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Omaha is not besmirehed with black snow. Chicago people are invited to come over and get out of the dirt.

Washington was reputed never to have told a lie. This is wherein Washington he lived, so he is now, and so he will differed from so many of his successors always be. in the presidential chair.

This may be a presidential year, but that is no reason why partisan politics should run riot in purely municipal elections that happen to take place this spring.

Spring is only a month away and yet almost all the political doctors disagree is our great live stock market. Accordin their prescriptions for that tired feeling. In all likelihood nothing short of tistics we exported to that country last the determination of the republican national convention will decide exactly 000, and 414,914 sheep, valued at \$2,929,what the proper remedy is.

Omaha has plenty of business men's associations. What it wants now more than anything else is that all these associations unite their efforts for the uppermost project at the time. As soon as they are all enlisted in the same cause success is assured.

Mr. Paxton may have declined an offer of \$400,000 for a block of property in this city. If he did it was doubtless because he knows that two years hence he will have an opportunity to refuse half a million for it. With the Transmississippi exposition once assured realty values in Omaha will advance 25 per cent.

The wife of Vice President Stevenson has been accorded the honor of election that in June, 1895, English farmers carto the presidency of the society known ried 4,500,000 head of cattle. Three The question is immediately raised, Will 5,000,000 head. Thus there was a de-

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. so much below those of Omaha? Why Today is the 164th anniversary of the is the insurance rate on thirteen-story birthday of George Washington and fireproof office buildings at Minneapolis while it will not be so generally cele- 35 cents to 40 cents, while a sevenbraied as was the habit some years ago, story, fireproof building in Omaha is when the recurrence of this anniversary compelled to pay more than double that was marked by public demonstrations rate? Why should the rate in Kansas in nearly every city of the land, every- City, where the streets are much narwhere the intelligent American citizen rower and the risk greater, be lower will give some thought to that most II- than the rate in Omaha? Instrious character in our fistory Is it not about time for the underwhose pre-eminence as a patriot all men writers to let up on Omaha and give unquestingly concede. To say that this city fair play? Surely our merthe name of Washington holds first chants and property owners are enplace in the reverence of the American titled to at least equal treatment with

people is to voice a universal sen- those of other cities situated no better timent, for however much we may than they are. cherish the memory and honor the deeds of others who won immortal fame in the cause of popular government and

in the service of their country, we have United States senate in relation to to remember that it was the sword of Cuba. One of these declares it to be the

THE CUBAN OUESTION. Two propositions are before the

Washington, guided by the highest pa- opinion of congress that a condition of trotism the world has ever known, that public war exists in that island and gave us popular government, and that that the United States should maintain to his wisdom more than to any other a strict neutrality between the contendof the great men who founded the re- ing powers, according to each all the

public we owe the political institutions rights of belligerents in the ports and under which this nation has grown to territory of the United States. The greatness and power. The influence of other proposition is that the president Washington, which dominated the men shall interpose his friendly offices with of his time, is still potential and will the Spanish government for the recogcontinue to be as long as the republic nition of the independence of Cuba. lives, Today in the senate of the United The debate in the senate on Thursday States the president pro tem, will read did not indicate which of the proposithe farewell address which Washington tions is the more likely to be adopted, with the electric light contractor. Peoyears ago. Its sage wisdom and earnest and general sentiment in favor there are but eight are lights in that OFCORGE B. TZSCHUCK. The sage wisdom and earnest and general sentiment in favor there are but eight are lights in that will be my below as of some action by congress that will be ward and they think they are entitled when uttered in 1796 and it will be un-helpful to the cause of Cuban indefortunate for the American people if pendence. All the utterances were unthey ever cease to regard this deliver- qualifiedly condemnatory of the policy are lights and that a general revision ance of the Father of His Country, of Spain in that island and urged the What other man in all history left to duty of this government to exert its in- the general public, posterity such wise and patriotic coun- fluence to put a stop to the conflict

sel? As George Washington was first there. In this there was voiced the in the hearts of his countrymen when practically unanimous sentiment of the country. That the Cuban question is of grave

importance is recognized by everybody, AMERICAN CATTLE IN ENGLAND. and it being admitted that some action The measure introduced in the British on the part of this government is de-House of Commons, which is said to manded the matter of determining what practically prohibit the importation into

