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Daily average. GEORGE R. TZSCHICK.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 3d day of February, 1896, (Scal.) N. P. FEIL, Notary Public. The banquet is getting to occupy the place in national politics that the pienic

occupies in populist state politics.

The state that is without one or more favorite sons will feel lonesome before the ante-convention campaign is ended.

Just because the new bond issue has been floated is no reason why the plan for a postal savings bank should be neglected.

If Salt Lake City can economize by cutting police salaries and reducing the size of its police force, why can't of the country, for there can be no Omaha do the same?

It was Lincoln day Wednesday. Naturally, therefore, Lincoln won out on the contest for the location of the Grand Army of the Republic rennion.

Political valentines in the shape of ventions are the kind of valentines that the aspirant to presidential honors prefers to receive this year.

The campaign orators will have to

tional holiday which gives an opportunity to make the eagle scream cuce

The law plainty prohibits any city official from directly or indirectly partheipating in contracts with the city. But then the present city administration seems to have no idea that it is bound by the law.

If that boundary commission does not may get together and do away with all excuse for its further existence. And thus far the \$100,000 appropriation at its command has been scarcely touched.

To call the fee system in vogue in the United States courts robbery plunder on the floor of the senate may be a trifle out of the usual course of senatorial courtesy, but it is none the less accurate on that account

According to Mr. Bryan's paper ability does not count in the elevation of members of congress to conspicuous places. This is the only consoling philosophy that remains for the brilliant but unappreciated ex-congressman from Nebraska.

Another downpour of moisture throughout the state to start grain to moving and gladden the heart of the jobber and retailer. But no zero, water-congealing temperature for the benefit of ice men. We shall all have to pay dearly for this in the summer.

British public sentiment is expressive of an earnest desire to maintain friendly relations with the United Stares. The real sentiment of the masses of the American people is also strongly in favor of peace as far preferable to war, to friendship as preferable to strained relations.

The Bee has repeatedly in times past shown why a branch Indian supply depot should be located in Omahn Two years ago an effort was made by the city to secure such location and now Congressman Mercer is renewing such efforts. The prize is well worth working for.

Our fire department was most highly complimented on all sides for the way in which it handled the recent Douglas street fire. But insurance rates are still at the old point to which they were raised two years ago on the pretext of insufficient water supply and inefficient fire fighting force.

Lincoln people ought to feel better now. They not only secured the location of the Grand Army of the Republic reunion but clinched it by a resolution declaring the site fixed for five years to come. With such an assurance we feel certain that the people of the capital city will make preparations for a series of reunions unsurpassed in the history of the Nebraska department.

Unsuccessful bidders for the new bond Issue still have the Cripple Creek gold country beckoning them to invest in hole-in-the-ground and mining stocks. Speculators stand ready to stock mines to order guaranteed to fit the size of each investor's pile. If necessary certificates of stock can be struck off the printing press at a moment's notice sufficient to absorb the whole \$400,000,000

of the new issue of bonds. Since the might prove a serious obstacle. In the beginning of the year the orders rerency for new circulation have exceeded charter, of which there has already been \$12,000,000, and it is expected that the some talk, and take upon_itself the work amount will go to at least \$20,000,000, of constructing the waterway with the Omaha. The Bee Building.

Bouth Omaha, singer Bik. Corner N and 24th Sts.
Council Units, 12 Paorl Street.
Chicago Office, 211 Chember of Commerce.

New York, Roome 12, H and 15, Tribune Building.
Washington, 14or F Street. N. W. that this increase will be made at once. cut. Another element of increase is charter. likely to be found, however, in the deposit of bonds by banks which have not

yet filed specific orders for new notes. the indications up to the time of alloting the bonds last Saturday were favorable to a still larger increase in circulatien than the gross amount of the orders, these indications pointing to a but it is not believed that it will reach of bankers in an early improvement.

THE DEMOCRATIC FIELD. The democrats of Pennsylvania are

ing received the unanimous endorsement mittee sets forth that "in character, \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. in ability, in official experience, in the fearless discharge of public duties, Mr. Pattison is well equipped for the high office for which we recommend him," with more that is highly complimentary democratic candidate for president has been brought forward for the inspection doubt that Mr. Pattison will not reject the honor thus conferred upon him. He has been twice governor of Pennsylvania and on the score of ability and taking the attitude of the state. Not sound democracy is unquestionably the only is the Transmississippi exposition peer of any man so far talked of for to be held at Omaha in 1808 "heartily the democratic presidential nomination. approved," but the people of Iowa are With the solid and earnest support of expressly urged to co-operate with the pledged delegates to the national con- the Pennsylvania delegation in the national convention Mr. Pattison ought to tories of the transmississippi region and have a very good chance of securing the nomination.

