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THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

In your Christmas shopping patronize the merchants who advertise in The

"The name of Nebraska will never be justly chargeable with repudiation in any form."-Senator William V. Allen.

The "Three Friends" would seem to have a great many more than three friends both in this country and in Cubn.

Next Sunday's Bee will be a special Christmas number. Watch for it. Advertise in it. Buy it. Read it. Preserve It.

The scheme for a beet sugar factory in Omaha looks well so far, but it will look a great deal better when it is completed and turning out the finished prod-

to a pension. It would be interesting to know what is a bar to a pension they will be prepared to make large nowadays.

Tennessee is the latest state to evince a disposition not to let the defeat of Bryan interfere with her hearty and generous participation in the Transmississippi Exposition.

Bryan will get the electoral votes of South Dakota. But that is little consolation. The people who put up money that he would carry twenty-three states lose their bets just the same.

It is very evident that the roads over which the Board of Public Works and the city engineer are traveling are not paved with the same material or according to the same specifications.

Senator Allen asserted on the floor of the senate that the Nebraska beet sugar factories are not members of the Sugar trust and he asserted further that he

was in a position to know that they The Milford Soldiers' home asks the legislature for an appropriation for the coming biennium of only \$44,888,34. Is this the new institution which we were told would run itself without further

Senator Allen's inquisitiveness might double the deficit if all of his propositions for expensive committees to inquire into this, that and the other thing materialized. The senator's thirst for information seems to be inex-

According to the report of the executive committee to the Irrigation congress, "Congress should do something besides making speeches." Wonder how the author of that report happened to strike upon the practically unanimous sentiment of the whole American people.

haustible.

Those who inhabit glass houses should not throw stones. If the dreadful disclosures made by the legislative "contest" continue the republicans may take it into their heads to investigate the financial end of a popocratic campaign which was recently conducted with more or less success in this state.

Senator Call is apparently trying to war horse. His term of office is just than those of any other state in the restoration of trade relations with its near not to misrepresent them or to over-higher than that of city councilman. If

The people who supported the lost county, to depreciate these facts, while a bank | end, All communications relating to news and effi-torial matter around to addressed: To the Tollier. the fallure they hall as evidence that of prosperity.

100 and us now," says that paper. "It may persons who in any way aid or abet a credit mark, es deductions for unseld and returned not be seen by every one. Whoever registrars or officers of election in persees the tide just when it turns? But petrating these frauds, we know it is at the flood, for we know | The author of the bill says the repub-

> restment. of the country.

> > ANXIOUS FOR RECIPROCITY.

It is reported from the Canadian ing the likelihood of the next adminisdispatch states that it is probable the claims that McKinley would have car-Canadlan government will arrange to ried Virginia if there had been a fair Washington, as it does in London, to of the state the league says: "No un look after its interests.

orm on which the liberal party was elected, and the fact that the republicans are coming into power has intensified the desire of the men who has been ruthlessly overthrown." Subsequent desertion from the United are in control of Canadian affairs to States army has been held to be no bar bring about a reciprocity agreement. In order to do this it is believed that as far in this direction as the next administration will be likely to require is doubtful. As we have heretofore pointed out, no proposition which stops at reciprocal trade in natural commodities will have any chance of consideration by our government. One experience with an arrangement of that and was quite enough. There must be concessions favorable to our manufacturers, and as this would involve injury to the interests of British manufacturers it is pretty certain to be found an insurmountable obstacle to reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

DUTY OF THE DELEGATION.

The legislature is to convene in three weeks, but the charter committees are differences between the various chartermakers is inexplicable. It certainly we are to have any satisfactory results. Manifestly there is no disposition on the part of the Douglas delegation to get together with the representatives of best judgment of the country. appropriations from the state treasury? the council and commercial bodies. On the contrary there has been a division on political lines in the delegation from the outset that must, if continued, provoke a contest before the legislature in which the Omaha charter as usual will be the foot ball to be kicked from

public interest. Omaha taxpayers. Their interest is not having the largest circulation in the was not. political ends. Whatever party taxpayers may be identified with they are a unit in demanding that the charter shall be amended to give Omaha more economical and efficient government, water's money for legitimate campaign be the case he would have blazed cut at Instead of assuming to dictate what work and was afterward nominated by them. He would have asked them how they ride back into the senate on the Cuban | delegation should endeavor to ascertain has never said a word, however, about the wishes of the people and to carry the democrats who accepted Rosewater's tion about to expire and he knows that the them into effect to the best of its money two years ago and one year people of Florida are interested more ability. Members of a legislature are ago, some of whom have since received

that concern Omaha and Douglas accepted Bosewater's money for cam-

tant to admit that any improvement its members to sink partisanship for stand on end for a month. has taken place in financial and busis the moment and look solely to the comness conditions since the election, some mon welfare of the community they

FOR HONEST ELECTIONS.

threaten to be worse, as it banks didn't will be taken by this congress on the desired measures, no single class, unsuspend and business men fall when bill introduced by Representative Gib- less it be the farmers, can command the country was at the highest point son of Tennessee to prevent and pun- the same recognition. ish frauds in the election of representa-But occasionally there is found a free tives and delegates to congress, but it sliver advocate who has the clearness is possible that the next congress will Macco had a premonition of an early of vision to see and the candar to con- feel called upon to consider such a and sudden death. As if every one fess that the signation has improved measure. The Gibson bill provides for who goes to the front in time of war and that there is good prospect of fur- punishing all acts by registrars that does not know that he literally takes they improvement. Such a one is the tend to defeat fair registration or de- his life in his hand under modern Denver Republican, which in a late prive a voter of the benefits of registra- methods of warfare. article gives judicious advice to the tion. It prohibits the officer who prebusiness men of Colorado to arouse pares the official ballots from so print-

