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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION George B. Taschuck, secretary of The Hee Put ising company, being duly swein, says that the ctual number of full and complete copies of the July Morning, Evening and Sunday Hee prints of full and complete copies of the Evening and Sunday Hes printed ath of January, 1896, was as fol-

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quarter of the world. It is hardly con-549,546 ceivable that Mr. Cleveland would put 6,204 himself in the way of such a consumma-

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the projected conference.

to the old world of the birth of a power

which while intending no aggression

would have a defensive strength equal

to any emergency. There are difficul-

ties, undoubtedly, to be overcome before

such a consummation can be achieved.

surmountable. The time is certainly

most auspicious for the inauguration of

such a movement and there can be no

doubt that there is an overwhelming

sentiment in the United States favorable

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

the conditions prevailing in this city.

of St. Paul has been reduced since

January 1, 1892, by \$1.452,926. This

mies 563.642 average 58.182 GEORGE D. TZSCHUCK. En to before me and subscribed in my Bworn to before me and subscribed in m presence this 2d day of F-briary, 1896, Public, (Scal.) N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

This movement should receive every proper encouragement from the United Remember that the figure is precisely States. It is distinctly in the interest \$558,269,850 of this country. Such a union of Amer-

lcan republics as it contemplates would Uncle Sam's credit is still very goodbe so imposing and impressive a demon-4 per cent bonds selling at a 16 per stration of the sentiment of the indecent premium. pendent countries of the western hemis-

It is easy enough to increase the naphere that it could not fail to have a tional debt. To pay it off is quite a most salutary effect upon the European different matter. powers. It would be the announcement

Give Omaha direct connection with Baltimore and Duluth and the railroad embargo will soon be raised.

The establishment of a postal savings bank system would place the government beyond the necessity of issuing but it is believed that these are not ininterest-bearing bonds in times of peace.

No one is surprised at Cuba being shaken by earthquakes. But what reason is there why such a peaceable community as Nebraska should also be visited by this shocking phenomenon?

Our Kentucky friends merely want to demonstrate to the country that they are able to get up a hot senatorial contest just as well as they can present an exciting horse race or make moonshine whisky.

All Lincoln will have to do when the legislature is again in session to maintain its reputation as a moral and orderly city is to raise the age of the persons to whom its new curfew ordinance applies.

eduction has been effected since the The house stands ready to kill all the enactment for St. Paul of a charter silver bills the senate may choose to with a system of checks on councilpass and send over to it for its endorse- manic extravagance. The interestment. And if by chance any of them bearing debt of Omaha has been in-

The movement for an alliance of the studied law and in 1867 was admitted for its establishment. American republics, for the purpose of to the bar, beginning practice in Canton, bringing about a common understand- O., where his home has ever since been. ing regarding the maintenance of the He made good progress in his profes-Monroe doctrine, and also with a view to sion and early developed an interest in establishing closer political and commer- politics which made him a local leader. cial relations between the United States In 1876 he was sent to congress and and the countries of South and Contral served in the house of representatives America, appears to be making favora- fourteen years. The country is familiar ble progress. The governments of Cen- with his record as a congressman, or at tral America have accepted an invita- any rate with that portion of it which squirt can attend to his own longevity. tion to join in a convention of American identified his name with the tariff legisrepublics, to be held probably in Wash- lation of 1800, that was followed by un-Ington, and it is not doubted that most precedented prosperity to American inof the countries of South America will dustries and labor and unparalleled demake a favorable response to the invi- velopment of domestic and foreign com-

tation. It is understood that the move- merce. Defeated for congress in 1890, ment has the sympathy of the adminis- McKinley was elected governor of Ohio tration, and while some doubt has been in 1891 and re-elected in 1893, making expressed as to this, there is no good an excellent record as the chief execureason apparent why President Cleve- tive of his state. land should object to it. It is true that Such are the salient facts in a career

one of the objects which the proposed the history of which is told in a volume they said last November the repaired Gorconference will seek to attain, as now of 439 pages, all of which is interesting the same time the Keely motor begins to understood, is the restoration of the and instructive and cannot fail to give reciprocity policy, but even the oppo- the reader the highest estimate of the

sition of the president to this policy character, worth and attainments of its should not lead him into a position of subject-his fitness, in a word, for the hostility to a movement which aims to loftiest public station, unite all the republics of this hemis-

phere for their mutual advantage and CONFIDENCE IN OMAHA'S STABILITY. welfare, and the effect of which would Coming events cast their shadows bebe to greatly strengthen the influence fore. The recent purchase of the 18,077 and power of the United States in this United States National Bank building for the Cyrus McCormick estate is tangible evidence that eastern capitalists have unbounded faith in Omaha's fution, simply because he may not be ture. The McCormick estate represents favorable to one object contemplated by many millions of trust funds whose

management is in the hands of farsighted and conservative business men. The recent purchase of this property may therefore be regarded as the fore runner of other investments in Omaha and of a permanent active interest in

this city by the McCormick heirs. It should be borne in mind that the tune and is today the most promising it would be dangerous to disregard and field for the agricultural implement

manufacturer. The development of the great agricultural region of which Omaha is the natural commercial center is, however, only in its infancy. There can be no doubt that the near

future will witness an influx of capital and population and a consequent in crease of the farming area and industrial activity. That the bulk of the

in Omaha or distributed through Omaha is a foregone conclusion. It is equally matter of his indiscrition in speech. is a foregone conclusion. It is equally certain that Omaha is destined to be come the most important traffic center

