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UNIQUE CHRISTMAS FEATURES.

The next issue of The Omaha Sunday Bise will be a special Christmas number, with attractive literary features particularly appropriate to the approaching Christmas holiday. A Christmas coloring will be visible in all the regular departments. Well selected fiction for Christmas reading will be presented in attractive form. There will be Christmas poems, Christmas pictures and Christmas sketches and anecistes specially collected for this holiday edition. All these will be in addition to the regular unexcelled news service of The Sunday Bee.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE.

ORDER OF YOUR NEWSDEALER.

The latest rumor is that of a combine of plumbing manufacturers. And the winter season scarce begun!

The chairman of the Board of Public Works congratulates himself upon the unanimity with which the Munro doctrine has been endorsed.

Ex-Oil Inspector Hilton should have raised the objection that the law creating the office of state oil inspector was unconstitutional at the time he was appointed to the office.

If any of our friends in this part of the country want to take a trip to South America at the expense of the federal government now is the time to forward applications to the appointing power.

When the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben come to the front with their burnished armor the royal horse guards will put spurs to their horses and make a rapid, if likely it would decide that there is no

Omaha wants to push without delay every enterprise upon which its people difficult to dispose of bonds at a lower are all united. The metropolitan union rate of interest than is named in the depot project and the proposed Transmississippi exposition are two such enterprises.

If there is any one else in the demoeratic party now besides one G. Cleveland who stands out from the rank and file he ought to put a sign on himself without delay, so that the people might recognize him.

What a terrible calamity would befall the members of congress if the exigencies of the Venezuela complication re quired them to sit in continuous session and forego the holiday vacation upon which they have been so eagerly reckon-

Chauncey Depew comes promptly to the front with his views on the Venezuela message. Dr. Depew would have a caniption fit if on such an occasion the reporters should by accident overlook him or neglect to put his words into cold type.

The influence of the Nebraska dairymen unquestionably pushed the antioleo bill through the late legislature, but it remains to be seen whether it extends to congress and is strong enough with Speaker Reed to procure a committee chairmanship for Mr. Hainer.

We are patiently waiting for the man who predicted war between the United States and Great Britain in the year 1895-6 to announce himself. He must be hiding somewhere. We couldn't possibly get the nation into a serious foreign complication without the aid of the man "who told you so."

It is still an open question whether the next council will need a \$75 a month sergeant-at-arms. The caucus has voted to keep a man in this sinecure. The council, on second sober thought, may find it prudent to dispense with him. The council has no more need of cat has for two tails.

Some of the people who were saying that the republicans would have no difficulty in promptly reorganizing the senate are doomed to disappointment. Here the holiday vacation is upon them and no reorganization yet. The most galling part of the situation is that good democrats continue to draw salaries as reducing the number of city hall emofficers of a legislative body that has ceased to be controlled by a democratic majority.

Erastus Wiman, upon whose surpriscomment was expended, has been dedecision for Mr. Wiman and his friends. sustaining as it does the assertions they them Omaha property owners have but and sufficient pay to attend to the legal made at the time the sensational arrest one course left and that is to take the business of the whole city government. was made.

THE SENATE APPROVES.

able.

Our government having gone thus far in asserting its right to investigate the true divisional line between Venezuela ing upon the controversy-for as the a spectator-it remains to be seen what course the British government will take. It has been suggested that Lord Salisbury would take no notice whatever of possible that such will be the case. Had President Cleveland instituted an investigation on his own motion, as he might could have ignored it without any sacrifice of dignity or self-respect, but an investigation by a commission authorized by congress is a very different matter and we have no doubt will receive the attention of the British government, probably in the form of a protest or of a notice that the commission will not be permitted to prosecute its investigation on Birtish territory. The course of Lord Salisbury will be awaited with ized world. European nations can no longer have any doubt regarding the unanimity and earnestness of the American people in their determination to uphold the Monroe doctrine.

