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Six weeks from ground hog day have

elapsed, but this generous weather prophet believes in giving good measure..

It is just possible that Kentucky may. after all, offer the vent for superabundant American patriotism that has been seeking an outlet in Venezuela and in Cuba.

The talk about utilizing the endless chief executive would have been probably be fatal to it. letter chain for political purposes seems to have been nothing but talk. There Kentucky has a governor who is not are some devices that are too dangerous afraid to do his duty. Having the confor use even in politics.

Douglas county is prepared to contribute the men for the whole repub-Scan national and state ticket this year have the approbation of all good citiand the Seventh ward is prepared to fill all the orders for Douglas county.

The republicans of Nebraska are quite able to express themselves on the presidential question and to select their own delegates to St. Louis. They do not have to ask anyone in Washington to name their delegation for them.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them. The man who runs for president on the democratic ticket this year will in all likelihood belong to the last mentioned class.

There is no sound reason why telegraph, telephone and electric light companies should not pay a municipal tax upon their poles in the streets of the city. The rights of cities to impose such tax has long been established.

The "Bolters" brigade of the Ne-

KENTUCKT'S DISCRAFE ning expenses, while the value of im- the relief of drouth sufferers among its LEADERS AGAINST THE FIELD. The events of the last few days in ports increased more than \$72,000,000 generally prosperous farming communithe Kentucky legislature have put a over the preceding eighteen months. ties is not to be viewed as an everlaststain upon the political record of the Improvement in exports is in nowise ing blot upon Its fair name. Nebraska state for which the party mainly re- due to the tariff, which has been an is no more to by shunned because it had sponsible should be held to a rigid ac- injury to both our agricultural and one almost Torial crop failure since it countability by the people. The free manufacturing interests, silver supporters of Senator Blackburn

are the men upon whom rests the guilt

The facts set forth in Governor Brad-

ley's proclamation fully justify his ac-

tion in calling out the militia, for there

can be no doubt that but for this there

would have been bloodshed. He re-

cowardly and criminal, and fortunately

stitutional power to restrain violence

and preserve peace, even where legisla-

tors are involved, he has exercised it

properly and opportunely, and he should

zens of Kentucky, as he will of the in-

telligent and unprejudiced judgment of

The term of the Kentucky legislature

ends today, and its final adjournment

will undobtedly be a great relief to the

peoples of the state. It is not probable

that a successor to Senator Blackburn

will be chosen. There has been talk of

ANOTHER CANAL PROJECT. A bill has been introduced in congress

of having brought about a state of affairs which compelled the governor to to incorporate a maritime canal comsummon the military to protect legisla- pany, which proposes to construct a tors in their rights, preserve the peace ship canal to connect the great lakes and prevent a tragedy. Seeing the hope- with the Atlantic ocean, a similar comlessness of re-electing Blackburn by fair pany having been chartered in Canada. means, the supporters of that senator. A number of large capitalists in various undoubtedly under his direct instruc- parts of the country are named as incorporators of the company, and the tions, had recourse to violence and intimidation, hoping thereby to overawe project contemplates the use of existing the assembly and force the election of waterways, including the Welland. their candidate. As shown in the While every scheme of this kind of a proclamation of Governor Bradley call. feasible character is interesting, it is ing out the militia, an armed body of doubtful whether congress will be disdesperate men had been employed by posed to give a charter to a comthe sergeant-at arms of the senate for pany which proposes to use a Canadian canal in carrying out the purpose of infinidation. One senator was assaulted and prevented from its project. The demand of leaving the senate chamber by these those who advocate a ship canal to conruffians, who also seized the doorkeeper nect the lakes with the seaboard, is that the waterway shall be absolutely tion in which it has placed the characof the house while the joint assembly American, constructed wholly within was in session and would not allow ters in its story. our own domain, and favorable action him to perform his duties. This Black-

burn crowd furthermore threatened the has already been taken in the house If it be true the council has adopted arrest of the governor, on the ground to authorize a survey for an American t policy which shall insure careful decanal around Niagàra Falls. It is unliberation in the passage of ordinances,