Comparison has recently been insti between Chicago and San Francisco. While it may be premature to venture tuted by the fire and police commispositive assertions as regards entersion and the school board between the prises and projects that are now under cities of Omaha and St. Paul. The mere fact that the census of 1890 credits way, which promise to effect a very marked increase in Omaha's trade and each of these two cities with about the same population has been used as an resources, we can safely foreshadow argument in support of the demands for the announcement of several important high tax levies entirely unwarranted by real estate deals that are now being negotiated by capitalists who, like the The Interest-bearing debt of the city McCormicks, have abiding confidence in

### Omaha's stability. ESTIMATE FOR COAST DEFENSES.

In his annual report the secretary of war stated that the amount required for

the eighteen ports where defensive

year and a half. The secretary says

ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS. to civil life at the age of 22, McKinley the initiative in formulating the plans

#### Commentation from Afar. there a

Say what one will of the Nebraska popuconvention, it has at least the merit having but two planks in its platform.

Every Man His Own Surgeon. Lionia Repub

Rountgen's disedvery will show surgeons ust where to chita in the near future anywith a lick knife and an anti-toxine

#### Overworked Allegiance. Whichgo Trib Senator-elect Foraker's remark that

cts to taking the oath of allegiance to McKinley oftener than once a day is doubtcheering to persons ess very have to let sultable for lawyers in Canton, O.

### A Machine Out of Whack.

Chicago Times-Herald. Mr. Gorman is to retire from national politics long enough to repair his Maryland machine. If the Maryland voters meant what

Waiting for a Letter.

A letter from Cleveland disclaiming any intention of accepting a fourth nomination would be timely now if anybody imagined any party thought of offering it to him.

# The third term idea, however, is not as portentous as it seemed a few months ago

Work for the Courts. hiladelphia Record.

There would appear to be work ahead fo courts in restraint of the action of the coal carrying railways who propose by joint action to limit production and advance to limit production and advance If the McLeod plan for accomplishaction ing these purposes would not work because of legal obstruction, it is hard to see why the same difficulty does not lie in the way of the new combination.

#### The Silver Plated Wreekers, Kansas City Star.

There has been no more shameful episode in the history of American govern-ment than the deliberate and persistent efforts of these men to wreck the credit of the government, so that the money of the people might be depreciated and ruin brought It should be borne in mind that the region this side of the Missouri has contributed a very large share toward the upbuilding of the McCormick forbeing as bad as the later conspiracy of the silver senators to ruin the country's credit.

## Bayard's Indignation

Ambassador Bayard is reticent on most oints these days. There is one subject, though, on which he is perspicuous. It is resignation. He says: "I deny any such report with indignation. I never dreamed of any such thing. It is the utmost stuff and acresense." Of course it is, from at least two different standpoints. First, Mr. Bayard would not resign, on general principles; sec-ond, it would be in exceedingly bad taste, products of this region will be marketed and show a distressing lack of courage

Grip of Political Moths.

GlobesDemocrat. The Gypsy moth commission in Massachusetts asks for an appropriation of \$200,000 this year, which is an illustration of the difficulty of getting, rid of a bug after it fastens on the public treasury. A force of nen, varying from 800 to 125, is to be employed through the year, at a total cost cf. \$177,500. The salaries of the clerks and \$177,500. entomologists, with, incidentals, will bring the amount to: \$200,000. Next year an ap-propriation of \$300,000 will be imperatively necessary. y. The amasing part of it is that le of the state will have to fight all the peo

the other bugs on their own account. Colone Sellers' most brilliant idea was tame compared with the gypey moth.

## Mr. Bryan a Populist. Arizona Populist, Pebruary 1, 1896.

Ex-Congressman William J. Bryan of Nebraska delivered an address on the subject of bimetallism at the city hall in this city on Monday evening to a crowded house. Mr. Bryan showed the many advantages to HARRISON'S RETIREMENT.

Kansas City Journal (rep.): In other words, Mr. Harrison doesn't intend that the honeymoon shall be disturbed by political worries.

Minneapolis Tribune (rep.): The most in-cresting feature of Mr. Harrison's withlrawal is the assurance expressed by the boomers of all the other candidates that means the almost certain nomination of their particular candidate.

