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The Imitation cheese bill is being actively pushed in congress by some imitation statesmen.

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street railway conductors and go back to the bobtail car system.

Winter has ended, according to the almanac, but here again theory and practice are not always the same.

Water may be "welling up," but it is the water that is falling down that is going to do the work for a bountiful crop next fall on Nebraska's fertile farms.

Yes, we believe the customary time between presidential messages has expired, and another communication this week from the president to congress would not be premature.

Has any one heard anything from the World-Herald on the extortionate Insurance rates exacted from Omaha property owners by the insurance combine? Not if the court knows itself, and It thinks it does.

Advices from Washington are to the effect that it is the intention of the Navy department to paint all the tor- an ad valorem duty would reduce in pedo boats green. Another avalanche of protests to congress from the numerous A. P. A. ledges is in order.

Considerable difficulty is being encountered in securing properly equipped candidates for vacancies in the revenue marine service. This part of the legislation will be a complete remedy cadets to officer it.

Representatives of the Transmissisent the claims of this great project to and adopt specific duties. the Utah legislature this week. Utah upon so promising an enterprise.

doubtless figure out a majority of the electoral college for himself. His election figures, however, would not be country is not importing any more any more reliable than his revenue

cific coast has naturally started a whole grist of railroad gossip. Chauncey not far from correct to say that if the in the opposite direction, so that the the present tariff had been fairly valued that his journey west will be marked \$100,000,000 more than the statistics by a combination of business and pleas-

Keep the councilmanic vacancy vacant. One less councilman means proportionately less work for the overmuch consideration for the taxpayers for whom the salary of one member, amounting to \$800, could be saved, but perhaps it can be induced to take compassion on its favored sergeant-at-arms.

The shortening of hours of mechanics increased traffic of the spring season shall come it is highly probable the old hours will be restored. Prospects now are good for a busy season, as there are thousands of bushels of grain awaiting advanced prices and many herds of live stock which will be ready for the market within sixty days.

An appropriation bill in aid of the Transmississippi exposition has been in troduced in the Iowa legislature. While every effort possible will be put forth to secure its passage at this session, success cannot be confidently predicted, as the Iowa lawmakers want to adjourn about April 1. Every Nebraskan who has a friend at court in Des Moines should make it a point to urge upon him the vital importance of this measure.

It is cabled all the way from London that Ambassador Bayard did not seem at all depressed in spirits on the recelpt of the information that the house What was Mr. Bayard expected to do? Under the circumstances the only thing control is not surrendered to the board. | mate uses for the flag where it stimu-

ANOTHER STORY OF THE CAMEL.

dized land grant railroads are trying to law of 1890. possess themselves of a title in fee land grant or not.

The pose of the railroad camel was pooling, as pooling is defined in the Inserted under Uncle Sam's tent when interstate commerce act. Section 5 of the Burlington bill was railroaded that act declares it to be unlawful for through congress for the relief of the any common carrier subject to the proinnocent purchaser. This looked very innocent to many members of congress, but it was a very ingenious scheme to legalize a 200,000-acre land grab which had been exposed by that very bold, bad man, Commissioner Sparks, when he was at the head of the land office. No sooner had the Burlington bill

been enacted and approved when the head of the camel appeared in the had preferred to forego part of its land roads may be commendable, but violagrant in the semi-arid and arid region tion of law cannot be permitted, even 000 out of Omaha and paid back only rather than take out patents and pay for so worthy an object. The answer taxes upon it. And now the hump of also denies that the association is a the camel has followed briskly in the conspiracy to unjustly augment rates shape of a bill relieving the Northern or to hinder free and just competition, GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK. Pacific from all its charter obligations but there can be no doubt that if the with regard to taking out land patents agreement should go into operation lands to homestead entry.

If these bills for the relief of the poor advantage of the public. farmer and innocent purchaser go through congress, they will in due time Omaha has not yet had to give up its be followed by a general act repealing tion was at the instance of the Interall the restrictions previously enacted state Commerce commission, which for the protection of the public domain, to the government will be absorbed by the syndicates that are reorganizing the insolvent railroads for the benefit of the poor bondholder and the innocent stock jobber.

