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THE NAVAL INCREASE.

The passage by the house of repre-

sentatives of the unval appropriation

bill probably insures a further addition

to the naval force of the United States

of four battleships of the first class and

lifteen torpedo boats, for it is not

doubted that the measure will be passed

by the senate and approved by the presi-

dent. It has required no little effort.

on the part of those who advocate the

further enlargement of the navy to over-

come the objection to a large appropria-

tion for this purpose at present and the

bill is a compromise, there being a num-

ships than it provides for. The measure

carries several millions more than was

appropriated in the last naval bill, ac-

counted for by the fact that the battle-

ships authorized at the last session of

appreciably greater displacement than

those already authorized and proba-

ably greater speed. Of the tor-

pedo boats, five are to be built so as to

additions to the navy the United States

will have twelve battleships and twenty-

powers in the number of war ships,

though in fighting capacity the Ameri-

can navy will have a better standing

than this, probably ranking third. The

secretary of the navy in his last re-

port stated that Great Britain had 274

ships in service, not including torpedo

boats, and forty-two vessels under con-

struction, of which ten are battleships,

France has 144 effective vessels in serv-

ice, exclusive of torpedo boats, and a

building program calling for an increase

of thirty-three vessels, some of them

ing vessels which when completed will

It is not the policy of the United States

The new battleships are to have an this,

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION the preceding congress had to be ap-STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. George B. Tzschuck, secretary of The Boe Pub-lishing company, being daly sworn, says that the lectual number of full and complete copies of the Daly, Morning, Evening and Sunday Bes printed furing the month of February, 1896, was as fol-The amount for the increase of the navy is a little less than \$13,000,000.

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still be far behind the leading naval .521.905 GEORGE R. TZSCHUCK. powers, the American navy will have Sworn to before it Sworn to before me and subscribed in my pre-nce this 2d day of March, 1856, (Seal.) N. P. FEIL, Notary Public, reached very respectable proportions. We shall still rank sixth among naval

They can do lots of convention fighting in Texas nowadays without hurting anybody.

Chauncey Depew is out on the Pacific const, but he did not neglect to take his political horoscope with him.

It is going to be a race between the republican national convention and the democratic national convention which shall have the most contested seats.

battleships. Russia has 100 ships in in control of affairs have no confidence The commission idea has a wonderful hold upon congress. The next thing service, Germany seventy-four, Italy, proposed will be a non-partisan comseventy-one, while the Dutch navy numbers ninety-two effective vessels. All mission of experts to devise ways and means of improving the handwriting of these powers are making additions to members of congress. their navies. Even Spain is construct-

bring her effective naval strength very A battleship will yet be named after nearly up to that of the United States. the state of Nebraska. Congress need Japan is also preparing to enlarge her not make that a condition of an apnavy and is understood to contemplate propriation if it doesn't want to. The making it one of the strongest in the name has enough in itself to commend world. France leads in the possession it to the Navy department authorities. of torpedo boats, so important for coast mote future.

defense, having 218 in service and fifty-The Iowa semi-centennial celebration four building. Great Britain has in will be an event in history. Few states service 189 torpedo boats, Italy 184, can show such great strides of progress Russia 174, Germany 121 and all are in a similar period of time. Fifty years constructing more. of statehood have been utilized to their full extent by the citizens of Iowa and to enter into a rivalry for naval supreno more prosperous agricultural comacy. All this country should aim to do munity is to be found anywhere. is to raise our navy to a standard com-

mensurate with our needs and with our Senator Allen is of the opinion that position as one of the great nations the average United States district atof the world. We must have a navy torney makes about twice as much out adequate for defense and strong enough of his position as he could earn by the to command the respect of other nations. legitimate practice of his profession. Good progress has been made toward Unfortunately there is much in the the attainment of such a navy and it and not a single engine to supplement records of the federal Department of is not to be doubted that enlightened the water pressure.