A BOND ISSUE PROBABLE.

reserve pretty close to what the president is understood to regard as the danger point and it is reported that another issue of bonds is being seriously talked of. A Washington dispatch states that the president may shortly send a message to congress on the situation and asking legislation authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue low rate bonds, and that if conlaw, as were those which have been sold since the present administration came in. It is impossible to foretell what action congress would take on such not graceful, retreat to the back woods. | necessity for additional legislation, The fact is that under present conditions the government would probably find it law of 1870, under which the last three issues were made, so that there would be no advantage in new legislation. There is every reason to expect that there will be a large drain on the treasory gold reserve within the next few weeks, so that there will not be much time in which to consider any new legislation. It would not be surprising if the treasury were forced to arrange for a bond issue before the beginning of the

PITY THE POOR TAXPAYERS.

The confederated corporations will have absolute control of the next city council. Out of the sixteen members who are entitled to sents they own at least twelve. Inasmuch as they will also absolutely control the next mayor they will be in position to do just as they please. They will be able to vote themselves any privileges they want and to throttle any measure that would curtail their profits, Increase their taxes or exact from them additional or better service for the public. Now, why can't the managers of these

confederated corporations, who will own next council soul, breeches, save the citizens of Omaha and themselves the needless expense of two extra councilmen? Why can't they agree to leave two seats in the council chamber vacant for the next year? If they have set apart a boodle fund for their retainers, would it not be more satisfactory all around to divide it among twelve men than among fourteen? In any event they would save free railroad transportation, free street railway passes, free gas, free telephones, free water, free electric lights, free telegraph privileges for two councilmen, besides other costly courtesies for their families and friends. In this instance, at least, it seems to

PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD ORGANIZE It must be apparent to the taxpayers of Omaha that no relief can be secured from city councils unless they are forced | county commissioners recently asked the | the to give relief. Before the recent city state authorities for a statement of election the council enacted ordinances the fees claimed by ex-sheriffs and the ployes and cutting down the salaries of such as were believed to be overpaid. to the pen and to the asylums. Herein Since the election the council has begun is a prospective menace to a most profitto retrace its steps in the direction of able perquisite and it may be necessary economy by ordinances to restore ex- for the sheriffs of the state to form a ing fall in the financial world so much travagant salaries, which are doubtless combine to ward it off. to be followed at an early day by other clared by the court of appeals of New ordinances that will completely undo York to have acted entirely within his all that was promised so freely a few needless office as it is to get an officelegal rights when he signed checks for months ago. This, too, in the face of a holder to resign. There never was any money which he was accused of em- depleted treasury and the distressed valid reason for creating the office of bezzling. This is no doubt a gratifying state of the great body of the taxpayers. attorney for the Board of Education. With the conditions that confront The city law department has ample time

Venezuela and British Guiana. The ment commission. This commission by plugging up all the holes. reference of this resolution to the sen- should be composed of men of business speeches of Senators Sherman and Mor- inquiry into all departments of local lose no time in appointing the commis- taxpayers will be irresistible. Should sion and instructing it in its duty. That the council or any other branch of govhe will select men with a view to having ernment dare to defy the popular dehis conclusions sustained, as suggested | mand, measures can then be taken to by Senator Morgan, is altogether prob- enforce compliance.

THE FINANCIAL EFFECTS.

and British Guiana and practically as- the possibility of war between the most flattering prospect for the winter suming the whole responsibility of pass- United States and Great Britain has months. There is encouragement in Venezuelan minister said a few days of the very grave issue. This must now ment in the live stock business at the ago his country is now little more than be considered and its dispassionate and intelligent consideration can hardly fall to exert great influence in the direction of averting the threatened conflict. When the great financial and commerthe commission, but it seems hardly cial interests of the two countries, so intimately connected, shall have been heard there can be no doubt that they will be found united in the demand that have done, the British government the peace shall not be disturbed and the governments will be bound to give heed to the demand.

