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to before me and subscribed in m this 2d day of April, 1896. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public. Nebraska's double-header to Chicago is pretty well started already.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Net sales.... Net dally average...

Why should Coin Harvey be resurrected at this stage of the game? Is not ex-Congressman Bryan equal to the task of spreading the free silver doctrine among the anointed of Nebraska?

"All is not lovely in the republican camp," exclaims our hysterical free silver demo-populist contemporary. But this hallelujum must not be taken to mean that all is lovely in the demo- an express provision that it shall never cratic camp.

Thurston county is coming down to the state convention with two contesting delegations just to give Nebraska republicans a flavor of the contest business that is bound to be one of the main features of the great gathering at St.

An agitating question in Lancaster county politics-Is the chairman of the republican county committee elected or appointed? And if he is really appointed, though nominally elected, in whom has the appointment been vested ing in favor of an early adjournment and by what right?

Up to date there are seventy contested seats in the republican national convention. If the double-headers con- mittee said there was considerable gentinue to be announced with the same frequency during the remaining period before the convention the predicted 100 done and he thought the republicans contests will materialize without difficulty.

a new brigadier general at its head, the Nebraska Nais as ever ready tional Guard to respond to the country's first call to arms. But along with all other good Nebraska eltizens, the militia will not object to a prolongation of the state of peace.

Murderers who choose New York or Ohio as the sites for the commission of their crimes will do so henceforth with the knowledge that they will shuffle route. If they prefer the old hemp line they will keep carefully away from those two states.

While the council is considering the and substituting are lights therefor it would be well for that body to inquire whether or not the electric lights south of Hanscom park might not be supplanted by gasoline lamps. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways.

Collis P. Huntington did not have everything his own way in his recent re-election to the presidency of the Southern Pacific. There was some opposition, however trivial. Huntington ought to run for some elective office within the gift of the patrons of his various roads and learn by experience how popular he is with the people.

railway and the Board of Public Works have finally got together on the matter of extending the Chicago street sewer through the lower yards to a connection with the river outlet. There will now be no occasion for further delay in the work which should by all means be finished before the hot summer weather sets in.

the best hydraulic engineer in Nebraska. If the secretary of the State Board of Irrigation who started out as a school teacher, then was converted into a lawyer and finally experimented at farming, is the best hydraulic engineer in Nebraska, what kind of engineers

are one and the same person then we have at least one man in the democratic party in Nebraska with his political legs long enough to straddle both the free silver and the gold standard. Ed delegation and Edward E. Howell is a member of the administration antifree silver delegation. Where is Mr. Howell at?

Rev. John Williams has just discovered that that exclusive garbage contract is a most disgraceful outrage upon the people of Omaha. The Bee proclaimed this fact while the scandalous council, but the taxpayers did not heed the note of warning. The question now resolves itself into the time-worn interrogatory attributed to Boss Tweed, "What are you going to do about it?"

CRIPPLING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Over \$600,000 of the money belonging to the permanent school fund of Nebraska remains unlavested in the hands of the state treasurer. While this enormous sum brings no interest to the state, more than this amount of registered state warrants are outstanding and drawing 5 per cent for their holders

The Income from the permanent

school fund is, under the constitu-

tion, dedicated to the support of the public schools and distributed periodically to the various counties and through them to the school districts in the ratio of the children of school age. Six hundred thousand dollars invested at 5 per cent would yield a revenue of \$30,000 a year. In keeping this enormous sum unproductive the public schools of Nebraska are being literally robbed of \$30,000 each year. At \$500 a each teacher, which very liberal estimate, sixty is a teachers could have been hired for this money and at least 1,500 pupils could have enjoyed the benefits of instruction in the public schools. The effect of withholding \$30,000 a year from the school apportionment has either deprived the state of the services of sixty teachers or has forced the taxpayers to carry an additional burden

of \$30,000 a year, of which they could

and should have been relieved. Why, then, should the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds refuse to order the investment of the idle school money in interest-bearing securities? We can readily understand why the state treasurer would prefer to have \$600,000 in cash at his disposal outside of the funds which he is required to place at interest in the designated state depositories. But it is inexplicable why any other state officer on the board should be so indifferent to the manifest interest of the state and the rights of public school children. Their relation to this money is that of trustees charged with the administration of an endowment fund dedicated to the promotion of popular education. Of all the state funds, this is the most sacred, and the constitution contains be diminished. There is no interest so dear to the people of Nebraska as their public school system, and no act or omission of their officers that impairs its usefulness or prevents its fullest development will be condoned, and much less sanctioned.

