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Mayor Bemis' vetoes seem to be striking the right chord of the present city council.

It will take an "unknown" detective to detect what the belled detectives are accomplishing.

Never mind. The State Board of Irrigation will afford a few berths for the persistent place hunters.

If the assessors obey the letter and spirit of the law they will have no need of a prearranged basis of valuation. The insurance agents may as well

make up their minds that the valued policy law of Nebraska has come to Tom Reed may have taken to the

woods, but he will emerge in time to assume the speaker's chair in December next. We presume that Nebraska deserves

the name of the Tree Planter's state because it has so many tree planters and so few trees. The people in this vicinity who voted

for Grover Cleveland at the last presidential election have been looking in vain for their share of the ducks.

The almanae says that this is the time when we ought to have a taste of vernal equinoctial weather. But what the almanac says doesn't always go in these parts.

The president, so a dispatch relates, has pardoned Blue Duck, convicted of of the ducks progressed quite far enough during the president's recent expedition to North Carolina.

We can excuse an assessor for getting middled in putting a valuation on a horse because a horse trader is sometimes fooled. But an explanation is needed when he lists bonds and bank Stock at one-tenth their face value

Westward the prairie schooner takes Its flight. With a favorable crop season this year it is fair to predict a strong immigration to this state, which by the way has suffered but three partial crop failures during the past twenty years.

Douglas county has been given one lone representative out of the twentyfour who compose the joint sifting committee of the two legislative houses. But then Douglas county's interests in the legislature do not count for any-

A Chicago suicide just before taking the fatal step wrote a note warning all honest men to beware of the Board of Trade. This will furnish the text for a new onslaught of sermons on "How to Be Honest Though a Member of the Board of Trade."

The danger is that by the time the complication of legal technicalities precipitated in the Barrett Scott murder cases are cleared away the guilty parties will be found to have slipped out of the loopholes opened up by the conflict of authorities.

We commend the subject of street cleaning to the serious consideration of our august city fathers. In a few short weeks citizens will demand clean thoroughfares and the tangle into which the matter has drifted must be straightened out without unnecessary delay.

While the supreme court is pondering over its income tax law decision the Income tax returns are coming right Should the law be declared unconstitutional the income tax collectors will have to be utilized in undoing the work already accomplished.

A personal check for \$100 drawn on an Omaha bank and presented in any bank in the City of Mexico is immedintely cashed with 203 or 204 Mexican dollars. This is one of the beauties of the free and unlimited coinage of silver as it exists today in our sister republic.

The Interstate Commerce Commission announces an early visit to Omaha to hear the complaints of our shippers against discriminating railroad rates. They contend that the 5 per cent bridge arbitrary on eastbound consignments shall be abolished, thus putting them on an equal footing with Iowa shippers to Western points. They protest against railroads making fish of one and fowl of another. Let the issues be joined and the fight made on its merits that it may be sweedily adjudicated

THE DEPOSITORY LAW.

Whatever may be the final action of representatives assembled at Lincoln of \$225,000,000, which this country to convince their constituents that there would have to assume, would cause due to his department. is anything wrong with the principle the American people to reject a propoupon which the depository law is sition of annexation. It is, of course, founded. That principle is that public among the possibilities of the future money should be for public use ex- that the "queen of the Antilles" will clusively. There is no more reason become a part of the United States. why any man selected to take custody The men of a coming generation may of public funds should convert to his conclude that we must have Cuba at for one vested with the administration the present generation. of a private trust to account to the beneficiary for the principal but not the

There has been for months past a

systematic campaign for the repeal of the depository law instituted by the state and county treasurers and their banker friends, who hope to reap advantage from the obliteration of this salutary piece of legislation from the statute book. They succeeded by the aid of peculiar circumstances in size securing a qualified and halfhearted endorsement of their scheme from Governor Crounse in his biennial message to the legislature. All the governor would say, however, was that to his mind the wisdom of such a law, so far as it concerns the money of the state, was doubtful. Yet he could not entirely repress his conviction that the principle of the law is right and just. In another part of the same message, referring to the unfortunate condition of the state finances and the decision of the supreme court declaring unconstitutional the law to authorize the investment of the idle school moneys in registered state general fund warrants, he exclaims: "In other words, the state was paying interest at the rate of 7 per cent per aunum upon upwards of \$600,000 and was losing interest on over \$400,000." If the depository law was not at that very moment in existence the state would interest on the \$600,000 warrant indebtedness and losing interest on the \$400,000 school money, but it would also have been losing the 3 per cent interest that it was drawing on the \$450,000 in other state funds that were

sands of dollars in its current funds? The principle of the state depository law is unassailable. As The Bee has already urged, the law ought to be strengthened by amendments that will of sureties and remedy some other minor defects. If the legislature is not disposed to strengthen the law the statute as it stands is still better than no statute.

then on deposit in approved depository

banks, exclusive of the failed banks.

