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Nebraska is bound to be at the front even when an earthquake comes around on its travels.

The lumber dealers can form all the trusts they please, but they will never succeed in getting a corner on presidential timber.

It is refreshing to know that now and then there is a man who knows enough to know when he has had enough of public office.

Economy does not consist in raising money, but in spending it wisely. Fixing the tax levy at 41 mills is only the first step in a policy of retrenchment.

It is a triffe early in the political game for earthquakes. But then there is nothing like the candidates getting accustomed to such surprises in time.

South Wales tinmakers are disappointed in the results of the Wilson tariff law. And they are not the only people who are disappointed in the Wilson law.

You can't tell who will be next to announce that he prefers private life to public life, especially when public life depends upon the action of a political convention.

Increasing the police fund and abol ishing the judgment fund is a novel way to retrench. But it is just as con- cial centers, and is very likely to be sistent as increasing the police fund at promptly manifested in an improved dethe expense of the school fund.

investments. It may thus reasonably The seven useless detectives will conbe expected that the effect abroad of tinue to draw \$540 a month out of the this extraordinary subscription to the the end of the indictment and find no

AN UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS. The bids receiver by the Treasury de-partment for the new issue of \$100,000,- look for the party so gloomy and hope-fund this year? It is apparent that 000 of cola bonds, which aggregate less and among them are men who some one must be disappointed. pearly seven times that amount, are would be prominent as presidential posunprecedented in the record of govern- sibilities but for this. Democrats like ment loans in this country, perhaps the William C. Whitney of New York, exonly parallel to it being the popular Governor Russell of Massachusetts and subscriptions to the French loan for ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania paying the indemnity to Germany after would not reject the chance of a presithe Franco-Prussian war. When a dential nomination or manifest indiffermonth ago the secretary of the treasury ence regarding it if they saw any hope announced a new issue of bonds and of success. Such men, however strong invited bids from our own people, there their party fealty, are not willing to were many who had no faith in the suc- be put up only to be knocked down, cess of the plan, and confidently preand as experienced politicians they dicted that the government would understand that this is almost ineviultimately be compelled to again nego- tably the fate of the democratic candi-

the bonds. This view was even should there be but one, though it is extremely probable there will be the bonds. belief that the large amount of gold called for could not be obtained through the latter will be likely to poll the popular subscriptions, it being assumed larger vote.

that it was not in the hands of the to them by the banks. This view was could wish nothing better in its interest urged on the floors of congress and by than the course which is being pursued prominent financiers, the very general by the democrats in congress. opinion among the latter, undoubtedly, being that the popular plan of disposing THE CORPORATIONS AND THE COUNCIL. of the bonds would be a failure. On the "Five corporations run the council. other hand, there were many who con-If you want the tax levy reduced you fidently predicted its success, though will have to get the managers of these it is entirely safe to say that corporations to let up."

not the most sanguine expected This is in substance the declaration so remarkable a result, which is made by a member of the city council as gratifying and reassuring as it is ings.

Two highly interesting facts are And now comes the council finance shown by these bids. One is that the committee and deposes and says in its American people have the most untax levy ordinance report: "The city's questioning confidence in the credit of water bills are becoming a nightmare. • • • The people pay into the the government, and can be relied on in any and every emergency to give it whatcoffers of this foreign corporation nearly ever financial support may be required of \$400,000 per annum. This corporation them. This ought to settle the question pays into the coffers of the city for its forever, of the government looking to franchise and all the blessings it reany other source than the American ceives at the hands of the people the people for borrowing money. The other | magnificent sum of \$2,787.40 personal fact is that there is a vast amount of taxes. • • • The Nebraska Telephone money in the country, either idle or not company, which practically enjoys an producing satisfactory returns, the absolute monopoly of the business in owners of which are glad to accept, for Omaha, through our streets and through a long investment, the low rate of inalleys, underground and overhead-this terest which the government will pay. monarch of the earth and sky over It being manifestly the case that there twenty-four and one-fourth miles of is a redundancy rather than a lack of this city of the metropolitan class-pays

money in the country, at least for the into the treasury annually for all the uses of legitimate business, there is benefits of exclusive right of way, police no apparent reason to apprehend that and fire protection to its vast interests. the contraction which will result from the crushing sum of \$794.86. \* \* \* the transfer of \$110,000,000 of gold to The Council Bluff's and Omaha Bridge the treasury will have any serious efand Railway company, with its \$600,000 fect. It will reduce the gold reserves bridge, one end of which rests on one of the banks, possibly in the case of of our principal streets, operates its some of the them below the legal magnificent equipment over our streets. limit, and necessitate a curtailment of through the heart of the city, 'round the discounts, but with the present conloop, so to speak, and for all these splenditions this ought not to cause any did privileges drops into our treasury trouble or disturbance. Indeed, the rethe overwhelming sum of \$880 personal assuring influence, which the bond bidtax every year. • • • The Omaha ding cannot fail to have upon financial Street railway, with its twenty-four confidence, may reasonably be expected and one-fourth square miles of territo avert any ill consequences from the tory, free use of two mammoth vlacurrency contraction. And this influence

ducts, is capitalized and bonded for milwill not be confined to the United lions, and for all these privileges pays States, but will extend to foreign finan-\$3,138.08 personal tax. The same exhilarating view may be taken of the other large corporations doing business mand for American securities and other in Omaha."