FOR EARLY ADJOURNMENT. It is presumed that Mr. Dingley, the

republican leader in the house, is in full accord with Speaker Reed in regard to the policy of the majority, so that his declaration in the caucus Saturday evenof congress, perhaps as soon as the middle of May, may be accepted, as reflecting the desire of the speaker. The chairman of the ways and means comeral legislation before congress, but much of it would have to be left unshould make every endeavor to adjourn as soon as the appropriation bills are

passed. Undoubtedly the public and particularly the financial and business interests of the country will be pleased with this proposal and will earnestly hope that it will be carried into effect There does not appear to be any valid reason why congress should remain in session a day after the appropriation bills are passed, because it is entirely certain that there can be no legislation on matters of the most urgent importance. The emergency revenue bill passed by the house will not be acted off this mortal coll by the electrical upon by the senate, nor would it be possible for the two houses to agree upon any currency measure. The democrats and free silver men of the senate are determined to prevent any reve nue or currency legislation. There are subject of discarding gasoline lamps other subjects of a general nature which it is desirable to have legislation on at this session, but they can wait without serious injury to any interest.

having done that congress can ad-

journ with the hearty approbation of

CAN ENFORCE THEIR RIGHTS.

Omaha retail merchants are in posi-

tion to do more toward bringing about

the construction of the proposed union

depot at the foot of Farnam street than

any other agency. Retail merchants are

much more independent of railroad in-

fluence and much less subject to the

caprice of traffic managers than are the

jobbers and manufacturers. The re-

association can make themselves a

potential factor in enforcing reciprocity

between Omaha and the railroads that

In business as in politics those who

are not with us are against us. The

business men of Omaha have been crip-

pled by the lack of passenger depot

facilities and wretched accommodations

existed for many years and has been

compete for business in Omaha.

the country.

What the feeling in the senate is regarding an early adjournment is not known, but it is probable the repub licans of that body will acquiesce with those of the house. Another month ought to be ample time in which to dispose of the appropriation bills and

The receivers of the Union Pacific

tallers are moreover the best paying patrons of the railroads and their adjuncts, the express companies. The bulk of shipments received by retailers Land Commissioner Russell persists or made for them is taxed at the highest in asserting that Secretary Akers is tariff rates. A comparatively small percentage of their consignments comes in carload lots. The business of the retailers, too, cannot be affected by the disfavor of any particular railroad. while, on the other hand, no railroad can afford to dispense with their patronage. It goes without saying that the does this state boast? 500 merchants in the Omaha Retailers'

If Ed Howell and Edward E. Howell Howell is a member of the free silver

patiently borne much longer than would have been tolerated in any other city or village for that matter. In demanding that all the railroads entering Omaha shall join in the occupancy of a commodious, centrally garbage ordinance was pending in the located union depot the citizens of

the courts or not, the community is in property interests.

position to enforce its rights on the line of reciprocity. The merchants and business men of Omaha would be certainly justified in exacting from every railroad that seeks their patronage a liberal policy in return. In other words, they are privileged to require an exchange of favors. Any railroad that persists in crippling Omaha and hampering its trade by a dog-in-the-manger policy solicits patronage from Omaha with very poor grace. On the other hand, the railroads that show a disposition to accord to Omaha the depot facilities for which it has been so long waiting should by rights be given the preference in the distribution of competitive traffic.

If the members of the Retailers' association will act in concert they will soon be able to make an impression. If they will take the lead all other interests must fall in and support them in any course that they may deem proper and effective.

NO IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION. It was developed in the caucus of th house republicans Saturday that there will probably be no legislation relating to immigration at the present session. The republican leader, Mr. Dingley. expressed the opinion that the immigration question would be among those which could not be taken up at this session and Mr. Payne of New York urged that party policy dictated that the question be passed by. He also said that the party platform did not justify such radical legislation on this sublect as proposed in the bills before ongress. One of these measures provides for an educational test for immigrants and another proposes consular examination. These were discussed and although the caucus took no action regarding them, owing to the small attendance, it was evidently the pretty general sentiment that it would be wise not to press them at this session. If such is the decision of the house republicans it is unquestionably judicious. There are very strong and sound ob jections to the bills which have been re ported from the immigration committee and there can be no doubt that the enactment of these measures would be hurtful to the republican party. But apart from that consideration, there is no necessity for the proposed legislation. The existing laws furnish ample protection against undesirable immigrants if properly enforced. The demand for more restriction is not supported by any sound reason and it is opposed to the public interests.