"favorite sons" brought forward before wait over a week for the arrival of the meeting of the national convention. Washington's birthday as the next na- Massachusetts has one in ex-Governor proposed exposition, but if anything Russell, Ohlo in ex-Governor Campbell, Indiana in ex-Governor Matthews, Iowa | them its importance to the entire west in ex-Governor Boies, Illinois in Stevenson and Morrison, and there are other they promote as far as possible the bill states where the democrats doubtless giving congressional recognition to the think they have presidential material. The presentation of perhaps half a score of names to the national convention is. therefore, by no means improbable, the effect of which will be to intensify interest in what promises to be one of cal conventions in recent years.

There appears to be still a pretty geninterest in General Harrison's letter of carries with it any authority that he predecessor.

The democratic presidential field has not yet assumed a particularly interesting aspect, but it cannot be long before it will present features worthy of attention. Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania candidate, who is for sound money and tariff reform, can be thoroughly discussed by the democrats of other states.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

It is stated that the subcommittee of structing the Nicaragua canal submitted by the board of engineers, and which was transmitted to congress last week as too high. The report of this board which is very comprehensive and deals practically with the project, places the cost at over \$133,000,000, which is \$64, 000,000 in excess of the estimates of the company which now holds a charter from Nicaragua to build the waterway The board declares that the official estimate by the company is insufficient for the work and the estimate made by the board is provisional. "It should be understood," says the report, "that the existing data are inadequate as a basis for estimating the cost of many of the structures; some portions of the work may cost more, others less, but in the judgment of the board the entire project can be executed for about the total amount of its estimate." The fact appears to be that so many and great are the natural difficulties to be overcome that it is next to impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate of the cost, but there is reason to believe that the figures of the board of engineers are much nearer to what it would be than those of the canal com-

It appears to be the intention of the house committee on commerce to report a bill similar to that of Senator Morgan in the last congress, which provided for a government guarantee of canal bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 and the practical control of the enterprise by the government. It is absolutely cerain that in no other way can the required capital be obtained in this country and it is somewhat doubtful whether it can be secured abroad, alof bids rejected by the Treasury de- fore investing in canal bonds foreign

A considerable increase of the bank lations of both the United States and note circulation is expected as a result Nicaragua toward the canal, which is the pay the balance finally. The state is a pay the pa note circulation is expected as a result Nicaragua toward the canal, which meanwhile the government of Nicaragua coved by the comptroller of the cur- might deem it expedient to revoke the amount will go to at least \$20,000,000, of constructing the waterway with the swelling the bank note circulation to aid of foreign capital, or make such ally worth a dozen of the other kind. about \$235,000,000. It is not probable concessions to foreign capitalists as would induce them to take hold of it. Some such course has been under connew bonds as a basis for circulation, are sideration and in the event of the failexpected to await the condition of the ure of the present congress to do anymarket before taking out new notes thing for promoting the construction of and a few may even abandon the pur- the canal it is more than probable that nose to increase circulation for the pres- Nicaragua will take steps to revoke the

It is doubtful whether a bill guaranteeing canal bonds can be passed in this congress, at any rate at the present According to reports from Washington session. Undoubtedly there is a very general feeling that this project ought to be constructed with American capital and be under exclusive American control, but this sentiment has not served to enlist the capital and is not possible increase up toward \$30,000,000, likely to, while there is very strong objection to the plan of involving the that figure in the near future unless government financially in the enterprise there is an acute stringency in the however ample the safeguards against money market, which does not appear any loss by the government may be. probable. The business conditions do With the problem of getting what is not appear to invite any increase of due the government from the Pacific bank circulation and its increase would railroads awaiting solution the public is seem to imply confidence on the part little disposed to look with favor upon any new scheme of governmental as-

sistance to corporate enterprise. The determination of the Nicaragua canal question cannot, however, be put first in the presidential field with a off much longer. It will have to be favorite son, ex-Governor Pattison hav- settled within the next year or two or the American projectors will probably of the state committee for nomination lose all the rights they have secured, toby the national convention at Chicago. gether with all that has been expended The resolution adopted by the com- on the enterprise, amounting to between

IOWA FIRST-UTAH NEXT. According to an old French adage, it is the first step that takes effort. For this reason the importance of the action to the ex-governor. Thus one possible of the Iowa legislature in endorsing the Transmississippi exposition project is not to be underestimated. Iowa has taken the lead in officially committing itself to the plan. The resolutions unanimously adopted by both houses of the legislature leave no room for mispeople of the other states and terriutilize the opportunity to make a fitting display of their resources. All the There is likely to be a number of lowa representatives and senators in congress have practically announced themselves to be in full accord with the more were needed to impress upon the request of the Iowa legislature that enterprise should complete the work of winning their support.