that action should be is perplexing. Great Britain of live cattle and sheep. There is a great deal of force in the will, if it become law, be a most disposition of Senator Cameron that to astrous blow to the cattle and sheep accord belligerency to the insurgents Interests of the United States. England would be a mistake both for them and for us, and his objections to that course ing to the report of the Bureau of Staare sound. It is to be borne in mind, as year 284,258 cattle, valued at \$26,627,on international law, that the recogni-

tion of belligerent rights is not solely to 000. These figures show how importhe advantage of the insurgents. They tant and valuable this trade is, and its gain the great advantage of a recogloss or material reduction would be a nized status. On the other hand, the most serious matter to one of the most parent government is relieved from re important of our industries already damsponsibility for acts done in the insur aged by the discriminative regulations gent territory, its blockade of its own of other European countries by the ports is respected, and it acquires a competition of Argentina and Australia right to exert, against neutral comand by our own unfavorable tariff legismerce, all the powers of a party to a

maritime war. Thus recognition o The proposed legislation is urged in the insurgents as belligerents would the interest of the British cattle and give Spanish ships the right to stop sheep raisers and is brought forward in search and capture our merchant yes compliance with the pledge of the Salissels trading with the insurgents, and bury ministry to do something for the the rules and risks respecting the carryrelief of the agricultural class. It is an ing of contraband goods, dispatches unquestionable fact that foreign com- and military persons, would come into petition has been injurious to the Britforce. It would affect the trade relaish cattle growers. The last report of tions between this country and Cuba to our department of agriculture stated

our disadvantage. Some senators urge that our govern-

the governorship of New York two years ago.

President Gleveland is not only getting more participar about granting pardons

application for a forger rejected the other day is a neat bit of censure for both the criminal and his overzealous friends that will doubtless not be lost upon others who are tempted to ask the executive elemency.

The Manufacturers' and Consumers' association exhibits renewed vitality with each succeeding year. No example of success in reade circles has surpassed the record made by this associa-, tion since its organization in this state in It has rendered invaluable service to the manufacturing interests of the state her buying home-made goods and keeping money accumulated by Nebraskans

within the state. Its visible benefits have been incalculable and its future it assured.

The proposition to supplant gas and gasoline lamps with electric are lights in Europe he intends to arrange a marriage caunot justiv be said to originate between his eldest son and little Queen Wilcannot justly be said to originate addressed to his countrymen nearly 100 but it showed that there is a very ple in the Ninth ward complain that enter the German empire on the same basis to more. There is no doubt that there has been an unequal distribution of could be made without detriment to concillating the Dutch, and is regarded, by

> The Trick of Bosses. "Party loyalty" is the favorite whiplash of the party boss.

The Pretender in the Lobby. ndianapolis News. If Mr. Huntington has as much trouble

with the Pacific railroads as he tries to make out, it would seem that he would be nly to glad to have the government take hem off his hands. Worthy of Promotion.

Minneapolis Journal. Minister Taylor at Madrid is evidently no fraid of the dons and resents a discour ous comment upon our country by the banish emissary to the Chicago exposition That is a different kind of man from Bayard stated by one of the highest authorities who in England makes attacks upon hi: own native land. Taylor should be promoted.

A Nightmare of the Future.

New York Sun. When the revolution in Cuba shall be completed, when bebignant laws shall take the place of terror there, when a free people shall inhabit the noble island which for ages has been the scene of misrule and despotisn the time of Weylar will be remembered as a nightmare in which Spain sought to throttle the last of her American colonies

Auxious to Borrow the Party. Cincignati Enquire

President Lincoln once said that if General McClellan "was not going to use the army he would like to borrow it for a while." The democratic leagers throughout the country might may to President Cleveland and his cabinet that if he is not going to use the democratic party for the defeat of its ancient enemy they would like to borrow it of him for a while for that purpose.

Diffgent Search for a Hole. Chicago Record.

