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SPECIAL EASTER FEATURES: The Sunday Bee will be replete with attractive special Easter features—Each of its regular departments will have an Easter flavor—The special Easter illustrations will be excelled by none in any other paper printed in this vicinity—Everything appropriate to the Easter season will find representation in this number.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. SPECIAL EASTER NUMBER.

A NEW SERIAL STORY.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE RODNEY STONE,
A REMINISCENCE OF THE RING,
BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

A new serial story by A. Conan Doyle, entitled Rodney Stone, begins in The Sunday Bee, and will continue for seventeen weeks—The tale is told by the hero himself, who is a retired naval officer, and recalls the incidents of his career when a boy—The opening scenes are laid at Friar's Oak, a little village between London and Brighton—The story has been pronounced by competent critics to be one written in Dr. Doyle's very best style.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. READ THE FIRST CHAPTER

Beer or no beer-that is the question out at Fort Robinson.

stitution the cold shivers.

The rumor of a new steel trust is enough to give a man with an iron con-

unty have taken up the cry: HOH ticians and bosses to the rear! The people to the front!"

Bud Lindsay makes no pretense to the oratorical powers of Dr. Ricketts, but he has a peculiar eloquence of his own that the honest money element of the which counts for more when it comes party will control the convention. There to the selection of delegates to a national convention.

General Weyler now announces that he hopes to have conquered Cuba by the expiration of two years. General a life tenure job in subjugating the Cuban insurgents.

If Senator Call of Florida is so anxious to fight, perhaps he might induce some one of his associates in the senate to arrange a pair with him and give him leave of absence to go to Cuba and offer his services to the insurgents.

While The Bee has no disposition to dip into the local political cauldron of Lincoln, it takes pleasure in congratu- ance are in strong and favorable conlating the republicans of Lancaster trast with last year. We were then county upon the selection of a legislative ticket that is exceptionally clean and strong.

A man has been arrested in St. Louis. charged with dealing in bogus Cripple Creek mining stocks. Why any man wants to deal in bogus Cripple Creek stocks passes comprehension. As if there were not enough swindling going on in genuine Cripple Creek stocks!

General Manderson has again been highly complimented by an invitation to deliver the Memorial day oration at the tomb of General Grant. This is indeed a great distinction. Few men are more capable of rising to the full dignity of such an occasion than is General Manderson.

The local A. P. A. organ that is parading "Our Choice: For president, W. S. Linton of Michigan, for vice president, John L. Webster of Nebraska," ought to display a little more of that patriotism of which it so loves to talk and reverse its ticket. Why should Webster play second to any man?

Lancaster county republicans have their full legislative tickets in the field and have also named their delegations to both state and congressional conventions. They will not be troubled with another primary or local convention this year. This is what one would call hitting about four political birds with one

stone. monument will be completed and ready stantial ground for this statement, but for dedication before the close of the it is contrary to the common impression present month. That it should have and will not be generally accepted as taken the great city of New York twelve years to redeem its promise to erect cannot be readily determined. If the this monument at the tomb of the great steel men insist that they have been commander will be one of the disgraces | doing a losing business it would be useof the nineteenth century.

THE DEMOCRATIC SITUATION.

to any other member of the cabinet.

president's official household whom it . 164,334 is at all likely he has any interest in as possible presidential candidates, while 18,005 be found to favor some one not in official life, or not associated with his ad- that interfere with the work of teachers bership in that organization. Which any wiser today on the subject, business under pretext of stimulating a unless it be some of his most con- rivairy between different schools. What fidential friends, than when the ques- is the difference from the moral standtion of the president's intention first point between betting on the fastest became one of concern to the party. horse in a trotting race or the best prominence as a possible candidate or is a voting contest as to the most popular being seriously discussed by the party teacher at so much a vote for a prize inat large, and the national convention is stead of a purse? only three months distant. Was the democratic party ever before in such a carried on through the use of the mails, situation? Has it ever happened before in the history of the party that within ninety days of its national convention reach us that teachers have been solicitthere was not one prominent candidate for the presidential nomination?