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sundry civil bill affords the best oppor- repair question as expressed by the tunities for reducing expenses, but un Board of Public Works. It is maniless there has been great extravagance festly unfair and inequitable to compel in the appropriations under this bill one class of property owners to pay navy is already the most powerful in Europe, hitherto so large a reduction as the special paving "repair faxes while an- but Mr. Gosben asked the Commons for of the American Revoluti house committee proposes could hardly other class enjoys exemption from such money enough to begin nearly fifty new persuade the people at Carlisle, Pa., to fail to have unsatisfactory results. It tax by reason of the fact that certain ships this year, besides continuing the work is not probable, however, that the com- asphalt repairs, are paid for out of the is not probable, however, that the com-mittee seriously expects this reduction general fund. Yet this is what has will stand. Even if it shall be approved been done in this city for years. It is been added to the British navy, of which by the house, which is questionable, it the duty of the council to put a stop number eight battleships, twenty-one cruisers is very safe to say that it will not be to such practices.

concurred in by the senate and that in its final shape the bill will carry a much Politicians to the rear! Let the peolarger aggregate appropriation than ple be heard in the republican convenber who were in favor of more battle- the amount agreed on by the house tion. In response to this slogan, the committee. It is an old plan for people of the Fourth ward are perthe house to cut down appropriamitted to be represented in the county tions and devolve upon the senate the convention by a delegation that has responsibility of increasing them to meet the needs of the government. It the nine delegates, two are members of is the duty of congress to keep expenses the city council, one is the sergeant-atpropriated for by the present congress. down to the lowest point consistent arms of the city council, one is the with the efficiency of the public service, city clerk, one is the city attorney, one

but it is not wise economy to go beyoud is a member of the school board, one an ex-state representative and one a United States senator. is a special attorney for the state, one The legislature of the South African

republic having declared its opposition President Clark of the Union Pacific attain a speed of twenty-five knots per to the proposed visit of President hour and ten are to be built for a speed Kruger to England, for the purpose of a expresses the opinion that congress will of twenty knots per hour. With these conference with Colonial Secretary take no action on the Pacific railroad Chamberlain, it is not probable that the debt settlement question at its present Boer president will pay much attention session. If correct, this means simply four torpedo boats, and, while we shall to the warning of the London Times, that the matter is to be dragged along presumably of official inspiration, that and if acted on at all by this congress his refusal to accept the invitation to go will be rushed through under high presto England may produce disagreeable sure at a short session just previous to results. Neither the sturdy chief execu- a change in administrations. A bill dealtive of the Transvaal republic nor his ing with such important interests supporters will be frightened by British passed under circumstances such as threats or bluster, and any efforts to inthese cannot be expected to secure due timidate them are very likely to be met consideration from the representatives with the indignant resentment of which of the people. the Boers are capable. It is evident

> Carlisle's Sugar Deal. Indianapolis Jou

It is estimated that sugar has been undervalued to the extent of \$10,000,000 or more. This is because Secretary Carlisle insisted upon an ad valorem rather than a specific said that military preparations for a duty, as his own handwriting has indicated.

> War Ships Without Satiors. Globe-Democrat

England's decision to spend \$100,000,000 in uilding new war ships this year would be ore formidable if the fact were not known that the ships already completed are decidedly short of sailors. A landsman trans forred at short notice to a modern battleship is about as effective as a Spanish infantry-

Figures gathered by the Agricultural dethe United States has declined within China and the Shan states,

horees in this country amounts to \$492,000. to the cause of geographical science Prince 000. As the most of this has been borne by Henry has been awarded the Cross of the farmers, perhaps they can get even by applying electricity to agricultural work.

Just Found it Out.

Kansan City Star.

It has taken congress more than three months to find out what most people knew at the start, namely, that there is no prospect of practical legislation in this session. Senator Platt has introduced a resolution providing for adjournment May 2. He thinks the appropriation bills can be disposed of in six weeks. This congress would have wor imperishable fame if it had decided last De cember to dispose of the appropriation bills n six weeks without attempting any other

One of the World's Ways.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

On the sea John Bull certainly intends to be prepared for whatever may happen. His quiescent

on those already in process of construction. commission, but will be within a few months.