It may not be worth while at this stage of the camel's progress to raise any fuss about saving the tent-pole, but it is not out of place to make a note of it in the interest of future students of land grant history.

REMEDY FOR UNDERVALUATIONS. In the debate in the house of representatives on the bill for preventing and punishing frauds on the customs revenues, through undervaluations, Mr. Grow of Pennsylvania said that the sure and certain mode to prevent fraudulent invoices on foreign importations is by specific duties in the tariff and on all articles upon which it is not practicable to have a specific duty only, then by combining a specific duty with part the inducement for false invoicing. The proposed legislation will probably have a good effect. It has received very careful consideration from the ways and means committee and is be devised for the purpose. But no now so generally realized that even were the democratic party to be given another chance at the tariff it would sippl Exposition association are to pres- abandon its policy in this particular

It is impossible to know to what exhas much to gain from an adequate ad- tent the national treasury has been devertisement of its resources and capa- frauded under the present tariff, but bilities and cannot but look with favor the amount of its loss has been very large, probably at least one-third of the total deficit since the law went into Secretary Carlisle had a treasury sur- operation. On sugar alone it is estiplus all figured out for over a year ago. mated that undervaluation has cost Should be be made the democratic the treasury \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, nominee for the presidency he would and the loss from undervaluations of cotton and woolen goods has been heavy. According to the statistics, the goods, taking the invoiced value, than it was three years ago, but there is no doubt if it were not for the under-Chauncey Depew's announcement valuations it would be shown that imthat he is on his way to visit the Pa- portations are very considerably in excess of three years ago. It is probably usually makes his purely pleasure trips dutiable merchandise imported under inference is not without foundation the total would amount to not far from show, which means a loss to the treasury of possibly \$25,000,000. This is a pretty large sum to pay for-democratic devotion to the ad valorem system of duties, against which the republicans in the last congress made an earnest burdened \$75 a month sergeant-at-arms. fight, pointing out just what has been The council is not expected to have experienced. But the arguments of the republicans and the example of other

nations were without avail. As it is impracticable to change from ad valorem to specific duties without making a general revision of the tariff -except as to sugar, the duty on which ought to be made specific-the only in the Union Pacific shops is said to thing the present congress can do is be but a temporary matter. When the to enact such legislation for preventing fraud as the ways and means committee proposes. The bill framed by the committee is a great improvement on the existing law regulating the collection of duties, but it is not to be expected that it will prove a complete remedy against the fraud it is designed to correct.

THE JOINT TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION. One of the thirty-two railway com panies in the Joint Traffic association. formed to regulate rates between the scaboard and the west, has filed its answer in the suit instituted by the government and It is understood that the answers to be filed by the other companies are the same in substance, if not in text. This answer makes it appear that the association is innocent of any purpose or intention that is in the least hostile to the public interest, that it contravenes no statute, and that it is simply designed to remedy the evil of rate-cutting, which has proved so disastrous to the railroads. Alhad passed a resolution censuring him. though the agreement signed by the companies very explicitly devolves upon Everybody has known for weeks that a board of managers the practical conthe resolution was likely to be adopted. trol of traffic, the answer says that such

Everybody is familiar with the story whole matter of traffic division and have a monopoly of flying the stars and f the camel that wanted to warm his rate regulation with the board, whose stripes. The American flag was not nose under the Arab's tent. The camel, action, there can be no doubt, would designed and adopted simply as a symit will be remembered, first inserted his be uniformly respected by the com- bol of war and an incentive to carnage. nose, then his head, then his neck, then panies. In this respect, therefore, it is It symbolized: the union and the suhis shoulders, then his hump and finally entirely proper to say that the asso- premacy of speace maintained by law. found himself inside the tent. This ciation has the character of a trust and is the same process by which the subsi- is therefore subject to the anti-trust der has the same right to the use of