Mr. Balfour's remarkable action in begging the members of the Commons Monday night to shut off the debate on the Venezu ment should go further than according clan question may be taken as an indication as the Daughters of the Revolution. years before the same farmers owned belligerent rights to the insurgents and that the British ministry is trying very belligerent rights to the insurgents and the belligerent rights to the belligerent rights to the insurgents and the belligerent rights the belligerent recognize their independence. It would the situation. Mr. Balfour desired that he altogether useless for the president action be postponed on grounds of "national policy," and this means, if it means anyto interpose his friendly offices with wife's elevation as an incentive for him ing off in the number of sheep in Great Spain with a view to securing Cuban a situation where Parliamentary action may thing, that Lord Salisbury finds himself in hamper him. A motion for an amendm recommending arbitration was before the ernment would not for a moment en-Commons at the time and the speeches upon tertain any such suggestion. Fully unit were marked throughout by a conciliatory tone. They showed again the numerous in-fluences which are urging Salisbury to make derstanding that such would be the case, whatever action is taken should a peaceable settlement of the matter as soon as posssible. Just what Salisbury is trying to do is the we justify ourselves in recognizing question. But one of two things is certain he is either preparing some measure of conciliation or else he is stubbornly opposing the efforts of Chamberlain and Balfour to get him to concede the point of arbitration. In one event he is simply planning to get out it as to have a valid claim to recogniof an ugly diplomatic hole dug by his own tion? Our action in this matter must and in the other he avoid the appearance of defeat by holding to his contention and hushing Parliament while gether. We have to consider our duty he does so. LAMENTATIONS OF THE SEEDLESS

### OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

### In spite of the rebellious spirit which is stift being shown by the hill tribes in the island of Formosa, the Japanese are hard to persons convicted of violating the federal laws, but he is also becoming free in reading lectures to the people fiel all nations with whom they have treawho ask clemency without any rational ties that their citizens may settle on the grounds upon which to base their peti- island and do business, not simply with the tions. The annotations made on the city of Tal-Wan, as was the case when China held novereignty over the island, but with six citics specified, and may also enter and clear their vessels at four ports. Modern clear their warfare between the most civilized nations has never brought about such remarkable and boneficial results as has the campaign between China and Japan. Too often wars are simply wars inspired by selfish greed and the love of conquest, and the one thought

is to inflict every possible burden and hu-miliation upon the defeated combatant. But Japan has been generous. She has not sought in her hour of triumph to form an aggressive alliance with some other power ful ration, but has gone on as before, ing to the development of her com lookarefully and industries and striving to take a part in the peaceful rivalries of civilization. China, too, has been taught a lesson, and is throwing down her barriers and turning her face to the light of progress. History and has taught the people the wisdom of will yet have to record that the world owes assault upon it, and a platform of the modern form adopted at the convention of that year would have taken a moderate position on a debt to Japan. .....

Emperor William may be picturesque and erratic at times, but there is never anything ommonplace about his schemes. The latest facey of his ever active brain is a project in regard to the future acquirement of Ho

age to frame a platform. Lincoln's candi-dacy in 1860, even if the platform on which he stood had been silent on the question, would have meant that the party's purpose land. According to a story widely circulated was resistance to slavery extension noninterference with slavery in the states where it existed. The democratic silver plank of the platform of 1592 was interelmina. This will give him such influence of Holland that the Dutch may agree to preted in the sons to mean additional favors for silver, but is Bavaria. Holland, with her commerce, colonies and ships, would come under his Cleveland's nomination was seen by every reasonable being to mean that if he was or trol without the necessity of a war and elected no quarter would be given to silver culd undoubtedly by a valuable acquisitio by the executive. and one which would long redound to the credit and fame of Kalser Wilhelm. The un-The duty of the republicans is to nominate a man who will be his own platform expected message to President Kruger after meson's raid was sent for the purpose of on the great issues. Everybody knows how

all the republican aspirants stand on the tariff. All of them favor a reasonable dethose who give credence to the story of the gree of protection; none of them, not even McKinley in 1896, want duties which apkaiser's plan, as the first step toward its accomplishment. Of course Germany could annex Holland by force easily enough if the proach the prohibitive point or which brace Their attitude upon silver is the other powers would stand aloof and allow her to, but it is not necessary to state that an arrangement with them to keep out of important consideration. The republicans want a man who is as sound on the silver issue and as courageous as Hayes proved ate. Hence the advantage of a acquisition of the historic little himself to be when he vetoed the Allison law, which unhappily, was enacted notwithstanding, as Cleveland has several times shown himself to be, and as Harrison would undoubtedly have proved himself to be if the free silver bill had reached him

this week, shows that the total number of persons massacred by the Turks or other subjects of the Porte is 25,000. Accurate could get his hands on, and there are good reasons for believing Teller is right information has been obtained as to the fate of these unfortunates, and there is no While guesswork at all in the figures. Great Britain has come in for bitter censure

for refusing to interpose, by armed force, if necessary, and protect the Armenians, it is now plain that Russia is equally responsible with the British government for permitting the massacre to continue. Britain according to the statements made in Parliament and the more diplomatic patches printed in the Blue Book, was prepared to interfere in behalf of the Armenians, but was met at every point by an objection from Russia, which declined to entertain the proposition for an armed occupation of the disturbed provinces. If Great Britain had ignored Russia's wishes in the natter, she would have had to consider the probability of war with that country. has been the fashion of recent years to laud Russia as the disinterested friend of the United States, and therefore a most admir-able nation. But the czar could easily have able nation. come to an understanding with Great Britain by which the massacre of Armenians could have been ended. Political considerations