derstood, furthermore, that the feeling somebody is entitled to congratulations. measures as were necessary to preserve in congress is very strong against turning over any business of this kind to through the council has long been maniprivate corporations. Hence there appears to be small chance of this latest canal enterorise receiving the endorsedefective and ill-considered. A sense ment of congress. Perhaps the time of responsibility in city legislation has is propitious for undertakings of this been too often lacking in members of fused to take this extreme course until kind, there being an abundance of idle the council. The new plan, if adopted,

the situation became so acutely capital available if a fair prospect of will be highly beneficial in all respects. though the Grant managers claimed to have reasonable returns can be shown, but dangerous as to make an imperative demand for such action. The civil the American people will hardly look The weekly table of bank clearings is authorities were practically inactive and with favor upon any such project that the most sensitive barometer of trade no attention was paid to them by the must be at all dependent upon Canadian conditions presented for the consideradesperate followers of Blackburn. In concessions. That is a requirement in tion of business men and the public such a crisis inaction on the part of the the proposed canal scheme that will generally. Last week it indicated an

> WHAT THE ASSESSORS CAN DO While it is generally admitted that the

fying proof of a revival of business in this city. With the heavy snow of the full measure of reform which our inweek and the consequent improvement equitable system of taxation demands of country trade the volume of business is not to be had until we shall have will doubtless continue to show a large secured a revision of our revenue increase.

Secret of Real Diplomacy. New York Sun.

The trouble about the Spanish minister in this country is that, like our own Mr. Bayard, he has not mastered the difficult art of making speeches without saying any-

> The Passing of Lemly. Chicago Tribu

Blue Grass Deliberation. Courier-Journal. One of the fire-eating Kentucky senators

ced up yesterday and shouted that the Kentucky senate was a deliberative body. It is! it is! The Kentucky senate, as well as the Kentucky house, is almost as much a follower rather than a leader. a deliberative body as it would be if its membership were confined to Spanish students.

Settling a Troublesome Question. Chicago Chronicle

As if we had not other troubles enough, an incorportune sensational writer has raised anew the old question, "Did Marshal Ney die in the United States?" He did not. He ing a recurrence of the abuses of for- was shot and killed at Paris December 7, 1815, placing his hand over his heart and telling the platton of soldiers detailed as executioners, "Fire here." His death was assessors will agree upon a uniform instantaneous and prevented his emigration

All Precedents Point to the Success of the Dark Horse. Thalitm

hind a Federal Charter.

Supreme Court of the United States

Decides that California May Col-

lect a Franchise Tax Despite

the National Charter.

WASHINGTON March 16 -- Chief Instice

Fuller in the United States supreme court

handed down the decision of the court in the

cases of the people of the state of California

against the Central Pacific and the Southern

right of the state to tax the franchises of

The railroad companies resisted taxation

Harlan also dissented from the

Not Disposed to Yield Any of Recently

Acquired Prestige. WASHINGTON, March 16.-Evidences of

great activity, political and commercial, in

on the ground that their franchises were de-

those reads,

re Bun (ind.-dom.) If we were bound to risk a prophecy con-Central Pacific Not Allowed to Hide Being the St. Louis convention we should be disposed to doubt whether either McKin-loy or Reed will have the necessary number ley or Reed will have the necessary number of delegates when the convention meets to carry things in cataract Institon on the first DERIVES ITS POWERS FROM THE STATE ballot. It is a fact worth noting that whenever there has been a contest in a republican national convention the popular favorite at