lesson of what is to be expected in the event of danger of war between the United States and Great Britain increasing. The message of the president was not immediately followed by any very marked financial effects. It did little more than cause a feeling of uneasiness is called upon to take up the matter. profound solicitude throughout the civil- and of itself would probably not have For years commutation tickets for chilproduced any serious disturbance, but when it was found that congress, the way company upon application, and if war-making power in the government, they have recently been withdrawn was in accord with the president and from sale the fact has not been anprepared to go to any length in carrying nounced to a suffering public. out the course he urged, uneasiness developed into apprehension, how deep The withdrawals of gold from the and strong the course of the treasury this week have lowered the stock markets yesterday plainly attests. American securities were thrown upon the market in great volume and the shrinkage in values-in part speculative, it is true, but none the less a loss to holders-aggregated an enormous amount. Not only British holders of American securities, but holders in other parts of Europe, were eager to unload them. There was practically a panie on the New York Stock exgress does not promptly comply with change. Money on call rose to 200 per this bonds will be issued under existing cent. There were several failures of brokers who, being unexpectedly if you can. pressed, could not meet their engagements. So alarming did the situation become that a meeting of the cabinet ht 1 recommendation, but it is more than Washington was hastily called to con-

sider it. This state of affairs, produced by the empty halls which should greet him every- the persistency of the detractors of Presimere possibility of war, ought to bring congress and the American people to a realizing sense of what might be ex pected if there should be certainty of war. That, there can be no doubt, would bring about one of the severest panies the country has ever known, unsettling all values and disturbing all business. Foreigners would take from us all the gold they could possibly get and a suspension of gold payments would become inevitable. Thousands of lomestic holders of American securities would be bankrupted by the shrinkage in value of such securities. The currency of the country would depreciate, causing a heavy loss to depositors in savings banks. Our foreign commerce would be disastrously affected by the cutting off of our greatest customer England, thus most seriously damaging our producers, who would not find compensation for this loss in the home demand, even though the government were to put several hundred thousand men under arms. It is true that British in vestors in American securities and American enterprises would lose heavily, but there would be no satisfaction in this for American losers and it would also work an injury which it would take

years to recover from. It is manifestly desirable that the American people shall give serious consideration to the financial and commercial aspects of this issue. We are recovering from a prolonged depression and there is every reason to expect that with peace maintained the country will realize within the next year or two a high degree of prosperity. Every effort of wise and patriotic statesmanship should be employed to avert what would most certainly prevent the realization of this most favorable promise.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the two most prominent candidates for the prospective council vacancies should be Isaac S. Hascall and D. H. Wheeler. Were not the us that the interests of the confederated names of these two eminent guardians corporations and the interests of all of the public welfare attached to the other taxpayers are identical. When impeachment charges against Mayor a special paid sergeant-at-arms than a men's interests are identical they ought Bemis? The only drawback to their the wister to come to an understanding and act candidacies is that with them again in intelligently for their mutual protection. the council the treasury would have two watchdogs too many.

The attention of the sheriffs' convention is directed to the fact that the majority of as often a present sheriff of Douglas county for conveying prisoners and insane patients

It is about as difficult to abolish a matter into their own hands and force There is no clashing between the city

municipal retrenchment by a policy that of Omaha and the school district of The senate unanimously adopted with- will bring their representatives in the Omaha that calls for a resort to the out modification the house resolution various branches of local government to courts, and if there were a special atauthorizing the president to appoint a time. The first step should be an or- torney could be engaged for such case commission to investigate and report ganization of property owners, and the at a stipulated fee. If the school board as to the true divisional line between next step the appointment of a retrench- really wants to retrench let it retrench among the Mohammedan subjects of the

ate foreign relatious committee and the capacity who will institute a searching | The retail implement dealers in annual convention are admonished by gan warranted the expectation that the government with a view to ascertaining President Grafton to abolish the credit matter would be considered with that where the pruning knife can be applied system and to require their patrons to deliberation which its gravity de- without material injury to the public pay cash for farm machinery. A most manded. The distinguished senators service and what economies can be in- commendable proposition. Nobody from Ohio and Alabama agreed that augurated in the conduct of the public seems to know why farm implements there was no necessity for haste, while business. When this commission has have for so many years been sold on endorsing the position of the president, completed its work its recommendations long time, largely conditioned upon the but it would seem that they were over- should be presented to the various outcome of prospective crops. Pay as ruled by the less conservative members. authorities empowered to put them into you go is yet a good rule and its general Of course it will be promptly approved effect. Backed by an overwhelming application by implement dealers canby the president, who undoubtedly will public sentiment the demands of the not but be followed by beneficial results.