This is both pithy and pathetic. Our hearts almost fail us when we reach city treasury. Police Commissioner new bonds, will be to induce a flow of count against either the electric light-

and the candor to admit the true nature at an outlay of about \$54,000. And yet PHINCH HENRY'S ROYAL FUNERAL.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1896.

COWES, Feb. 5.- in spite of damp and

The proposition of the city council to foggy weather Cowes and this neighborhood were crowded with visitors this morning. put a specific tax of \$2 upon every Business was suspended and the mass of bleycle was defeated on reasonable inhabitants flocked toward this part of the state. For the last fifteen or twenty years grounds. What the 3,000 wheelmen of Island in order to pay a last tribute of re- these same Omaha business men have pregrounds. What the 3,000 wheelmen of island in order to pay a last tribute of re-Omaha want is that every wheel shall spect to the remains of Prince Henry of Beatrice. Beatrice every effort of the farmers in the interior friends admitting that its apologetic tone was be required to be listed as personal Battenburg, husband of Princess Beatrice, every effort of the farmers in the interior who died January 20, while on his way property, just as wagons or sewing mafrom Cape Coast castle to the Island of Machines are listed. They also want the deira. proceeds of such tax to go into the The remains were landed at Portsmouth county road fund. It ought to be an yesterday and were transferred to the royal

the navy of Great Britain,

o much expedition last month

tions for the funeral-were concluded.

Trinity pler

Westminste

United

Commander

who were present at the service at

the pier were the prince of Wales, in

General Sir Henry Evelyn

easy matter to secure the passage of a yacht Alberta. On board the last named law at the next session of the legislavessel they were conveyed to Cowas, escorted ture to give the wheelmen just what they want in this regard.

The meeting in the interest of good not due to a lack of faith in the will- is extremely probable there will be roads was highly successful. One of ingness of the people to give financial two, one representing the honest the most important suggestions made support to the government, but to a money element of the party and one was that the option given a property night. the free silver element, in which case owner to work out his poll tax should mourning were displayed on all sides. Nearly be withdrawn and the cash collected of all those present from the different towns on the island or from the mainland were

him. One result of this would be that Looked at from a purely political the county would get double the work dressed in mourning or half mourning and the readstead, where role at anchor a magpeople, and would not be made available point of view, the republican party done in improving country roads for the nificent squadron of war ships, was grandly money devoted to that purpose. However, the universal interest manifested vaporish atmosphere. The vessels there asabout radical reforms in that direction.

Value of Last Year's Crop.

Last year the United States took out of the soil in grain alone the sum of \$1,489 487,000. Compare this prodicions and sti 487,000. Compare this prodigious sum with the \$40,000,000 annual product of gold which has constituted the basis of the Kaffir at one of the recent taxpayers' meet. speculative excitement, and what is called the great boom of 1895 sinks into insignificance

The Campaign of Blood and Fire. Philadelphia Ledger,

General Weyler's announcement that when was impossible, and so communication be-tween the queen's residence and the fleet he reaches Cuba he will "inaugurate a cam-paign of blood and fire against the rebels will "inaugurate a cam had to be kept up by fog signals and by and their abettors" is partly explained by his steam launches. At about 10 o'clock the duke of Connaught remark, made a day or two previously, that he was not surprised at the number of and the duchess of Albany, and later Princess Beatrice, her children and Princess Louise people leaving Havana when his coming was announced, but expected that a great drove from Osborn house to Cowes and emmany more would leave after his arrival. It is evident that he intends to live up to barked on board the Alberta. children placed a handsome wreath on the his reputation as a sangulmary despot and to coffin. Then there were brief religious cere-monies over the remains and the funeral persecute with terrible severity the Cubans who may fall into his hands. His campaign cortege proceeded to Whippingham church. of blood and fire will not terrify the in The route thither from surgents in the field. It is what they ex lined with guards from the fleet, behind which pect and are prepared for, but it will be hard on their "abettors," or those suspected were thronged sight-seers and sympathizers with the royal mourners. Admission to the of abetting them. church was only granted to those provided