The endorsement of the Transmississippi exposition by the state of Iowa must be followed up with similar action hurry up Venezuela and Great Britain the liveliest and most interesting politition. It so happens that Utah is th only other western state where the eral belief that Mr. Cleveland will be legislature is in session this winter. nominated unless he prevents that ac- Iowa first-Utah rext! The second tion. It is thought that if he remains step in the program of the exposition stlent, if he lets matters drift along, if management must be to secure from the he awaits the meeting of the conven- legislature of Utah the adoption of resotion, he is sure to be named. It is said lutions favoring the exposition in terms that Mr. Cleveland manifested great equally emphatic with those of Iowa, Utah was fully represented in the withdrawal, speaking of it as evidently Transmississippi congress last fall, sincere, but there is no intimation that which gave the undertaking its first great impetus, and its delegation is likely to emulate the example of his pledged the hearty co-operation of their state. With the example of Iowa before it Utah should quickly claim the honor of being the second state to take formal action endorsing the exposition.

> In the presence in Omaha of Dr. Edward Everett Hale Omaha people have a rare opportunity to meet with a famous minister, author, editor, philanthropist. Dr. Hale has been prominent before the country so long and is so well known through his writings and has ever been drawn together of all the the house committee on commerce re- lectures that the mere announcement gards the estimate of the cost of con- that he has consented to talk here to night about his latest plan for a high court of nations as the means to the pacification of the world will no doubt attract an appreciative audience.

It must be remembered that the state of Michigan will choose the presidential electors this year under the law that provides for district representation. In other words, although the state go overwhelmingly republican, it would still be possible for the democrats to pull out with one of the electors. But there is little prospect of a divided electoral vote since 1847, that while the Pennsylvanians from Michigan, and even if there were it would have small effect upon the general result.

The treasurer's report shows the finances of the Grand Army of the Republic organization to be in excellent condition. In view of depressed business and the low price of grain in this state, the showing made is a most gratifying one. It is evidence that the union veteran means that the encampment shall endure, no matter how many sacrifices he must make.

Why, Sure!

The editors of the Upper Des Moines Edi-tor al association endorced the Transmissis-sippl exposition for Omaha. Dees Nebraska believe in reciprocity and doing something for

Wonderful to Behold.

The platform of the democratic party this year will be worth reading. It does seem as if nobody could find an excuse for the present administration, but the platform ommittee will have to do it.

Co-Operative Colony Failure.

St. Paul Pioneer Pro Another industrial colony, the Co-opera-

Relative Values of Congressmen. There are two kinds of congressmen-the speaking congressman and the working congressman. It occasionally happens that both

Banishing frade Torpor.

Ofsho-Domocrat A stendy improvement in business from time onward to tensonably certain. band sale removed all doubt of the govern ment's ability to get all the gold it needs and as this uncertainty was the basis of much of the trade torpor its subsistence must star the wheels of business in more active motion.

Walting for a Letter.

If some democratic state central committee or state convention should declare in favor of renominating the president, a letter feelining to enter the contest would not be inspiropriate. But until somebody asks the president to be a candidate for re-election, he could with equal propriety write a letter declaring he had no intention of attempting to establish a monarchy at the

Kill off the autsance.

At the Rochester, N. Y., meeting of the P. A. it was claimed that the order has 108 members of congress, the governors of four states and majorities in the legislatures of several states and is growing rapidly. They claim a voting strength in the country of 3,500,000. Some of the principles of the A. P. A. are genuinely patriotic, but, as 90 per cent of them, carried out, would bring on a civil war, the genuine Americans in this country should do their best to kill off the nuisance and show its pernicious character

Ramifications of a Conspiracy.

Philadelphia Leiger.
The developments in the inquiry into Jameson's raid in the Transwasi, incomplete as they are, point to a very well defined conspiracy on the part of the British South Africa company. The letter which induced Jameson to move said an armed force was needed at Johannesburg because of the riotous feeling manifested there, while the evidence on the trial showed that the acused had prepared a proclamation declaring that a provisional government must be establighed to protect the place against Jameson. It was evidently a bold scheme to seize the ountry and make it nominally British, really the property of the company. The of its authors, and nobody will pity they suffer severely.

Windy Thrents at Hawley.