the commencement of the balloting has al-ways failed to carry off the nomination. If According, to "the veracious Lincoln the nomination of Blaine over Arthur in 1884 is pointed to as an exception, it can be fairly Journal, the deposed steward of the Grand Island Soldiers' home ascribes answered that the conditions then were abnor-mal, and have no parallel in those of 1890 his ejection from that institution to the report which had reached members of Thus in 1850 the friends of Mr. Seward of the Board of Control that he had been New York confidently claimed in advance the Board of Control that he had been Cat he would secure the prize on the first ballot. Nearly all the politicians thought co. seen talking to "that notorious legislative lobbyist, Captain H. E. Palmer of Horace Greeley, who stoutly opposed Seward's nomination, nevertheless, telegraphed to his newspaper the night before Lincoln's nomina-Omaha," This inputation upon his char-Pacific Railway companies involving the acter the ex-steward indignantly retion was made, that Seward was sure to lie the choice, because the field was too much sents. He firmly asserts that he has split up and could not be combined against him. In that convention there were 466 not even an acquaintance with that objectionable personage, leaving the imvotes, which were divided on the first ballot pression that if the charge were true between twelve candidates. Seward, on the first hallot, led all the rect with 137 votes and it would, in his opinion, have been amas from the state authorities and were insepon the second ballot his column increased to ple grounds for his discharge. We think arable. The court decided against this view. 184% votes. He only needed fifty more votes holding that the railway companies owe their our Lincoln contemporary owes it to to have nominated him, but on the third balthe public to unravel the tangled situalot the whole field concentrated on Lincoln; and Thurlow Weed, who had managed Sew that they are subject to the state laws in the ard's canvass, actually wept in mortified amagement, as Lincoln's nomination was an-

the state franchises never had been merged nounced. Again, in 1876, at Cincinnati, Blaine was in the federal franchises and they were as just where McKinley and Reed expect to be legitimately subject to taxation as the roadthis time. There were 756 votes in that conbeds of the companies. ention, and Blaine started with nearly 200 Justice Field read a dissenting opinion, of the 379 votes necessary to a choice, but He said the position taken in the majority the seventh ballot the field combined on The disposition to railroad measures Hayes and another favorite was beaten. opinion was absurd and untenable Justice More discouraging still for the McKinley faction, and hardly less so for the Reed facopinion of the court. The dissenters held the franchises to be derived from the United fest. When ordinances have not been wholly bad they have many times been convention of 1880. In that body there were States, and that the mortgages upon the roads held by the government were the property of the national government, and therefore not subject to state taxation. again 756 delegates, and 379 votes were again necessary to a choice. For fully three months before it met the Grant men had de-The supreme court today reversed the declared their confidence in the nomination of cision of Judge Maxey of the Texas federal their favorite, either by acclamation or on ourt in the case of Consul Ornales of Mex-But when the convention

ico, asking for the extradition of certain men claimed to be engaged in the Garcia insurrection of 1891 and 1892. The supreme more than enough votes to nominate, there were a large number of disputing delegacourt decision has the effect of holding them subject to extradition. Chief Justice tions, and there was the question of the unit rule also to be settled. The committee on Fuller read the opinion of the court. credentials was organized against Grant, the Blaine forces and the field uniting to do JAPAN WILL HOLD ITS OWN. All the contests were decided against 80.

Grant and the unit rule was smashed. That increase over the corresponding week took away from the Grant column enough last year of 49.8 per cent-a most grativotes to make the first ballot undecisive Grant received only 304 votes against 284 for Blaine. The memorable thirty-six roll calls of the states proceeded. When it was all over the two leading favorites had killed each

other off, and the field, as usual, had named As a result of Japan's prosperity, brought another man-Garfield. about by the successes in the war with There is much instruction, but very little China, that country has determined not only encouragement in these historical facts for to enlarge her navy, but also to establish the ardent boomers who are just now confident that McKinley and Reed will be commercial steamship lines connecting the the only alternatives this year at St. Louis. United States with Japan. The Japan Steam Unless all the precedents are broken, neither Navigation company is preparing to enter

of them will be in it when the fight is over. this new field, running between San Fran-And it is true of the national convention cisco and Yokohama, in competition with the contests, as of other things, that the best Pacific Mail and the Oriental and Occidental laugh is the one that is justified by the last ines now controlling this trade. An imballot. portant consideration in projecting the new

THE OHIO MONEY PLANK.