Combine of Anthracite Barons. New York World

Only a few cabinet ministers were able to be present. They included Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of the state for the The combination is substantially the sam the one McLeod tried to effect a few colonies; Mr. George Q. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty; Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, and Viscount Cross, lord prime see. The marguing Sellsbury and the years ago, but vastly greater. It represents capital stock of over \$1,800,000,000 two and one-half times the total bonded debt privy seal. The marquis of Salisbury and the of the United States, nearly twice as much other ministers at the same hour were atas the whole national debt, including the tending a special funeral service in honor currency, and more than the stock of all the of the late Prince Henry in trusts in the country combined. abbey. Its purpose is to monopolize anthracite Cowles, the naval attache of the States embassy, represented the coal mining and the interstate distribution of coal for the oppression of the people. States amabssador, and Mrs. Thomas F. begins business by an advance in coal prices which will cost the p cople \$15,000,000 a Bayard,

Westminster abbey. year, and other advances are to follow. Shortly before noon a gun carriage drawn We have laws forbidding conspiracies of by six horses arrived at the pier. Beyond this oppressive character, but the corporait was Prince Henry's charger in mourning tion lawyers in public office refuse to enforce trappings, riding boots hanging reversed in the stirrups. Prominent among those at them.

Leader of the Cuban Insurgents. New York Su

field marshal's uniform; the duke of York, in a naval uniform, and the duke of Connaught The leader of the Cuban revolution is man of large intelligence. Not many day ago a company of Spanish soldiers, who must have been brave men, captured his cook, who was told that he would be shot Volseley, next morning as a rebtl. It was news of an unpleasant kind to Gomez, who prized high'y his faithful cook, one able to cutch chicken while on the march and cook them during a battle. The revolutionary Napoleon, no A few minutes after the officers had as sembled the queen's carriage, preceded by an at all disheartened, determined to prevent

agedy. He charged upon a Spanish captured two of their lieutenants. he tragedy. camp. carried them to his headquarters in the sad-die, and immediately forwarded a note to the Spanish officer, Colonel Galbis, in pos-session of his cook, notifying him that un-

we would not be surprised to learn that he

had an unusually tender chicken, curried to

stronger than any ever grown in Gomez's

The Coal Squeeze.

The agreement of the coal kings to restrict

New York World

perfection, for breakfast that morning.

coffee, too, you may be sure, was

ment of the dealers to advance prices.

own Dominica.

### OMARA AND THE STATE.

Co-Operation Necessary for the Promotion of Their Mutual Interests. hadron Signal

It is a good sign when the merchants, bankers and manufacturers of Omaha organize to keep Nebraska farmers from leaving the of the state to secure rasonable treatment and the protection of their rights. During all these years it has apparently preferred intention of Omaha business men

secure the good will of foreign corpora tions and money lenders rather than that of the farmers of their own state whose than iducity has been the foundation rock of by the prince of Wales, Princess Bestrice, opposition took the form of municipal man-opposition took the form of municipal manand Francis of Battenburg. Upon arrival at lichs arrayed themselves as a political combi-trinity plor the body was not by Queen Trinity pier the body was met by Queon state. They tried to organize the whole Victoria and the Battenburg children. The business community of Nebraska with them against the farming class. One of their remains rested on board the Alberta all freuzied appeals for that purpose lies on the Half masted flags and other emblems of desk before us as we write.

The prosperity of Omaha and every other city in the state depends directly on the prosperity of every farmer and stock raiser This is a very trite saying, but In Nebraska.

apparently it has required the migration of thousands of farmers from the state in the past few years to bring a realizing sense of it picturesque, the effect being added to in-ctead of leasened by the frowning skies and home. Now the prosperity of the farming class does not depend upon growing big crops. It depends on getting fair prices comprising the for those crops and reasons equipped with for hauling them to market. reasonable rate flying squadron which was equipped with The business men of Omaha and the cities must expect to co-operate with the farming portions of the state in securing During the early morning the staff officers of the fleet came ashore and the marines these privileges if they expect to keep the and blue jackets were landed to take part agricultural population we have and secure

in the procession and all the final prepara-On 1,000,000 more by 1900. And their members board the Alberta, beneath a canvas can of the legislature should remember this. opy, the casket containing the remains of the prince rested upon a blas account of For example, in the last two sessions of the Nethe prince rested upon a bler covered with the British ensign and surrounded by a guard braska legislature members from the western part of the state have tried to secure very of marines. Owing to the misty atmosphere flag signalling between Osborn house and small appropriations to sink artesian wells in this region and settle the question whether an artes an flow could be secured on the the flagship of the squadron, the Revenge, Rear Admiral Alfred T. Dale commanding, an artesian flow could be western table lands, yet the opposition of the east side of the state has uniformly de-feated those bills. In the last session the Omaha members voted solidly for a to cripple western Nebraska schools and which would in fact have closed many coun-try school houses. Does the Omaha Commercial club or the Nebraska club think these acts tend to keep farmers in Nebraska or

induce more to move in? These things are not written with a factional, partisan or hostile spirit toward Omaba They are said because there is good definito purpose in saying them, and, glory or expense.