The new ships to be begun this year are five battleships, thirteen cruisers of three classes, and twenty-four torpedo-boat The London Chronicle predicts that at the present rate the additions to the navy in the next seven years will be at least 126 shipe, besides a great number of tropedoboat destroyers. With a navy of between 600 and 700 ships of all kinds, practically all of them modern and of high efficiency, Great never been in politics before. Out of Britain is prepared to defend her interests in all parts of the world. Put this fact along side the recent evidences of closer accord with the triple alliance and it has great significance. Put the combined influence of these powers over against that of any other possible European alliance and it would be With Great Britain, overmastering. many, Austria and Italy united to back Russia and command peace in hold

In the eyes of the mahdi the time has now

arrived for fulfilling his long-standing promise of invading Egypt. The hour appears propitious, and he has just proclaimed a "Johad," or holy war, the object of which is the extermination of the Giaour and Christians, if not from all the face of the earth, at any rate from northern Africa. The first effect of this proclamation will doubtless be to bring into the mahdi's camp all those numerous Arab tribes who infest the desert and live mainly by plunder, and who will be attracted not only by religious motives, but also by the prospect of the sacking of such rich cities as Cairo and Alexandria. These tribes form the most magnificent fighting material in the world, one of them alone numbering over 30,000 horsemen. Nor does this constitute the only peril; for there is the danger that, as soon as the natives in lower Egypt learn of the advance of the dervishes, and of the proclamation of the Holy War, they will, if not actually rise, in any case co-operate to such a degree with the enemy as to cause considerable embarrassment to the Anglo-Egyptian authorities. To the natives the defeat of the latter means in their eyes an annulment of all their debts, a repeal of all taxation and a removal of all restraints which have been imposed upon them by European civilization. is therefore indispensable that the dervish invasion should be driven back before it has reached the present frontiers of Egypt.

Prince Henry, the head of the younger bratch of the French royal house of Orleans is evidently a person of good sense. Having arrived at the conclusion that a mere prince in republican French would die of ennul for want of occupation, he became a geographer, and accompanied an expedition of exploration to the Upper Mekong, in French Cochin-China. He succeeded in penartment show that the number of the horses ettating the unexploted regions of southern finally two years from 16,206,802 to 15,124,057, while emerged in British India, after having entheir value per head has fallen from \$61 to countered many dangers and tribulations. \$42. Since 1838 the loss on the value of For the valuable services rendered by him Legion of Honor, and has just paid a visit to President Faure to express his thanks for the decoration thus bestowed upon him

by the republic. This, in brief, is the story of Prince Henry's "conversion" to the re-public and his "treason to the legitimate king of France," which has set the small remnant of the royalists all agog. Let the Prince Henry as plain fume! legitimists Citizen Henry Capet stands a better chance of becoming president than does his royal cousin, the Duc D'Orleans, of wearing the French crown.

The war cloud seems to be gathering over the Transvaal again. President Kruger's declination of Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit England to talk matters over would, in itself, be ominous of trouble, but the building of forts and other warlike prepara-

classical rhetoric. He said: "You may bury the vostal, but the sacred fire will burn brighter than ever." The classics are still

Despite the enormous expenditures every

year for new ships, Great Britain is steadily

and even rapidly paying off its public debt.

In 1817, at the close of the French war, the

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

powerful in classical Italy.

the Hon Hezeklah Gudger of North Car- LEADING SPECIAL FEATURES. olina, are out for office in the respective localties. Dink Bolts and Abe Sinpaky are

The Philadelphia branch of the Daughters trying to mit the removal of the remains of Mollis Pitcher from that city to Gettysburg, where she is to have a monument.

The Michigan jury which went on a strike during a trial, lacked that more pay patriotic spirit conspicaous among jurymen in this section. Instead of impeding the course of justice, the Michiganders should have agreed to disagree long enough to work in an extra day.