Chicago Times-Herald (rep.): Their (Ohio republicans) financial plank is not satisfactory, either to gold standard men or to the free silverites. It is neither flesh, fish nor fowl. branches of the railways, it is said the Japanese company, supported by ample subsidies

from the Japanese government, will be pre-Hartford Courant (rep.): The present Ohio idea is that the St. Louis convention, while not letting go of the sound money yote, should try to hold on to the silverites with the old "We favor bimetallism" equivocation. In the long fight against inpared to run at a loss in order to establish foothold. New steamers are to be built and the representative of the company has recently passed through Washington on his way to contract for the ships, two of which robably will be built in this country and two flation and repudiation Ohio has usually been in England. They will be of 6,000 to 8,000 tons burden and a speed of several knots Chicago Post (rep.): If the X ray could

greater than the ships now in the Pacific be applied to the Ohlo financial resolution it would probably be found to be absolutely service. dianhanous. And if the same process were

There appears to be little further doubt that two of Japan's new war ships will be built in the United States, and, although the applied to the mind of whoever wrote that resolution it is equally probable that this contracts have not been let, the indications would be found full of waves of laughter are that the Cramps of Philadelphia will over the universal attempt to construe some-thing out of nothing. build one and the Union Iron works of San 'rancisco the other Cincinnati Commercial (rep.): The free sil-The Japanese Parliament has passed the

SUBJECT TO STATE TAXES ally torn limb from limb. These strocities the popular belief prevailed that the Rus-sian authorities in Corea had some part in the demonstration.

The Japanese government is determined not to be drawn into an intrigue or contest over Cores, as there is a sincere desire to see Corea independent and free from foreign domination. But Japan will protect her people, and if any overt act occurs reflecting on the dignity of the country, there will be prompt and forcible action by Japan. It is believed Japan has already believed Japan has already demanded in-demnity for the outrages at Seoul, but the possibilities of a crisis have been most im-portant as affecting Russia and Japan, rather than Japan and the little middle kingdom

Morton Must Purchase Seeds.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The monate joint resolution directing the secretary of agriculture to purchase and distribute seeds bulbs, etc., as has been done in preceding years, has become a law without the president's signature, the resolution not having been returned to congress within the constitutional ten days' limit. Secretary Morton refused to carry out the old law and vigorously opposed the passage of the present mandatory act.

Favors the Arid Land Bill.

rived from the national government as well WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The house committee on irrigation of and lands today decided to report favorably the bill introduced by Mr. Herman, chairman of the committee, existence as corporations to the state and providing for the conveyance of arid lands to the states and territories. This land respect of taxation. The chief justice said is to be disposed of to settlers in small holdings and the money thus obtained to be used in the reclamation of the remainder of the lands.

Did Not Go Into Dry Dock.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- A telegram received at the Navy department today from Port Royal, S. C., announced that the bat-tleship Indiana did not go into dry dock this morning owing to lack of sufficient water over the entrance.

Conditon of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$266,192,065; gold reserve, \$127,930,136.

THE SMILE MAKERS.

Chicago Tribune: "You must take better care of your lungs, madam," said the phy-sician. "Learn to breathe with deep, full inspirations." "I don't see how I can, doctor," answered the caller. "We live in a flat."

Indianapolis Journal: "Did you go into society in Philadelphia?" "Yea." "And how do they kill time there?" "They don't kill it. They just sit down and wait for it to die a natural death."

the affairs of Japan, China and the countries "Philadelphia Record: "Thou hast a pretty wit," quoth the monarch. "Aye, and a dry humor," replied the jester. Whereupon the king pushed the button. of the far east come to the legations here.

Washington Star: "It is sad." said one girl, "that so many men nowadays have a great deal more money than brains." "Yes," sighed another; "and so little money at that."

Home Journal: Spratts-Miss Elder is nuch older than I thought.

much older than I thought. Hunker-Impossible! Spratts-Well, I asked her if she had read Esop's Fables, and she snid she read them when they first came out.