THE CURE FOR DEPRESSION. There are several reasons why the business of the country lags and prominent among them is the unrest respecting the currency. The president of one of the great railroads of the country said in a recent interview that the great need of the business world fust now is a sound currency system. The free silver cry shatters confidence and credit at home and abread and paralyzes all prospects of a revival of trade. Asked his opinion as to when business will minute the St. Louis convention puts a plain, but positive, plank in its platform for sound money, so that people everywhere can understand it. Andthen, if the Chicago convention does likewise, we shall have a splendid beginning for a revival of business. Such a declaration of principle would be the best kind of a tonic to trade. Business would begin to boom right away. A straight sound money plank would be a notice to Europe of what we intend to do. Confidence would be restored, credit would improve and commerce would be benefited in all channels."

Herein is reflected the well nigh universal opinion among intelligent men n all departments of business. They regard it as absolutely essential to the full restoration of confidence and the return of business activity and pros perity that the currency question shall e settled in favor of the existing monetary standard and they look to the republican party to do this. That party as always stood for an honest, sound and stable currency and it is expected to do so now. When there is a most urgent demand for an explicit and unmistakable expression on this subject. If the St. Louis convention shall make such an enunciation regarding the currency as the sound money sentiment of the country hopes it will, there can be no doubt that the effect upon financial and business affairs will be immediately beneficial, while the success of the party in November would be followed at once by a decided revival of

investments and of trade. In order that the national convention may take a position in favor of honest money that cannot be misunderstood it is manifestly important that the republican state conventions shall be right on this question. Most of those thus far held have been so, but in a few cases their enunciations have been evasive and ambiguous. The exigency calls for plain speech, the meaning of which cannot be misapprehended or misinterpreted, and if the state conventions yet to be held shall pronounce for honest money in no doubtful language there will be no difficulty in securing from the national convention an expression on the currency that will be satisfactory to the sound money sentiment of the country. Conventions are yet to be held in states the majority of whose republican voters are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and desire the maintenance of for transient travel. This condition has the gold standard. These conventions should explicitly declare this, making no compromise with or concession to those who favor free silver. There must be no middle ground in this matter for the republican party.

Iowa proposes to tax express companies 2 per cent upon net earnings in Omaha ask nothing unreasonable, the state. There is no doubt that these They do not ask it as a concession or great corporations escape taxation that special favor, but as a right to which ought in fairness to be paid by them. they are entitled. The necessity of a If it is right to compel the palace car union depot has been officially declared companies to pay local and state taxes terms.

by the State Board of Transportation, it is equally just to demand such pay before which the merits of the case ment of the express companies and of were fully discussed. Whether the the fast freights companies doing busiorder of the board can be enforced in ness in the state where they own no

According to the acting chairman of the republican state committee the election of three of the candidates for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to St. Louis is generally conceded, and the only fight will be sover the choice of the fourth man to complete the delegation. If the bosses have relieved the republicans of the state from the task of selecting three of the four delegates-atlarge to which the party is entitled, it would have been an act of charity and economy for them to have finished the job and dispensed with the formality of a state convention. Even if they are not disposed to do this, the call for the state convention ought to be recalled and revised so that it provides not for a convention to select four delegates at large, but for a convention to name one delegate-at-large and to ratify the appointments of the other three.

Contested congressional elections are expensive luxuries. They never cost the taxpayers less than \$2,000 for each person contested and contesting and have been known to come as high as \$4,500. Contestants have even been accused of making their contests solely for the money they were sure to get out of the treasury in the shape of indemnification for expenses. At the same time it would be not only a hardship but an injustice to keep a man duly elected to congress out of his seat because unable to pay the cost of a contest. In all these cases congress should act on the results of careful investigation. If it should once refuse expenses to persons who contest without the color of cause and apparently with fraudulent intents, it would soon put a stop to needless expense on this score.

Some of the imitation statesmen who are pushing the imitation cheese bill in congress have been urging that the bill was not intended to discourage the manufacturers and dealers and a stamp to compel its sale under its true name. Of course, putting a license tax on manufacture of filled cheese, but merely duty on the product does not discourage the sale. Not at all. Like the oleomar garine legislation, it wilk on the contrary, stimulate its use. The manufacturers of filled cheese evidently do not know what is good for them. According to this logic, they ought to be the he will be elected. most enthusiastic advocates of the bill to tax themselves.