Of course, the answer denies that the simple of every acre of land which joint traffic agreement is in violation they have managed to get their hands of the interstate commerce act, alon, whether included in the original though it provides for a division of traffic, which is in all essential respects visions of the act "to enter into any contract, agreement or combination with any other common carrier or carriers for the pooling of freights of different and competing rallroads, or to divide between them the aggregate or net proceeds of the earnings of such railroads, or any portion thereof." What but pooling would be such a division of traffic among competing roads as is within a limited period at the risk of rates would be increased and free comforfeiture and the restoration of the petition would end, results which it is easy to believe would not inure to the

The suit instituted by the government against the Joint Traffic associaafter a careful consideration of the and millions upon millions of acres of agreement, reached the conclusion that subsidy lands that have rightly reverted the association is illegal and that the agreement should not be allowed to be carried into effect. The decision of the commission was arrived at only after it was called upon for an opinion by resolutions in congress, but there is every reason to believe that it gave the matter thorough consideration. The suit involves questions the judicial decision of which will be of very great

THE VIADUCT DECISION.

importance.

No decision recently rendered by the state supreme court is of more vital concern to the city of Omaha than is its decree in the viaduct case appealed wringing out of the several million by the Burlington road from the district court of this county. This decree affirms in specific terms the right of the city in the exercise of its police powers to compel railroad companies to maintain viaducts across their tracks for the protection of the public. In this case every point made in the contention of the city attorney has been fully sustained and the power of the legislature to prescribe the conditions under which viaducts shall be constructed and assessments made for their cost is upheld. The court holds that no conprobably as good a measure as could tract made by one railroad company can relieve another company from its obligations under the law. It further revenue service should have been in- for frauds through undervaluations so declares that any ordinance requiring corporated into the navy long ago, and long as the system of ad valorem duties | the reconstruction by two railroad comthere would then be plenty of naval prevails and we believe this fact to be panies of specific portions of the viaduct previously erected by them jointly with the city does not violate prior contract obligations, and can be enforced by mandamus. This relates par ticularly to the Sixteenth street viaduct. which was originally built under a joint agreement between the railroads and

With its authority to compel railroads to pay their pro rata of the cost of viaducts and their due shares of the cost of maintaining and repairing them fully affirmed, the city is in position to command the roads to carry out the provisions of the viaduct ordinances that have been dead letters by reason of their appeal to the supreme court. The repairs of the Eleventh street via duct should be expedited by the Board of Public Works without further delay The ramshackle Sixteenth street viadues should be replaced by a substantial stone and iron structure at the earliest possible day. While the people of Omaha want the railroads to be treated with perfect fairness, they have rights which the railroad should be forced to respect. In no other city have the railroads been dealt with so generously and in no other city have the people been subjected to such illiberal treat-

Of course the Joint Traffic association was formed by the railroads solely in the interest of the public. The railroads are making such sacrifices for their patrons every day in the year all over the country. Incidentally, there is a trifling advantage accruing to the railroads, but were it not for the publie benefits no rate or traffic associa tion would be organized. If we will only listen to this song of the railroad managers, we will soon be persuaded that their roads are the most public spirited and self-sacrificing corporations in existence. The people evidently do not appreciate the fact that they are the chief beneficiaries of the railroad

There is no question that the present system of jury duty is unnecessarily expensive to the taxpayers. The county pays jurors more for hanging around the court house than for serving on cases. The temptation, too, to hang out for a verdict instead of coming promptly to gation convinces the Democrat that polia decision in order to board at the county's expense frequently gets the better of the jurymen. A careful revision of the whole system would be in the interest of economy and of expediting justice.

Having enacted a law prohibiting the se of the stars and stripes or representations of them for advertising purposes, congress is to be memorialized by a Wisconsin military company to make the prohibition general for all to extremes. There are many legiti-

Intent of the agreement is to leave the not be permitted to imagine that they A benevolent association or a civic orthe flag in Its processions as any mili-

tary company. Owners of large stocks of merchandise have been enabled to evade excessive fire insurance rates by means of their membership in the Lloyds companies. Unfortunately, owners of small proper ties cannot do so and must submit to high rates. The Lloyds system of insurance is nothing but mutual risktaking by a class of merchants who agree to lay aside a fund each year to be used in payment of a proportion of loss by fire sustained by members of the class, if any. There are no highsalaried officers and other trimmings. They pay for only what they get. They keep their money at home, thus stopping contemplated by the agreement of the the heavy drain of premium money shape of a bill to grant similar privitraffic association? The professed which the board companies receive lege to the Union Pacific railroad, which philanthropic purpose of aiding weak from their patrons in the state. Last year these latter companies took \$363,-\$80,000.