Japanese line has been that of railway con-Chicago Record: Extract from woman's club proceedings: "Many a man who goes to bed with insomnia becomes a cataleptic the minute the baby begins to cry. nection east from San Francisco, but in the event of a determination of the Pacific railways not to give the same rates as those given to the old steamship lines, which are

Detroit Free Press: Mr. Askin-My prelous one, will you share my lot? Precious One-Is there a mortgage on it?

Chicago Post: Agent-Can't I put a burgiar alarm in your house? Lady-No, we don't need it. Agent-But-Lady-No, I mean it; the family across the street watches the place so closely that even a burgiar couldn't get in without being seen!

PINK POSTERS FOR PALE POETS.

INK POSTERS FOR PALE POR New York Press. A pailld poet pored O'er a pretty paragon; He preened it and he pared it And he pieced the padding on. Then he put a price upon it. And a painter pale and queer, Paid to paint it on a poster For a pork-packing peer.

half its market worth, of another's at one-tenth its market worth and the demonstrates his irresignation its real value and still find enough

county.

INSTRUCTIVE FACTS. county that has been called for the The February statement of imports of devising means for prevent and exports just issued by the bureau of statistics makes a favorable showmer years, is of the utmost importance ing as to exports, the increase for that to all taxpayers and citizens. If the month over the corresponding month of last year being reported as amounting basis of property valuation and will to the United States. to over \$21,000,000. This is an exceedfurther agree to list every piece of taxaingly gratifying exhibit and it is to be ble property in the county, whether hoped that the current month will make lands, lots, houses, stocks, bonds, as good a showing, though that is hardly moneys, furniture, bicycles, sewing mato be expected. Exceptional conditions chines or franchises, they will relieve have swelled the demand for American themselves of blame for the unsatisfacproducts recently, but these are not tory condition of our taxing system. likely to long continue in force, so that At present the great bulk of the bur a decline in the export movement is dens of local government is loaded not improbable during the ensuing upon the shoulders of a comparatively months until after the next harvest. small body of real estate owners, while At any rate it cannot be reasonably great franchised corporations expected that the increase made in the stocked and bonded for millions and February as compared with last year the large group of people whose income will be kept up, because the wants of is derived from personal property either the foreign markets will not admit of it. escape taxation altogether or pay upon A moderate increase over the exports of a year ago may safely be counted an infinitesimal portion of their possessions. on for some months, but nothing ap-The assessors should awaken at once proaching the increase of last month. to the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter. The power of our boards of equalization to equalize assessments is practically limited by was exported only \$2,183,700 in gold law to the correction of gross errors of the assessors. If the assessors will faithfully perform their full duties there If this condition could be maintained will be little or no work for the boards it would have a most favorable effect of equalization. The question is, Will upon the business of the country, but | the assessors do what they can? it probably cannot be. Exports may It will be with regret that the people continue for a time somewhat larger of Omaha will part with the services of than last year, but imports are pretty Prof. Homer P. Lewis, who for over sure to also increase, whether to an a dozen years has guided as principal equal or greater extent than the the work of the Omaha High school. exports it is impossible to say with Under his direction the school has not any degree of certainty. It may only increased in numbers with the inconfidently asserted, however, be crease in population, but, better still, that European manufacturers will conit has steadily improved in standard tinue to take the largest possible aduntil it is recognized among the best vantage of the favorable conditions afforded them by the existing tariff and in the country. The better acquainted get all they can out of the American the people become with the results achieved by this branch of their public market while these conditions remain. school system, the more will they find The imports of merchandise during Febthemselves indebted to the services renruary amounted to over \$62,000,000, dered by its head, who is now about to which was considerably larger than for the corresponding month of last year, retire. and it is safe to say that the amount The problem is solved! It wasn't for the current month will be still comet! _ It was the earththe heavier. It is true that the market quake! Everybody knew that the has been pretty well stocked up, with unheard-of and unprecedented appearthe result that a great many American ance of water in the World-Herald manufacturers have shut down or are office last week must have been due to operating their mills and factories on some wonderful freak of nature. So short time, but still the foreign manuunusual a "phenomenon" could be explained only by some equally unusual disturbance of the elements. Now that world. It is not likely, therefore, that its origin has been traced to an earthquake the people will quiet their fears, assured that the water temptation will of the current year and it is quite posnot beset the W.-H. people except at very infrequent intervals. being in our favor, as it was last month, be against us