Senator Butler of South Carolina thinks that under the constitution the president has too much power and favors curtailing that power by authorizing congress to pass measures over the presidential veto by a simple majority vote in each house. It is perfectly plain that Senator Butler has no expectation of ever being elevated to the presidency or he would want the executive to wield all the power of the government, even at the cost of abolishing congress.

Touching Solicitude.

Great Britain's fear that there will be serious trouble if this government "attempts improve, he said: "It will improve the to bully Spain" is really touching, but quite

A Strong Pair

The returns of the recent local elections i Illinois and Missouri tord to confirm the mpression that these two great states will strud together this year in the matter of helping to elect a republican president. Takes Water, Nevertheless

Nebraska, next door to both Iowa an Kansas, has seen enough of the practical workings of prohibition in these two states not to want any of it in hers. In Tuesday's

elections her towns declared themselves fo The Bear at the Feast.

Senator Gallinger wants the unspeakable

Turk wiped cut as an "intolerable evil" by commission of Christendom. As a matter of fact, there will not be much quietly gnawing away on the cld bird's bones,

Governor Thayer's Pension. Slouk City Tribun

Congress has passed a bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to ex-Governor John M. Thayer of Nebraska. The bill will undoubtedly be signed by the president. in Nebraska there has been much to criticise but his honors only brought him hard work and trouble and his hands are clean. The old governor is now lying sick at the home of an old army comrade, a poor man who owes his appointment as capitol mail carrier to his distinguished guest.

Problem of the Arid Region.

The problem of the arid region is not to be solved solely by standards recognized in There may be possibilities of agriculture in this part of the union not yet generally recognized. It is probable that much could be done to improve the grazing lands of the far west by introducing varieties of grasses better adapted to arid conditions than those cultivated in the east, and which would be more productive than those of native growth. Agriculture under arid conditions has not been very carefully studied, for even in the arid region itself the effort has been to adapt farming to artificial cinditions as nearly like the natural ones course of time it may be found that there are crops more su table to an ard soil and climate than those that are commonly culti-

Allen Land Law in Iowa.

Chicago Times-Herald. The Iowa senate has just passed a bill itle to real estate in Iowa, and providing

raised by one of the opponents of the measure which is certainly entitled to some consideration. It is this, whether such a law of the United States in respect to aliens of

As a rule, all our treaties of amity and commerce with foreign nations contain a provision to the effect that the citizens of each country holding or owning property in that of the other may dispose of the same by testament, donation or otherwise, and that their heirs shall receive the same without contest on the part of any province, city or private person. Such stipulation in a treaty would not of course prevent the legis-lature from passing a law that aliens should not acquire lands, but it would seem as if it limited the legislature's right to compel those who have already acquired lands or who inherit them to sell within a specified There are good reasons why nonresident atiens should be restricted in their owner-ship of land in this country, but as treatles

IN THE GUBERNATORIAL FIELD. Fillsy Republican (rep.): Why not

make the nomination of filley for governor unantmous? Humboldt Standard (rep.): The Irrepress T. J. Majora should bear this

Minden Gazette (rep.): While the Gazette has nothing to say against Jack MacColl personally, it is still for Captain Adams for governor, and believes he will be nominated Hastings Independent (rep.): Jack MacColl forging to the front as a western candlate for governor and the republicans will be satisfied if he is made their standard

Enterprise (rep.): The republican papers all over the state are booming Jack MacColl of Lexington for governor. He is a good clean man and would be a credit to Atchison Graphic (rep.): The Crawford

ribune mays that Broatch of Omaha will be nominated for governor. What about Churchill of Omaha for a second term as attorney general? Grand Island Republican (rep.): It can

be said that the republicans of this neck of the woods will not again favor the nomination of Thomas J. Majors for govrnor-not in the next hundred years Winside Tribune (rep.): Jack MacColl's riends are pushing him to the front with great energy. Jack is all right, but he is a little late. 'Gene Moore has the start of him and will lead him all through the

Fairfield News (rep.): Captain Adame o uper or was circulating among his friends at Minden, and it looks very much as the South Pintte country, at least the ig Fifth district, would be unanimous for

Red Cloud Golden Belt (rep.): If Jack Mac oll gets to be governor of this state this fall his cuccess will to a curious example of the effect of persistence. However, we have nothing against MacColl, and would be him nominated.