Mas looked on as subordinate to politics. As a result of much energetic work in reform of this kind people are beginning to The nominal position of Egypt among realize that there is not necessarily any relacountries and nations is that of a dependtion between the contentions of polities and ency of the Turkish empire, under the govthe proper management of their municipal in ernment of a local ruler, the khedive, who terests. Yet we believe there are comparaacknowledges the supreme authority of the sultan. The presence of an English army and English administrators or overseers of imortant branches of the Egyptian government is said to be nothing but the friendly loan of an armed force to help the Egyptian government prevent an invasion by Soudanes fanatics and maintain order. An incident which is just reported shows in a curious light how hollow this pretense is and how much reason France has to be angry with the hypocrisy which prompts Great Britain to continue such a farce. A high official of the Ottoman empire lately fled from Constanthople in danger of his life and under the displeasure of the sultan. He has since been ound guilty of treason, unjustly, it appears and condemned to death. But he is now in Egynt and the Egyntian government, when sulted Lord Cromer, the British repsulted resentative, who virtually rules the country and then refused to surrender the refugee In the face of such facts, the English government will probably still keep up the pretensy that its armed occupation of Egypt is only temporary, that the sultan is suzerain in the Nile valley, and that in local affairs Egypt is free, or soon to be entirely relieved of foreign interference of any kind. That is the English way.

### CANDIDATE AND PLATFORM.

Record and Character of the Man Puck: Friend-And are you now out of More Rellable Than Declarations. Convalescent-No; the doctor says he will pay me two or three more visits,

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (ren.) It is well for the republicans to understand at this time, when so much is being heard about the platform's possible or prol able expression on this or that issue, that the candidate counts for more than the plat form. "I have a declining respect for plat-forms," said Jefferson Davis, in a debate in the senate with Stephen A. Bougias two weeks after the democratic party split in the national convention at Charleston in 1860. "I would sooner have an bonest man on any sort of a rickety platform you could con-struct than to have a man I dd not trust on the best platform which could be made." "If the platform is not a matter of much consequence," retorted Douglas, "why press

Harlem Life: Father-Why did you per-mit young Mashman to kiss you in the par-lor fast night? Daughter-Because I was afraid he'd catch cold in the hall. that question to the discuption of the party? Why did you not tell us in the beginning of this controversy that the whole fight was against the man and not upon the platform? But Davis was right. The record and

that issue.

platform in 1844, although that

the two canvasses in which it had the cour

on this point. The republican party demands

a candidate who, on all occapions and in the

face of all temptations, will be true to the

sentiment which arrayed 196 republican con-

gressmen the other day against free silver.

as compared with eighteen republican con

of the People.

Harper's Weekly.

found their paths made easler, and in this

they have been much assisted by the course

of events. Nearly all the questions that oc

cupied our earlier statesmen were purely

political, and even down to the settlemen

of the questions growing out of the civil

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war the political interest was largely pre-dominant. It is accordingly not to be won

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gressmen who were in favor of it.

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Chlongo Tribune: Stranger (from Ne-braska)--What? That the Chicago river? Chleago Man-Yes Stranger-Great snakes! Why don't you character of the candidate tell what his party will do if it wins better than the most plow it up! Atlanta Constitution: Upon the tomb-stone of a man who was killed in a boller explosion in Georgia is the solitary line: "He was blown up." That must be a great consolution to his surviving relatives, for the statement leaves no doubt as to which way he went. drawn and comprehensive platform can. Jackson's renomination in 1822 meant war upon the United States bank, but only a minority of his party at the outset in the campaign of that year favored any actual

Chicago Record:

way he went.

WANDERING WITTICISMS.

Philadelphia Record: "You, sir," shouted the reformer, "you are no statesman." "Statesmen?" echoed the boss, laughing harshly. "I got statesmen to sell."

Courier-Journal: "Scientists say now that hand-shaking conveys disease." "Of course, that's the way the grip got started."

talkers some men are." "Not at all. They have inherited their mother tongue."