bitter lumps as they are for Omaha to chew, the country press of the state can do no more timely act than to remind Omaha of them in her hour of distress and depression. Let there be an end of doings like this. Every farmer and every citizen in western Nebraska feels an honest pride in Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont and the other cities in the eastern part of this state. He would rather buy his goods and ship his products there that he has not sought to have, and does than elsewhere. He would be glad to see not desire to have, anything to do with the them prosper. But he asks in return that management of Governor McKinley's camthey take a genuine interest in securing his prosperity. Let us have 1,000,000 more prosperity. Let us people in Nebraska. people in Nebraska. And to that end let us try to secure real co-operation between the cities and country of Nebraska. Let us propose, however, to put myself in an attl-work together for a just financial and trans-tude of being crucified again, as I was in 1888, portation system and make the first aim of when, notwithstanding the fact that I sup-Nebraskan to protect the true interests of his own state rather than pander to the prejudice or promote the profits of people thousands of miles away.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

In accordance with the decree of the groundhog it is safe to look for six weeks of fair or foul weather. Notwithstanding his florid denials and de-

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince Francis of Battenburg, Prince Louis of Bat nunciations, Senator Ben Tillman winks at the doings of the administration. onburg, the commander-in-chief, Viscount As an evidence of affinity it is worth not-

ing that the senatorial silver men mustered the quartermaster general. Sir Reverse their forces when the moon was full. Buller, the adjutant general, and other distinguished officers, all in the brilliant full dress uniforms of their respective ranks. The esteemed Congressional Record of re cent date will find it extremely difficult to improve its circulation in the Turkish em-

A constitutional amendment submitted to the voters of Illinois starts off in this style: outrider, was driven on the pier. It contained her majesty, Princess Beatrice and two of the latter's children, all in deep 'But the general assembly shall not have no power, etc mourning. The casket was then shouldered Florida strawberries would be exceedingly

opular out west-to look at. Down eas Boston Courier: Mr. Muchmoney-I I you for all that I am worth, darling. M Budd-That's just what I love you for.

New York Mail and Express: American Tories will doubtless regard Lord Salisbury's declaration in favor of the Monroe doptrine as a personal affront to themselves. It leaves Senator Wolcott high and dry on the beach, with no prospect of a tide strong enough to float him back into public favor.

Indianapolis Journal: Lord Salisbury's humiliating and indefensible. From this distance it seems to have been had politics From this for the prime minister to advertise British failure and impotence in the east. Philadelphia Times. There are, of course,

wo ways of interpreting Lord Salisbury' remark that he believed in the Monroe do trine as President Monroe stated it. As it stands it leaves him as free as before to define what President Monroe did mean, and to quarrel with us over the definition if he chooses. But nobody in England or America will take the reference for any-thing but an agreeable hint that he does not want to quarrel over the definition, and that an entente with Washington is desirable.

REACHING FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

New York World: Governor Morton hopes to see Alabama cotton to his boom.

Washington Post: Had Mr. Morton jumped that Louisians game he might Into been able to pick up one or two of those delegates Mr. Reed overlooked.

Chicago Tribune: Major McKinley is five years younger than Speaker Reed. That fact will be some consolation to him if Mr. Reed should be an ex-president first.

Globe-Democrat: Chairman Harrity of the democratic national committee thinks the sliuation for his party in the presidential canvass is not as gloomy as it seemed a few months ago to be. To a certain extent there is some justification for his view. The mischievous folly of the republican silverites in attempting to thrust the 16 to 1 issue into politics has caused some thoughtful republook for a serious contest in the licans to national convention on that question.