Fullerton News (rep.): The Nemaha county republicans held their convention last Sat-urday and formally announced the candidacy Tom Majoro for governor is all right and would make a good gov-ernor, but this is Nance county's year to furnish the governor

Hastings Independent (rep.): The candiof Captain C. E. Adams of Superior is growing more popular with the people the more they know of him. That he is a strong man is beyond dispute, and that he will make Nebraska a safe and able governor if lected is generally conceded. Ashland News (rep.): Hon. Jack MacColl

Dawson county is a candidate for governor

of Nebraska, and the republicans of his will advance his interests. Coll will be a strong candidate should be be cominated. The time is a long way off ye to-fore the state nomination will be made. Arlington News (rep.): Jack MacColl of Lexington will be out for governor again it is rumored. Our old Dawson county lend is a royal good fellow and the only bjection we have to Jack is that he won' we will stand by you through thick and thin Red Cloud Chief (rep.): Hon. Jack Mac foll makes the announcement to the Chief will be a candidate for governor subject to the will of the republican state convention. Jack MacColl is one of those substantial men whom we should be pleased to see get there. If he gets the nomination

Bancroft Blade (rep.): Undoubtedly north the republican state ticket this fall. There arc, we are happy to say, two candidates who are pre-eminently qualified for the positions to which their friends desire to elevate them—Hon. R. E. Moore for gov-ernor and Hon. C. C. McNish for state

Enterprise (rep.): Hon. Jack MacColl of Dawson county is receiving strong endorsement for governor. It can be of him that he has been a residen of the state for over twenty-five years and constant worker for republican success. has a warm personal following over entire state, and if nominated undoubtedly will be elected by a large majority.

Stanton Picket (rep.): This paper is en-busiastic for Eugene Moore for governor and started in to copy all the good things our exchanges said of him, but such ex-pressions are coming so thick that to give them space would require an extra issue and as his boom seems to be able to take care of itself we are letting the quotations pass. Honors are largely running his way. Genca Leader (rep.): The fight for the nomination for governor on the republican-ticket this fall is to be another scrap betwesn the people and the bosses. The people are for Meiklejohn by a tremendous maority, and the bosses are trotting out favorite sons in nearly every county in order to defeat him. But the people are running this year and "bosses" must ctand

from under. Wisner Chronicle (rep.): Hon. Jack Maccoll's friends in Dawson county have authoritatively announced his candidacy for governor. Mr. MacColl has long been a prominent figure in Nebraska politics and counts among the people of the state a host of warm personal admirers. He is a popular man and if nominated will strengther the ticket and lead it to a signal victory.

Fairmont Signal (rep.): The Superior Journal of March 24 announces Captain C. E. Adams as a candidate for governor. Captain Adams is in the vigor of manhood, a soldier of the late war and a past commander of he Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Nebraeka. He has been a resident of this state for twenty-five years, a well trained business man and a reliable repub

Shelton Clipper (rep.): Jack MacColl's chances for securing the republican nomi-nation for governor are getting better and better every day. Jack has long had his eye on the gubernatorial chair, and it's only question of time when he will occupy t. Congressman Meiklejohn, who for a hids fair to be lost in the shuffle by the time the nominating convention is Grand Island Independent (rep.): Hon. Claire Adams has been endorsed by the Nuckolis county convention and Hon. Judge Hayward by the Cass county convention as the "soldier" candidate for governor. Both are gentlemen of high standing in the

publican parties, and both have honorable war records that certainly entitle them to the consideration of the veterans of the state. Either would be loyally supported if nominated. Stanton Picket (rep.): Jack MacColl, the Lexington statesman, has been interviewing prominent republicans all over this county, mail, as to his chances for becoming Nebraska's next governor. MacColl is a popular gentleman and stands very close to the people, but his candidacy at the present time is inopportune, so far at least

as this section of the state is concerned

feeling for 'Gene Moore is too warm to admit of any other possibility just now. Bayard Transcript (rep.): Republicans of Dawson county have formerly launched the gobernatorial boom for Jack MacColl of The Transcript and the repub Lexington. licans of Cheyenne county have been adhis candidacy for some vocating his candidacy for some weeks. It is the desire of western counties that Jack MacColl receive the nomination. has been a resident of the state for over that nonresident beins who inherit real estate must sell it within twenty years or the same will be forfelied to the state.