Minneapolis Times (dem.): There is no loubt of Allison's strength in Indiana, now that Harr.son is out of the way. Indiana, by the way, is a state of plain people, who admire the style of sturdy statesmanship without frills or ruffles, for which the lowa senator is noted.

Globe-Democrat (rep.): The question which Harrison's withdrawal particularly suggests is. To which of the aspirants will the larger part of his following go? Probably Allison will be the greatest gainer. The race for third place would be between Harrison and Allison. Each would appeal to about the same elements of the party.

Chicago Record (ind.): Mr. Harrison's action in declaring himself at this time will strengthen him in public esteem. He has been president of the United States, and was nominated a second time by his party for that high office. Both as a public official and as a private citizen he has commanded the respect of the people. Had he beer the popular choice for the nomination again and without opposition, his acceptance of the

honor would have been fitting and proper. Indianapolis News (ind.). The great mass of the party and large numbers of the opposing party will profoundly regret Mr. Harrison's decision. There can be almost no doubt that the man nominated at St. Louis will be the next president of the United States. We believe that the country at large has much greater confidence in Mr. Harrison's sanity and breadth of view, in his soundness of judgment, in his executive scundness of judgment, in his executive capacity, in his sturdy allegiance to duty as he understands his duty, than it has in any other man likely to secure the nomination.

Chicago Times-Herald (ind. rep.): If th historian of the last quarter of the century is a true and impartial chronicler of the politi-cal annals of the republic he must accord to Benjamin Harrison the distinction of has ing given the country an administration that will long be remembered for its dignified and sterling Americanism, for the unexampled prosperity which it brought to all the productive industries, for its absolute om from public scandal and for its able and comprehensive grasp of all domestic and International questions, the settlement of which affected the interests of our commo country

Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette (rep.): Tha the withdrawal of the Hoopler statesman adds to the strength of McKinley will scarcely be disputed. It gives to Ohio's fa-vorite son a decided lead in the race for the presidential nomination, and those who may have doubted his ability to win have little cause to doubt it now. Indiana's delegation may be placed to the credit of William McKinley, and with Ohlo, Kentucky, Ten-nessee, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois and Wisconsin, not to mention the possibility of Pennsylvania and other eastern states, and the entire south in his favor. Ohio repub have every reason to feel particularly cheerful this morning.

Indianapolis Journal (rep.): General Har ison's letter must not be misunderstood. He is not a man who resorts to subterfuge of fights behind disguises, but in this matter as in all else, he means what he says. When he desired the presidency he was a candidate before the country, and so informed his friends. Now that he says that his name cannot be used in the St. Louis convention. those who know him best, and who under stand the high quality of his integrity, know that he would regard it as a reflection upo his honor if they should assume that i were possible for him to be a candidate, now that he has written this letter. Therefore the letter must be regarded as a final and irrevocable conclusion on the part of Gen-eral Harrison, and Indiana republicans will o accept it.

#### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

We have the men and we have the money

seed bureau are likely to produce a crop of alliterative adjectives. John Bull is of opinion that, as a tail-

twister. Uncle Sam isn't in the same class with the czar of Russia. Senator Tillman's remarks throw a shadow

FOR PERMANENT ARDITRATION.

#### Chiengo Patriotism Seeks to Influence National Sentiment.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 .-- A committee of prom inent citizens has issued a call to all parts

of the country for expressions of opinion or the proposition to establish a permaent bourd of arbitration for the sottlement of differonces between this country and England. After calling attention to the recent war

ramors, the call continues: We suggest and propose that the people of all cities and towns of the union, at their meetings to celebrate the birth of Washing ton or at special meetings called for th purpose on the Sunday afternoon next follow-

ing or in the meetings of their societies, clubs, churches, social, religious or com mercial organizations pearest in views, each assemblinge in its own way, o the following questions:

1. Do we wish the governments of the United States and Great Britain, by formal treaty, to establish arbitration as the mothed of concluding all differences witch may fall of settlement by diplomacy between the two powers!

2. What is our opinion of war as a mode of deciding controyersies between the United States and Great Britain?

Dr. William C. Gray, 69 Dearborn street, Chicago, and William E. Dodge, 11 Cliff street, New York, will receive the proceed-ings, which should be sent in duplicate, and arrange them for transmission to the presi-dent of the United States and the queen of England.

We request our newspapers, religious and ecular, if this proposal shall appear to them o be good and wise, to give it their sanction and urge the people in all parts of the unlor to consecrate this celebration of the birth of Washington to this cause by taking appropriate action on that day, or upon convenient ccasions clustering around it.