According to reports, ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania is receiving assurand there appears to be little reason to unanimous support of the Pennsylvania | pupils of the public schools? delegation to Chicago. His friends are said to be counting on the favor of Mr. Cleveland. The latest information in regard to Mr. Whitney is that under no circumstances would be accept the nomination, and hence New York will probably have no one to present. There continnes to be occasional mention of the names of Morrison, Matthews, Campbell and Boies, but they awaken no interest, for the obvious reason that none of them is strong in availability even in

his own state. The slate smashers in Lancaster is whether the national convention will tofore been partly dependent upon concontain a majority for or against the free coinage of silver. It appears that the administration has been investigating with reference to this and from the information obtained it is said to be the opinion in administration circles will be doubt concerning this, however, until the convention meets, and in any event a bitter fight is certain, with the possibility that the minority will secede and there will be two democratic candidates, as in 1860. The situation makes Weyler apparently has his line out for the outlook for the party altogether hopeless and we can conceive of no

probable change that would improve it.

GOLD SHIPMENTS. The present condition of exchange indicates early gold shipments, but one of the most trustworthy of the New York financial journals says there is no good reason for concern over the prospect. It remarks that at this period an efflux of gold is natural, besides which the conditions governing our trade balrunning into a period of large merchandise imports and small exports whereas now the tendency is the reverse. It is true that exports have recently improved and imports have de clined as compared with a year ago. but it is altogether uncertain as to how long this condition will continue. An other uncertainty is in regard to the immediate future of American securities. Just now there appears to be no reason to apprehend any considerable return of them, but on the other hand there is no promise of an increased demand for them, although the plethora of capital abroad is steadily growing. Of course the situation is very much better than a year ago. The national treasury holds 330,000,000 more gold than it did then and financial confidence is stronger. Still, the fact remains that the balance, all things taken into account, is largely against this country and that fact i likely to make itself manifest at any time in a greatly increased outflow of gold.

THE STEEL COMBINE.

An advance in price of everything made of steel is what will follow the combination of steel manufacturers now being effected or already consummated This is the avowed purpose, which is sought to be justified by the assertion that for several years past, with the exception of a brief period, the American manufacturers of steel have been doing a losing business, a result attributed to the middlemen rather than to competition between the manufacturers them-It is now announced that the Grant selves. It is possible that there is subtrue. This, however, is a matter that

less to deny the statement, but the ques

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1896. some possible candidate. Recently it The precise terms of the agreement by the new decisions. has been stated more or less confidently among the parties to the combination that Mr. Cleveland's preference is Sec- have not been made public. It is noteretary Carlisle, and certain circum- worthy that the utmost secrecy is ob- as saying that the world's sugar prodstances have been cited as indicating served regarding them. There can be uct will in all likelihood this year be this to be the case. There is no doubt no doubt, however, that the purpose is a million tons short of the supply for that Mr. Carlisle stands very high in to restrict free competition and to arbi- several years past. In other words, the Mr. Cleveland's esteem, for the secre- trarily regulate prices, which is declared demand for sugar will be at least contary is a most faithful adherent, and by the anti-trust law to be illegal and stant. This enght to foreshadow well while it is not improbable that he is against public policy. It does not make for the beet sugar industry in the preferred by the president, there is any difference whether the combination United States. There is a ready marreally nothing that gives absolute assur- "undaly" advances the price of steel or ket in this country for all the sugar ance of such being the fact. So far as not. If it violates the law an effort that can be produced here. Beet sugar the circumstances of official and per- should be made to suppress it and the factories in Nebraska ought to be temptsonal relations are concerned, there are duty of doing this is with the authorities | ing to conservative capitalists. guite as many in evidence of Mr. Cleve- at Washington. Here is what appears land's partiality for Secretary Olney as to be a vast organized scheme to exact upon the ability of the former and it is them. Perhaps the law is not adequate, commonly understood that he has made but this cannot be known until a proper