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CUBAN ANNEXATION TALK.

For half a century or more there has been a considerable number of Ameri-Cuba. In the time of slavery Cuban cess will be assured. annexation was a topic of frequent discussion, the sentiment of the southern people being practically unanimous in favor of it, for the obvious reason that the possession of Cuba by the United States at that time would have strengthened the institution of slavery. Men the other sections of the country have the annexation was a topic of frequent disadvocated the annexation of the island for commercial and military reasons. made from time to time in support of our power in that quarter, now dominated by European nations. This was the chief point made by the authors of the Ostend manifesto, which proposed that this government should offer Spain a sum of money for the island. and if that were refused we should take forcible possession. That proposition had many enthusiastic supporters.

sentiment in the south, and probably Senator Morgan voices the view of a majority of the people of that section in expressing the hope that Cuba will become a part of the United States. To what extent a like sentiment is entertained by the people of other sections of the country there is no means of judging, but it is not unlikely that it they could be called upon for an expression of opinion on the question a very large number would be found favorable to annexation. The case of Cuba is very different from that of Hawaii, so that the considerations to be urged in favor of annexing the former do not apply to the latter. Cuba is near to our territory, and if it be longed to the United States could be governed, while in a territorial condition, without having to keep a fleet of war vessels in the surrounding waters. Undoubtedly, with a free gov ernment and relief from the oppressive taxation which Spain levies upon the people of the island, Cuba would grow rapidly in population and material development. The present population of the island is 1,600,000, and it is capable of supporting, under such conditions as would prevail if the island belonged to almost any other country but Spain, and especially if it were a part of the United States, three times that number of people. From this small population there is collected annually about \$39,000,000. There is a tax upon everything, and it is the oppressiveness of this taxation that is the principal cause of the present uprising. While the people have been suffering from the burdens of an oppressive government Spanish officials of the mother country have remained quiet and shown no disposition to supply meas-

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HOME RULE DENIED. In killing the proposed constitutional amendment according the inhabitants of cities of the metropolitan class the right to frame and adopt their own charters the senate practically says to the people of Omaha that they are not to be permitted to enjoy home rule. It says to them that they must continue to make application every two years to the legislature for such changes adopted the blanket ballot. in their plan of city government as may become necessary and to run the risk of charter mutilation at the hands says that the legislature is not yet ready to release the hold upon the business interests of Omaha which it posher purely local affairs.

It is not hard to detect the agents that have been behind the decision condemning our citizens to another term of charter tinkering in its worst form. The hands of the franchised corporations, the city contractors and of the notorious tax shirkers are plainly seen. These parties and their agents can go down to Lincoln and with a little smooth work beguile the legislators into acceding to requests which they would never dare to breathe before any chartor revision committee sitting in Onuhu. They can manage in the recesses of distant committee rooms to smuggle not only have been paying 7 per cent into the bills provisions relieving them of just burdens or giving them substantial monopolies of public work when the very intimation would be enough any concert hall of the effete east, to cause instant rejection if the people had-the deciding voice in the matter. The corporations and the contractors and the tax shirkers do not want honest government because it is cheaper for them to purchase immunity and other favors. And they do not want the people to make their own frame of government because they would without question insist upon more honest administration.