Kate Field says that while she was I England she was asked in good faith whether language taught in the public schools of the United States was English or American. "Oh, American, I replied." mays Miss Field, "English is a dead language. It is only earned by university men who go in for classics.

Even the great Schepenhauer was not hero to the people of his household. In a little book of personal reminiscences of the author quotes Schopenhauer's housekeeper as saying to him in the course of a dispute For my part, Herr Doktor, I don't see what the people can find in you. I have enough

A Kentucky admirar of ex-Congressman W C. P. Breckinridge predicts that he will b returned to the next congress, because "has has not lost a case-I mean a murder case for that is the only klud that counts in Ken-

tucky-for two years. In every instance by has succeeded in getting his man cleared and that is a strong plea in a man's favor i Kentucky.

The harmony conspicuous in Ohio at precut is menaced by a bill pending in the legis lature prohibiting the wearing of hats by women at theatrical performances. The measure seems to be the outgrowth of the jingo spirit. If Ohio solons want war they could not select a subject more likely to shatter domestic peace. Revolutions have started from less cause.

A few discordant notes threaten the har ionious relations presumed to exist between the brothren of the New York press. One sheet dubbed "a decayed pretender" retort by calling the publisher "a vulgar swindler. Another rival is slogled out for this shot "The present editor of the -- -- is an thoroughedfaced a knave and as nasty blackguard as has recently projected himsel before the public scrutiny." If the country must have war this method is to be en ouraged as a means of saving funeral ex-

penses.

BLANK SHOTS AT THE DONS.

Cincinnati Commercial: One would imagin hat Spain intends to wipe the United States from the map if congress doesn't adjourn a Spain is tired of this harping on the Cuban question.

Chicago Inter Ocean: General Weyler wi leave Havana for Spain until Gomez hardly gets into the city. Then Spain will be much pleasanter location for the general, and he will doubtless emigrate.

Detroit Journal: Spanish soldiers in Cuba do much greater execution when they are fighting each other than when fighting the ents. This is another indication tha the Cubans are the more formidable people in war.

Globe-Democrat: From the frequency with which the Spanish troops in Cuba fire each other by mistake it is evident that they are in a state of nervous approhension of attack from all directions, and see in every bush that shakes a nomad with machete.

Detroit Free Press: Taking General Weyler's own figures for the number of Spanish soldiers that have landed in Cuba, the number killed in battle and the number dead from fever, and there are 20,000 unaccounted for. This is quite an army in itself, and it is worth while for the general to ascertain where it is. It may have swam over to Florida, it may have deserted to the enemy, or it may account for the ridiculously small of the slain, as reported by the

gen Wai. THE OLD GARDEN SEAT.

Gentleman's Magazine.

I stand beside the yew-tree fence, 'Mid gayety of blue-eyed May; Rose perfumes hit my sluggish sense And human accents to me stray. Grandfather tells his Old World tales And Granny smiles her hundredth smile, Bound me each eye the nightingales tions are still stronger indications. It looks

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. AARON, THE SON OF BEN ALL:

AARON, THE BON OF BEN AMP. Conclusion of Joel Chandler Harris' new serial story-Mr. Harris tells this story of life as it was lived in middle Georgia, 'before the war,' in the same quaint style that pleazed his readers so much when he was telling of Br'er Rab-bit and the other denizens of Mr. Thimefinger's queer country.

FOUR SCORE YEARS AND ONE: On April 1 Otto Von Bismarck, the greatest German of his time, will be \$1 years old, and his birthday will be \$1 years and the Fatherland-This renders timely John Speed's review of Bismarck's truly wonderful career-Mr. Speed interviewed Bismarck some years ago.

LEGENDS OF THE CRUCIFIXION: The Very Rev. F. W. Farrar, D. D., dean of Canterbury, writes upon the "Legends of the Crucifixion"—His article is a most interesting and curious one, and will be read carefully on the Sunday preceding Easter.