New York Sun: Meteorologists and other natural philosophers are worrying themselves in vain wonder over a ball of fire, variously described and of a magnitude somewhat larger than a bushel basket and somewhat smaller than the Great Pyramid, that fell to the ground from the center of heaven last Saturday night at Nirvana, Mich., jumped up again, took the center of heaven once more, and resumed its flaming journey. It was a portent rather than a phenomenon. It is well known that Nirvana is the headquarters of the Alger boom, and when the boom falls, 'tis but to rise again, sparing nothing of

Cincinnati Enquirer: The recently published interview with Senator-elect Foraker, in which he indicates that he is getting tired of taking the oath of allegiance, is deeply significant to those who can "read between the lines." He makes, of course the usual assertion of party harmony, and says that "Governor McKinley will have the solid support of the state." He adds, paign, though he is anxious to do all in his power to secure to him the enthusiastic support of the state delegation. low these words, which burn: Then fol "I do no ported John Sherman with the utmost fidelity. and, as it has come to be known, at grea self-sacrifice. I had for my reward only charges and insinuations of infidelity, treachery and so on. Nobody has a right to expect of me or to

a right to expect of me or to require of me anything of the kind. And I shall not subject myself to liability to any such disagreeable experience to accommodate In other words, Mr. Foraket anybody. will not strain himself to keep the Ohio dele-gation from leaving McKinley when they think the time for such a movement has come.

## FLEETING FUN.

Chicago Record: "Papa, what is embon-

point?"" "Well, Bobby, when I have it, I'm fat; when your mother has it she is only a triffe stout."

Indianapolis Journal: Watts-Tough time they are having with the St. Paul. Potts-Yes. Seems to be harder to pull off than a prize fight.

Foster's appeal for business methods foreign capital to the United States, and an appropriation was not in vain.

Chairman Kennard of the council committee on finance is wasting his fragrance on the desert air when he admonishes the school board and fire and police board to attend to business and let politics severely alone. ular subscription.

Strange, isn't it, how many men there are now who knew all along that ex-President Harrison would not stand for a republican renomination, but who neglected to mention it to a soul until after Mr. Harrison's letter was made public.

Unquestionably the school board has a right to say the city jail shall not be put into the city hall without the consent of the board. The petition for an injunction is primarily on behalf of the teachers, and merits favorable consideration.

The call has been issued for the prohibition national convention to meet in Pittsburg on May 27. The convention might have met in St. Louis or Milwankee had it been assured that the water supply of those cities would passed by the house of representatives not give out.

Russell, Churchill & Co. are advertising for an electric lighting installation at the penitentiary. Here appears to be a chance for another thrifty firm cles from the free to the dutiable list, with the proper introductions to work this arrangement to remain in force off on the state another "second-hand engine as good as new."

Collis P. Huntington's anxiety to pay off the Central Pacific indebtedness to give the government between thirty the government is doubtless irrepressible, but up to the hour of going to press the amount of the outstanding Pacific doubt that it would put an end to railroad debt and of the defaulted interest upon it is undiminished.

The members of the Omaha Woman's club have been speculating aloud as to what they would do if they were Queen Victoria. They would doubtless do just what the queen is doing-taking every care possible to increase the number of remaining birthday anniversaries they are willing to jeopardize the credit she shall celebrate.

The council finance committee expresses its belief that the police department can get along comfortably well "with less money, fewer employes, 100 per cent less politics and more service." So there has been and is politics in the police department notwithstanding protestations of the police commissioners to the contrary.

If members of the council had backbone enough to act upon their own convictions they would take the same view of the city jail matter as does the city attorney. It will be well for members of the council to consider that the public protest against putting the jail in the city hall was not incited by the press of this city, but was spontaneous and is rapidly growing.

It is impossible, of course, to say what amount of the new bonds will get into the hands of individual investors. Probably by far the larger part will go to the banks. But it will be none the less a vindication of the policy of the government offering its bonds for pop-

THE DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK. It must be apparent to every inteligent democrat that the outlook for the party grows steadily more gloomy and hopeless and that the course of its representatives in congress is surely operating to bring upon the party the most disastrous defeat it has ever experienced. What is the attitude of the

democrats in congress in this emergency? In the face of the fact that month after month shows a deficit in the revenues of the government, with no indication or promise that the receipts will overtake the expenditures

under the present tariff, the democrats are arrayed solidly against any legislation to increase the revenues and are prepared to resort to any expedient in order to defeat the emergency bill nearly two months ago. That measure does not revise the tariff. It is not a

protective measure. It simply proposes to increase duties to the extent of 15 per cent and to transfer a few artiuntil the congress to be elected next a franchise that has value is taxable. November can make a thorough re-The council has never taken the first

vision of the tariff. It is estimated step toward taxing a franchise. that if this bill become law it would If the council is in earnest in its arraignment of corporate tax-shirking, it and forty millions of additional revwill have an opportunity to show its enue. There can be no reasonable hand when it meets as a board of equalization. If, as has been asserted, deficits and to the necessity of periodifive corporations run the council, it is cal loans for meeting the obligations of scarcely conceivable that there is any the government and maintaining the serious intention to do away with the gold redemption reserve. The demo-

abuses that the finance committee has crats admit that the revenues ought to so graphically portrayed. be increased, but they profess to be-

lieve that this will come in time under Foreign investors should rest assured the present laws, and rather than yield that if they don't want to participate in something of their anti-protection policy the new American loan they are at perfect liberty to let it severely alone. of the nation and continue conditions

