lately been elected. In North Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming these high officials are ladies; and we add with satisfaction that there is not a single pretty one among them. They all owe their places to their educational merits, and not to personal beauty or any flirtatious abilities.

TICKLISH MATTERS

Galveston News: Woman does all she can to render herself irresistible and then orders man to keep his distance,

Chicago Tribune: "I wonder," said the burgiar, slipping the contents of the safe into a sack, "if I oughin't honestly to pay an income tax on this!"

Harper's Bazar: "You are the only wo-man I ever loved, darling," he whispered after she had accepted him. "Impossible," said she, "I know better. You make love like an old hand; you can-

not deceive me, George.

Detroit Tribune: "I am in despair!" cried the poet. "What's the trouble?" "Got to write a summer poem for a magazine in freezing weather, with coal % a ton and not a spark of poetic fire."

New York Ledger: "He, he! It 'pears Mrs., Brown, your cats is awful 'fection-Mrs. Brown, John Mell, dey say dogs like dat master; I s'pose cats take after dar misses. Sense my per Jim died, dey act kinder lonesome like. Mebbe dey want anoder

New York Recorder: "Jones, why don't you go to work and earn a living?"
"My dear Smith, what's the use? I tried it once for a little while and no sooner lid I earn a dollar than I had to spend it. So I gave it up."

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Richmond Dispatch,
"And have you weighed, dear sir,
This matter you've proposed,"
She said, as very gracefully
Within his lap she posed.

"I never had before," said he,
"But now I have good grounds
For reckening the same to be
About two hundred pounds,"

TRIOLETS.

nate Field's Washington.

When she sighs and answers "No,"
Wait a bit, and do not leave her;
Who shall say she bids you go
When she sighs and answers "No,"
In a voice that's soft and low?
Ask again, it will not grieve her.
When she sighs and answers "No."
Wait a bit, and do not leave her.
Il.
Sally loves me well today,
Tho' but yesterday she hated;

Sally loves me well today,
Tho' but yesterday she hated;
And tomorrow? Who shall say?
Sally loves me well today;
Be tomorrow what it may,
So today is kindly fated;
And she loves me well today,
Tho' but yesterday she hated.
III.
Kitty sat upon my knee
(Years ago, when she was seven).
Do you hear, you lovers three?
Kitty sat upon my knee;
Yes, I know you envy me
Such a sweet foretaste of heaven;
Well, she sat upon my knee
(Years ago, when she was seven).



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