WHISKY TRUST REBATE CLAIMS

Business of the Old Concern Practically Wound Up.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 .- This is the last day for the filink of interrogatories before Special Master Patton in the Whisky trust rebate claims. General McNulta, in speaking of the complexion of his trusteeship over the properties of the trust, said today:

"There are rebate claims to the amount o \$190,000 unsettled. There are other claims amounting to about \$330,000 against the trust. Many of these are fictitious and will ettle back to about \$200,000. I have \$500 000 in cash, more than enough to pay off all the claims pending, and leaving a comfortable balance. All of the active properties are out of my hands and in control of the American Spirits company. Among the in-active properties are the Calumet distillery, which cost \$500,000, and the Nebraska dis-tillery at Nebraska City, which cost \$200,-000. These are the only two plants that can be operated left in my hands. I have had several conferences with Nebraska people with references to the sale of the plant at Nebraska City. There has been no offer for the Calumet. The balance of the prop-erties are mainly leases and lands worth about \$300,000. PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 6.—Notwithstanding

the American Spirits Manufacturing comhas an immense bonded pany ware house capacity in this city it has just secured a permit to erect another large frame one-story building at a cost of \$4,200. It is conjectured that because corn is so cheap It is going to manufacture all the spirits h can store away. It also contemplates build-ing an immense brick union bonded ware-

house in this city if the law will permit it. TO RALLY AT THE PALMER HOUSE.

Democrats Engaging Rooms for Their National Convention. CHICAGO, Feb. 6.-The Palmer house will

tions, including the two rooms each for New

applications and we made the arrangements

NEW ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

Powerful Engine Built to Run Eighty

Miles an Hour.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6 .- The Bald-

win locomotive works of this city have

shipped to the Westinghouse Electric works

in Alleghany the first electric locomotive

ever built for a steam railroad. The Bald-

win works made everything about this

This locomotive is

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 6.-Rev. Thomas

Cooper, L.L.D., pastor of the Hundley Metho

of charges of conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel. The matter will be inverti-

gated by a committee appointed by Presiding

pastor of a large church in Brooklyn, at which time be was a minister in the Congre-

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6 .- An attempt was

failed to force it off, but wrecked the entire

Quarreled Over a Livery Bill.

fuesday night, John Boustic and John Lee

GREENSBURG, Ind., Feb. 6 .- At Adams

intended

iour.

\$10,000.

gational church.

the order of the receipt of the applica-

York and Washington, is 463.

the part of delegations to be near

be the rallying center of the democratic politicians during the national convention Besides the national committee twenty states

will have their headquarters at the hotel. Every available room in the house that can be spared from the regular trade has been Senator Vest's harrowing remarks on the refuse quarters to two applying state delega-

ions. New York and Washington tried t accommodations, but could ecure Each delegation, however, was

Harper's Bazar: "I suppose, Mrs. New-man," said Mr. Newman, sarcastically, "that in case of war you will insist upon a man's rights and go to the front." "No my dear." said Mrs. Newman. given two rooms for the leading men who desire to keep in touch with the national man's rights and go to the front." "No, my dear." said Mrs. Newman, sweetly, "I should stay at home and take care of you." mmittee. The following are the states for which ooms have been set asid :: Iowa, Mississippi, Oregon, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermon South Dakota, Louisiana, Indiana, Colorad Colorado connecticut, Texas, West Virgin'a, Wisconsin

### COMMON LAW ABSURDITIES.

### An Engine of Blackmall Enveloped iu a Fog of Adulation, St. Louis Republic.

James C. Courtney of the Metropolis bar recented at the late meeting of the litinois Bar association an address which will give lawyers and legislators food for useful reflec-

tion. His subject was "The Unwisdom of the Com-mon Law." A few of his sentences will abow how little respect he has for the "codeless myriad of precedents" we took from England when we began business as the United States of America. Says Mr. Courtney:

The lawyer covers himself in the armor of antiquity, lives in the past, admits no light, harps about the wisdom of the common law, revels in the fine distinctions of shift-ing uses and executory devices, and finally does praising the great rule in Shelley's case. Washington's birthiay shall embedy their In law the foolish concelts of our ancient anceptors are passed along from age to age, in a halo of adulation, not as things for wonder and surprise, but as rules for our guidance and enlightenment. For ages judges and lawyers have tried themselves at such expressions as these: 'The common law is the reasoning," 'The greatest birthright,' e.c., Now, this is all jugglery. These bubbles of culogy, when pricked with the spear of truth, instantly go out. The common law is not the embodiment of wisdom, neither is it the perfection of reasoning. In the very nature of things it could not be so. It had

its origin in the usages and cuatoms of a semi-barbarous age, and the stream can never rise higher than its source. The common law is the exponent of the habitudes of life.

It is a creature of man's handlwork; and by insequence is beset with man's imperfec and infirmities, the virtues and the lons. vices, habits and customs, fads and fancies, the good and the bad, all colored by the spirit and 'temper of the age." Mr. Courtney, with cold analysis, points out

and other leading subjects.

ouncturing the whole principle:

the absurdities and injustice that mark the common law doctrines of husband and wife,

real estate, criminal trials, special pleading

To newspaper publishers, who suffer con-

trually from the grossest perversions of justice, his rough usage of the doctrine of slander and libel will be particularly re-freshing. He is brief but exhaustive in unothings the model will dollar.