DEMORALIZING THE SCHOOLS. The public schools should be absothere is reason to think that he may lutely divorced, not only from politics. but from all contentions and contests tent of applying for admission to memministration. This assumes, of course, or pupils or tend to create discord reminds us that the next session of the candidate for a fourth nomination, an taking and gift-soliciting have very causing many democrats no little anxi- of Education. The same rule should to welcome China at its first participaety and perplexity. It has been also apply to all gift enterprises and gift tion in the proceedings of the body. promised repeatedly that Mr. Cleveland | contests in which it is sought to enlist would relieve the democratic mind the teachers and pupils of the public on this score, but nobody is schools for the promotion of private

If gift enterprise schemes can not be shall they be aided and abetted through the public schools? Already reports

ing this kind of popularity, although attempts to entangle Omaha letter carriers in similar schemes have been promptly and summarily stopped by the ances of support outside of his state Postoffice department. If such contests are not tolerated among letter carriers, doubt that he will be able to get the why should they be among teachers and

DRAWING THE COLOR LINE. Whatever may be thought of Congressman Hainer's fight against federal appropriations to sectarian institutions, it will commend him at least for cour ageous consistency. If the policy of congress is to be to withhold public money from charitable and educational institutions conducted or controlled by religious organizations no favoritism or discrimination should be shown. If the Catholic hospitals and schools of the A serious question with the democracy | District of Columbia, which have heregressional appropriations, are to be thrown upon their own resources, all other denominational institutions should

be on the same footing. The mere fact that the Howard university is an institution for the higher education of colored people should not entitle it to greater favor than it would receive if it were an institution for the higher education of white people. The negro has never asked for special privileges on account of race, but for equality before the law. There is no more reason why congress should make a distinction between white and colored sectarian in stitutions than it should between Catholic and Protestant sectarian insti-

The underlying principle of the separation of church and state is that no person shall be compelled to contribute by taxation to the support of any church. To draw the color line on this principle would be indefensible. It would come down to this, that a hospital for colored Catholics would receive congressional aid while a hospital for white Protestants or Catholics would be denied assistance. Such a policy would only intensify race prejudices and race hatred contrary to the spirit of the age and the precepts of Christian civiliza-

The bridge cases have again been postponed by the federal supreme court until April 20. These are the cases which must determine the validity of the contract between the Milwaukee and Rock Island and the Union Pacific roads for the use of the Omaha bridge. Postponement, it is stated, was granted to permit Judge Dillon, counsel for the Union Pacific, to be present at the marriage of his daughter. The case was to have been heard April 15-the date of the Nebraska republican state convention.

The gratifying announcement is made that the working hours at the Union Pacific shops have again been increased. The order of curtailment was but a temporary one. The resumption of regular hours will be quite as gratifying to the retail merchants as it must be to the army of mechanics at the shops. It would be of incalculable benefit to Omaha if there were more great industries such as the Union Pacific shops within the limits of this city.

The olive branch of peace is again in vidence at Labor Temple with every promise that disturbing elements have been subjugated. So long as labor organizations in this city elevate their best men into places of leadership the possibility of trouble is averted. The importation of noisy, untried leaders is all but disastrous.