In the course of the debate on this bill in the lows senate an interesting question was

tickets. Wakefield Republican (rep.): The repub lican press of northeast Nebraska is prac-tically a unit for Hon. Eugene Moore for governor. Nor does he lack cordial support in other parts of the state. mean tribute to the worth of This is no state auditor as both an honorable and ca-pable man. No man who knows him doubts his sincerity. He is a man of strict integrity. Under any and all circumstances he can be depended upon to faithfully guard the interests of the state committed to his care. No risk will be incurred in nominating Moore for the chief executive office in the state.

Fairbury Enterprise (rep.): Some political aspirants do not seem to know when they have had enough. This appears to be the case with the Nemaha county fellows who are now endeavoring to shove Tom Majors to the position occupied by him on the republican ticket two years ago. It is a com-pliment to any man to have a good name are a part of the supreme law of the land no legislature can pass laws in violation of their but when that good name has been rebuked by the people of the state, and republicans of Nebraska this year pro-

pose to have a little something to say them selves, as has been demonstrated to the lately, it's dollars to doughnuts y will not for a moment entertain any name that has been rebuked by such decided vote as that of two years ago Crete Vidette (rep.): The republicans of Nemaha county have resurrected the Majors gubernatorial boom and will have it on exsibition at the state convention. article of that description is found, contain ing neither life nor spirit, it should be properly labeled and placed upon the shelves of an anthropological museum. While I may not add to the dignity of the other While it may not add to the dignity of the other curies of the museum, it will show comgenerations what unnatural burdens ir fathers of the nineteenth century had carry and unpropitious obstacles id to contend with and overcome. brasks needs neither "Majors boom" nor

Clay Center Sun (rep.): Jack MacColl is again a candidate for governor. Jack has hosts of friends throughout the state will take off their coats and work for It is not improbable that he would have been the candidate two years ago if the opposition of Rosewater to Tom Majors had not drawn votes to him. We trust will cause no bitterness in the republican ranks, but that each may do his level best with the utmost good feeling and that the est man may win. Let us have a good lean man that can go into the fight with nothing to apologize for, and as far as we know, every man that has been thus far mentioned comes up to the requirement.

dry water." Enough is a pienty.

CONGRESSMAN MERCER'S WORK.

Blair Pilot: Congressman D. H. Mercer has been named as the Nebraska member of the congressional campaign committee, and will be among the best and most active members of that committee during the coming presidential campaign.

Winside Tribune (rep.): Hon Dave Mercer of Omaha has been making a record for imself in the house of representatives by standing up for Nebraska as hard as he can Hard work in the position the people is always appreciated by them. Gretna Reporter: Congressman Mercer s working away in the interests of his concituents at Washington. His action may not be lauded highly by the politicians of the state, but the people will see to it that a working member is retained in congress from the Second district when the time comes,

Wallace Tug: In the absence of Speaker Reed, Congressman Mercer of Nebraska is presidered the best pro tem in the house, and has been called to the chair twice. There is considerable honer in this, when you give it a little thought, and Nebraskans of every political faith should be pleased to know that another feather has been stuck into the headgear of their state.

Fullerton News: Congressman Mercer of Omaha wants to make the Fourth of July a national holiday. People will be surprised to learn that Thanksgiving is the only naional holiday we have, and that by roclamation of the president. of July, Christmas, New Year, etc., are gen erally holidays by virtue of state laws, they are not national holidays. We t Congressman Dave's bill is all right and ought to become a law.

Blair Pilot: Representative Dave Mercer reaching out after a \$200,000 appropriation Transmississippi and International expedition to be held in Omaha in 1898, and one of those representatives who is always ooking after the interests of his district and the friends who reside there, and now that he is interesting himself in the securing of this appropriation, there is no doubt but that the money will be forthcoming in due

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Iowa supporters of Senator Allison ave pre-empted 200 rocms in St. Louis. The republican state convention of Illinois o be held next Friday, will consist of 1,335 lelegates. Governor Mortill of Kansas announces his

ad ness to accept a nomination for a secand term. Democratic caucuses in Massachusetts in licate a decided preference for William E. Russell as a favorite son.

Oregon democrats and Utah republicans have pronounced for free coinage of silver Diinols prohibitionists take

Ex-Governor Boles of Iowa intimates that should the democrats fall to nominate a bi-metallist in Chicago a second convention will n all probability be held. Republican state conventions will be held

Nebraska, North Dakota, Kentucky, nois. Maine and New Jersey this week. Tenessee, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania follow next week.