The right of cities to home rule may be delayed, but it is bound to come. It already exists in a number of the exclude bank directors from the list larger cities of the country, and wherever introduced has resulted in better municipal government. It leaves the legislature free to devote itself to questions of general legislation and vests the power of charter making in those who are immediately and directly concerned. It is only a question of time when the demand for the concans who believed that the United stitutional amendment just refused will States ought to possess the island of be urged with such force that its suc-

in other sections of the country have Washington a full observance of that courtesy which is due the premier of this government. The circumstance Much forceful argument has been which is said to have caused Secretary Gresham to ask for the recall of the the view that the possession of Cuba Hawaiian minister, Mr. Thurston, and by the United States is essential to to exclude him from the State department will probably appear to most people not to have been of a very serious character. He simply gave out certain information to the press before communicating it to the State department. But from the diplomatic view point this was a sufficient offense to justify the secretary of state to demand the recall of the minister. However, it is likely There is still a strong annexation this would have been excused if Mr. Thurston had not offended in other respects, the report being that the relations betweeen him and Secretary Gresham have been strained for some

> his tongue and such a man is not fitted for diplomatic duties. It is said that the Spanish minister that this may be made. Some of the comment of the minister on the Al lianca incident was certainly of a character which it would seem the State department should take notice of, for it distinctly reflected upon the judgment of the secretary of state in promptly acting upon the complaint of the commander of the Allianca. The minister may not have intended to be discourteous, but so and he should at least be required to disavow any such intention. The political situation in Spain at present is greatly disturbed and for this reason our State department may tolerate for a time an offensive minister, but it would

time. The fact appears to be that the

ing to the public and has not always

the Spanish government had been asked to recall its minister. The American people will, of course, most heartily approve any course on the Secretary Gresham necessary to maintain the rights and preserve the dignity of the Department of State. The representatives of foreign governments must be made to understand that a strict observance of the consideration and the courtesy due from them to that department of the government will be insisted upon at all times and under all circumstances. There is no reason why our government should be more tolerant of breaches of diplomatic courtesy than are other governments, or why it should be less exacting than other governments session until her people by their own as to those requirements which are efforts secure independence, and that everywhere recognized as being proper consummation is probably a long way and necessary. Perhaps the State de-Some profess to believe that it partment has not at all times in the past may be attained as the result of the given the strict regard to this matter it

exacting in this respect as monarchies, but there is reason to think that no such the lower house of the legislature on the Cuba, and all the talk about it is idle. view has any weight with Secretary depository law repeal bill now pending Even if we could have the Island for Gresham and that he proposes to require before it, it will be impossible for the the asking, the fact that it has a debt of the diplomatic representatives of foreign governments every consideration

There seems to be quite a lot of loose talk in the legislative balls at Lincoln with respect to the term blanket ballot. The Nebraska election law already provides for what, in the strict sense of the word, is a blanket ballot, that is own private purposes the interest re- any price. But it is entirely safe to to say a single ballot upon which is ceived on their deposit than there is say that annexation will not come in printed the names of all the candidates for office of all parties. In New York, where the people are calling for a blanket ballot, they want a change from the existing system of separate ballots for each different political party. The question of a space for making a straight party ticket is not one of blanket ballot at all, but of the form of the blanket ballot. The impression must not be allowed to gain ground that Nebraska is so far behind in electoral reform that she has not even

> The court bailiffs who pooled issues and lobbied a salary grab through the of unserupulous and selfish schemers. It legislature will now proceed to make and unmake Judges. There has grown up in this county the past few years a coterie of self-appointed political manipsesses in the power to intermeddle with ulators who make it their business to state of war exists, cannot be tolerated. push themselves into caucuses and primaries and interfere in the selection of both county and city officials. Court bailiffs, having little or nothing to do in court, find time for petry political wire of Lincoln. pulling to the discredit of themselves and the courts. It may be necessary for ing ten days in jail at Butte. the judges to order them to attend strictly to their own business,

> > The concert of the Omaha Glee club Monday evening was a signal artistic success. It is a matter for general congratulation that our musical fraternity has made such rapid progress the past few years. Almost every number rendered showed evidence of careful and praiseworthy training. The program would have met high appreciation in Omaha is proud of her singers and her musicians.

> > A member of the legislature made the charge that the "monied interest" was responsible for the opposition to a pet measure for which he was battling. This declaration produced a startling effect. Fearing a scandal was about to be sprung the cohesive majority turned about face and voted for the bill. The wicked flee when no man pursueth.

> > > Moving Toward Uniform Laws.

Globe-Democrat. Twenty-six states and territories thus far is assured

Unreliable Testimony.

Dr. Parkhurst said that he went into hell to get his testimony to convict the New York police, and now the supreme court says that the testimony is not reliable. The doctor ought to have known that the devil is the father of liars.

Economy in the Right Direction New York Advertiser.

Italy Has a Grievance.

Boston Globe.