POTENT ETHERIC WAVES

POTENT ETHERIC WAVES: Cleveland Moffet has been investigat-ing the possibilities of electricity as a cure for human ills-He has talked with Tesla, and other physicians, and has learned that the electric current is the most effective masseur known, that high tet.sion electricity has a remarkable stimulative power and that the human body may be turned into a battery.

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN:

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN: Sallor shapes again the fad in spring hats-The latest for Falm Sunday wear-Mrs. Sarah B Cooper, who is at the head of the largest Sunday school class in the world-An Lowa girl who has made a great success as manager of an orches-'ra-Queen of the women stenographers-Fashion notes from Tashion centers-News about well known women.

THE COMING GENERATION:

"Six Little Rebels." a story of the struggle for American independence-People who live in trees and use ladders to climb into their beds-A boy's essay on corns-Prattle of the youngsters-A readable column for young and o'd.

SOCIETY WAITING FOR EASTERS Society recovering slightly from its languor as Easter approaches-Several informal entertainments-Lenten wed-dings-Out-of-town visitors in Omaha households-Movements and whereabouts of the members of the society set.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT:

Conclusion of the narrative of the sporting editor's experience during his recent visit to the Mexican borderland-Review of the sporting events of the week -Gossip about the ball players-News of the hurtsmen-Interesting items from every field of sport.

FANCY BICYCLE RIDING:

FANCY BICYCLES RIDING: Ira Johnson, the intelligent colored man who has of late been teaching New York's four hundred to do tricks on the wheel-Trick bicycle work is rapidly tak-ing the place of general gymnastic ex-ercise-Novelties in bicycle wear and notions-Latest patents affecting wheel-men-News from the whole bicycle world -What the local wheelmen and wheel clubs are doing.

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MIRTH IN RHYME.

Chicago Tribune

They gathered at the house of Sister Bland, They talked of science, of reform and art. They sewed some carpet rags together and Then ripped a neighbor's character apart.

Detroit Tribune.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "None of your business, sir," she said. But the horse she was driving to and fro Would have bet his neck that she didn's know.

New York Truth

"Take back the heart thou gavest me," And his smile of hopelessness fades; "For what use to a man can it possibly be With a bobtail flush of spades?"

Philadelphia Record.

Judge.

Proposing parties are the rage; In fact, they're quite the thing. But the best proposing party Is the chap who's bought the ring.

in the professed disposition of the British government not to interfere with the man on a Cuban mule. Decline of the Horse Globe-Democrat.

events in that direction in the not re-

WHY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OMAHAS It has been established through the inquiry made by the Retailers' association that insurance rates at Council

Bluff's are all the way from 20 per cent to 30 per cent lower than insurance rates at Omaha. Nobody will for a moment contend that the fire protection in Council Bluffs is better than that in Omaha, or that the fire risk is greater in Omaha than in Council Bluffs. On the contrary, while Council Bluffs covers almost as large an area as Omaha, lt

THE BOER PRESIDENT.

from the reports that the government of

the Transvaal republic does not regard

the issue raised by the Jameson raid as

by any means settled or the danger of

further complications at an end. It is

possible emergency are actively going

on, which clearly indicates that the men

legislation

has only one-fifth the number of firemen

The president of one of the large express

take every possible precaution, and it is probably best that President Kruger remain where he is, because there his patriotism is secure against all blandishments. There may be very interesting

Transvaal republic and to maintain only such relations to it as are warranted by treaty. It is unquestionably wise on the part of the little republic to

Justice to support Senator Allen in his public sentiment is in favor of continuopinion. ing the policy of naval construction

Congressman Mercer is working zealously to get his Transmississippi exposition bill reported from the house ways and means committee. While he is laboring under great disadvantage with Chairman Dingley adverse to the measure, he is making good headway and it is to be hoped will land the bill safely with a favorable report on the house calendar.