"The law of libel and signder is a creature of the old court of star chamber and is filled

with anomalies and contradictions. It opens

wide field and affords many opportunities

or any knave or adventurer to make a raise

without labor. It is built on assumptions. First, it is assumed that every plaintiff has a

good character. It is next assumed that char-

acter is made up of what people say of each other, when, in fact, character is the in-

evitable product of conduct. It is further as-sumed that the throwing of a bit of contumely

s destructive of good character. And, finally

t is assumed that a lost and ruined character s restored and retrieved by a judgment in

lamages. What a great pity it would be if a

njury as the common law would have it! It

ould not be worth the pains; it would be

Libel laws, as they have descended from

Every respectable

The other

the common law, are chiefly engines of black-mail. People of really good character are

paper is at all times ready to correct errors

by which innocent persons have suffered. A

espectable paper never misrepresents except brough error and men of repute are usually

nen, and the contingent fee lawyers who egg

on such other men, make the trouble. They

do not seek the moral vindication contained

n judgments against irresponsible and

icious publications, but search the pages of

areful and responsible papers for something

to hang damages upon. Five times out of

six they do not dare to go into court and only file the suits as bluffs. The common law

encourages them, as its theory encourages

criminals, wife beaters and real estate sharks.

MERRY SNAPPERS

Philadelphia Record: "I may be very elastic," remarked the India Rubber Man, but it takes a pretty good customer to puil

Harlem Life: "John," said the fright-ened wife in the middle of the night, "there's something moving down cellar, I'm sure." John, listening intently. "Oh, its nothing but the gas meter pegging away," he said, with a sigh of relief.

ood character were really as susceptible

poilt in the making."

the rarest of plaintiffs.

my leg.

not

satisfied with the correction.

should slip by the house, President Cleveland is still ensconced in the thousand dollars. white house.

The people of Omaha bid nearly \$300, 000 in gold for a block of government bonds. The building associations regreater volume of business. Evidently it is timid and must be coaxed out.

Now that the bond bids have been opened and the successful bidders substantially ascertained, the banks have no longer an excuse to continue the contraction of discounts which for the past few weeks has been hampering Omaha, but it is patent that St. Paul business men and retarding business.

Senator Vest has paid his compliments to Secretary Morton. Now let that no material relief to the taxpayers us see what Mr. Morton thinks of Mr. is perceptible. Vest. Mr. Morton may not be able to get his opinions inserted in the Congressional Record, but he has access to circulating mediums that reach more people than do the pub. docs.

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For a year the retail merchants have agitated the question of organizing for the promotion of trade, but parties adverse to the movement were influential enough to check it. The retailers pay out annually in freight charges nearly \$750,000, and the better they may become organized the more potent will be their demands upon roads patronized by them. \_

The railroads are beginning to ac knowledge that they acted hastily in Army of the Republic a thirty-day excursion rate to its annual reunion at St. Paul. After they study the situation a little more they will doubtless devise some way of effecting the substantial results and save the meeting for the west. The railroads can afford to adopt a liberal policy toward the veterans.

The ardor of certain republican senators to reorganize the payroll of the senate employes, so manifest a week ago, seems to have cooled perceptibly the tariff and to governmental revenue, In the last few days. Rather than he has by no means confined his thought make a move likely to upset the presidential checkerboard, these republican leaders are just likely to let the present democratic officers of the senate hang on, at least until after the re- grandfather calisted eight times in the publican national convention shall have met and adjourned.

Ex-Congressman W. J. Bryan is advertised for a tour of Ohlo and adjoining states for the propagation of free silver doctrine. A week ago he was billed in Arizona. Meantime he continues to figure as a decoy to populists system and all institutions that are and free silverite subscribers to the truly republican and American." As a Omaha World-Herald, which persists in parading Bryan's name as its editor at the head of its weekly edition, when in

creased since 1892 by several hundred The public schools of St. Paul last

to It.

year cost \$303,500. The public schools tions. This appeared to contemplate an of Omaha last year cost \$371,000 exclusive of interest on the school debt. For the year 1895 the tax levy for St. port increased savings deposits and a Paul was 20.3 mills; for 1896 the tax levy of St. Paul will be 15 mills, while there is plenty of money in Omana, but the tax levy of Minneapolis for 1896 will be 21 mills. St. Paul has this year reduced the tax levy by 5 mills, or 25 per cent of the levy for 1895, while its assessment remains about the same.

that over \$25,000,000 could be expended It must be admitted, of course, that by the department in defensive work the 15-mill levy in St. Paul raises up to July 1, 1897, nearly one-fifth of more revenue than a 41-mill levy in this amount to be made available during the current fiscal year, which ends has inaugurated a plan of radical re-June 30.

trenchment, while Omaha has as ye In both branches of congress this matused the pruning knife so sparingly ter appears to be receiving earnest consideration and the committees having it in charge are diligently seeking infor-

BIOGRAPHY OF M'KINLEY.