They usually place their money where which involve the necessity of a further it gives promise of giving the best increase of the public debt. It is the financial returns, and if they can make obvious design of the senate democrats any money by purchasing United to defeat the emergency revenue bill States bonds they will not neglect the and there is every reason to expect opportunity.

that they will succeed in doing so. As to this purpose there is no division in The politicians persist in speaking of the party; it is united and harmonious. it as General Harrison's letter of with-It is not surprising, under the circumdrawal. Mr. Harrison, however, asstances, that there is much perplexity serts that he has never been in the among democrats in regard to a presirace for the presidential nomination of dential candidate. According to an 1896. Instead of being a letter of witheastern organ of the party, the quesdrawal, it is a letter declining to be drawn in. tion, "Whom can we nominate for

president?" is constantly heard in political circles where democrats most do The county commissioners also have congregate and more often than other- their troubles. Their worthy constitwise, says this organ, in a despairing uents are now calling for the grading tone, "for the woods are thick with of four principal roadways leading out weak-kneed democrats." These are the of Omaha. The work will require the men who have the intelligence to see removal of 540,000 cubic yards of earth

ing company or the gas company, both of which are generally included among the five confederated corporations. Taxpayers who read this seathing ar raignment of the franchised corporations will naturally ask: What does this mean? Is it tragedy, comedy or farce' The finance committee of the council denounces the methods by which the

franchised corporations evade taxation. The council unanimously endorses the report. Is the millennium at hand?

Have the corporations lost their grip? Hardly. Who is responsible for this corporate

the production of anthracite 6,500,000 ton this year is promptly followed by an agree tax-shirking? The corporations may make their own returns to the assessor The combination works perfectly. First create an artificial under-supply, then estabof their real and personal property. The assessor may undervalue the real eslish an artificial and arbitrary over-price. Of course it is the people who are squeezed. The consumers pay it all. An extra dollar a ton means coldness and sometimes death tate, and under our present system the council cannot raise the valuation without lowering that of other real property to the poor. To the well-to-do it is simply one more tribute from helplessness to hold But no such limitation exists as regards ups. To productive industry it is only another burden imposed by licensed or law personal property returns. The council sitting as a board of equalization less robbery. But to the railroad ring has the power and is in duty bound to

means \$40,000,000 a year. The public will gramble, as usual, but what is the use? Will the public elect men raise the valuation of all personal property that in comparison with other who will see that the laws against such con-spiracies of extortion are enforced? Appartax returns is less than it should be. antly not. Inasmuch as nearly all the taxable Meanwhile the tribute wrung from the property of the franchised corporations people will go toward paying \$500,000 fees to the reorganizers of bankrupt railroads. It will swell by a little the dividends of watered stock. It will help to pay the is classed as personal property the council is now and has always been in po-

sition to readjust the assessments and princely salaries of railway officials. It will build pleasure palaces and yachts and perplace them on the same basis of valuahaps endow libraries or aid in fashionabl tion that governs the assessment of other property. Furthermore, under Yet why complain? Is it not "business?" Is it supposed that Napoleons of finance are cornering the treasury or operating coal the constitution and laws of this state, roads for their health?

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL.

Municipal Misgovernment Traced to Its Source.

Chicago Times-Herald. Dr. Washington, Gladden, the distinguished

sociologist and reformer, could not have selected a more opportune time than the present for the delivering in Chicago his picsent for the genvering in Chicago his scholarly lectures upon municipal government, Dr. Gladden's prominence as a deep student of social conditions and governmental prob-lems in many climes invests his utterances with the weight of authority. As the Civic Federation and the Municipal Voters' league are making a determined effort to organize the best forces of our citizenship in an ag-gressive movement for cleaner municipal government, the dooter's observations on an 'ideal municipality" are peculiarly pertinent

and timely. Dr. Gladden told, his hearers in his talk or Wednesday night that responsibility for mis-government of cities and for corruption in legislative bodies, 1/4s, with the well-to-de seized by the illiterate and the unworth for the triffing embluments attached to them This is a declaration often made, but it canno

to be made too often. The men who grumble at the mismanagement of municipal affairs and make the loudest protests against venal aldermen are the ones who persistently lecline to serve the city in any official capacity. In England, Scotland and Germany men

of wide learning and business experience are elected to municipal councils and legislative bodies. It is no uncommon thing for a man distinguished in science or letters to sit in the London county council. In many Canadian cities the most prominent business ambassador, Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard and

Canadian cities the most prominent business and professional men esteem it an honor to zerve the people as alderman, although there is no salary attached to the position. If Dr. Gladden's lectures furnish an impetus

toward a higher grade of representation in the Chicago council that will have an effect on the coming municipal struggle he will place the people of this city under lasting obligation.

by eight petty naval officers and was slowly conveyed from the Alberta to the gun carringe in waiting at the end of the gangess the cook were returned to his picket lines by dawn of next morning the two lieutenants who were his prisoners would be way.