"Strange what awful

Chicago Post: "You ought not to be afraid of the water," she said dreamily, when their conversation had drifted around to the subject of the ocean. "Why not?" he asked innocently. "Because your head is light enough to float you right side up." Clay was the Whig party's real

Philadelphia Record: Tominy-Pop, why do they call a bad actor a ham? Tommy's Pop-1 suppose because he is often served with eggs, my boy.

Chicago Record: "Any signs of spring out your way?" "Yes: Wilkin's wife is letting him weat his Sunday hat every day."

New York Weekly: Eminent Physician's

New Tork weekly, but Mr. Younghus-band's bill and send it to him? Eminent Physician (a man with a soft heart)—Well, no; not yet. He seems to be in a seventh heaven over the arrival of that baby, and I hate to intrude on his innocent joy.

Philadelphia Record: "Notoriety bears the same relation to Fame," says the Manayunk philosopher, "that Limberger cheese does to the sweet and lasting per-fume of the rose."

RADICAL Washington Star, They talked of girls with golden hair. He did not seem to hear. They spoke of golden sunshine. His face grew pale with fear.

A "golden moment" met him. In anger he arose, And said, "I am a populist, And only silver goes."

THE FIRST GRAY HAIR.

Chicago Tribune.

I hate it! I hate it! And who shall dare To chide me for hating that first gray hair? Relentless reminder of years that are past, It faces me here in my mirror at last. Is it rooted down in the depths of my From a gray spot there did that gray hair start?

start? Perhaps, Ah, well! In the sun's gay glare I look in the glass at my first gray hair. These locks that cover my intellect's

How in childhood's days they invited the

How oft down my cheeks rolled the scald-While mother haggled my hair with the

shears! How often I've borne the barber's fond pleading Concerning the nostrums my hair was

needing! But never till now have I had to bear The burden that comes with the first gray hair. professional politicians, who have thereby

Yet 'tis there! I stand and look at it now With a sad, sad smile and a pensive brow, Pull it out? No, no! Let it stay. Let it stay. Why struggle to drive life's autumn away? 'Twill not change the count of the years that are gone. They're too deep to be pulled. Gray hair, hang on! After life's little troubles there's one What odds will it make a hundred years

## THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. LEADING SPECIAL FEATURES,

NON-POLITICAL LEGISLATION. State Laws Enacted for the Welfare In the history of this country the conne tion between legislation and politics has been so constant and so uniform as to create a popular impression that it was essential and inevitable. Such an impression has been sedulously cultivated and insisted on by the

were more potent than the higher demands If Russia's course has been of humanity. admirable in regard to Armenia, then Great Britain is blameless.

the fight would be practically impossible to onsummate. peaceful ountry, which, by the way, will probably ever be made, the Dutch spirit of indeindence, if nothing else, being strong rough to prevent it. which stampeded the republicans in 1890 into passing the so-called Sherman law. Senator Teller declared a few weeks ago he had The British Blue Book on Armenia, issued trustworthy assurance in 1890 that Harrison would have vetoed any free coinage bill he

Mr. Stevenson be content with one presi cline of 10 per cent in thirty-six months. dent in the family or will he take his There has also been a very marked fallto reach for similar high honors?

lation.

Down in New Jersey a railroad corporation has been fined \$10 for contempt for ignoring a court order. Had the refusal to obey an order of the court come from a poor working man the product, while it could be purchased at fine would have been ten times as large and a term of imprisonment added or New Jersey courts are very different from this country is sold by the English visional government and so well from courts in some other parts of the country.

Among the laudable ambitions ac- government for protection against this not be controlled by sentiment altoknowledged by Attorney General competition, but these appeals have en-Churchill is a desire to see the Omaha countered the vigorous opposition of and our responsibilities as one of the Union depot matter finally settled before he retires from his present office. It is to be sincerely hoped that the at- proposed legislation will be strongly op- and candid judgment of the world. torney general may realize this ambition and realize it before his present term of office expires, so as to run no un- already so high that large numbers of necessary risks.

It looks as if the house of representa tives will be satisfied with nothing less than a strong resolution of censure upon the recalcitrant secretary of agriculture, who refuses to become public seed distributer. But the important question is, Will a resolution of censure fetch the longed-for seeds? It is seriously apprehended that a separate seed bureau will be required if the congressional seed orders are to be executed.