And now it is stated on what is said to be reliable authority that the Pacific railroads are willing to accept the Frye Pacific railroad debt funding bill. That is astonishing! The Free bill is the railroad bill. Its provisions are precisely what the railroad magnates have been working for from the beginning. If they imagine they can fool the people into believing that they are conceding something in agreeing to accept the Frye bill they are very greatly mis-

The proposition to improve the topography of the state fair grounds is one of considerable importance. For lack of time last year little attention was paid to the roadways and lawns of the grounds, the necessity for their improving being very great. The state board and the speed association can do nothing which will be appreciated by the public more than laying of durable roadways and the beautifying of the grounds generally.

There is some relief in the prospec that the forthcoming foreclosure sale of the water works will bring about a dollars of pure water that has been injected into the company's capitalization. So long as rates are adjusted to pay interest and dividends on fictitious stocks and excessive bond issues, the relations between the water works company and the public are necessarily unsatisfactory.

A Sevently ward aspirant to Congressman Mercer's shoes has inaugurated a new departure in politics by endorsing the candidacy of a competitor order for the First ward aspirant to reciprocate by making a speech in the Seventh ward in favor of his chivalrons Seventh ward opponent. Meantime Mr. Mercer is hard at work at Washington attending to the interests of his constituents.

Calorie Animates Both As between Kentucky politics and professional pugilism, there is much to be sai

in favor of pugilism Arguing Against Facts. The March deficit is already over \$4,000.

000, and yet the democratic newspapers ar trying to convince the country that w do not need a republican administration. The Dear Little Island.

Spain has already spent \$59,000,000 on Cubs and the revolution is still spreading. There nust be considerable truth in her declara-

ion that she regards her principal possesion as a dear little island. A Timely Computation. Prof. Totten of Yale college has issue a calendar which covers a period of 67,-710,250 years. Such a calendar will be found useful if you want to put a mark

posite the day when a democrat will b lected president. There Are Others.

So far as the British side of the Venezuela ase is concerned, Sr Frederick Policek, who formulated it in the blue book, is discovering hat there are maps and maps bearing on th fect and that he hasn't seen them all. Our Venezuela commission will see them.

Able to Take Care of Themselves.

Omaha World-Herald is doing tions for the republican state convention. settle their own affairs and prepare their a man whose character own resolutions, as they are amply qualified

Agricultural Distress Abroad.

Talk about agriculture distress in England: is nothing to what they have in Russia. ten years the nible landowners hav borrowing from the government now they owe it a mething more than \$585. And as they have spent the bulk of it, not in improvements upon their estates but in amusements, luxuries, fravel, etc., they are actually werse off than they were before. One of these days there will be an awful smash.

Whisky the Real Cause.

According to the World-Herald, water in the wells of the state rising, springs are breaking forth, and streams that have been dry for years have again commenced to flow. The subject is viewed with alarm by people who do not understand the phenomenon, but an investiwater, and hence the rise.

Reform is Necessary.

The present system of electing senators is reprehensible, for the reason that it implies a distrust of the intelligence of the people. As Senator Mitchell states, "the power and right of the individual voter is hedged about and circumscribed, his will manacled, his volition paralyzed." Why should the enlightened and progressive people of this country thus asperse themselves? What reason is there in a condition that invests men with the power of choosing their own occupations, their method of living, their school officers, state legislators and govuses except carrying it in a military ernors, and denies them the right of a voice procession. This is pushing it a little in the selection of senators? It is simply an absurdity that has been permitted to continue in the face of reason because of the selfishness of those who have profited Mr. Bayard could possibly do and maintain bis dignity was to grin and bear it. appeal and arbitration, but the obvious citizenship. The militia companies must of the end of a palpable evil.