Since the decision of the supreme court strengthening the hands of the Interstate Commerce commission, the railroads have suddenly become extraordinarly cautions about granting favors to shippers. It is the old story

tion as to the amenability to law of this over again. When the interstate law It is generally conceded that President | combination, one of the most powerful | was first enacted the railroads made a Cleveland will have a great deal to say in the amount of capital represented wonderful abow of yielding it the in connection with the naming of the ever organized, is one to be considered. strictest obedience, but it did not take democratic candidate for president, if he Is it of a nature that violates the anti- long for them to discover ways by desires to exercise his influence. This trust law of 1800 or the later legisla- which they could evade its provisions. gives peculiar interest to every report tion against trusts and combinations It is not likely that it will take long for associating the president's name with incorporated in the present tariff law? them to wear off the shyness traceable

Expert sugar authorities are quoted

It is admitted by the local representafor Mr. Carlisle. The president un- tribute from the people and the people tives of the fire insurance companies doubtedly places a very high estimate look to their public servants to protect that the classification of risks a Omaha is not what it should be and that the standard according to which rates are more concessions to the judgment of the and honest effort has been made to en- adjusted is not really the best risk in secretary of state, as to matters within force it. The Department of Justice the city. These things conceded, the the functions of the latter, than he has should see that the steel combination is least that the companies can do is to investigated and if found to be in viola- give us a new classification and re-These are the only members of the tion of the law should proceed against it, arrange the rating of all properties on an equitable basis.

> China has recognized the advantages of the Universal Postal union to the ex-

The council committee has decided to ask for an issue of refunding bonds bearing 41/2 per cent interest. It is doubtful whether bonds at a lower rate could be floated this year, but in view of the fact that Omaha has always met obligations of this nature, notwithstand-Meanwhile no one has attained any real bruiser in a prize fight and engaging in ing peculations of dishonest officials, there should be no doubt of the success of the proposed issue.

The National Sentiment.

A winding up of the session in May or earlier would meet a long-felt want. Let congress pass the appropriation bills and go

One comforting reflection is that this desthe Chicago convention closes.

Where Trouble Lurks.

Washington Post The crisis may pass as other crises seem ingly as grave have passed, but all the same it is upon the cards that France and Russia may have their combined fleets in the upper Mediterranean within sixty days, and that a complacent sultan will open the gates of the Black sea for them to effect a junction The air of Europe is thick with evil portent.

Chance for a Change. Philadelphia Record.

Twenty-four United States senators whose terms will expire to the 4th of March next will be affected by the results of the various legislative elections to be held this fall. This fact would be sure to bring out a full vote on the legislative tickets, even if there should have been no such stimulus as a prezidential contest, for the people have grown wearied of the precent senate, and would gladly welcome a change in the personnel of that body.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

and gatherings there is the greatest enthusiasm and a general expression of opinion to the effect that the republicans will win a great victory this fall and an easy an easy victory. It will not be a walkover for the republicans. The democrats, it may be assumed, will have the full vote of the couthern states. This will give them 159 electorial votes, and they claim that they will have no great difficulty in securing the sixty-four additional votes needed from the states of the north. They had 118 votes from the northern states in 1892. The enthusiasm of the republican party is spontaneous and admirable, but it is fust as well to keep in mind that the fight is going to be a hard one, and that every vote will

THE DUKE'S APPEAL.

New York Journal: While "seated heside n antique table," the duke of Veragua says he American people and the senate mis nderstand the motives of Spain in the war with Cuba. If the duke would sit beside a modern table he would understand the under-standing of the American people better.

Chicago Inter Ocean: The duke of Veragua reviling the United States for its action the Cuban matter, and prates glibly about the honor of Spain. The grandee whose in me is derived from the raising of bulls for fighting purposes should sing low when he vocalizes on the subject of honor, and especially when his animadversions are directed against a people who "chalked his back" for neiths, not at all on account of his individual merit, but solely on account of his accident of

Denver Republican: The duke of Veragua ondemns the action of the senate in respect to Cuba, but excuses the American people for their indignation on the ground that they are ignorant of the facts in regard to that island. Possibly the duke himself is the one who should be excused on the score of ignorance. The people of the United States have as good means of ascertaining the truth in regard to Cuba as the duke of Veragua. The island is much closer to this country than it is to Spain, and distance has a good deal to do with accuracy of in-formation concerning other localities.