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with invitations.

Lieutenant

A flowing union jack hid the coffin, upon which rested the busby, star and ribbon of the Garter, formerly worn by the de-ceased. On the casket also were floral shot at suprise. It was harily yet dawn when the cook rode up to the revolutionary headquarters, whereupon the two Spanish licutenants were released, with orders to report to Colonel Galbis. By a justifiable wreathes, including the tribute from the queen, which her majesty placed upon the Gomez had ransomed his esteemed cook, and offin yesterday after the body arrived there

The funeral procession started for Whippingham church at 12:30 p.m. It was headed by a detachment of the Isle of Wight volunteers, followed by a detachment of Scots guards. After the guards came the gun carriage, upon which the casket rested Eight military officers of high rank walked beside the gun carriage, four on each side, riage was led the charger of the deceased. Following the charger marched the prince of Wales, the duke of York and other mem-bers of the royal family, all on foot.

After the princess came the queen's car riage, drawn by a pair of gray horses. He majesty, although much distressed, seemed to be enjoying good health. Scated beside her majesty was Princess Beatrice, and ter majesty facing them in the carriage were two of the deceased's children. The eldest son of the prince and princess followed the coffin behind the prince of Wales and the duke of York and between Prince Louis and Prince Joseph of Battenburg, holding a hand of each of his uncles.

After the queen's carriage was that of the princess of Wales and it was followed by the carriages of the other princesses. Imnediately after the carriage of the princesses came the queen's naval and military ataches, the representatives of the various embassies, a deputation from the Prussian garde corps, the court officials, lords of the admiralty, the commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley and his staff and the army and navy officials closed the procession. While the body was on its way to Whip-

pingham church the war ships in the road-stead fired minute guns, the bells of all the churches were tolled, the bands which headed the troops played a "dead march," and throughout there was the incessant rolling of muffled drums. All the spectators uncovered their heads as the procession passed. The body arrived at the church at 1:30 p. m., where it was received by the lord chamberlain, Lord Lathom, and by the deans of Winchester and Windsor. The elergy preceded the coffin up the aisle to

It was borne by non-commissioned officers of the Scotch guards and was deposited in the center of the church. In the meanwhile the choristers were singing the opening sentences of the burisl services. In the church the chief mourners stood at the head of the coffin during the service. The dean of Win-chester officiated. At the conclusion of the services the coffin was temporarily placed in a sarcophagus, crected in the household pew, and earth and flowers were placed upon it. Sir Walter Parrott was the organist for the occasion. When all the ceremonies in the church were ended, the volunteers outide fired three volleys.

The queen was able to walk in and out of the church, although it was noticed she leaned heavily on the arm of her attendants. A special funeral service in honor of the late Prince Henry of Battenburg took place at noon today in Westminster abbey, which was thronged with members of the ariswhich tocracy and others. Among those present were the marquis of Salisbury, Lord Hals-bury, the lord chancellor; the duke of Devonshire, lord provost of the council; the archbishop of Canterbury, S'r William Ver-non Harcourt and Lady Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asquith and all the cabinet min-isters except Messra. Chamberlain, Gaschen, Balfour and Cross, who had gone to Cowes in order to attend the funeral there. Most of the members of Parliament were also present, as were numbers of peers and all the ambassadors, including the United States

## Retaliatory Insurance Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 5 .- The "retaliatory insurance bill," passed by the house yesterday, was today ordered to be reported favor-ahiy by the senate committee of the whole by an overwhelming viva voce vote.

they are freely coined on the ratio of trawberries to \$1.

One of the plumes in the chapeau of De-troit's mayor, the irrepressible Pingree, is saving of \$75,000 a year on the city's Similar action bill. lectric light abouts would give the gargoyles on the city hall a dose of mel-de-mer.

Speaker Reed is the victim of a crank who is in the habit of writing long communications to him on postal cards. Th writing on others until a single letter somecovers a dozen cards, which he mail separately.

John Hays Hammond, the American en gineer captured with Jameson and Impris-oned by the Boers, went to the South African mines for a salary of \$60,000 a year. If he drew his salary with reasonable regularity he ought to be in condition to take care of himself.