the republicans uniting with the honestmoney democrats and electing Secretary Carlisle, but it is hardly likely that this will be done. There does not appear to be any valid reason why the republicans should do this. It would to list taxable property at one-tenth

be a more equitable arrangement for the democratic opposition to Blackburn to join the republicans and elect a republican senator. But it is not at all probable that either of these things will

In view of these facts the coming

use their best endeavors to carry out the spirit and intent of existing law. Bayard, As The Bee has time and time again thing. pointed out, the complaints against the

present burdens of local taxation are based not so much on undervaluations based not so much on undervatuations in property assessments as on the valuation of one man's property at one-lemly, ran off with the serving girl, joined

entire omission of the property of another. No one will deny that the assessors could continue as at present

taxable property that has hitherto es-

laws, there is much which our assessors can do in the way of remedying present defects if they will only

Aldermanic records are broken by a mem-

caped assessment to double the total assessed valuation of the city and

meeting of the assessors of Douglas

braska democracy are proceeding quietly in their own way with a confident look that indicates that the other fellows will be the ones to do the bolting at the Chicago convention if any bolting is done.

Like Little Bo-Peep's fabled flock of wool-bearing animals, the comet is going home and bringing its tail behind it. much to the disappointment of some of our scientific astronomical enthusiasts who wanted to secure a piece of its caudal appendage as a keepsake.

Ex-Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri is paying up his political debts by telling the public what a high opinion he holds of ex-Congressman Bryan. Mr. Bryan wrote some very complimentary notices of Mr. Clark about a year ago and the account between them is now supposed to stand even.

Canada will soon be in the throes of The aggregate exports of merchandise another parliamentary election and the for February were about \$14,000,000 in contest for control of the legislative excess of the imports for that month, body promises to be most hotly con- and another interesting fact is that there tested. If the Canadians would only wait a little while they might have the coin and bullion, while there was imopportunity to benefit by the examples ported \$11,559,089. of our congressional elections.

It is proposed to tax the franchises of local corporations in this city for which the revenue laws of the state specifically provide. There is no doubt that the failure to enforce this law has resulted in great loss to the city whose people have voted away valuable franchises upon our streets for the mere asking. These valuable franchises are reckoned in the assets of the local corporations at fabulous figures.

The calls promulgated for district delegate conventions in the First and Fourth congressional districts apportion the representation according to the last vote on republican congressmen in these districts, or, in other words, according to the votes polled by Congressmen Strode and Hainer respectively. Under what authority does the call for the district convention in the Second district base representation upon the vote for state treasurer two years ago?

For twenty years the people of Nebraska have been compelled to pay ex- facturers will go on sending their goods orbitant prices for hard and soft coal to this market, yet the best in the by reason of excessive and unreasonable transportation charges. It costs so gratifying an exhibit as that of Feb-\$3.20 to haul a ton of coal from the ruary will be made in any other month port of Chicago to Omaha, while the rate on a ton of coal by water route sible that instead of the trade balance from Lake Erie points to Duluth is 20 cents. It would be worth hundreds it will in the ensuing months of the year of thousands of dollars to the people

of Nebraska could a railroad connection between Omaha and the Zenith City be had, by means of which lower transportation rates on coal and lumber could tariff can derive any encouragement. be secured. Reduced rates on Nebraska products via Duluth and the

such road.