There is profit in hogs at \$3.37. The supply of Nebraska-grown porkers continues good despite predictions to the contrary. Agents of railroads in the northern portion of the state are anticipating heavy shipments of hogs during Whoever has failed to consider the the winter. The cattle industry has probable effect upon financial affairs of also shown a decided impetus, with a ignored one of the most serious phases these unmistakable signs of improve-South Omaha market.

The secretary of the Associated Charlties is calling for special contributions of provisions, clothing, fuel, etc., for the holiday season. The demand for clothing just at this time is said to be great. There are, no doubt, tons of second hand clothing cumbering the closets of discarded wearing apparel and telephone the secretary that he may send Already there is furnished a striking, though by no means surprising, object for it and put it to further good use.

> The school board has evidently not made any serious effort to secure commutation tickets for school children from the street railway company. There is a question whether the board dren have been sold by the street rail-

Economy Threatens a Drouth.

Chicago Inter Ocean. Chicago brewers are economizing, and will close up 1,700 saloons which they are running to retail their schooners.

Too Good to Be Bothered. Chicago Tribune Utah's constitution provides that juries shall consist of eight men instead of twelve There is still a feeling in Utah that men are oo scarce to be wasted.

A Merciful Change.

A populist ascerts that this Venezuelan dis-cussion has been started for the purpose of making the people forget about free silver. Well, it is a good plan to forget a nightmare

Shive the Eggs.
Globe-Democrat,
Time and rotten eggs are wasfed on a fellow like Ahlwardt, the Jew baiter. The thing to do with him is to let him alone and take no notice of him. He can do no harm in the Tt is difficult to explain the purpose of

Statistics Change with the Season.

\$20,000,000, yet it was nearly \$10,000,000. He also predicted that this year we should have a complex instead of a defect, yet there is a defect of \$42,000,000. In the light of these defects of \$42,000,000. In the light of \$20,000,000, vet it was nearly \$70,000,000. Ha lisle's financial predictions?

A Bully Among the Weak, Despite all her boasted civilization and Persia was in its worst days. always been a bully among weak nations, as irksome his position may be made through she was with Nicaragua, recently, and as the insincero support given him by the she is with Venezuela now. She respects Parisian newspaper press. nothing but force. A Yorktown was needed to teach her to pay some regard to the placed at the disposal of the Elysee Palace rights of her supposed-to-be-feeble American colonists in the latter part of the last the newspapers throws a curious side-light New Orleans early in the present century renewed it. If she imagines the United son over again.

TALE OF THE JOINTS.

Although intemperance is on the decline in the United States, because instricty is begreat preponderance of population and large cities, heads the list. No less than 41,176 licenses are required for the Empire state. Illinois holds second place—though a long way in the rear—with 17,833. Ohio is third on the list with 15,817, and Pennsylvania fourth, with 14,115.