Senator Hawley of Connecticut has until which the A. P. A. has in store for him, to punish him for voting to confirm the nomnation of Colonel Coppinger to be brigadler All the bright and shining general. lights of that order have agreed, so it is said, that Hawley's political future shall be blasted scorching breath of their displeasure, and that never again shall he sit with Ifillman, and Peffer, Hansbrough and Chandler in the higher galaxy of our lawmakers. This awful menace was held be fore the senators in general while the nomi nation of Coppinger was pending, and it had the effect of making his confirmation certain, and it is probable that it will work that way in relation to the re-election of Hawley.

The Transmississippi Exposition.

Burlington Hawkeye. Omaha is to have a Transmississippi expesition in 1898. Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota and Kansas will naturally be largely concerned in this exhibit, and it is likely all the western states will take a lively interest in it. It will be a fine display of the resources of the west. one of the best, probably, that the world has ever seen. Canada and Manitoba are also expected to make contributions, and it is quite likely the work will grow on the hands of its projectors and become some-thing more than a local affair. It is of interest to Iowa because it is calculated to stimulate emigration to our state, to make wider known the fertility of our soil, the by the other states that are equally of its climate, and the many advantages which Iowa offers for residence and for busi- not be penetrated by water."

Cost of the Cuban War.

The shipwreck of an American filibustering expedition to Cuba, which is reported this week, must be welcome news to the Spanish government. But the particulars of the cost of the Cuban war, published this week, in-licate how serious the financial drain it causes has become. Nearly half the 50,000. 000 pesetas (say £2,000,000) already lent by the Bank of Spain to the government is spent, and the latter is borrowing \$50,000,000 more on Cuban bonds—the bank intimating that this loan must be the last. The war has hitherto cost 300,000,000 pesetas, and will cost 400,000,000 this year. A surtax is spoken of on imports into Cuba, and perhaps into Spain, but the imports must be diminished under the financial drain and the Cuban home rulers are already indicating their dissatisfaction with the change to a sterner policy.

A GALAXY OF SOLDIERS.

General Gibbon's Place Among the Distinguished of Pennsylvania.

It was the confederate general, D. H. Maury who said not long ago that Pennsylvania and Virginia had produced more great soldiers than any other states of the union. No list soldiers who by birth or residence might be claimed as Pennsylvanians and who rose to the rank of a general officer during the civil war. The task of compiling such a list would be of slow performance, because Pennsyl-vania generals entered the service from many states and served with distinction in every army. In the public eye the identity of many of them with this state has been lost. The Pennsylvania soldier to v Sherman signaled the message "Hold fort," was subsequently associated in the public mind with Boston and Massachusetts. A comparatively few Philadelphians know that Andrew A. Humphreys was a great soldier, "a master of logistics" Francis A. Walker calls him, while still fewer think of him as a Philadelphian, and General John Gibbon, who died the other day in Baltimore, had been a soldier for so many years, ever this later day knew vaguely something of his career, it is probable that few of them knew him as a Pennsylvanian.

And yet there are many reasons why Penn-sylvania should bear a reasons why Penn-

sylvania should keep fresh the memory of John Gibbon. The Army of the Potomac had few more faithful or capable soldiers. When a youth of 20 he was already a vetera of the Mexican war. A successful Indian fighter in later years, his greatest distinction was won in the civil war, and the record which he made in that long series of bloody battles. Second Bell Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellora-ville, would alone be pufficient to keep his name high upon the rolls of herces who were patriots as well as professional soldiers. Gettysburg made his record still brighter. There when Hahopk was wounded, this other Pennsylvania soldier succeeded him in the command of the Second corps, only to be wounded in his turn, and he had also commanded the corps on the first day. wounded in his turn, and he had also commanded the corps, on the first day. After the Wilderness campaign General Gibbon was placed in command, of the Twenty-fourth corps, a high comband of such responsibility in time of actual war that it counted for more than any rank obtained by General Gibbon subsequently in the regular army. The great struggle was nearly over. Thousands of officers and men and fallen by the way through death or disease and some way through death or disease and some through incompetency. After the severest sorting out process to which men could be subjected, Meade, of Philadelphia, was still commanding the army; Hancock, of Mont-gomery county, his veteran corps; Hum-phreys, of Philadelphia, the Second corps; Parke, of Chester county, the Ninth corps; Gibbon, of Philadelphia, the Twenty-fourth corps; Green his division of cavalers and whether it can be secured abroad, almother industrial eclosy, the Co-operative Town company of Tennessee, has gone
sert that there will be no difficulty in
getting all the European capital needed
if congress refuses to give the aid asked
for. It would seem, however, that before investing in canal bonds foreign
capitalists would desire some very defi-

Apparently Authentic News from the Explorer Nansen.