Attention is called to the fact chroncled in our cable dispatches that the There is nothing in the facts presented by the bureau of statistics from Alsatian Diet has voted the sum of 100, which the supporters of the existing 000 marks for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in the province, and the It remains true that under this law, Diets of Baden and Wurtemburg have which at the end of February had been done the same for the relief of distress water route to the seaboard markets in operation a year and a half, the in their provinces. The fact that once would also follow the construction of revenues of the government had fallen in its whole history Nebraska was com-\$75,000,000 short of meeting the run- pelled to appropriate public money for

End of the Spy System. hicago

The action of the house of representatives dealing a deathblow to the spy system inaugurated last summer in the Postoffice department will meet with general approval. It was never anything but vexatious both to department and the men, and in no considerable number of cases has it proved of any value in bettering the service. The principle of secret espionage employed was bnoxious to everybody, and the most petty lelinquencies, excusable in nearly every instance, were the only fruit of the system. In so far as the project was designed for the benefit of the public it was discredited from The logic of the plan would the beginning. even then the average citizen would accept bot to watch him. The results have shown, what the opponents of the system claimed, that the eagerness of the spies to prove their

zeal brought out charges notable both for their number and weakness. The carriers were tormented, the public disgusted, the sples discredited, and the department made ridiculous

ELECTING SENATORS.

The Present System a Fruitful Source of Scandal and Corruption. Chicago Record.

There have been fewer tangles in state legislatures the gislatures the present winter over the ection of United tSates senators than has been usual of recent years. Kentucky fur-nishes the most notable instance, but the situation there shows aggravating complications that make perfectly evident the disadvantages of the present system of choos-ing senators. The session of the legislature is nearly over, and, very likely, no senator will have been chosen when the body ad-journs sine die. Thus Kentucky will be deprived, for the time being, of one-half her representation in the upper house of con-gress. In addition Kentucky has been defrived of the beselits supposed to accrue from a session of the legislature, for the time of that body is largely wasted, so far as legislation is concerned, while a sena-torial fight is pending.

Turning from Kentucky we find that at the present time, Delaware has only one recognized senator, the legislature of that state having adjourned after a bitter con-text, leaving if, questionable as to whether a successor to Schator Higgins has been elected. The "legislatures of Washington, Montana and Wyoming speat many weeks

not long ago in fruitless struggles over senatorships, with the result that all three of these states were without one-half their representation in the senate for two years. Expensive and irritating contests of like secontests of like verity, though mot so barren in results, are

The influence of inwealth and political in-trigue in securing seats in the senate under the present system has caused many favor a difference method of selection. in addition, states frequently are to remain without representation and the whole time of legislative pessions is to be devoted to fruitless contests, it becomes a serious question if the agitation for a change of system of choosing cenators ought not to be Lunnon.

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

Baking ABSOLUTELY PURE

ver men have forced the silver issue, and the naval appropriation bill giving \$20,000,000 for the single item of new war ships. As this republicans of Ohio ought to have met it squarely-as squarely as Abraham Lincolr will cover only the first year's payments the aggregate expenditure on the increased navy promises to be very large during the met the issue of slavery. And they didn't do it. They adopted words which are con-

several years that vessels are under con fessedly ambiguous; adopted them because they were ambiguous We hope the national struction. Representatives of the American hip building firms are at present in Japan, convention will do better. New York Advertiser (rep): Not even the hus marking a new departure in the Ameri can builders seeking to place their ships abroad. Heretofore the Armstrongs and

most captious and distrustful of single, gold standard men can find exception to this other large English shipbuilders have been plain, frank, unequivocal utterance. It the only ones represented at the foreign capitals. The Japanese cabinet is strongly demonstrates that the party which brought the union out of the slough of cheap money favorable to the American builders, althoug to the solid rock of specie payments is in the Japanese Ohio has flexibly loyal to that record. trained in English schools favor the English spoken. Let the republicanism of other western commonwealths be equally courbuilders. Events in Corea have caused intense exageous and consistent.