The people of the United States used to say some emphatic things about the way American tourists were sometimes set upon and rebbed by Italian brigands. But Italy nd robbed by Italian brigands. But Italy low has a greater grievance against the United States for the way Italians have ust been lynched in Colorado and shot down few years ago in New Orleans. It will ave to be admitted that all the barbarians o not live in foreign countries.

Is Germany Weakening?

New York World.

The latest news from Germany indicates that the government is not disposed to carry out the policy of excluding American grain and meat. Dear food and a hungry populace do not make a happy conjunction for a monarchy in these days. The French apparently adhere to their purpose of protecting their farmers by setting up an embargo against our beef. Well, let them go on eating horse meat if they prefer it. If the Dressed Beef trust will kindly put down prices a little the American workingmen will dispose of the surplus beef—the best that is made in the world.

Chicago Tribune.

It is a hopeful sign of growing southern tolerance that a republican club has recently been organized at Atlanta and has been heartily welcomed. It shows that the old barriers are giving way and that the people down there are growing tired of the divided and disgruntled democratic organization which so long has dominated them. It is an indication that the republican victories Hawaiian minister is too fond of talkbeen discreet in his utterances. He seems to lack the ability to command indication that the republican victories achieved in the south last November will be It is said that the Spanish minister has been guilty of offenses that would warrant a demand for his recall and that this may be made. Some of the

> A Potential Electric Trust. Chicago Inter Ocean.

The bold attempt of the Standard Oil com-The bold attempt of the Standard Oil company to unite the General Electric and Westinghouse companies into a trust indicates the determination of that wonderful monopoly to become as absolute in the distribution of electric light as it is in the dispensation of gas and oil. Nothing short of absolute control of the illuminating power of the whole country seems to be contemplated by the greatest capitalistic combination of all ages. To be forewarned ought to be forearmed. While the Standard Oil company thus is arranging its plants great

Philadelphia Press.

Philadelphia Press.

The firing on an American merchant vessel by a Spanish man-of-war, grave as the outrage is, can carrely be less outrageous and unjustifiable that the indignities continually heaped on the shipper of American products to foreign countries. Whenever the foreigner wants to get some commercial advantage he ories out that American meat is bad, and takes action which disregards all international comity until his demands are compiled with. An unjust and outrageous course is just now being pursued by France and Germany, and it will succeed unless Mr. Gresham shows some stamina. It is unfortunate that our whole foreign trade is done on the basis of surrender to our customers abroad, and it will be a great day for the people of this country when we regain possession of our own trade. There are several hundreds of millions per year squandered through mere amiability which has already discredited us. be no surprise at any time to learn that

Chicago Herald: The conduct of Senor Muruaga, the Spanish envoy, in relation to the firing by a Spanish gunboat upon an American mail steamer in Cuban waters, is not to be endured by President Cleveland and Scoretary Gresham. The Spanish en-voy has overthrown the necessary rules that must regulate the conduct of foreign ministers at Washington. He has offensively criticised in the American press the official conduct of Secretary Gresham, notwithstand ing that it is a fundamental law of diplo-macy that all foreign ministers shall make the head of the State department the sole channel of communication with or observa-tions upon the conduct of the government of the United States. For violation of this fundamental by published strictures on the head of the State department Senor Murusga has already put himself out of the pale of recognition as the diplomatic agent of Spain at Washington.

New York Sun: In notifying Spain that r possession of Cuba will give her no warrant for annoying our ships as they pass to and fro in this highway, and even "whether they pass within three miles of the Cuban coast or not," Secretary Gresham's dispatch ttrikes a keynote of undisputable quence in our diplomacy. The exact routes and sailing directions adopted for our ships through the Windward passage, the Mona passage or any other, whether of the Lee-ward or the Windward Islands, are chosen with reference to the currents, the prevailing winds, the depth of the water, the short est distances, and so on. For such reasons our steamers habitually pass within sight of Cape Maysi, the eastern point of Cuba, just as they generally pass closer to the Plorida Keys than to Havana in entering or leaving the gulf. If, accordingly, they go within a marine lengug of Cuba in prosecut-ing their voyages, that cannot justify forcithey go interference with them, and, Gresham says, such interference,

### NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS.

The Syracuse roller mills have been sold under mortgage foreclosure to A. P. Stuart

son's store at Naper, J. T. Sharp is spend-Smith and Norton, two house breakers, have been found guilty at Aurora, and will spend a season in the penttentiary V. G. Lyman of Kearney will leave in few days for Shanghai, China, where he will become the agent of the American Bible so-

J. B. Jones ex-sheriff of Custer county has been tendered the position of deputy warden of the state penitentiary. He was a candidate for the wardenship, and was strongly recommended for the position, Horse owners at Miller who sent their

animals to the northern part of the state to be wintered are complaining that the man who had the horses in charge nearly starved them to death. When returned, the animals were hardly able to walk, and it is believed that the man will be arrested for cruelty to animals when he returns to that part of the country again.

PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Secretary Gresham's windward passage de Mrs. Lease wants to be mayor of Wichita If she is satisfied with that much of the earth, deed it to her. Frost has nipped the fruit and vegetable crop in the Sacramento valley, entailing

losses running into the millions. Reports received so far do not indicate th organ time which led up to the Colorado lynching. Meanwhile opinions should be reserved.

As might be expected the concern which tried to supply Chicago with pure water for drinking purposes failed to make both ends body.

The widespread revival of "scientific sparring contests" has a deeper purpose than the sordid gains at the gate. It is a protest against the disgrace heaped upon the proession by the Indiana legislature. J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$20.000 to erect a stone sanitarium at Liberty, Sullivan

county, N. Y., where consumptives will be treated. The structure will be on a tract of land consisting of 200 acres, which has The Grand Pacific hotel of Chicago is about

prise of the Lake Shore and Rock Island Railroad companies, was built in 1868, rebuilt in 1872, and now represents a loss of \$1,000,000 to each company. Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer wife of the

wealthy sugar king, is a queen of extrava-gance. She is fond of flowers. She buys lavishly and has spent as much as \$600 for a great basket of orchids. She also shows great ingenuity in devising schemes for The Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer celebrated

page edition. The venerable centenarian is in full possession of its faculties, circulate around its vicinage with all the vigor of a 30-year-old and stands a good chance ounding many years in the next century. Mrs. Ada M. Dowe-Currier has finally reovered \$19,140 against Manager Henderson

of the Chicago Opera house, for injuries to head received scenery. She sued for \$50,000. The accident coursed in 1887, when Mrs. Currier was stage manager for the Julia Marlowe com-It is a matter of serious import to ever

patriotic citizen whether the nation can af ford to imperil peaceful relations with for eign powers while dangers lurk at home and war's rude alarums fill a section of this glorious land. There is Rube Kolb shouting rev lution and expeitorating his palms in Ten-A Kansas City policeman who interfered

with Salvation army services was favored with an illustration of the gospel of muscular Christianity. "Stand up for the Lord. whispered a high private. Failing to obey, the officer was promptly knocked down. The pugnacious dispenser of salvation is the here of the town.

The closing days of the California ligislature was marked by a characteristic boodle incident. A member charged that he had been offered \$8,000 to join a combine of twenty-one senators to vote for certain corporation measures. The charge paralyzed the combine and the members abandoned the measures they had agreed to support.

A Mrs. Long of Glen Cove. L. I., conducted her own case before the justice the other day. During the whole trial she was cool and collected, and conducted the case so admirably that she won it. As soon as the result was announced Mrs. Long lost her composure entirely, and broke into such a loud passion of tears that the justice ordered her from the court room. The mean thing! On and after the 1st of May all passes issued to railway postal clerks will be cansued by the postmaster general last June requiring clerks to live on the line of road over which they run. Congress annulled the rule, but the postmaster general now renders the original order effective by forbidding the use of passes. As the clerks cannot afford to pay fare, they will be obliged to move or resign. About 1,790 of the 6,300 clerks in the service are affected by the order

No More, No Luas.

Chicago Post.

In the New Orleans case the claims of Marquis Rudini amounted to a demand that the United States government lynch the lynchers. Italy did not wish them to be tried by constitutional process in a state court. They must be summarily punished. In the beginning Mr. Blaine preserved a bold front and announced the right principles, but he weakened later in countenancing the indemnity. Mr. Gresham must do better. It is time that the United States government announced to the world that sojourners in this country are entitled to only the same consideration as law and custom grant to native born residents.