Annie May Abbott, the Georgia "electric magnet," whose feats of strength created a sensation in this country some years ago, is amusing herself now with the strong men of China and Japan. The Japanese wrestlers,

whose physical strength is celebrated the world over, were unable to raise Miss Abbott from the floor, while with the tips of her fingers she neutralized their most strenuous efforts to lift even light objects such as

cane from a table. Having had a few months' experience with a venerable husband, Nellie Bly drops this chunk of matrimonial wisdom, anent the

Vanderbilt-Belmont marriage: "In married life it is a blessed thing to have one comm subject that both husband and wife steer clear of. It is a comfort, though uncon-ferred, to know there is one thing upon which both are equally sensitive and equally guilty. It saves so much breath and so many senseless arguments, such as are peculiar to married people." It seems Nellie sounded every note in the matrimonial keyboard and then whacked the strings with an ax.

Maine folk are almost in despair because of the continued lack of snow. Such a condition of affairs has not been known in very

logs in the Penobscot lumbering district logs in the Penobscot lumbering district which cannot be moved because of the ab-ser.ce of snow, and fully as much more in other districts, as well as 50,000 cords of hemlock bark for tanning, and all the lumber and milling industries are suffering severely The unique experience of putting wheels or sleds has been tried in some districts Every previous winter when ice has been cut it has been hauled to the houses on sleds. This year there is no snow, and the ice has been cut and wheeled away.

The conviction of Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, of the murder of his wife and child, was generally unexpected, not that there was the faintest justification for the brutal crime, but because he had an aburdance of means with which to defeat justice. This was the second trial for a rime committed two years ago this month One day that month Duestrow came home drunk, began to abuse his wife and finally shot her in cold blood. He then picked up his 3-year-old boy, and holding it at arm's length, killed it with a pistol shot through the head. The jury disagreed at the first trial. Following this were forcical preceedings respecting the murderer's al leged insanity-the common dodge of crimi-nals in a tight fix. A significant feature of the second trial was the amazing lapses of memory displayed by the state's witnesses. Time and persuasion of the right kind develan array of three-word negatives-"I don't remember."

Washington Star: "I mus' say," re-marked Uncle Eben, "dat I ain' got a highly admiracious feelin' foh de white folks dat is so busy wif dah social obliga-tions dat dey fohgits dah financial obligations.' Cincinnati Enquirer: "I want to say," manted the fat man. "that the fellow who invented the proverb about the best way to get a thing done is to do it yourself, either was a good deal thinner than I am, or else his back never needed scratching."

Texas Siftings: An Austin youth whose income is not quite as extensive as that of Vanderbilt's got a large lnk spot on his coat. He asked a friend how the stain could be removed. "You can get a chemical preparation for 25 cents, Just soak the spot with it, and it will come out." "I guess I had better soak the whole coat. I can get St that way."

I can get \$4 that way.

Detroit Tribune: "You seem to be very blue," observed the horse. "Oh, yes," rejoined the cow. "The new art, don't you know." Thereupon the horse hastily turned green with early with envy.

Indianapo'is Journal: "It is getting to be a common experience." said the patriotic boarder, "for Great Britain to go out after wool and come back shorn." "In other words," said the Cheerful Idiot, "she tries to do some absorbing and gets toaked."

ST. PAUL TO THE LAUREATE. New York Mail and Express

New York Mail and Express. Stuck! Are we stuck? Weil, maybe; We've beaten them, all the same. They may call me a gump and a gaby, What matter-what's in a name? Grounded? Of course we're grounded. You don't seem to understand That you might have been lying drownder If it weren't for this streak o' sand.

### SALISBURY AND MONROE.

New York Sur "But when I stated in that dispatch, and relterate now, that as a rule of policy, we are the entire advocates of the Monroe doct trine, we mean the Monroe doctrine as President Monroe understood it."-Lord

are the entire advocates of the Monroe doctrine in President Monroe understood it."-Lord Salisbury. How did he understand it, pray? That British should extend her sway To every quarter of the earth. Where Liberty had taken birth? That she should clutch her greedy hand On every rich, productive land, To young or weak to make defence Against her brute omnipotence? That she should claim by right of might Possession of all things in sight. And if a protest should be made, Reply to it by gun and blade? The doctrine that preserves this land Reyond the reach of monarchies, The cradie of our liberties? By what authority do you The doctrine of Monroe construe So that it shall become the creed Of British grabbery and greed? You may have power to overthrow This good old doctrine of Monroe (Your lordship here, will please permit Us to express a doubt of 10. But all the power on earth can't twist That doctrine so it will consist With British policy; and what You say, you know is tommyrot. If James Monroe were here today, His sole reply to what you say Would be (the poem you have read), What Marmion to Lord Angue said. And now, your lordship, pray that we bo not adopt your policy. Of twisting things, for if we do And twist your lion's tail as you Have twisted this, you understand. You'll have a bob-tail lion on hand.

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