Philadelphia Ledger: The duke of Veragua, well known in the United States by reason of his official visit to the Columbian exposi-tion, has been falking about the situation in Cuba. He takes the position of an ardent but temperate Spaniard, and though some of his views may seem peculiar outside of Spain, they are quite justified as patriotic utterances. Some others, however, and espe-cially those relating to Cuba, must be taken with reserve. When he says that "if there had been no war, Cuba would have a home rule government that would be satisfactory to a majority of Cubans," one is tempted to ask why such a government was not vouchsafed before war was begun, and when he deprecates the possibility of a Cuban republic, "because it would mean the tri-umph of the black race over the white," the forgets the precedent already set in Hayti. But when he says, in answer to a question as to President Cleveland's attitude. that he thinks the president's wisest course would be to do nothing, and let the excite-ment raised by the congressional resolutions ment raised by the congressions of all sober-die out, he volces the sentiment of all sober-minded Americans. The duke seems to be a pretty clear thinker, as well as a patriot.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

There is no doubt that Russia intends. the report that China has ceded the former to the czar is probably only premature. If incorrect. Surveys for a branch of the Si- bankruptcy of the state. berian railroad to several points on the gulf of Pe-chi-li, were made long ago, and part of the work on the line across Manchuria was done before the war between China and Japan. The only question from the Russian standpoint has been where the terminus and the winter harbor should be, and that Port Arthur would be chosen has admitted of little doubt. This purpose was behind the Russian protest which prevented Japanese occupation of this port and prompted Russian aid to China in paying the indemnity her defeat cost. Europe was not deceived by these Russian protestations of friendship for China, and Russian pro-tests against the division of Chinese territory. Germany and France fell in line be-hind the former and Joined in compelling Japan to relinquish her booty, but it must have been known both at Paris and Berlin that it was Russia's interests and not China's which they were serving. It is impossible to tell how inclusive are the Russian plans for the incorporation of Chinese territory. Port Arthur is nominally wanted as a railroad terminus, and a naval station which is open and accessible all the year round, which is not the case at Vladivostock, and north coast of Corea. Back of Port Arthur s Manchuria surrounded on two sides by Siberia, while a little way off is Corea, and in front the Yellow sea. Russia at Port really constitutes series No. 2 of the really constitutes series No. 2 of the really constitutes series No. 2 of the garden decisions. Two of them are simply of Pekin, and near enough to be a menace affirmation of the principle of law laid down to the coast adjacent to Shanghai and the in the granger decisions, and the other sus-British protectorate. Russia firmly in-trenched at Port Arthur means Russian suextent of Russian influence at Pekin.

The indications are now strong that, in Britain proposes to expend in strengthening that he does not intend to be himself a among the patrons of the schools. Gift- delegates representing the union is to and increasing her navy, Germany will not, disparity between through and local meet at Washington two years hence, as it was thought she would, attempt to unsettled point in the situation which is properly been prohibited by the Board when the United States will be pleased build up a navy. All that has been obtained from the Reichstag is a grant of \$200,000, cumstances in the two cases were different, with which to begin the construction of one and, therefore, the same rule could not be 1900. There was even some opposition to cisions will be for the good of the public this slight increase in the German navy, and and they will result in strengthening the it was only silenced by assurances on the part of the government that it was not intended to build up a great fleet like that of France or England. This opposition was Chicago Times-Herald: These deciprobably partly caused by the rumor that the was to do the planning of the ship. There are few things which he does not think he is capable of accomplishing. He has painted pictures, written poetry, given hints artists and composers and shown the band-masters of the army how to conduct great musical works. Now he proposes that the battleship in question shall be structed with its guns in tiers, one above the other, in a central tower-like structure. Persons who are fond of picturesque excitement will doubtless wish that they may see such a battleship in a real fight and in a heavy sea.