After reading the constitution over. a foregone conclusion that all the other the reason for a congressional resolution New England states will be for the disauthorizing ex-President Harrison to actinguished son of Maine and that their cept two medals conferred upon him by delegates will labor zealously for his South American republics becomes more nomination.

and more inexplicable. What is there The Platform of the Massachusetts in the law or constitution to prevent republicans is comprehensive and on the ex-president from accepting the every national question it is explicit medals with or without the consent of and unequivocal. It strongly declares congress? for a protective tariff and the restora-

The retail dealers are probing the insurance rate question to the bottom and the more information adduced the plainer is the fact brought out that The Bee's comparative figures of rates paid in other cities and those exacted in Omaha are incontestable. The insurance companies have offered no good reason why this should be the case, nor can they do so.

Not since the time when Andrew Jackform son steered the presidential succession The republicans of Massachusetts will to Martin Van Buren has a vice presisupport the nominee of the St. Louis dent of the United States been promoted convention, and whoever the man shall to be president by the votes of the be it is certain that he will receive the people. In fact only three vice presielectoral vote of that state. The redents in the whole history of our conpublicans of no state are more faithful stitutional government have been so to the leading principles of the party promoted. It is needless to add that the than are those of Massachusetts. prospects of departing from what seems to have become established precedent are no more brilliant now than they

The Northwestern Immigration congress which meets at Boise City, Idaho, next week should have a good representation from Nebraska. Nebraska is from the amount appropriated by the as much interested in anything that last congress for the current fiscal year will encourage and stimulate immigration into the western country as any state. No state can offer more attractive inducements to agricultural settlers. Any and every project that promises to turn the tide of immigration in this direction will secure most hearty cooperation and support from Nebraska.

have been for years past.

The possibilities of sugar beet culture in Nebraska are practically boundless. efficiency of the public service. Taking The output of sugar from the two factories that have been in operation for the past few years is only a marker to leaves the total appropriations under What is now needed is the investment it is for the fiscal year ending June 30 of capital in new beet sugar factories next, must, if permitted to stand, operthat will consume the products of an increased sugar beet acreage. Capitalists who want to put their money into promising manufacturing enterprises will do well to investigate the Nebraska very necessary and judicious efforts in

beet sugar field thoroughly.

pelled to pay higher insurance rates than Council Bluffs? Why should the which had its inception under a repubunderwriters discriminate against lican administration. Omaha, where they enjoy four or 'five times the patronage? If the insurance BAY STATE REPUBLICANS. agents are to be believed the marked The republicans of Massachusetts difference in rates is solely due to the have declared their preference for valued policy law enacted in Nebraska Thomas B. Reed as a presidential can-

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

more than five years ago. As this law didate, and although the state convention did not instruct, he will have the solid and earnest support of the delegation to the national convention. It is

applies only to buildings and not to merchandise, it is passing strange that the rates should have been raised all along the line and are kept up, apparently as a matter of spltework, to

pupish our merchants for legislation at which the underwriters have taken offense. It is passing strange also that insurance rates are very much lower in Kansas City and St. Louis, in spite of the fact that Missouri had a valued policy law before it was enacted in Nebraska. And what is true of cities in Missouri is also true of cities in several other states where substantially the same laws are in force. Another subterfuge of the insurance

companies is the alleged failure of the city to purchase all the additional fire be at all times firm, vigorous and digengines that were promised by memnified and declares for the maintenance bers of the council who represent the of the Monroe doctrine. It expresses insurance companies more than they sympathy with the Cubans in their represent the public. The truth is struggle for independence. So far as that men who are thoroughly qualithe vital and paramount questions are fied to know what is needed say concerned it is a sound republican platthat the present fire equipment is

ample. In any event the city should not be expected to surrender its entire machinery of government to the insurance companies. It has complied even expended more money upon its fire department than the charter allows. The plain English of it is, that insurance rates are excessive in Omaha

because there is a combination to keep rates far above the standard that ob-The house committee on appropriatains elsewhere. tions is certainly endeavoring to carry