The politician and the social economist will be espicially interested in the statistics

national government does not undertake to protect or defend violators of state laws, but it gets revenue by the sale of licenses in prohibition states, the holders thereof taking their chances of local prosecution. Jowa has 5,213 persons or firms holding permits to make or sell lighter. That is about one license to 409 inhabitants, or one to each 100 of voting citizens. Kansas, with a population of 1,427,096, 112 2,570 licenses, or one license a probabilion and now has But, with it in spite of the impossibility of enforcing it in cities and towns. They manage to get along without so much friction as atterdate the operations of their brethren in Vermont. We do not get reports of the jailing and fining of Maine's best citizens for treating their friends.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

assimilation in Central Asia is the belief that for many years she has had a number of shrowd and skillful emissaries at work Chinese empire creating discontent and dissensions. How well she has succeeded is shown by the fact that there is a revolt of the followers of the prophet in Eastern Turkestan and Kan Su which is rapidly seemingly unable to cope with it. Russia's territories bound these parts of the Celestial empire on one side, and, therefore, Russia phrewdly saw that if the revolt became too serious for China to handle alone, she (Russia) would be requested to intervene. Every thing has come out as she expected. She has been asked to send an army to suppress the rebellion and if she does so and succeeds in restoring order she is likely, as a reward, to obtain a large addition to her territory. But there is another phase to the matter which cannot be looked upon with equanimity, especially at this juncture, when there seems to be a danger of a Moslem uprising in Turkey. Might not a revolt in that country so inflame the Mo when there seems to be a danger of

hammedans the world over that they would unite in a war of extermination of the Christians? It may surprise some people to know that there are so many followers of the prophet in China, and that while there are dominions in Europe and Asia, there are nearly 60,000,000 Mohammedans under the rule of Queen Victoria in India, and 9,000,000 of them in Persia. What would a rising of Islam mean to the world? It really looks as though upon the German government rested the responsibility for the prolongation of the anarchy in Eastern

Turkey and the continuance of the massacres and barbarities there. Germany is conceded to be the only power which has held back in the negotiations for a basis on which united action of the powers could be undertaken, and Germany has insisted that the porte should be given all the time it wanted in which to inaugurate and carry many well-to-do homes. It is suggested out the promised reforms. The German navy had the smallest representation at the that householders take an inventory of gathering of the fleets in the Levant, and discarded wearing apparel and telehas not an extra guard ship at Constanti-nople. All through the troubled times in that city the German ambassador is said the representatives of the other powers, all the time in close communication with the porte. These are all evidences of German indifference to the fate of the suf-ferers in Anatolia and Armenia, and of an apparent determination on the part of that government to protect rather than to coerce the porte.

> The convention between England and Egypt o do away gradually with the institution of slavery in the latter country. By the new law the punishment for slave-trading is increased to fifteen years' hard labor, while the contence of death may be inflicted for the nutilation of male slaves. Every head of a amily in whose harem there are slaves une liable to the fine and penalties imposed for sales, purchases and exchanges between families, as well as for attempts to hinder slaves from procuring their freedom. Repati-tion of these offenses will involve double penalties. The captains and crews of veshels carrying slaves will be liable to fine and imprisonment, as also the owner, if he is an accomplice, and his vessel and cargo may be be confiscated. The same measures are to be applied in the case of versels which are merely equipped for the transport of slaves. Every one arriving with domestic slaves must declare the number of them on landing and within fifteen days at the manumission office, where he will receive a corresponding number of freedom certificates. It was proposed originally to issue merely a one-clause decree declaring that "the status of slavery is abolished." but both native and English opin-ion, having regard to the conditions of the country, considered that success would be rendered more certain by the adoption of a

against the head of the French republic, unless it be to precipitate a political crisis One year ago Secretary Carlisle assured the by compelling the resignation of the preciin his annual report that the deficit dent. There are probably a large number fiscal year of 1895 would not exceed of deputies in the French Chamber who dare "policy of purification" inaugurated by the cabinet; hence the furtive effort to accomplish the downfall of Bourgeois through the retirement of Faure. It is to be hoped that the president will not assist official rascallty in France to gain a victory by enlightenment England is as barbarous as imitating his weak-kneed predecessor in re-Persia was in its worst days. She has signing his post of duty, no matter how When she forgot that lesson a upon French political and journalistic morality.