The suggestion that the Allison forces in owa move on St. Louis by a fleet of beats is approved by several state papers. The state committee is urged to engage an Allison fleet of Mississippi river steamers. Mr. Parry Belmont, ex-congressman of New

York, has given his views on the currency question without provocation. Mr. Belmont sesses a well-stocked bar'l and is talked of for the democratic nomination for gov

Several democratic newspapers see a ray of hope in the results of various town election east and west. "A sound platform and the right nomination at Chicago," says the New York World, "will give us a very pretty pres-

Speaker Fish of the New York assembly has been formally placed in the field for the republican nomination for covernor. The rmality consisted of distributing in Albany a barrel of buttons bearing pictures of the speaker and the inscription, "I am for Fish-Are you?"

Primaries and county conventions of the lemocrats of Missouri foreshadow an overwhelming majority for Governor Stone and "Nothing is left for the other free silver. says the St. Louis Republic. to take defeat in good humor and do they can for the maintenance of strength in the party." The state convention meets in Sedalia next Wednesday.

WOMEN AND INTOXICANTS. Sugar Conted Cocktails Dispensed in Candy Shops. Chicago Times-Herald.

It has been recently observed that drunk enness has universally declined in the United States among men in the professions, the higher classes of artisanship and trades, and in commerce. Is it not true, on the other hand, that the use of intoxicants has inreased among American women?

A few years ago the sight of a respectable woman drinking an intoxicant at the public table of an American hotel was unknown: Today it is so common as almost to have ceased causing curprise. At almost any first-class restaurant women, apparently rational and reficed, take the cocktail, which a few years ago they knew nothing about, with as little embarrassment as their men companions; nor is it as rare as it should be that women will order and dring cocktails even when unaccompanied by men. The latest phase of the increase of bi-

toxicants among women is found in the fashionable caudy establishments, where, under various names, small quantities of in toxicating liquors are mixed for the accomnodation of a constantly enlarging demand. One of the strongest arguments commonly used in promotion of extension of suffrage to women is that their influence would be cast in favor of conservative social legisla-tion, especially in relation to intoxicants. All women inheriting European ideas abou wine and beer see no evil in their moderate use. If American women, to the manner born, become themselves a tippling sex what use. will remain, after awhile, of the force this argument?

American physicians are largely responsi ble for the increased use of all kinds liquor among American women. They pre scribe stimulants in a large number of ca-of invalidism among women, with the ine table result that, whether salutary or not for the sick, the habit grows among the healthful. It is not a long step from hops

to corn, from the brew to the still.

It would surely be a melancholy phenomenon of the closing decade of the century Intemperance, declining among intelligent American men, should have made substantial and general advance among intelligent Amer-

ican women. It might be worth while for the federal and city authorities to inquire into the legal liaHENJAMIN AND HIS BRIDE

Evidently the wine Denver Republican: grandson of his grandfather takes little stock in the observation of the philosopher who said that a second marriage is "a triumph faith over experience.

Philadelphia Record: To General Benjamir Harrison of Indiana the people of the United States, of all colors and conditions and of itical and religious beliefs, extend the hand of congratulation. Well done, Benjamin Harrison! And may nothing occur

your happiness or to make you afraid! Brooklyn Engle: If Mr. Harrison had planned his marriage for the purpose of inreasing his popularity, he could not have planted more wisely. Whether his name presented in the St. Louis convention not, he will occupy a warm place in the hearts of the people, because he has found a place in the heart of a good and a place in the heart of a good by

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Harrison is to be congratulated on choosing the serenity of domestic life in place of the turmoil that prevails in the ranks of the politicians, big rivalry of favorite sons and of sons who seek to be favorites be can view with complacency, secure in the knowledge that whate'er betide he is the favorite son of the matrimonial

Philadelphia Ledger: Benjamin Harrison and his bride are the people and represent "the plain people," Lincoln called them. They are conspicuous above their fellows merely by reason of the exalted office which the bridgroom has filled and of his unique position as the only living ex-president, and because they are of the people and among the people. The people love them and extend heartfelt congratulations to them from all parts of the May they live long and be as happy as they expect to be.