IN THE GUBERNATORIAL FIELD.

Wayne Republican (rep.): Auditor Eugene Moore is gradually forging to the front in the race for governor. Let the good work

West Point Progress (dem.): It begins to ook as if Eugene Moore will have the solid support of the countles in this section Nebraska in his candidacy for governor. Kearney Sun (rep.): Tom Majors still holds a warm place in the hearts of Nebraska republicans; but it is generally held

that he has had his day in court and ought ow to stand aside. Filley Republican (rep.): Hon. Filley's candidacy for the governoship has outgrown the tendencies of a boom, and has now settled down to a steady growth that

will assume vast proportions before the state convention West Point Republican (rep.): Hurral for Eugene Moore for governor, C. C. Nish for state treasurer and W. F. Norris for con-The republicans of Cuming will give this fine trio a big send-off at the

Stanton Picket (rep.): When the state invention meets it will be found that 'Gene Moore's support is not confined to the north Platte country. 'Gene is always "tu hum" with the boys all over the state. His cards are out and the response will not be at all Wymore Arbor State (rep.): Hop E Fil-

ey of Filley went through to his ranch at track for the republican nomination for gov ernor. Adams Globe (rep.): The Times of Beatin carrying the name of Elijah Filley

n this county; everybody kniws him, and they know he is all right, and that he would make a good governor. Walt Mason (?): It would purify politics

at the head of its columns for governor

hundreds of agriculturists who have been following strange gods, and who can never be brought back by an attorney on two legs. Let us whoop her up for Mr. Filley. Kearney Hub (rep.): Jack MacColl his gubernatorial boom—and, the two are one and inseparable—were on exhibition at the Midway hotel this afternoon and can be seen for a short time this evening.

far as can be discovered the gental gentle-

man from Dawson is all right and the boom ditto. Lincoln News: And now it is said tha the gubernatorial bee in his bonnet. That is while the opinion apears to be quite genera hat it is simply one of the little wheels that has slipped a cog and is doing business with

out any relation to the governor. Grand Island Independent (rep.); Hon Elijah Filley of Filley, Neb., is now nong those to be considered as gubernatorial candidates, having launched his boom with a March hurrah. He will have the "state o Gage" and several other counties in th outheast corn belt behind him, and prom pes to make a very formidable candidate. Crete Vidette (rep.): Every time that Jack MacColl cackles, the boys all over the "Bir Sixth" district flock to his call like unto rood of chickens under the protecting wing show that Jack is very popular in this neck Lincoln he is determined to give all other

naga a genuine race. Penca Journal (rep.): The gubernatoria contest this year will somewhat lack usua interest on account of the more important issue, the presidential fight, in which Nebraska, like many other states, will have a "favorite" son. There will be sufficient interest in the governorship in this part of he state, however, to put forth vigorou efforts looking to the nomination and election of Hon. Eugene Moore, who is now in the lead for that place.

Crete Vidette (rep.): We have receive letter from W. J. Broatch of Omaha, solle in the First ward. Now it will be in iting our aid in his effort to climb the guber natorial ladder. There are so many men in the field that it is difficult to know just whom to boost. The list thus far is Mciklejohn, MacColl, Moore, Cady, Adams, Teft and Filley. Until the atmosphere be comes less hazy we are rather inclined to stick to our first love and continue to whoop it up for Meiklejohn.

Platte Center Signal (dem.): At the earn st solicitation of his many friends through out the state, Tom Majors has consented to withdraw from the gubernatorial race and allow the republican party to make a start without being handicapped. We, as demorate sincerely regret this move, for Mr Majors could have been defeated without truggle. As it is now, we must organize our orces, fix our fences, and select the best man in our party for a leader, if we expect o make even a showing.