States is feeble on the water now she will The strongest desire of the young Czar put herself in the way of learning this les- Nicholas, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times, is to educate his people. His wishes in this respect are indicated by his abundant notes Extent of the Liquor Business in Pro- penciled on the margins of reports from ministers, governors, and others, which he attentively peruses, after the fashion of his father. Every passage referring to the lack of aducation is sure to be undercoming less reputable and more unprofitable, lined and annotated with remarks of regret the facilities for the manufacture and sale of intoxicants are not decreasing. In the country at large there are 232,295 firms or individuals holding national government in a country at large there are 232,295 firms or individuals holding national government. country at large there are 232,295 firms or country at large there are 232,295 firms or adividuals holding national government leaners to make or sell intexicating drinks. but also of the many heterodox native races, but also of the many heterodox native races, such as the Kirghtz and Buriats. One result the arrival in St. Petersburg of thirty-two If we assume the present population to be 67,000,000—probably a low figure—we have one federal liquor license for every 290 in
Naw York with its the arrival in St. Petersburg of thirty-two one federal liquor license for every 290 in
Naw York with its the present population to be such as the Kirghiz and Buriats. One result in the arrival in St. Petersburg of thirty-two one federal liquor license for every 290 incated here in a opecial school purposely established for that puropss. In order to bring them into close contact with Christian civilization they are to be lodged in private fam-illes, but on the condition that no attempt is to be made to interfere with their religiou Some are even to be lodged and boarded in the families of Protestant residents.

Nobody need be surprised at the news the Internal Revenue bureau relating to fed-eral liquor ligenses in prohibition states. The from Madagascar that the Hovas have risen in an effort to drive outh the Europeans. They are a valiant race, and their numbers are so much greater than those of their conquerors present on the island that the temptition to recover their lost independ-ence must beset them continually. If the bushwhacking campaign which seems to have been begun by them affected only themsens. Kansas, with a population \$2,570 ilcenses, or one license inhabitants. Maine makes a that much, better showing than publibition states. She has had the first for more than forty years, prohibition in her constitution, population of 661,086, she has tor one to every 575 inhabiting one in four of her citizens to rome to every 575 inhabiting one in four of her citizens at 21 or more years, she has every 144 voters. And yet a green to be an unsafe country for either missionary or business enterprises for some time to come.

Isolation and Scifishness.

Isolation and Selfishness.

The isolation of England, concerning which English journals have much to say in a pathetic vein, looks to a person outside like the natural result of a settled policy of

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



EAGLE SCREAMS.

Kansas City Star: If there is any back-More important than Russia's process of ing down on the Venezuelan question it will not be on this side of the Atlantic. Kansas City Journal: England is as sur-prised and grieved to find that Uncle Sam still has a backbone as America is sur-prised and delighted.

Washington Post: So the challenge issues We have struck Great Britain's shield until it rings again, and our gage lies there for him to lift who will. There is a new exhilaration in the air. A rich Olympian ichor fills the nation's veins,

Milwaukee Wisconsin: "Great Britain Must Back Down!" say the headline writers. But the United States is at present under a democratic administration. Middle-aged democratic administration. men remember the democratic shibboleth. "Fifty-four-forty or fight." We didn't get We didn't get 54:40, nor did we fight. Globe-Democrat: England's awagger was

conspicuously absent when Russia in 1870 tore up the treaty of Paris of 1856, dictated by England, and moved her fleet into the Black sea. If Russia had been a weak nation like Venezuela or Nicaragua British vengeance would have been swift and relentless. Louisville Courier-Journal:

doctrine will be maintained, and the United States and Albion will not drench each other in blood over a dispute regarding a strip of foreign real estate of but little consequence to either nation. Go on with your Christ-mas shopping undisturbed by the fear that you are liable soon to be drafted for a sojer. Cleveland Plain Dealer: British opinion is profoundly stirred, but the British cabinet will not commit the mistake of entering on war with the United States whose horrors. with the vast developments in the chinery of modern warfare, would dwarf those of the wars of Napoleon, and whose re-sult would assuredly be the loss of Canada to the British crown.