IS LOCATED ON A CHAIN OF ISLANDS

Siberian Agent of the Norwegian Scientist Claims to Have Received Intelligence that the Expedition is a Success.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.-A telegram received here today from Irkutsk, Siberia, says that a Siberian trader named Kouchnareff, who is the agent of Dr. Fritief Nansen, the Norwegian explorer who sailed in the Fram June 24, 1893, for the Arctic regions, has received information to the effect that Dr. Nansen has reached the north pole, has found land there, and is now returning toward civilization.

In April last the Figare of Paris circulated rumor that Dr. Nansen had found the north pole, and that it is situated on a chain of mountains. It was then added that he had planted the Norwegian flag there. The story was generally regarded as being without

foundation.

On September 17 of last year advices were received in London from the Danish and the cast station of Angmagsalik, on the cast coast of Greenland, that a ship, supposed to be Dr. Nansen's Fram, had been sighted at the end of July, stuck fast in an ice drift. Finally, on December 6, a dispatch from Christiania, Norway, stated that Dr. Nansen's wife received a letter by carrier pigeon re-porting that the expedition was doing well. As no carrier pigeons were taken north by the Nansen party, this report was evidently but it was published for what

Dr. Fritjef Nansen is a distinguished scientist of Norway and an enthusiastic believer in the possibility of reaching the north pole. He is about 35 years of age. He entered the University of Christiania in 1880 and two years later went on a sealing trip to Denmark straits, on the west coast of Greenland, in the Viking.

Later Nansen was appointed curator of museum at Bergen, which position he retained until 1888, when he led a small expedition to Greenland, crossing the south-ern part of that portion of the globe. It was probably during this trip that Nansen conceived the plan of making an effort to teach the north pole in a vessel constructed specially for such an undertaking. In any case, after his return to Norway, Nansen took the preliminary steps toward fitting out his expedition and the Fram was planned and constructed. She is generally classed as a three-masted salling schooner, she had a 160-horse power steam engine in addition to her sails. Her displacement was 800 tons and her sides were so constructed as to force all ice meeting the vessel to pass underneath her, thus preventing ing" and "screwing." The Norwegian Parliament allowed Nansen about \$52,000 to fit out his craft and in addition he was assisted in his work by many private subscriptions, including one of \$5,000 from Kins Oscar.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP. The Fram was launched October 25, 1892, it Laurwik, near Christiania.

A Norwegian paper, describing the fitting out of the Fram, said: "Bread is the principal nourishment of Nansen and his people. The bread is a kind of biscuit, large and round, white and very compact. The ration of each man is to consist of four biscuits a day. This, at least, was given out when the expedition left Norway. Silk is used as the most suitable material for tents, as it shuts out the cold better than anything The cabin of Nansen's ship else. Fram (forward) is heated by means of n English petroleum stove, which consumes three litres of petroleum per day. As the explorer has taken along with him a sufficient supply of this fuel to last him eight or nine years, there will be no lack of heating material. The library of the ex-pedition consists of 1,000 books, half of which are scientific works and the half novels, etc. The crew numbers twelve men and all occupy the cabin, which measures thirteen feet square. There they eat and sleep. The garments they wear can-

23, 1893, the doctor's plan being to make for the new Siberian islands and head north until the Fram, by being imbedded in the ice, would be compelled to drift along the west coast of any land which might be On August 23, 1895, Dr. Nansen sent a

dispatch from Vardo, reporting that on the 2d of that month he was about to sail into the Kara sea, and that the Fram had be haved splendidly up to that stage of the journey, especially in forcing her way jeurney. through the ice A London dispatch dated March 4 of last

year announced that a letter, dated Kjolleadord, February 24, had reached Hammerfest, Norway, announcing that a telegraph inspector at a station in the tains between Lebesy and Langijord had seen a balloon moving in a southerly direction and believed that it was possibly carrydispatches from Dr. Nansen, but until feregoing dispatch no further news of the balloon of Dr. Nansen had been re-Dr. Nansen's companions were Captain

Otto Sverdrup, shipmaster; Sigurd Scott Han-sen, lieutenant in the Norwegian navy and director of the astronomical meteorology and naval observations; Henrick Blessing, surgeon and botanist: Theodore C. Jacobsen, mate; Peder Hendricksen, harpoonist; Andrew Munden, chief engineer; Lars Peter-sen, second engineer; Hjalmar Johannsen, officer in the Norwelgian army; Bernard Nordahl. electrician; Ivan Mogatad, carpen ter, and Adolph Juell, steward