Wakefield Republican (rep.): Hon. Eugene foore is the natural choice of the re sublicans of this section of Nebraska for overnor. He is more than that; he is first choice of a good many men irrespective f party. His record in the important office f auditor of state the past four years ba nade him friends all over the state his best warrant for future honors. He ha ot been puffed up with the pride of office he is not a corporation tool, and he i

either prejudiced nor narrow in his views. Arlington Times (rep.): The Beatrice Daily lines came out recently with a boom for Hon, Elijah Filley for gubernatorial honors. Mr. Filley is no doubt a good man, but Hon. Eugene Moore, present state auditor, is well qualified to fill the office of gov mor, has a clean public record, and polled the heaviest vote of any candidate in the last state election. His name has been rominently mentioned for gubernatorial lebraska, and we believe no better man

ould be named to fill that office. Central City Nonpareil (rep.): This office in receipt of a letter from W. J. Broatch stating that he was a candidate for ernor, and that be would be thankful for any support he might receive. While there is no question but what Mr. Broatel would make a good governor if elected ts best to stir up dissension in the still we believe with the existing state of epublican ranks, and volunteers a great affairs in Omaha between the A. P. A.'s leaf of advice, even suggesting resolutional and the anti-A. P. A.'s, it would be as impracticable to nominate Mr. Broatch as Tom This is entirely unnecessary, and the World-Herald would do well to let the republicans It does not want as its standard beare each that an apology or defense is constantly

Ponca Journal (rep.): Hon. Eugene Moore without doubt in the lead for the republican nomination for governor. He is growing in popularity and developing new etrength in every section of the state. He has shown qualities of sterling manhood and superior business and executive capacity in discharging his duties as state auditor and has won and deserves promotion. He has been an honor to that office and would likewise be an honor to the governor's office. He is nearer to the hearts of the masses than any other aspirant for the governorship, and he may well expect that the esteem of the masses will be proven in the caucuses and conventions that mold the lestinies of the candidates. Northeast braska has never had the honor of furnish ing a gubernatorial nominee and there is nothing in the way to prevent it from having one now, and one of whom it and the entire can justly feel proud. That one is Hon. Eugene Moore,

THE VENEZUELA CASE.

Chicago Times-Herald: The America: Venezuela boundary commission has reaches decision adverse to the pretensions of Great Britain. This, it is true, does not necessarily end the controversy. All possibility of war as a means to end it long since passes away, and while the judgment of the Ameri can commissioners may not formally be ac cepted by Great Britain, it renders arbitra tion the only reasonable alternative.

Chicago Post: From Washington come: the report that the Venezuelan commission headed by Justice Brewer has virtually—though not yet formally—decided that England's claim is untenable. This commission was appointed not to furnish the government with a "case" but to ascertain the facts by full and impartial inquiry. Its finding
—if maintained—will be morally obligatory
upon the United States. If that finding shows that England has occupied Venezuelan terri-tory against Venezuelan consent, then her refusal either to arbitrate or to evacuate would be-barring a settlement direct with

as this has been interpreted by the presi-

Philadelphia Record: While the Venezue lan commission has not yet got further than the seventeenth century in its investigation of the historic phases of the Venezuelaof the historic phases of the Venezuela-Guiana boundary dispute, the State department at Washington and the foreign office at London have apparently succeeded in bringing the question up to date. The announcement of Secretary Curzon in Parliament that negotiations are pending between the American and British governments with a view to bringing about an understanding has been confirmed by news from Washing ton, and the indications are that this vexing and long-drawn-out controversy will soon be disposed of by a settlement satisfactory and honorable to all the parties concerned.

IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

Clay Center Sun (rep.): Some of those who are trying to turn Hainer down believe that he is head and shoulders above any other man in the district for the position and they know he has left no duty unperfermed. His only offense is that when the coll of statesmen is called at St. Louis he wants to hear the name of a Nebraska man. Geneva Journal (rep). Colby of Gage and ope of Saline both want to be nominated as lainer's successor and are publicly proclaimng the fact and N. V. Harlan of York is I he hands of his friends as usual. Colby and Harlan have already had the pleas-Reynolds the other day to look after his ure of getting scalped in a congressional herds at that place. "Lige" is one of the scrimmage. The voters of the district would big farmers of Nebraska who has the inside hardly be willing to trade Hainer for any of

York Times (rep.): The Times does not believe there will be any opposition to speak of to the recommention of Mr. Hainer in this listrict. He has been one of the stronges members of congress and can do much more for his constituency another term than he has been able to do in the past. He is now familiar with all the intricate details of congreesional work and the fact of its being his to elect a farmer to the governor's chair; it third term will add considerably to his influ-would bring back to the republican ranks, once with his constituents. So far as his osition on the question of presidential canlidates is concerned, we feel sure the people of this district will allow him what they aim for themselves-the right to support whomsoever his conscience and judgment may dictate. He is a hard worker and a good fighter, and commands the respect even of his political enemies.

Geneva Journal (rep.): There are two hings the Journal hopes to see the Fourth district convention do at York on the even-ing of April 9-instruct the two delegates rom this district to St. Louis for McKinley and renominate Congressman Hainer. Our reasons for the first have been fully stated and the reasons for the second ought not to require stating. No possible reason can be brought forward for displacing Mr. Hainer inless it should be that he doesn't agree it his choice for a presidential candidate with what some of us think is the choice of a majority of the people of the district. Congress men have no more to do with the making of presidents than other people and Mr. Hainer's pinion cannot be fairly used agalost him. He is the ablest man in our house delegation today, and we would be a lot of chumps to turn him down out of spite for his opinion of the relative merits of Manderson and Mc-

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

King Menelek cannot speak Italian, bu nis guns interpret his sentiments. Among other trophies of the hunt for the Ashantee king captured by the British expedition, were a number of "dead sildiers" f European antecedents. Empty gi

At a recent sale of the assets of a riding academy in New York City the saddle horses brought on an average of less than \$30 apiece. This is said to be lowest price on record or horses of this description.

Edison's patience is illustrated by the facthat he tried 1.800 chemicals before he found the right one to aid him in his finally suc egsful attempt to see through and eight-inch block of wood, or a three 1,000-page book placed side by side. At the sale of the domestic effects of the

late Alexandre Dumas the unbound edition. on Japanese paper, of "La Femme de Clemencean," illustrated in water colors by Meis somier, Heilbuth, Beaumont, Leloir, Boulanger and Vibert, brought \$5,000. Recent sales of autographs in Londo show that Mark Twain's signature is worth

Andrew Lang's 6, and Rider Haggard's For some inscrutable reason Mrs. Humphre Ward's chirography is considered worth shillings, while Southey's is only 15. The committee which is to decide upon the

monument to the memory of Pasteur, to be erected at Alais, has chosen the model furnished by M. Tony Noel. It is to be finished The pedestal is to be about nine feet high and the statue about eight. It will be unvelled with appropriate ceremonies in Dinsar Pestonjee Ghadially, known in India

as the "Parsee Edison," late electrician to his highness Maharai Rana Sahib of Dholpur Central India, and also late telephone super intendent of Dholpur state, is now in this is a theosophist, and asserts that the X rays were long known to his cult, representing the psychic forces at work in the universe German policemen are uncommonly active in collaring his majesty's critics. An Eng lishman traveling in Germany, who de-nounced the emperor as a blankety blank fool, was promptly run in. "That's all right," protested John Bull; "it wasn't your emperor, but the emperor of China, I was "That won't go," replied the talking about!" policeman; "there's only one emperor who is—what you said!" And he had the Brit-

Caracas—a violation of the Monroe doctrine THE TRANSMISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

Frement Leader: The Transmississippt expealtion is growing every day, and Omaha

is the place for it. Tekamah Herald: The Transmississippi ex-The exposition means an era of great development for Nebraska and her sister states. Every Nebraskan should put his shoulder to

the wheel and help as much as he can. Holdrege Citizen: The prospects for the big Transmississippi exposition at growing brighter all the time. The fact that Baltimore has given up the idea of holding an international exhibition cannot but increase Omalia's prospects for a big exposi-

Wayne Democrat: The Transmississipp exposition will be held in Omaha in 1898 sure, and is bound to be the greatest ever seen in the west. The territory proposed to be covered by the grand scheme comprises about two-thirds of the area and has twosevenths of the entire population.