mation and suggestions from trust worthy sources. A few days ago Admiral Walker appeared before the house A valuable addition to the biographies of American public men is a "Life of committee and urged the necessity of const defenses, saying that these are of William McKinley," by Mr. Robert P. Porter, ex-superintendent of the eleveven greater importance than increasing

enth census and now editor-in-chief of the navy. He considered one kind of the Cleveland Evening World. It is an defense to be the complement of the other and both as necessary as cavalry exhaustive history of the career of this eminent citizen as soldier, lawyer and and artillery are to the army. He gave statesman, and the author has done his cogent reasons why the country must work conscientiously and with evident have coast defenses for its security. enthusiastic interest. No living public however strong the navy may be.

man is better known to the American There would be no perplexity regardpeople than William McKinley, but this ing this matter if the revenue of the

biography presents much interesting ingovernment was such as to justify the formation that is not of general knowlneeded appropriations, but with the reedge, particularly regarding the formaceipts steadily running behind the exrefusing peremptorily to give the Grand tive period of McKinley's life, when penditures the question of providing the character was being moulded and there money for coast defenses is a troublewas being developed those "qualities some one. Of course it can be borrowed, which have elevated him to the front as has been proposed, but there is an inrank among contemporary political leaddisposition to get it in this way. What ers. It also supplies information which will finally be done is problematical, will remove a not uncommon impression but the very general sentiment is that that William McKinley is a statesman the work of seacoast defense ought to upon a single question, the fact being be pushed as rapidly as practicable. -

that few public men of this thne have shown a familiar knowledge of a wider

It is suggested that while congress range of subjects, political, social and is considering extending the interstate economic. It is shown that while Mccommerce law to cover sleeping car Kinley is a master of all that relates to companies, it also include the dining cars and prescribe a miximum charge for meals on the trains. The law should and study to this field. without question apply to sleeping cars William McKinley's ancestors came to

and dining cars both so far as dis-America more than a century and a half crimination between different classes ago and it is recorded that his great or different persons is concerned. No one can ask congress to compel a dinrevolutionary war. They were all ar- ing car caterer to furnish a one-dollar dent supporters of the cause of Ameri-

meal for 50 cents, but it can say that can independence. "From these ancesit shall furnish the same kind of a meal tors," says his blographer, "he inherited to all applicants who tender the anthe reverence for religion, love of free nounced uniform price, and shall make institutions, devotion to the cause of no distinctions based on the part of the the people, because he was of the people, country in which the meal happens to and his admiration for the public school be served.

The idea of a great beet sugar refinyouth William McKinley was industriery, to be fed from small factories ons and studious. Before he had at- located in different parts of the state, is tained his eighteenth year he enlisted received with great favor at the Frefact he has no more to do with editing that paper than Senator Stewart of Nevada. for the defense of the union and made a most creditable record as a soldier, reaching the rank of major. Returning Nevada.

works are required is about \$\$2,000,000 derived from opening the mints to the and that the entire work can be com free coinage of silver and the issuance by the government of legal tender paper money. pleted in about ten years, if congress showed up in their true light the position shall make the necessary appropriaof the two old parties on the question of free coinage of silver. He said democrats are reading out of the party members of that party for their advocacy of free coinage; republicans are doing the same thing. The average annual expenditure of a little more than \$\$,000,000, and it has been assumed that this is about the amount ople's party is the only one which has a fair, square 16 to 1 plank, upon which every member of that party stands with both feet from Maine to California. He scored the democratic party to the quick, for its action that could be advantageously expended from year to year. A statement just made to congress by Secretary Lamont, however, shows that a considerably larger sum can be used during the next

Bryan is a democrat of the true Jeffersonian type and belongs with the party which advocates the doctrine of Jeffer son, Jackson and Lincoln, the people's party and it is but a matter of time when he will announce himself.

#### The Cubnu Lenders. Chicago Tril

The last achievement of Gomez is not the least remarkable of his many brilliant ex-ploits. The expedition of General Marin was

planned to end the war before the new Spanish butcher, Weyler, should arrive, With a large force of troops, infantry, cavalry and artillery, and with numerous improvised fortifications, he made a wall across the sland which was considered impregnable thus having separated Gomez and Maceo his olan was to attack them in detail with over whelming numbers, the impassable wal neanwhile preventing them from joining each ther. To the astonishment of General Marin however, Gomez broke through the wall and joined Maceo. Marin was as cleverly outwitted as ever was Campos. There are re-ports of a battle, both sides claiming victory. t is evident from this at least that Gome has made his escape from a superior force and is seeking some new vantage ground. General Marin is no more likely to end the war by forcing Gomez into a general engagethan was General Campos. Nor will Jeneral Weyler when he arrives be more ikely to succeed than General Marin.