SEEN BY ESQUIMAUX. The following letter was received last year Mr. A. Bain of Sheffield, England, an

"CHRISTINIA, Sept. 16.—The steamship Hertha, freighted by the Danish government to bring victuals and furniture to the Danish colony (Angmegsalik) which was established last year on the coast of Greenland, arrived there on August 25. Peterson, the manager of the colony, then reported that different Esquimaux twice saw, at the end of July, a three-masted vessel stuck fast in the ice. The ship had a short foremast was first seen in the Sermiligak fjord (65 degrees 20 minutes north latitude, minutes longitude). They had seen no smoke from the ship. The report is quite trustworthy. We can get no more until next year. The Fram's foremast was ex-traordinarily short, so that the description agrees so far. From the statements Esquimaux, we should, in that case, not hear from the Fram until next year. Meanwhile we must be patient and not feel quits certain that we have to do with the Fram.' LONDON, Feb. 13 .- It is pointed out her in well informed circles that if the news that Dr. Nansen is returning from the north pole turns out to be correct, it indicates that the explorer has made his way back to New Siberia from the Arctic regions and is there awaiting favorable conditions before com-

mencing his homeward journey. Kouchnareff, the man mentioned in the dispatch from Irkutsk, Siberia, via St. Petersburg, as the agent of Dr. Nansen, who has received information that the explorer has found the pole and is returning, is Dr. Nan-sen's dog supplier. He resides near the mouth of the Lena river. The people of that locality pay frequent visits to New Siberia and may in this manner have brought the news to Kouchnareff.

DOUBTS THE REPORT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- Dr. Nansen, acording to Lieutenant Davis L. Brainerd, U. S. A., who accompanied the Greeley expedition as subsistence officer, bases his theory of the current which he relied on to carry him through the Arctic regions on the fact that the trend of the Jeannette was generally in the direction of the pole and that pieces of driftwood, etc., have been found on the east and west coast of Greenland and along the opposite coast of Ellesmers and Grinnel land, which, from their appearance and character, seem to in dicate that they had drifted from the Si-berian coasts. Other articles, such as large stopper or plug for a powder horn, a coasting stick, a cane, etc., evidently the work of Alaskan Indians, have also the supposition was advanced that they did pass the pole down the coast of Greenland, around Cape Farewell and up into the bay and Smith's sound.
It was reported by Lieutenant Brainerd

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. time she was crushed, were eventually found on the west coast of Greenland, near Julian's head, west of where he reached there. It was estimated the relies must have drifted at the rate of about three miles s day. But, the lieutemant added, Dr. Nan-

think that he has had too little exence to cope with the difficulties he

Washington Post: According

cooking done there.

inevitably encounter, and especially with the

ASPIRING CANDIDATES.

ing are slowly coming to light. It is now boileved, instead of being an aerolite, as at first supposed, it was nothing less than the explosion of Bill Morrison's boom, which

escaped from Ben Cable several days ago,

and has been wandering around in space ever

Pennsylvania, too, is believed to be favorable

to him despite the report that that state's

New York Sun: While all the winds are melodious with the name of Hon. William

Boyd Allison of Iowa, not a whift of a breeze flicks the dust from that of Hon. Horace

Boies of the same state. Only a little while

iron-knuckled smiter of the tariff. He was coming, Father Horace, a hundred thousand

the neck of Iowa once more and limitless silence overspreads Hon. Horace Boice, and his boom is numbered with the things that

were, and were for a mighty little while.

THE COAL COMBINE.

Providence Journal: The members of the

new coal combination have no special reason

application of the Sherman anti-trust law to

heir gigantic enterprise. That disappointing

act never yet seriously troubled anybody, and,

Boston Post: The new anthracite coal com

bination offers an admirable opportunity for

tainly its language, interpreted by the rules

of common sense, seems to apply directly to the situation created by the Morgan-Vander-

bilt combination coal mining and coal carry-

New York Journal: If the attorney genera

were to direct that coal produced and trans

ported under an agreement illegal under the Sherman act should be seized while in transit

the issue would be brought to the test a once. There would be no delay until the sum-

mer season came to create apathy in the con

when nations declare war. With trainloads

the public, as has been the rule in contests

St. Paul Globe: It has come to the point

resentatives are careless, self-seeking, igno

Springfield Republican: The first step taken

by the combination is to advance prices about

35 cents a ton. On a reduced output-say

additional income to the combined propertie.

of \$14,000,000. But it is said to be the inten-tion of the ring to push prices in the end up

to about \$1 a ton over the average price of 1895, which would mean an additional reve-

one to the members thereof of some \$40,000 .