out the pledge of the republican ma-The Spanish authorities in Cuba are jority to reduce the expenses of the now amusing themselves with expelling government. The great reduction made newspaper correspondents whose offiin the sundry civil appropriation bill clous inquisitiveness is not properly appreciated. The war correspondent usually fares rather poorly at the hands fully attests the sincerity of the promof the commanders of contending miliise to economize, and the question sugtary forces. If the Spanish in Cuba. gests itself whether the committee has however, were only carrying things their not gone too far in that direction. It own way they would doubtless be glad appears that the department estimates and anxious to have the newspaper considerably reduced the amount from men at hand to inform the rest of the that of the current year, but the commit-

tee has cut far below these estimates,

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben have adopted a new name for the pageant which, it is presumed, were carefully made with reference to maintaining the adopted a new name for the pageant within their borders. the coming autumn. That which last this view of the matter, it would seem year bedazzled the people under the that the committee's reduction, which title of "Feast of Mondamin" will this year appear under the style and title what the state is capable of producing. the bill at less than two-thirds of what "Feast of Olympia." The change of nomenclature is of little importance. It is enough to know that the festivities ate to the impairment of the public this year are to excel and eclipse those service in some directions. of last. It is the show, not the name, Under existing conditions economy in that will draw the crowd.

the expenditures of the government is There can be no question of the corthis direction are to be commended. The rectness of the view of the pavement

ch does business Why, then, should Omaha be comhas lately had his salary raised from \$30,-000 to \$50,000 a year. He is celebrating his good fortune by ordering that hereafter emloyes must not be paid, as heretofore, during their week's vacation in the summer. Extreme rules have also been made in regard to docking for trifling losses of time. But as was said long ago, unto him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he has.

> Ruin of Cuba's Crop. Philadelphia Ledge

Transvaal, it means a European war. What appears to be a carefully-compiled eview of the Cuban sugar crop shows that the total amount made up to March 1, which time the grinding season was h over, was 63,298 tons, as against 319,326 ons at the same time last year. Doubling his for the whole season, would give 126. while last year the estimated tons, yield was 1,000,000 tons, showing a decrease of 87.3 per cent. Even this scauty precent-age will not be realized unless Gomez can e driven out of the sugar-producing district. of which he now occupies four-fifths, as he has given orders that no sugar shall be made. It is added that the estimate for sugar will hold good also for tobacco. The statement is made with a degree of circum-stantiality that argues thorough knowledge order to dazzle into an alliance the English sovereign on the field of the cloth of gold. He had exemplary firmness when he was syndic of Rome; he is opposed to colonial adventures f the situation, and it is at least partially in Africa, and he is minister of foreign af fairs. He was a candidate for prosident of the Chamber of Deputies, and Villa, advocate confirmed by the action of the Sugar trust, reported last week, in buying up vast vast of the Banco Romano, defeated him, but he used against Crispi an impressive flower of

reported list week, in buying up vast quantities of sugar in Egypt, Germany and elsewhere. It is the most convincing argument for the success of the revolution that could be had, for it shows that the in-surgents control practically all the revenueproducing sections of the island.

GOOD GROUNDS FOR FEAR. Settlers Suspicious About Arid Land

Legislation. Rocky Mountain News.

total debt was \$4,433,360,185, and since that An Associated press telegram states that date various wars have caused additional insettlers in western Nebraska are somewhat suspicious of a section of the bill now pend-ing in congress, by which it is proposed to debtedness amounting to \$1.834.033,765, mak-ing a grand total of \$6,267,393,950. At presdonate the arid lands to the state in which they lie. This section empowers the state to ent, however, the debt is only \$3.273.948,510, showing a reduction since 1817 of \$2,993,445.lease or sell in large tracts land which can-440, or nearly \$38,000,000 a year. Before the great increase of naval expenditures was deinsurance companies. It has complied not be otherwise disposed of for irrigation or with all reasonable demands and has cultivation. The fear is that under this cided upon, it was reckoned that this year would see the debt diminshed by about \$65,cover the great cattle companies may seize upon the larger portions of this land and turn the arid region into a grazing ground 000,000, and in any event it will be dimin ished by at least \$25,000,000. Seeing that most of the other powers are increasing their to the injury of irrigation and agricultural interests. debts, this may partly explain their intense jealcusy and dislike of England. There are good grounds for this suspicion