itement in Japan of late, so much so that Philadelphia Ledger (rep.): In view of Mr. the emperor prorogued Parliament in order McKinley's double dealing with regard to the to allow the popular feeling to subside. The financial question he should not be nominated ondition in bring serious results at any time. The king continues to occupy quarters at the Russian legation at Seoul on the plea that his life at St. Louis. The choice of the republican have required an endless chain of spies to convention should be one that the republican inspire any confidence in their fidelity, and party can unreservedly, heartily support, and party can unreservedly, heartily support, and is in danger. A sensational climax came recently when a mob representing the eleno one who in the south bids for the dishonthe statement of his own letter carrier as est movey vote, and in the north the honest against the combined testimony of the men money vote-Janus like, facing both waysment favorable to the king seized two of the cabinet ministers thought to favor Japanese and chopped off their heads. is fit to be the standard bearer of the republican party in the coming presidential cam the same time three Japanese were killed paign. one of them a Japanese peddler, being liter-

Philadelphia Inquirer (rep.): When th platform considers the money question it not straightforward. The national plank of four years ago concerning money needs an X ray to penetrate its meaning. The silver people interpret it one way, the honest money advocates another. It was hoped that Ohio, with a prominent candidate for the presidency, would make a careful and de-liberate declaration. It has done nothing of the sort. It contends for honest money, but it leaves the door open to the same old controversy. If an international agreement cannot be had it demands gold and silver "under such restrictions and such provisions, to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parity This is not honest, because it is meaningless.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The lap of spring has been losing the conidence of the public of late years.

As a promoter of wind collic, Kentucky egislators outclass the modern prize fighter In presidential races, as in the other kind, the runner that loade the field in the first quarter may fall behind in the homestretch. In a biographical sketch of her father, the poet, Miss Alice Longfellow says that an unpaid bill weighed on him like a nightmare. Spain is preparing to send 60,000 more troops to Cuba-not that she expects to fight any great battles there, but yellow fever time is coming on.

Signor Carmine of the new Italian cabiet has charge of the department of and telegraphs, instead of the war portfolio This is a concession to the modern method of waging windy wars.

General Miles is in constant receipt of letters asking for his latest photograph, and there is hardly a square mile on the glob from which he has not been at some tim or other besought for his autograph.

The acceptance by the prince of Wales an honorary membership in a New York club to restore the happiness of swelldom somewhat shaken by the bounce of Dunraven The Chollys are now at liberty to turn up their trousers when rain falls in "deah o

FORTUNE TELLING. Clinton Scollard in Harper's Bazar. 'hen on the grain was summer's gold. And blue was summer's sky.

And blue was summer's sky, A witching maid and I, The gypsy sibyl seemed uncouth And weird to 'ook upon, And yet for each of us, in sooth, A merry tale she spun.

Mine was a kindly horoscope; Mine was a kindly horoscope; I heard my birth above Had hung the happy star of Hope, The lambent star of Love. The star of Love that bringeth bliss, I learned, still shed its glow. Much more the slbyl said, but this Was all I cared to know.

Then into Sylvia's slender hand I saw the gypsy peer, And words I longed to understand Were whispered in her ear; Whis on her check a blush had birth That spread in rosy fire, As when the winter-wakened carth Feels spring's divine desire.

We left behind the gypsy old, We left behind the gypsy old, And 'neath a dusky pine Again was that fair story told That ended, "Sweet, be mine!" Then Sylvia, the roguish-eyed, Laughed in her winning way; "That's what." triumphantly she cried, "The gypsy said you'd say!"



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"Will you," the young man boldly cried "Say will you be my wife?" The lovely maiden.coy, replic/i: "Not on your natural life."

Had this master purchased his wearing apparel of us this would have never occurred, for we can make a youngster or young man irresistible in one of our new spring suits. We are having an opening this week and are showing a very choice selection of reefer, sailor, 2-piece and 3-piece suits, in many qualities and colors, besides some very dainty neckwear and shirt waists.

That SPECIAL shirt waist of ours with two collars and link cuffs is very swell, and already is in great demand, Mothers and children are especially invited. Young men always welcome at

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