000, which, of course, the people and manu-

facturers will have to pay. At the same time

many collieries in the Pennsylvania coal re-

order to reduce the output, and thousands of men will be thrown out of employment.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

An old trapper in Bethel, Me., has in his

cossession a bear trap that is 150 years old, it has captured a good many bears, including

A distinct anomaly in American c'vilization

the little hamlet of Aliceton, in Wisconsin

which is without a woman resident. It has

Prof. Gieseler of Gottingen has twenty-four

children. Not long since he saw a child crying in the street, and asked: "What is

the matter, little boy?" "Don't you know me, papa?" said the boy. He was one of

An aged antiquarian in Litchfield, Conn.

has sent, it is said, an ancient tennis suit to Secretary Olney, thinking that he will

take more pleasure in his favorite game this spring if attired in a costume dating

On the steamer Scotsman of the Dominion

line, which sailed from Portland for Liver

live stock that has ever been taken from this

Albany, Ga., has a quaint advertiser, whose

pecialty is roof fixing, and whose style is

shown in this paragraph: "Lots of men would be upstuckin' and biggety when every-

body praised their work. But I am not that way. I speak just as politely to a poor man as I do to one who owns a metal roof. That's my way."

pool the other day, went the largest load

country. Arrangements were made to port 1,500 head of cattle and 1,600 sheep.

about 100 people, but they are all men

year.

the twenty-four children.

back to 1798 or thereabouts.

tons a year-this would mean an

The crisis would be as spontaneous as

must be thought, is not likely to.

testing the anti-monopoly act of 1890.

"uneasiness" because of an apprehended

And now the republican yoke is on

strong.

ing companies.

speedy decision.

at their peril.

It is estimated that the owners of the St. aul will lost \$35,000 by that experiment in

navigating Jersey sand lots.

With the assistance of the Roentgen light,

nunicipal reform should take a fresh hold, it is now possible to reveal the operations of "fine Italian hands." son seems to have disregarded, or at all events taken as of little value, one important factor, the baffling and uncertain nature of the current, of which nothing is definitely known. While Canadians publicly express undiminished confidence in the mother country, the wiscat of them will, as heretofore, hustle "I believe that not only will the Nansen expedition prove a failure, but that it will meet with disaster. I think it doubtful whether Dr. Nansen will ever be heard from-

for a living in the United States. If the claims of the Anneke Jans heirs are no sounder than their orthography their cause is a forlorn one. Their celebrated ancestor spelled her name Anna Kajans.

Interest in the development of cathode rays, called X rays for short, is steadily increaming. Fact is, an x raise is calculated to cheer these pinching and piping tunes. Reform is about to take a fall out of the Reform is about to take a lant. Chief banana peel in New York City. Chief Roosevelt has issued his ediet that the peel Roosevelt has issued his ediet that the peel roosevelt has issued his edies somebody will

Robert P. Porter's biography Mr. McKinley s very fond of home cooking. Well, the ther candidates will be perfectly satisfied to and the peelers must go, else somebody take an involuntary tumble. have him remain right at home and have his The frequent reference to the manner in which "the people" will express themselves in the Chicago primaries is a pretty strong Detroit Free Press: Any man who would courately predict the outcome of the re-ablican convention at St. Louis must first indication that the slated ticket will through without slipping a cog. liscover what the southern delegates are

going to do; and that is a matter past as-certaining until all the bids of the specula-Public sentiment in South Carolina opposes the re-enactment of the "Jim Crow" tive managers are in. Chicago Tribune: The facts regarding the requiring colored people to ride in separate cars. The new south is growing at a rate crific explosion which frightened the people f Madrid nearly to death on Monday mornthat promises to make up for its thirty years

Several interesting relics of Colonel Elis worth, including a pompon from his cap, an epaulet and a visor, have come into the pos-session of a Grand Army of the Republic post in Santa Rosa, Cal. Another is a bunch of hair from the tail of the horse he rode at

Globe-Democrat: Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, the only New England re-publican in either branch of congress whose devotion to Reed was doubted, denies the the time of his tragic death at Alexandria. Rossini was born on February 29 and it pleased him to have his birthday celebrate: only in leap years. In his old age he used report that he favors McKinley. Undoubt-edly the Maine statesman will receive the virtually solid support of his party in his locality, and probably he will get the vote of New York after the first or second ballot. to say that he was 20. This year, as usual every four years, the composer's native town, Pessro, will celebrate the event, and as Mascagni will prepare the program it is likely to be most interesting.