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



Battle the Middle of Next Month. CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 20,-(Speial.) In accordance with instructions from the secretary of the interior, the right of Milwaukee & St. Paul Rallway company which were declared forfeited by a proc which were declared forfeited by a prochamation of President Cleveland, issued the 5th of last December, will be thrown upon the market for settlement the 15th of April. The terminal grounds especially are very valuable. Of these forfeited grounds is acres lies within the limits of this city, all-joining the main street of the town on the north. This land is covered by many persons, and the struggle for its possession will be exceedingly bitter and long-drawn out. In 1885 the land embraced in the 188 acre tract was thrown open for homestead settlement by President Arthur, but was afterward withdrawn by President Cleveland, During the time the land was subject to settlement, Captain H. J. King, Captain William Sims and others settled upon the land now embraced in the forfeited tract. The act of congress learning date of March 2, 1883—the act opening the Sloux reservation to settlement—gave this land, and old acres on the west side of the Missouri river, to the Milwaukee company for terminal grounds of their proposed line to the Hack Hills. The fact that the land was declared forfeited for the reason that the railroad company failed to comply with any part of the conditions of the grant is claimed by the original homesteaders condition as though it had never been given to the railway company. It is principally upon this point that the original homesteaders condition as though it had never been given to the railway company. It is principally upon this point that the original homesteaders condition as though it had never been given to the railway company. It is principally upon this point that the original homesteaders condition as though it had never been given to the railway company. It is principally upon this point that the original homesteaders condition as though it had never been given to the railway company has been organized in this city, and an attempt will be made to severe the 18s acret tract under the townsite awas an addition to this city. The townsiters, in furtherance of their plan, have divided mos lamation of President Cleveland, issued the 5th of last December, will be thrown upon the market for settlement the 15th of April the opening of the doors for business at 9 a. m. of that day. The claimants understand that the rersons who are the first to present their filings, and have them accepted, will have a decided advantage over the others coveting the same land, and therefore standing room next the doors of the land office will be at a premium shortly before 9 o'clock on the morning of April 15.

Philadelphia German Theater Closed. PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—The Ger-nania theater, this city, has been suddenly mania theater, this city, has been suddenly closed, as a result, it is given out, of financial trouble and the elopement of the leading man and woman of the company. Hans Heinrich Scholftsky and Martha George. The theater opened the season last September under the management of Joseph Metzger, but did not prosper. Its creditors were lenient, however, and things ran on until Sunday last, when neither Scholftsky nor Miss George appeared at rehearsal. An investigation disclosed the fact that neither had been at their respective homes the night before, and the company disbanded. Last night Mrs. Scholftsky received a letter saying that her husband "had gone with the lady and would not return." harged with Submitting False Involces

ST. LOUIS, March 20 .- Affidavits were iled with United States District Attorney Clopton today charging A. G. Gale and W Clopton today charging A. G. Gaie and W. O. Scudder of the Scudder-Gaie Grocery company with violating the United States custom laws. According to the affidavits the firm had goods shipped from France to this country, and the charge is that the invoice upon which the duties were paid was not the original one made at Havre, France. It is alleged that another invoice was made whereby the government was dewas made whereby the government was de-frauded out of certain duties. Messrs, Gale and Scudder, for whose arrests warrants have been issued, deny any criminal action, claiming that if anything was wrong it was he fault of the shippers in France.

Coal Interests Consolidated.

COLUMBUS, O., March 20 .- Final papers onsolidating the entire coal interests of all the Ohio operators and coal carrying read: the Ohio operators and coal carrying roads were finally completed and signed late this afternoon, thereby accomplishing what will prove one of the greatest factors looking toward the return of prosperity of the bituminous coal interests of Ohio. It means perfect harmony covering the traffic of 7.000,000 or 8,000,000 tons of coal shipped over seven different railroad lines, comprising a total mileage of 2,250 miles, and including every operator to the number of 150, the latter interests employing a force of miners to the number of 20,000 men. Stoux Falls Gets the State Fair.

HURON, S. D., March 20 .- The South Da tota Board of Agriculture met here to lo the state fair for six years, Falls' bid to furnish grounds and creet all necessary buildings, to pay for advertising, traveling expenses of state board, besides a cash bonus of \$1,500 the first year and \$1,000 for each next five years was accepted.