Omaha and Nebraska are vitally con- ble excuse advanced for raising rates cerned in the protest made before the senate committe on agriculture. This city was represented by its members of the Live Stock exchange who complain buildings using electric light or power. of the restrictions placed by foreign While all these defects have gradually countries upon importations of cattle, been remedied, no disposition has been contending that there is no foundation for the charge that diseased stock has been exported by American shippers. With the care taken by government has been grounded on the fact that microscopists and shippers to prevent the sale of diseased meat or live stock for consumption in this and foreign countries there is certainly no warrant for the restrictions imposed upon the American product.

Mayor Broatch seems to have a very peculiar faculty of trying to fill square holes with round pegs. That was shown in the selection of a man who is neither a stationary engineer nor a boilermaker for the office of boller inspector. vail in other cities which The Bee It is again exhibited in the appointment of Garbage Contractor MacDonald to the position of poundmaster. It may be in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the dead dogs and the live dogs shall go through the same according to his best information the animals was padded. Now what will the poundmaster and the poundmaster with regard to the garbage man?

Britain during the last few years due independence, because the Spanish govto the great increase of importations. Another thing that has operated against the British cattle growers is the fact that Amercian meat had become as popular wth consumers as the home be direct and straightforward. Could a somewhat lower price. It is stated Cuban independence? Have the Cuban that the best quality of beef imported insurgents established such a probutchers as British grown. The cattle demonstrated their ability to maintain and sheep raisers of Great Britain have

for some time been appealing to the

consumers and the importations have family of nations and take no course gone on increasing. Undoubtedly the that we cannot justify to the intelligent posed on the ground that its effect

would be to advance the price of meats, The Omaha correspondence of the contains the following sentence: "The past year was a disappointing one for the Nebraska farmers. The crops were

is determined to do so. The threatened legislation may well cause a feeling of small yield over the whole state." This alarm among American cattle and sheep growers.

## REDUCE THE INSURANCE RATES.

Within the past three years the fire insurance companies doing business in Omaha have seen fit on one pretext or another to raise their rates from 25 per cent to 50 per cent. The most plausiwas the alleged insufficiency of the water supply, the inefficiency of the fire department and the defective wiring of shown by the underwriters to restore Herald office. the old rates, which were certainly high enough. The refusal to reduce rates

-Word comes from California that a comet is rushing headlong in a direct the companies lost money in Omaha line for the earth at a velocity that years ago and that they must first recoup themselves. Suppose the men who staggers computation. The chief hope pay the high premiums for insurance of escaping a collision is that it may change its course before it approaches in these times of depression should permuch closer. Should the comet persist in the same policy and charge ex-

versely persist in brandishing its tall in orbitant prices for their wares because the face of the earth there will remain they lost money two or three years ago, what would their patrons say? but one thing that will save us and that to drive it away in time by the ex-Would they have any patrons at all? plosion of a few of the rapidly increas-The comparative exhibit of Omaha ing number of presidential booms. fire insurance rates and those that pre-

makes on another page affords indubi-If anything were needed to verify the table proof that property owners and statement of Mr. Benedict that he is business men of Omaha are being over- not authorized to speak for President

charged and exploited far beyond those Cleveland, Mr. Benedict's further anof any other city east or west. Why, nouncement that personally he favors for example, should insurance be the nomination of ex-Governor Camp sausage machine. Only a few weeks cheaper in Council Bluffs than it is in bell of Ohio to be the democratic ago the chief of police reported that Omaha, when everybody knows that standard-bearer is amply convincing. the water supply and fire-fighting force Ex-Governor Campbell ran for governor garbage master's bill for removing dead of this city are in every respect superior of Ohio on the democratic ticket last to those across the river? Why should fail and was unmercifully snowed the garbage master do with regard to fire rates in San Francisco, which is a under. He has as much encouragement wooden city and has been repeatedly to run again this year as Senator devastated by great conflagrations, be Hill, who was so signally defeated for will prevail.

Kansas City Journal: It is due Secretary Morton to suy that he didn't know the distribution of garden seed was so closely interoven with the foundations of American liberty and the perpetuity of a republican

New York Evening Post of recent date form of government.