Matabeleland, it is to be borne in mind, is country quite detached from any existing British possessions, though it adjoins upon and bondholders will be perate uncertainty regarding the third-term the east Bechuanaland, which at present, boom cannot endure beyond the date when though nominally a protectorate is in fact though nominally a protectorate, is in fact little more than a "zone of influence." What is more to the purpose is that it lies just north of the South African republic, and that by an effective British possession the Boers would be hemmed in by the Brit-Ish on every side, except upon the east, where thus far the Portuguese hold the country between them and Delagoa. It is the compel the Boers to remain where they are on the north. The progress of British settlement has been very rapid. Already 1,070 farms, aggregating 6,400,000 acres, have been registered, or, as we would say, pre-empted. The secure possession of the in the chain of British dependencies. Lying as it does almost midway between Cape Colony and the Soudan, the acquisition of is every reason to believe that it will have populism, begin to beam over Nebraska. zers in Downing street.

According to reports from Budapest, the Hungarian government has prepared a bill for increasing the present strength of the Honved troops by the addition of artillery In the course of the debate on the Honved army estimates Baron Fejervary, the Honved minister, will lay the government pro posals before Parliament. The formation of Honved artillery is advocated on two dif-In the first place, it apgrounds. pears that various far-reaching changes in the military laws are planned, in conformity with which neither the strength of the army on a peace or a war footing nor the annual number of men to be enlisted will be fixed beforehand, but, as in Germany and France, the laws relating to compulsory service will be extended so as to in clude every man passing the necessary medical examination. ical strength of the Austro-Hungarian army will be raised from about 1,880,000 to about 2,400,000 men. The second reason is the recessity of increasing the number of field guns at the disposal of the Austro-Hungarian military authorities. A Russia has 4,200, France 3,900, 3.700, Austria-Hungary 1,770 and Italy 1,620 field guns. Thus, in proportion to its size, the dual monarchy possesses the smallest number of arms of this class, and it is to remedy the deficiency that the formation of Honved artillery is proposed. The or-ganization of a Honved artillery corps has long been desired by the Hungarian na-tion, and it is expected that the proposal will meet with no opposition in Parliament.

Russia, after forty years of wandering the wilderness of incolvency, in which her people have enjoyed the deligths which inhere in the issue if legal tender paper money, has taken the initiatory steps toward putting her finances upon a gold basts. The Russian silver ruble, which circulates at a par of 74 cents, is worth about 45 cents. circulation, with a limited legal quality. But the paper money will be grad-ually redeemed and displaced with gold. For this purpose the government has accumulated a very large gold reserve, and it is expected that the redemption of payments in will have the most stimulating and healthy effect in promoting the industrial and com mercial interests of the empire. Specie pay-ments have been suspended in Russia since 855, the vast expenditure involved in the Crimean war having forced the government to that extremity. Recovery has doubtless been much delayed by the necessity of keep-Recovery has doubtless ing the emprie upon a war footing, the cost of maintenance being made much heavier by the failure of the public credit.

In Italy the grand seigneurs do not pay n proportion to their incomes. Moreover, the system of making deductions on the taxes in Italy is very defective, and it may be safely affirmed that two thirds of those who should be taxed do not pay at all, while the third which does pay comprises the poor, who cannot hide their s'ender resources from the tax collector. In Italy, moreover, there is a curious phenomenon of district paying thrice as much as the richest One example may be given. Sicily pays 22,000,000 lire for the dazio consumo (duties on articles of consumption), while Piedmont, with an equal population, only pays \$7,000.

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



000. This example is sufficient to show that justice is not melted out in Italy, and this is the origin of the ever-increasing misery to have Port Arthur and all Manchuria, and and popular and wide spread discontent, which finds its vent in sedition and brigandage This situation can only be changed by ex-

trems measures or as a consequence of the

THE RAILROAD DECISIONS.

Chicago Chronlele: There never has been a more important decision under the interstate commerce act than that in the so called foreign by the United States supreme court. vicious decision and is justly described by one of the justices in a minority opinion as authorizing discrimination in favor of importers and against shippers of freight or-ignating at American centers of industry and trade.