The German emperor is generally dressed by 5 in the morning. The queen regent of Spain is ready for the day's business at 7 sharp. King Humbert of Italy rises at 6, delegation may support Quay at the outset. There is a good deal of uncertainty yet as to who. Reed or McKinley, will lead on the sharp. as do also the king of Sweden and King Charles of Roumania. The Empress Elizabeth of Austria takes her bath at 4 a. m and then starts out on long walks.

The Massachusetts commission having charge of ways and means for the extermination of gypsy moths, has reached the sage conclusion that the path to victory ago and Mr. Boles had a boom like the sound of many waters. He was the rescuer of lowa from the republican yoke. He was an leads through the state treasury. Hence a larger appropriation is necessary. A sus-picton is abroad in the commonwealth that the commission is as great a menace to the public as the gypsy moth.

Prof. Glibschin, the sage of Saddle creek, expresses the opinion, fringed with gobs of tears, that hindsight is several laps ahead of foresight. While he has an abundance of the former on hand now, a fractional part of it two weeks ago would have enabled him to rake in a snug stake by bidding on the gov-ernment bonds sufficiently high to get a slice and selling his claims. If Saddle creek should overflow its banks presently, the cause may be traced to the incontrollable weeps of the professor.

General Valeriano Weyler of the Spanish army, the new captain general of Cuba, is said to be of Irish extraction, is 60 years old and extremely energetic. He tinguished himself during the Carlist war and attracted attention during the Spanish war against the Moors in Africa, General Weyler was sent to Cuba in the early part of the ten years' war and served under two ceptain generals. He remained there more than two years and was recalled to Spain on ccount of charges of extreme cruelty made against him.

JOLLYING JABS.

Chicago Tribune: "I hate to owe little bills here and there." "Well, do as I do; always make them as big as possible."

of coal sidetracked and in the hands of the United States marshals, the "combine," not Puck: "Do you laugh when you write a joke?" inquired his friend. "No," replied the humorist, "but I smile when I sell one." with trusts, would be the party to urge a as it always does come sooner or later, that the people themselves must act. Their rep-

Washington Star: "De trouble bouf de man dat t'inks he knows it all," said Uncle Eben, "am dat he wants ter stop ebrybody he meets an' tell it." resentatives are careless, self-seeking, ignorant, or so absorbed in political scheming that they have no time to devote to the real interests of the great mass of our everyday working population. It is time to bring them to the research of the great mass of our everyday working population. It is time to bring them to the research of the great mass of our everyday working population. It is time to bring them

to their senses. They will not, because they dare not, disregard an uprising of the people dare not, disregard an uprising of the people for smashing the great coal combine that has the country at its mercy today more completely than ever before. Let a unanimous

demand be made upon the authorities at Washington, and they will refuse to act only Detroit Free Press: Jones-Black is a smith-That's a fact. He never borrowed

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Man run over by a trolley car awhile ago," said the police reporter. "What shall I give him?" "Badly hurt?" asked the city editor. "Lost both legs." "Give him two sticks."

Detroit Tribune: Method—Is my hat on straight? demanded the heroine of the problem story. "Yes, darling," answered the hero. "Why do you ask?" "O, they liquitrate literature so copiously these days," the lovely giri explained, "that we characters can't be too careful how we look." gion are being shut down in pursuance of the

Indianapolis Journal: "The legend says," said the historical boarder, "that Solomon controlled the world and conquered his enemies by means of a ring of peculiar, properties." peculiar properties."
"II'm," the Cheerful Idiot hastened to say. "Our politicians work in a good deal the same way." VARIETY.

Kansas City Journal. There's beauty in the sunset's glow,
And in the azure sky;
There's grandeur in the vasty deep,
And in the mountains high;
There's terror in the tempest black,
And in the lightning's flash;
There's woods firmament, There's wonder in the firm And mystery in the hash.

A PORTRAIT VALENTINE.

Charles Kelsey Gaines in the Times-Herald, Bable fayce in softeste lynes; Eyes from which the starlight shynes; Shredded sunlight on her hedde; Lyppes that sweetened alle shee sedde;

Piquante nose and dympled chinne, Resolute to wille and winne; Daintle eares that, wel I wys, Aske noe jewel but a kys;

On her bosome roses gaye, Breathing, iyke her lyppes, of Maye; Hummynge-birdes that check in flyta Cannot flit with steppe more lyte.

Cupydes, alle around her winging, Keep their golden bowers a ringing, Twanking each his leaping stringe; But vainlie stylle their arrowes singe. Oh! catche her, Payntere, with thye artel Thys litel hussle hathe my harte.

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