Kansas City Times: These congressme who are sailing into Secretary Morton for tting off their extravagance in the ribution of the seed allowance recall the ld saying that "Rogues ne'er felt the halter neither a failure, as in 1894, nor a big success, as in 1802. They made a draw with good opinion of the law." Chicago Post: The secretary of agricul-

ture loses the fight over the seed distribustatement is denounced by a learned The section of the revised statutes for the purchase and distribution of "rare and ex-judge from Cuming county as libeluncommon" seed, which Mr. Morton declined ous. "It is false and must have been to execute in the current appropriation law known to the writer as false," says was repealed yesterday by the house, the judge. And the exclusively excluappropriation for seed was increased and its execution was made mandatory upon the sec sive champion of Omaha, the Worldretary. Herald, prints this anathema of the

Chicago Times-Herald: Because congres cowardly and unknown libeler under a sional idiocy and impudence set apart this money for seed distribution is no reason double column black headline as "An why Secretary Morton should betray the other Slander Nailed." The exquisite trust of the people. The people are greater than congress. They have characterized the humor of this outbreak of indignation seed business as a costly humbug. Hun-dreds of newspap rs all over the land, which is that the Omaha correspondent of the New York Evening Post is known are usually veryneareful to reflect the senti ents of the people on such questions, have to be one of the attaches of the Worlddeclared that they system is a species of Herald, and, in all probability, wrote paternalism which ist pernicious and should be abolished. There is documentary proof the offensive paragraph in the World-

that one congressmiss sold his quota o last year to a government agent for \$75. This is only one of the grave abuses dis-covered. It is a useless and harmful waste

of the people's money, Chicago Chronfele; The reason why they (niembers of c figress) take more interest in this matter, to all appearances, than in any other, not, excepting sliver and the Monroe doctrine, is that under one provision of the law they have the say as to the particular farmers, to; whom seeds shall be bont. They com is be deeply imbued with the idea that seeds judiciously planted in their several states and districts spring up and bear abundant full of personal popularity and representative and senatorial honors and emoluments. Therefore it is that aonorable gentlemen improve every opportunity to administer a tongue-walloping to the hapless secretary of agriculture. Therefore it is that when the gentleman from the tarbeel district of North Carolina rises and demands to know whether there is no

chorus of noes from all sides of the be Therefore it is that a senator from the pukedom of Missouri empties his stock of choic

representative, quivering with suppressed wrath, offers a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to withhold Secre-tary Morton's salary until that official signifies his readiness to resume the distribution of electioneering packages of seed upon the orders of agricultural statute makers in conIt is reported that the central committee

of the German Colonial association intends to take in hand the agitation for an increase of the German navy and give it the support of its extensive organization. There are said to be powerful influences at work to promote a forward policy. The advocates of a big

navy bill, on its merits or in response to the wishes of the crown, are convinced that this in the moment, if ever, to carry it through on the top of a great patriotic wave. The government, on the other hand, realizes more fully the parliamentary difficulties which would have to be overcome and questions the expediency of subjecting the popularity of the emperor's telegram to President Kruger o the severe test of a heavy money vote. It is pointed out, however, that there are fluential partles in the state, who have no love for the government as at present con-stituted and no dislike of parliamentary complications. The Agrarians and their con-cervative allies would welcome any measure alculated to provoke that conflict between the crown and the Imperial Diet, upon which their hopes have centered for a long time past. The reflection that in such a conflict

the present government might be shipwrecked would in on way deter them. Startling, if true, is the intimation that British expedition of 20,000 men is being prepared for South Africa. The present phase of the negotiations between Great Britain and the Transvaal government does not indicate any necessity for a demonstration of force on the part of the British government, that a fifteen-acre field of rye put in incidentally notwithstanding the hitch which has been caused by Mr. Chamberlain's too great franknews in exposing his policy. President Kruger has reaffirmed his purpose to redress the grievances of the uitlanders, and has reassected his intention to proceed to London There is a very distinct conflict, however, be tween the statements of the German and British foreign offices concerning the reported appeal of the Boers for the interven ion of Germany; and while it is proper to maintain an attitude of skepticism with regard to the rumors of the proposed expedi-tion of a British army corps to Natal, it is possible, nevertheless, that the South African question may assume undreamed-of dimensions.

#### Breaking into the Lines. Boston Herald,

The boast of Mr. Bryan, the boy orator of he Platte, who has been doing missionary work in Washington for the cause of silver that the lines of the gold bugs were broken does not seem to have been borne out by the result of the vote. "I see that the enemy broke into the

Scotch line today," said the duke of Welling ton to the commander of a Highland regi ment.

"Aye, sir," was the response; "but they didna break oot again."

tively few who realize how large a part of modern state legislation is devoted to subjects which can be dealt with only by the legislative authority of the state, but which have no relation whatever to politics.