### A NEW COMPLICATION.

#### Grent Britnin Struggling with an American Joke.

truggling in the meshes of the great Ameri-It is a struggle of long standing of infinite pathos and of incalculable vicissi-tude. When Mark Twain wept at the grave of Adam, and Chauncey Depew told the duke of Cambridge about the railway cating house roprietor who wanted to know what was he matter with pumpkin pie, when Moses Handy said to the indignant cockney who wanted to bonhard New York, "What, again?" when Marshall P. Wilder cracked his airy quips in solemn London clubs, it was marely presenting new discussion of the solement of the solement of the solement of the sole of t again, his airy quips in solemn London clubs, it was merely presenting new difficulties to a national intellect, which had been for years

more formidable wvery year. Now comes Bean Hole, the famous Eng-lish clergyman, who not only preaches, but

consists of only

At the funeral, Willie's mother Smartly said to Mrs. Brown; "Twas a chilly day for William When the mercury went down." The gentleman who recited it on the oc-casion of a luncheon at which Dean Hole was present gravely explained that it was was present gravely explained that it was only intended in fun, and this explanation the dean as gravely passes on to his British readers; but we do not doubt that thousands of English people are at this moment solemnly wondering what is to become of a people so frivclous and so irreverent as this. There are, indeed, already indications that the question will be taken up by the British press and handled as another evidence of our moral degradation, little if any less

our moral degradation, little, if any, less eloquent than the lynching business or the

administration was one grand sweet song.

Abd-ul-Hamid means "servant of one who is worthy of praise." Judging from his acts he is servant to one who praiseworthy from a truly infernal point of view. A building of 200 stories is talked of in Michigan, Alabama, Nebraska, Penasylvania and Kentucky.

New York. As a means of enabling the residents to look beyond the Harlem river and absorbing some of the ozone of the United States it is badly needed.

The cathode ray is marvelously penetrating, enabling the camera to photograph money in purse. But the principle is not new by any means. Municipal lawmakers in various cities have for years trained cathode rays in purses and captured the substance.

Deputy Assistant United States Treasurer Maurice L. Muhleman of New York is a re markable statistician, and never forgets any Muhleman can tell the hing. price of a Roman sesterce at 10 o'clock August 10, 205, or the value of any kind of money at any time since the first medium of exchange was created.

If any one doubts the accuracy of Spanish reports of operations in Cuba, a glance at the newspaper cuts of General Marin will dispel them. The Spanish general wears a warlike mustache. Its scimetaric curves are long enough to hang sabers on, and its fierce outlines throw a shadow over an orifice that suggests a raw rebel for breakfast every morning. Fortune and a Russian countess are smiling

unique engine but the electric mechanism. which will be supplied by the Westing-house company. The locomotive is the size on C. B. McDonald, editor of the Oxford (Kan.) Register. The counters was a Chi-cago girl who fascinated a title and a stake, of an ordinary box car, about thirty feet long, and mounted upon two four-whee trucks. Completed it will weigh sixty tons married both and recently buried the owner McDonald has shaken the sunflower preds from his duds and is now scurrying to Paris It is geared for 800-horse power, which will at the expense of the countess. They are ousins and not impervious to romance.

Herr Ast, the shepherd doctor, is the latest fad in Europe. He diagnoses disease by examining a lock of the patient's hair, and his universal charge for advice is about 25 cents. Clients wait patiently the whole day through to see him, even in bad weather, and if by the time he retires, near midnight, they have raised to have posts un-ence with him they take up their posts untor's patients are referred to by the skeptical as "Ast's sheep."

Joseph R. Dunlap, publisher of the Chicago Dispatch, has been convicted by a federal jury of circulating obscene literature through the mails. The offense consisted of publishing columns of "personal" ads for the habitues of Chicago's burnt district. The announcement of the verdict was followed promptly by discontinuance of the objection Sentence has been deferred pending the hearing of a motion for a new trial. The extreme penalty for the offense is ten years and \$25,000 fine, or both, if the court wills.

Chauncey M. Depew never takes anything stronger than a glass of champagne, and that only after a long and exhausting speech. In former years he smoked incessanily. Five years he ago he came to the conclusion that cigars were a tax upon the stomach and he quit them. He will sit at a dinner and, when the time comes, roll a clear between his lips, but he never lights it. A public speech to

Burglars Wreck a Safe with Dynamite him is the most invigorating tonic Occa sionally he has prepared his speeches, but it testimony of the majority of his is the made to burglarize Rogers & Sons' bank in friends that he never sticks to the text. Bedford, a suburb, at 3 o'clock this morning. The heirs of the late Charles Durkee had a The front doors of the bank were forced open, the safe was drilled and a charge of meeting the other day in Champsign, Ili,, and decided to press their claim against the dynamite put in. The explosion blew off the federal government. This claim is based on front door of the safe. A second charge was put into the middle door, but the explosion the alleged assignment thirty years or more ago to Charles Durkee, then governor of Utah, of over \$60,000,000 worth of Union Pa-cific bonds. L. C. Blaisdell is the trustee for safe. The burglars escaped toward the city

the heirs of Durkee and has spent much time and money in the investigation of their claims. He says the late Secretary Folge admitted the existence of the assignment upon these bonds and Blaisdell says he has quarreled over a livery bill and began shoothest of legal advice that the principal and interest, now amounting to nearly \$200,-000,000, is recoverable for the benefit of the Durkee heirs,

### Shot and Killed by a Burglar.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 6 .- Wendell P. Smith watchman and ex-policeman, was shot and killed last night by a burglar whom he de-tected in the act of breaking into a grocery store. The murderer escaped.