Indianapolis Journal: These two decisions assert in the strongest possible manner the principle that railroad corporations, created by the people, are subject to lative and constitutional control, and that it is the undoubted right, if duty, of legislatures to prevent the building up of composies by the consolidation of parallelines of railroads. Now, if every state legislature in the union will enact a law probibiting such consolidations there will be an end of them and a great point gained in favor of the maintenance of competing lines and Chicago Inter Ocean: The supreme court

of the United States handed down a batch of railway decisions Monday, which, in point of importance to business, rank second only tains and gives new life to the interstate zerainty over all the country back to the special spec commerce act, sustaining to interstate commerce by rail.

Indianapolis News: There was no intimaspite of the immense sums which Great and, in the absence of such intimation, the court declared that "the mere fact that the was considerable, did not, of itself, warrant the court in finding that such disparity con stituted an undue discrimination." battleship, which is not to be finished until applied to them. The effect of these de 1900. There was even some opposition to claims will be for the good of the public. giving additional potency to the interstate

Chicago Times-Herald: These decisions are not only gratifying to the commission which has labored so faithfully to administer the law, but also to the people, who may now reasonably hope to obtain the ad vantages intended for them. vantages can only be enjoyed by those interested in the traffic of railroads. One still more important step is yet to be taken by congress, and that is the protection of the owners of railroads—the shareholders and bondholders. They are at the mercy of faithless directories and officers, the latest instance of which is the bankruptcy of the Baltimore & Ohlo road. When a department is created that will have supervision over this subject then there will be some assurance for the honest management of these great corporations and shareholders with the shippers of freight.

Joys and Sorrows for Nebraska. New York Sun.

Nebraska, oscillating between and on ac count of the McKinley and the Manderson booms, quivering beneath the eloquence of Hon. John Milton Thurston, nobly conscious of Hon. Tobias Castor, swept in the last thredays by the Hun. William Jennings Bryan wilderness to which they would retreat if and three other hurricanes, overwhelmed by they were crowded out of their own land once more, and British acquisition of it would undaunted and placid. Only a great state can afford to indulge in great troubles. Besides the pocket gophers are coming out of their nests, which are lined with copies of Dr Clinton Hart Merriam's epoch-breaking re ports on the Geomyidoe, and every gopher in pre-empted. The secure possession of the the chorus is predicting good weather and country would form a very important link better crops. Several populists have declared their intention of working more with the plow and less with the convention, and the Boy Orator of the Platte is going to take his all three would go far toward painting the 16 to 1 puzzle to Sumph Run, Mo., and other map of the dark continent red. That is the | capitals which he has not yet made tremble avowed ambition of Cecil Rhodes, and there Joy, and consequently diminishing areas of

Washington Star Washington Star.

His face was pale; his glance was sad;
They sought to cheer in vain.
"You've youth," they said, "my noble lad;
Wherefore should you complain?
Perhaps you'll make your mark some day
Where glorious deeds are done;"
He shook his head and answered, "Nay,
I cannot shoot a gun."

"But you may be a statesman yet,
And in the council hall
Behold careers that rise and set
While men await your call."
He shed a tear and answered, "Though
I am Kentucky's son,
In statesmanship I stand no show;
I cannot shoot a gun."

"Courage!" they cried. "Why, you may be The president ere long.
This is a land where all is free Unto the swift and strong."
His proud lip curied. They heard him say "Round me the ducks might run The live-long day in guileless play; I cannot shoot a gun.

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THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

PRACTICAL LESSONS OF EASTER A symposium of pertient advice and suggestions called to mind by the advent of Easter, contributed by representative churchmen of all denominations—What Easter should teach to the practical everyday man and woman.

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Buffalo Express. Said the bicycle-boy, "Now then, I will ride like the racing men!" But he got into trouble, For he bent himself double, And couldn't bend back again

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