It has been the underlying motive for much of the agitation about the transfer of the arid lands to the state. The secretary of

one of the big Nebraska cattle companies Tascott has been discovered in the Yukon admitted it in an interview at Ogalalia a few months ago. Having, in defiance of the mining country, but Charley continues traveling incog. national government; compelled the federal Fifty-cent gas is the rage in Kansas these ourts to resort to extreme measures City. It is so cheap that the very air is burdened with a large quantity in various cattle companies seetan easier way of manpulating the state government. Any legisla ion which they famor should be carefully stages of strength. The success of the seceding division of the scrutinized for some such section as the western Nebraska settlers complain of, since it is certain to be turned to the disad-Salvation Army is no longer in doubt poke bonnet has been turned down for a neat vantage of farmers and irrigation and fetching head covering.

This is the danger of this arid land legis-Daniel Webster had grave doubts about lation, and, recognizing its force, the News railroads being possible. He said the frost on the rails would prevent the train from opposed both the Warren and the Carey bills when they were before congress. The former was defeated, but the latter became moving or from stopping after it had begun to move law. Thus far no particular criticism is

Chicago is happy once more. With an elephant on its hands ten weeks ahead of St. Louis, it is no wonder its measure of joy overflows. The Hon. Gott Dusty of Oxford county,

Maine, Colonel Krato Topp of Cincinnati and

very much as if the Boers had determined to make a strike for complete independence by repudiating Great Britain's claim of suzer-Round me each eve the nightingales With song their nesting cares beguile. ainty in the Transvaal foreign affairs. That is a claim which Great Britain could not surrender without serious loss of prestige

Here happy lovers seek the shade And rest them in my ample seat, Joy in the future hope has made. And hear the far-out lamb's faint bleat. I hold-alas! in cast-iron arms-Sweethearts for whom I'd gladly die, Catch their soft whispers, weigh th charms in Africa, and which she certainly will not surrender until compelled to. If the Boers have decided to make that their ultimatum they can make up their minds to a hard fight, and if, as a dispatch intimates, Gercharms For which enamored sultors sigh.

many, Austria and France have decided to guarantee the complete independence of the

A maid here, pink and white, Love's rose, Drank in yestreen a gallant's praise: He plucked for her each flower that blows What time they paced these lonely ways. They rested here; I jealous heard Each murmured answer 'mid their bliss, And tried to blush—'twas too absurd— When troth they plighted with a kiss. Onorato Saetani, duke of Sermoneta, represents in the Italian cabinet the Roman element of the kingdom, and represents it superbly. He is a grand nephew of Boniface VII; he has palaces and antique paintings

Love's gauds I laugh at, honeyed speech, Hyperboles of all that's sweet; I scoff when softened accents reach The coldness of a garden seat. And yet, old wisdom still can see That naught excels the married life; Wisest of mortals, blest is he Who wins himself a loving wife. which are not for sale; he has wealth of generations and the sentiment of nobles of other times who pawned their lands to raise troops, or even transformed fields, forests, vines and prairies into satin, velvet, and embroideries of gold, silver and diamonds in

I envy Bings whene'er he sings, So much does he deserve; 'Tis not his volce makes me rejoice-I envy him his nerve. Indianapolis Journal. "Man wants but little here below." At least, so he observes When he compares his wants with what He thinks that he deserves. Chleago Record Don't ape the silly busy bee-His rashness can't be beat;

But

He stores up honey, as you see, Which other people cat. Cincinnati Tribune.

Although the days are drear and chill, And winter lingers with us still, Soon will the fly be filling dates To promenade an glabrous pates, And, evenings, quite sociably, We'll find him dropping into tea.

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