WILL FIGHT HARD FOR THE LAND. DON'T LIKE THE RECEIVERSHIP. Chambertain, S. D., Will Witness a Bitter

Walter A. Wood Harvester Works Directors Anxious to Get the Property Freed. ST. PAUL. March 20 .-- At a meeting of the coard of directors of the Walter A. Wood Harvester works it has been decided to take immediate steps toward releasing the company's property from the control of the receivers who were appointed yesterday. It is thought that this can be accomplished in

ninety days. The meeting was entirely harmonious. The first thing done was to ratify the action of the court in appointing receivers for the company's pr. perty. Arrangements were then made to turn over all the preperty at the earliest possible date. It was decided to take steps at once looking toward a settlement with the adverse creditors. Of these there are but two or three, chief among which is the Bank of the Republic of Chicago. As it is not expected that the other creditors will now make trouble the two or three can be easily disposed of on a basis satisfactory to the rest. The claims of these creditors are not so large that their payment will impair the capital of the company.

General Manager McGowan, who is one of the receivers, says there will be no interruption of work at the plant, but all employes will be kept busy. He states that as the

will be kept busy. He states that as the company has \$3 assets for every \$1 of Habilities, he can see no reason why the receiver-ship should not terminate within ninety days,

### SMILE PROPORERS.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Eleanor-What makes you so sure that he's an English nobleman? Madge-His clothes are such frightful mis-

Detroit Free Press: The turkey at the boarding house was blue as he could be; "If you should ask me how I am; I'm feeling tough," said he.

Chicago Record: Maude (gloomily refus-ing an invitation to the ball)—But I haven't anything to wear. Her Brother (enthusiastically)—Just the thing! Now get your fan and come along.

Philadelphia Inquirer: Waggs—Did you have a fine time last night? Jaggs—No. I had it this morning; \$10 fine, \$3 costs.

New York Ledger: Mrs. Goodhart—Go into the kitchen and cook will fix you out. Wandering Willie—Thanks, wid profuse gratitude, madam, but—but if you has no objection, I'd rather partake of refreshment in de open air. Like me friend, Cl Depew, I'm very fond of dining out.

Philadelphia Record: "I suppose," remarked Tatterdon Torn to the fly bartender, "If I asked you to give me \( \pi \) drink until next week you would not refuse." "I trust not," replied the bartender. And somehow Tatterdon Torn walked out without asking. Somerville Journal: Agent-You don't care for any insurance on your life, then?
Farmer-No. I'm darned if I do. I got my barn insured against fire once, and the blamed thing went and burned down to the ground before the week was out.

Chicago Record: Miss Pompadour—What are all those horrid drunken men yelling for out there on the street? They ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Miss Grace—Those are not drunken men. They're college boys out for an alring.

Miss Pompadour—Oh, the splendid fellows!
Isn't it beautiful, the good fellowship and gayety of young college men?

Smith's Monthly: (George has fallen asleep while waiting for her to dress for the theater). Gertrude—Ah! I have caught him asleep. 'Tis said the face shows the man most truly in sleep, and I believe—I think—yes—I like that face. I will trust you, George. George (rousing up)—All right; it'll be a great accommodation, Cutaway. You know I've got a rich girl on the string, and—heavens! Where am I?

Minneapolis Tribune: "Cousin Ethel, is Colonel Blazer a brave soldier?" "Oh, I don't think he's afraid of powder," "No, I don't think he is, for I saw his nose against your face last night."

TRAGEDY IN HIGH LIFE. Chicage Tribune.

A foreign young noble of high degree Came hunting a wife across the sea In style as beilts the perage;
But he could not find an American girl Who cared to purchase a duke or an earl,
And he went back home in the steerage.

MY DAUGHTER LEARNED TO COOK

We used to have old-fashioned things, like

We used to have a piece of beef-just ordinary meat,
And pickled pigs' feet, spareribs, too, and
other things to eat;
While now it's fillet and ragout, and leg of
mutton braised,
And macaroni au gratio, and sheep's head
Hollandaised;
Escallops a la Versailles—a la this and a la
that. that,
And sweetbread a la Disppoise—it's enough
to kill a cat!
But while I suffer deeply, I invariably look
As if I were delighted 'cause my daughter's
learned to cook.

We have a lot of salad things, with dressing mayonnaise, In place of oysters, Blue Points fricasseed à dozen ways. And orange Roley Poley, float, and peach meringue, alas,
Enough to wreck a stomach that is made of
plated brass!
The good old things have passed away, in
silent, sad retreat;
We've lots of highfalutin things, but nothing much to eat.

And while I never say a word, and always pleasant look,
You bet I've had dyspepsia since my daughter's learned to cook.

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