Tilden Citizen: The Transmissiesippi exposition which is to be held in Omaha in 1898, for the purpose of showing to the world the vast resources and products of the west is meeting with unanimous approval of the western states, and it should, for it is an immense conception to advertise this greatest section of this great United States.

Seward Reporter: The Transmississippl exposition is gaining favor, and prospects are good for congress to give it material A very large section of country would be benefited by the proposed exposition, and it is gratifying to see that it has the enthusiastic support of the whole people of this large territory. The outlook is very favorable indeed for a great exposition at Omaha in 1898

POLISHED POINTERS.

Chicago Post: "Poor fellow!"
"What's the matter?"
"He just failed for \$100,000,"
"Great Scott! I wish I were able to fall for that amount."

Seattle Times: "Well father," exclaimed the prodigal son, as he made his appearance at the family fireside, "are you ready to kill the fatted calf" "No" replied the old man, grimly, "I think I'll let you live."

Indianapolis Journal: "Do you think we shall know each other in heaven?"
"H'm. Most of the people I know, if they ever get to heaven, will have become unrecognizable."

Yonkers Statesman: Customer-What is your outside figure for a dozen photographs? Photographer-Outside figure, \$4; \$10 with

Detroit Tribune: "What," demanded the angry bride, "do you take me for?" The brute shrugged bis shoulders. "Ask your father." he sneered. "I don't feel at liberty to disclose the terms."

Washington Star: "In dis kin' er wedder," said Uncle Eben, "de steam heater remin's me o' lots er people. It thumps an' poun's an' carries on ter'ble, but it don' seem ter transact no actual business." Boston Courier: Old Roper-I suppose it's all understood between you and Henry? Trilbena (bursting into tears)—I understand, but I can't make him understand anything, the mean old thing!

Somerville Journal: "Chronmatopseudopsia is the medical term for color blindness. It is an excellent test, too, when a club man gets home rather late at night.

Chicago Tribune: "Make it easier for me to bear, can't you, Grace?" pleaded the hapless youth whom she had just refused. "Yes, George," gently answered Grace, "J snore dreadfully."

SORRY HE SPOKE. Cincinnati Enquirer "This fountain pen you so'd to me,"
He shricked, in tones of wrath,
"Is just about as useful as
If whitied out of lath.
The struggles that I've had with it
Would drive St. John to drink."
'Let's see it," said the stationer,
"Ah, you should put in some ink."

BLOOMERS AT BOWIE FORKS.

Chicago Post Chicago Post.

This wheelin' game struck Bowie Forks, an' struck it hard, you bet,
An' most the boys in Ri'ey's place is talkin' of it yet,
For all was kinder startled-like an' owned to bein' beat
The day that Martin's Sary Ann came sailin' down the street.

We knowed she'd got a two-wheeled thing, on which she aimed to ride,
But not a one expected that she'd try to ride astride;
In fact, we hadn't figgered on the clothes she'd likely wear,
An' when she scooted through the town you'd oughter seen us stare.

She had two bags upon her legs that ended at the knees, An' not a skirt of any kind, as all the boys agrees,
These bags was red an fastened with a little belt of blue.
While jest above a walst of white showed that her heart was true

An' as she went a-scootin' by, a-sittin' there Ol' Martin's bosom seemed to swell with great an' joyous pride,
An', puttin' down his ol' clay pipe an' givin'
us a smile,
He said the things was bloomers an' the
very latest style.

Then Six-Notch Hank declared himself, like one who knowed the game.

That he was shy in dealin' with a queer,
new-fangled hame;
"An' these things may be bloomers, gents;
that much," he says, "I grants,
But if that's so, then bloomers is another name for pants."

At that we gets to arguin', an' puts it to a To settle what this "bloomer" word may rightfully denote;
An' by that vote we settles it without another giance,
That bloomers is a travesty on self-respectin' pants.



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