Filegende Blaetter: "Why did you break off your engagement with Miss Bertha?" "Because her parrot was always saying "Stop that, George." "But what difference did that make? Your engagement was not a secret." "But my name is not George." Indiana has set aside for it the largest number of rooms-fifty-one. The total num-ber of rooms set aside for all the delega-

Yonkers Statesman: Grateful Man-Didn't I loan you \$10 a month or so ago? "Yes, I believe you did. I'm ever so much obliged for your kindness. I feel that I can never repay you."

"The number of men to be taken care of will approximate 2,000," said Manager Willis Howe today. "We are now filled up and cau-Judge: The angel, bearing a female shade, paused at heaven's gate and knocked. "No need of disturbing the inmates," said the shade, fumbling with her Psyche twist; "just wait till I get a hairpin." Howe today. "We are now filled up and can-not take another man. There is a desire on the Lational committee and when the Palmer house was selected last week we were deluged with

Boston Transcript: "No, Johnnie," said he teacher; 'not five; four quarts make a

Johnnie said he guessed he knew; his father was in the business.

Indianapolis Journal: Mr. Wickwire-How s it that Mrs. Finnegan isn't here to do

the washing? Hintegan lish i here to do the washing? Mrs. Wickwire—Her husband looked in long enough to tell me that "the old leddy had a fall and broke her blke," but he got away before I could ask him whether he meant her wheel or her spine.

INCOMPETENCE. Too many cooks spoil the broth. Too easy task in which to fail It seems to me. But, by my troth. Too many cooks can't cook at all!

A WINTER TRAGEDY.

Somerville Journal. Ah, woe is me! Alack! Alas! My life is full of grief. I turn for solace everywhere, And nowhere find relief. pull a loaded freight train forty miles an hour. By a single change of the gearing this engine can be run up to 1,600-horse power and can pull a train eighty miles an the second What cursed imp persuaded me, The victim of the Fates, To let the girl I love behold Me on a pair of skates? for freight. The passenger engines will attain a

freight. The passenger engines are forty-two far higher speed. The wheels are forty-two inches in diameter. Only a space of eight feet square is needed in the locomotive for feet square is needed in the locomotive for And when I venture on the ice, And when I venture on the ice, I'm certain to get hurt. And yet, impelled by vanity To undertakings rash. he locomotive by means of a controller similar to that on a common trolley car, only much larger and stronger. The locomotive is built to be operated by either overhead or The locomotive is I went out with her to the pond, hither overhead or And tried to cut a dash.

underground trolley wire. It carries no coal, firebox, smokestack or water tank. I cut it! I should say I did! And now I cut no ice With her, and never shall again-And oh! she is so nice! My heels flew up and down I sat With a resounding whack! My skates flew of, and there I lay, All helpless, on my back! n front is a powerful electric searchlight or use at night to light the track. The cost of the new electric locomotive is about qual to that of a steam locomotive, or Temporarily Suspended a Preacher.

She laughed, of course. What girl would rot? Then tendered sympathy, Which even more unwelcome seemed Then tendered sympathy, Which even more unwelcome Than did her laugh to me. I limped dejectedly ashore, When, cutting figure eights, My hated rival glided up And handed me my skates! dist church in this city, has been suspended from the ministry pending an investigation

Ah, wee is me! Alas! Alack! My life is full of grief. I turn for solace everywhere. And nowhere find rellef. He's cut me out! I cut no ice With her! All gone to smash Are all my hopes, and all because I tried to cut a dash! Elder O'Bryen. Rev. Cooper resatiy came here from England and at one time was

> Beecham's pills are for billi. ousness, billious headache,dys pepsia, heartburn, torpid liver dizziness, sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, loss of appetite, sallow skin, etc., when caused by constipation; and constipation is the most frequent cause of

ing at each other. Lee was wounded just below the heart and Boustic received a built in the arm and another in the shoulder. Frank Cline, a by-stander, was shot in the leg by one of the men. Lee and

sustic are in a serious condition.

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Washington Post. Once more we find the British public

inextricably entangled in a web of hopeless obfuscation. The tragedy had then been run-ning through several generations and growing

travels and writes books, with a pretty little peam which he found in the United States and memorized for the edification of his in-

offensive countryness. It two verses, and runs as follows: Little Willie from his mirror Sucked the mercury al off, Thinking, in his childlen error, It would cure his whooping cough.