Indianapolis News: Let it be understood that our interest in the Venezuelan dispute is not due at all to any love or regard for the Venezuelans. The fact is that, speak-ing bluntly, we despise them. We are interested in their behalf, not for their but for our own. Any enlargement of Britsh power on this continent we believe to be detrimental to our interests; that is whole thing.

Chicago Times-Herald: The Monroe doctrine is no more novel than others Great Britain has found this country able to insert n the international code, and after the mas terly elucidation of it by Secretary Olney, who rests the doctrine broadly where it belongs, on the base of a nation's right to protect and perpetuate itself-Great Britain will yet in practice, and ultimately by avowal, admit that this "novel principle" has also been inserted in the international code.

Chicago Tribune: Undoubtedly the British government does not relish the Monroe docrine. But it must take its medicine whether t likes the dose or not. It is not a question The convention between England and Egypt of British preferences, but of those of the which was signed the other day is expected inhabitants of this hemisphere who do not desire any more European intermeddling with their affairs. So the more these truculent English papers have to say now in denunciabe for them to take the back track, as they will have to a little later on.

Buffalo Express: The English diplomats and the English papers may bluster, as they are now doing over the Venezuela dispute but those Americans who take this bluster seriously have a poor conception of interna-tional politics. Let war-talk be laughed down. The United States, even if it had not a ship or gun to back its position, could well afford to stand boldly and immovably for its rights, conscious that Great Britain would in the end come around rather than imperil her commercial interests.

> MIRTH IN RHYME. Washington Star.

It's mighty cur'us how a trust Plays smash with people's pelf. It either busts the other folks Or else it busts itself. Kansas City Journal.

"When I get the lay of the land," he said "In the lecture field, things then Will come my way." And so they did, But he got the lay of the hen. Chicago Tribune.

The safe flew open, and there inside A receipted gas bill lay. The baffled burglar shook his head. "I've come a little too late!" he said, And he mournfully turned away.

New York Herald. Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"To my Christmas shopping, pa," she said. said, Pa drew a check and wiped his eye, And thought of the coming buy and buy

Indianapolis Journal. "Maid of Athens, ere we part, Give, oh, give me back my heart." She heeded not the words he said, But gave the marble heart instead. New York Recorder

f you will give your hand to me,
'll tell your fortune true."
To doubt, dear coust," the maid replied
'And you would spend it, too."

The bonds most sought for by a duke With mortgaged patrimony Invariably you will find Are those of matrimony. Indianapolis Journal

Remember in thy days of stress, The fewer bosom friends you make, When time brings fame and prominence The fewer friends you'll need to shake.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

London Punch. I'm the Yankee, to whip all creation,
And own all creation al-so;
If rivals should seek explanation,
I tip them the name of Monroe;
I'll tip them the name of Monroe,
The decirine called after Monroe;
And 'tisn't surprising that I should keep
rising

Whilst holding that doctrine Monroe!

Of the universe I'll be director,
That's quite in accord with Monroe;
And if there's no room for the others,
The others, of course, have to go,
When I tip them the name of Monroe,
The doctrine named after Monroe;
Though to them abhorrent, with me it is current, Then hurrah for old Snap-up Monroet

From the president's chair it was stated.

Like rooster our eagle will crow;
And if lesser fowls kick up shindles,
We'll tip 'em the name of Monroe.
The magnanimous name of Monroe,
The doctrine named after Monroe;
Oer world-wide dominions a-waving its
pinions

Our eagle will squeal-for Monroe!

Thus I'll blow myself out, and my fixings
From ocean to ocean shall go.
And from pole to pole also; all hemispheres
Pan out for me—ask Monroe!
Ask octopus-handed Monroe!
The dectrine—improved—of Monroe!
Some folks think this way hard, but I
shall tell layard
To stick to the text of Monroe!

Our ambassador must be -in London-A smart go-ahead plenipo.

And, if Sallsbury does cut up didos.

Must tip him the name of Monroe;

Explain to him Mr. Monroe.

And the doctrine called after Monroe.

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