In the January number of the Quarterly Journal of Economics, published for Harvard university, Mr. William B. Shaw gives a sketch of the "Social and Economic Legislation of the States in 1895." which is a revelation on this point merely in the number of topics it mentions. Among the subjects in cites as having occupied the attention different state legislatures during the year are the following: The arbitration of labor disputes; the blacklisting of employes; the stablishment of free state employment bureaus; the registration of labor; the times tennis and conditions of wage payments; the aw of laborers' liens; the regulation of

'sweat shops" and bakeries; the hours of em ployment of street railway employee; the protection of motormen; the employment of

onvict labor. Other objects mentioned are the ten-hour day for minors and women, the employment of children in fac-tories and shops and in theaters, tories he inspection of all workshops, and the en

forcement of sanitary regulations; the regu lation of the liquor traffic, the reformatio and care of drunkards, the suppression of the cigarette, anti-gambling laws of all kinds, laws against prize fighting, and regulating the relations of the sexes, laws modifying the forms of land titles, laws for highway improvement, for irrigation, for public works for the control of watersheds, forests and streams, subsidies to agriculture (in Nebraska and North Dakota), for pensions to

school teachers, for succession taxes, and even graduated taxes. Yet there is not a single one in all the list of topics quoted which has any relation to politics, or which can be called a political question. They are all questions of importance, closely connected with the welfare of the people and the stability of the state but they are also questions which can be dealt with satisfactorily and successfully only by laying aside all political considerations in dealing with them

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Des Moines Capital: Mr. Voelker of Du uque thinks that mayors and aldermen in cities of the first class are not sufficiently He has introduced a emunerated. raise the salaries from \$1,500 to \$2,000 year for mayors, and \$250 to \$500 aldermen in all cities of over 40,000 inhabitants. Sioux City Tribune:

A story that beat the record of the South Dakota banana belt comes from Webster county. Mr. Phillips. a farmer of that county, a truthful man claims to have raised seven acres of corn this winter. The corn has been matured sufficiently for roasting ears for two weeks but has been somewhat damaged by the re-October has been harvested and will be

threshed this week. Des Moines Leader: People of Pottawattamie county want a license law. Republicans as well as democrats declare so, yet when a license measure was an issue in the when a license measure was an issue in egislature yesterday it was found that the two republican members from Pottawattami county voted against this bill. It is diffi-cult for republican anti-prohibitionists to shake off the influence of the dominant pro-hibition wing of the party. The caucue hibition personal convictions.

ARON. THE SON OF BEN ALI AARON, THE SON OF BEN ALL: A new serial story by Joel Chandler Harris-Mr. Harris tells this story of life as it was lived on "Abercromble Place," in middle Georgia, "before the war," in the same quaint style that pleased his readers so much when he was telling of Br'er Rabbit and the other denizens of Mr. Thimblefinger's queer country. queer country.

GRANT AS A COLONEL: Reminiscences by the chaplain of Grant's own regiment, relating how Grant, in ten days, brought the regi-ment out of confusion and insubordina-tion into the most perfect discipline-How Grant was once charged upon by members of his own command-A sum-mary of Grant's views of slavery in these first days of the war.

FOR THEATER-GOERS. Some reflections on the present as-pect of amusements in Omaha as viewed from a point milway between two uneventful weeks—The field of Swedish dialect comedy still open-Clay Clement's great success-Mans-field's coming engagement—Other an-nouncements—Gossip of the stage.

CANYON OF THE COLORADO: Picturesque description of a visit to that great masterpiece of nature's handiwork-Dizzy heights rivaled no-where in the world of natural phe-nomena-Graphic picture of America's most scenic region.

GRANT AS LOVER AND HUSBAND; The widow of the great general talks to Frank G. Carpenter, the veteran newspaper correspondent, about her husband's private life—The romantic newspaper correspondent, about her husbard's private life-The romantic proposal by which she became his be-trothed and the delayed marriage-Stories illustrating Grant's character.

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN: February frocks bring in new tints and novel colors that will bloom on straw hats—An editorial sermon on the leap year privilege and how far ad-vantage of it should be taken—A woman who reads Japanese—Divergent char-noteristics of women of Boston and New York—Latest fashion gossip—News notes about famous women.

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one who will raise his voice in the secre-tary's defense his question is greated with

isvective to the last vial upon the head of Mr. Morton. Therefore it is that a Hawkeye

the people cannot have meat oftener than once a week, but with its great majority in Parliament the government will be able to pass the measure if it