New York Commercial Advertiser: The best wishes of the American people, irrespective of party, got out to ex-President Harrison and his bride today. As citizen, soldier, legislator and president, he has deserved well of the republic. His private and public record are alike honorable and praiseworthy. His administration will stand out in history as one of the most prosperous, dignified and successful the country has ever known. With such a career to his credit, it strange that the whole nation congratulates the ex-president on his wedding day.

Boston Herald: Although the bridegroom ie now a private citizen, and as such prefers to have his wedding considered a purely private affair, the prominent place which he has occupied and continues to occupy in the nation, divests the ceremony with a public interest which can scarcely be repressed. As love laughs at locksmiths, so public curiosity asserts itself on occasions like this. It was not long since that the nation joined in congratulations to a president on the event of his taking a wife, and it now claims the privilege of extending its felicitations to an ex-president on a like occasion

TRIFLES LIGHT AND GAY.

Truth: Arizona Bill—I hear that Cayuse Pete and Bessie, the biscuit shooter, are o be married. How did it happen? Blizzard Bill—Leap year and lariat.

"Did you give Louise Chicago Record: "I anything for a bridal present?"
"I gave her a tea store vase just like the one she gave me." Philadelphia North American: Milson-

Haven't you gone to housekeeping yet? Newly Married Man-No; we're waiting to save up enough to live in keeping with the style of the wedding presents. Chicago Record: Wandering Waldo—Do yer b'lieve in sound money, Win?
Whimpering Winnie—I say I do. Ever since I tried ter pass a plugged quarter wot er b'oke gi'me th' other day my fait' in it has became firmly 'stablished,

Washington Star: "What do you think is the strongest phase of my boom?" asked the candidate. And his candid friend unhesitatingly re-"Its advertising department."

Atlanta Constitution: It always rains when you leave your umbrella at home, and you always lose it when you take it down lown; so what's the use in growling about he weather?

Chicago Tribune: Alarmed Citizen (in St. Louis next June)-What is it? Is anyloody Burt?
Equally Alarmed Stranger—I'm afraid so,
A horse got frightened and went tearing
lown Fourth street. The report is that
fifty-seven men from Ohio have been run

Brooklyn Life: Justice-What's your

Victim—S-s-s-h—
Justice—What?
Victim—S-s-s-h—
Justice—Officer, what is that man charged with?
Officer-I guess, your honor, it's sode

FEARED A PROPOSAL "Er-will you," asked he of the maid.
"Have a glass of soda, or leinonade?"
And then the maiden, blushing red:
"I think I'll take a pop," she said.
The youth turned red, the youth turned

And then he fled, far through the night.

MODERN LOCHINVAR. Oh, young Lochinvar has come out of the Of all patent bleyeles his was the best; And save his revolver, arms had he none, Except his two arms of skin, muscle and bone. Done.

His envious rivals would have to look far
To find a bike rider like young Lochinvar.
His steed had no brake, so he jumped
every stone;
He swam the Shark river, where ford there was none, But ere he alighted at Pere Shoddy's gate The bride had consented, the gallant came For Count Sauer Kraut, with a sinister bar, Was to wed the fair Ellen of brave Locainvar.
But body he glared at the tall porter swell. All buckram and starch, as he answered the bell; "Telegram? Answer?" said flunky. "In-deed! Geed!
For whom?" "For the daughter, you oaf;
can't you read?
Here's a tenner to quicken your steps, tra
la, ia! Here's So trip up the dancers," said young Loch-The lackey flew up and the maiden tripped Arrayed for her flight in the last style of So light to the cycle the fair one he swung, So light o'er his own bike his long legs he flung, Then down the Deal road, through the dust seen afar;
"Let them catch as catch can," said the
young Lochinvar.
When the flight was made known, how her
father cid swear!
Count Sauer Kraut clutched at his strawcolored hair. I can't have your daughter, the bridal

she's fled,
But give me at least her large fortune instead;
There are millionaires' daughters, more lovely by far,
Who have never gone off with a young Lochinvar.'
There was mounting in haste by the whole Shoddy clan—
Thomas, Richard and Henry all swore as they ran; On which road they should follow, no two So the lost bride of Elberon ne'er did they "They follow, of course, but they'll follow For I've punctured their tires," said young Lochinyar. Beecham's pills are for biliousness, biliousheadache, dys-

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pepsia, heartburn, torpid liver, dizziness, sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, loss of appetite, sallow skin, etc., when caused by constipation; and constipation is the most frequent cause of all of them.