It is the very fact that this conviction laws in that section honestly enforced is general throughout the land which Under present conditions it is impossishows that it is justified. The revival ble to put the criminal machinery of of business will come with returning the law in operation without prose confidence and the more general the cutors and a public sentiment back of confidence and the stronger the faith the prosecutors. He thinks if cases of the Sooner will the change appear." fraud can be carried into the federal The Republican urges that it is the courts, as the bill provides for, their duty of free coinage advocates to work trial will be an easy matter. The refor better conditions and to quit publicans of Georgia and some other grumbling and talk hopefully. It de- states are moving for congressional legclares it to be the duty of every man | Islation that will protect the republican who has any ability at all to venture voters in the south from dishonest elecforth into the field of business and in- tion methods. A Georgia republican leader declares that the registration and This is sound and wholesome counsel election laws of that state are such and it applies as well to Nebraska as as to render it impossible for many to Colorado. The day of political con- thousands of republicans to get their troversy has gone by and the time for votes counted. In Virginia an honest business is at hand. It may not be election league composed of sound possible to stop the talk of the self- money democrats has been formed. seeking politicians, but they should get which proposes to contest the seats no encouragement from those who are of the silver democratic candi concerned in advancing the prosperity dates for congress in several dis tricts to whom certificates of election have been given. It is alleged that in these districts 26,000 republican ballots were rejected on one pretext or another, upon technicalities that were trivial, al capital that a representative of the though the intent of the voter was man-Dominion government will soon go to ifest. It is believed the evidence of Washington with a view to ascertain- fraud will be sufficient to justify the unseating of three of the Virginia deletration entering into reciprocal trade gation in congress. The league comrelations with Canada. A Washington mittee which is collecting evidence have a permanent representative in election. In a circular to the citizens biased citizen, whatever his politics may It is well known that the present lib- be, can doubt that the majority of the eral government in Canada is ex- voters of this state, who exercised the tremely auxious to establish closer com-mercial relations with the United States. Tright of suffrage on election day, were marked relations with the United States. The design of this state, who exercised the franchise steal" which was approved by the Board of Aldermen by a majority sufficiently large to have carried over the veto of the Reciprocity was a feature of the plat- platform, and yet, by unlawful, flarant and corrupt practices of election boards, registrars and judges, the will of the majority of the voters of Virginia

That the allegations of fraud in a mun ber of southern states at the presiden tial election are well-founded is unquestionable. Democrats as well as reconcessions, but whether they will go publicans bear testimony to it. On a fair count Tennessee's electoral vote would have gone to McKinley, as would Virginia's. By fraud, also, a number of sound money candidates for congress in those states were defeated. Such a condition of affairs must be deplored by all good citizens. It is dangerous to our political system and a reproach to the country. But can it be remedied by legislation? Experience makes a negative answer to this question. We have had practically such a law as is now proposed and fraud, corruption and intimidation were as freely practiced in the south as since its repeal. To reenact legislation of that kind would perhaps make matters worse instead of better. The only sure and permanent remedy will be found in educating publie sentiment in the south to the dishonorable and dangerous character of still as wide apart as ever. Why no the election methods practiced there and steps have been taken to harmonize the persuading the people of that section that such methods are damaging to their interests. Progress has been made in must be apparent to all rational people this direction to an extent which enthat concert of action is essential if courages the belief that continued effort will ultimately bring about the desired result. It may be doubted whether the Gibson bill will be approved by the

The publishers of the World-Herald continue in their attempts to bamboozle druggists and saloon keepers by representing to them that the World-Herald has been designated by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as the pillar to post up to the last hour of the proper medium in which to advertise session and then chopped to pieces be notices of application for license to sell youd recognition. The mere fact that liquor. The board has taken no such the legislature is by a large majority action and the chairman of the board, composed of democrats and populists has Mr. Foster, has written a public letter emboldened the fusion members from stating that the World-Herald has not this county to assume that they alone been so designated. The misrepresentaare entrusted with the work of charter- tions of the World-Herald people should making and that it is their privilege to mislead no one who does not want to be shape the charter so as to promote their misled. The law requires publication personal ambitions rather than the of liquor license application notices in the paper having the largest circulation This is a very unfortunate situation for In the county. There is only one paper political and should not be sacrificed for county, and that paper is The Omaha Evening Bee.

howl over a man who accepted Rose- was due them.
When they had admitted that such would the democrats for the city council. It has never said a word, however, about with them in a shameless swindling operaneighbor, Cuba. That explains several ride their will. That principle should the Bryan organ wants to read out of the positentiary things in the Florida senator's conduct. govern the delegation in all things the party all the democrats who have felt.

paign work. A list of names might be silver cause are generally very reluct 1: would be the part of wisdom for furnished that would make its hair

At the Federation of Labor conven of them having the temerity to deny have been chosen to represent. If they tion attention was called to the progress that there has been any change for want to strengthen themselves with the made in recent years in the matter of the better. Nor do most of them see people, they will pursue such a course, labor legislation. It is unquestionably on anything in the outlook that is at all If, in their eagerness for political ad- true that the reasonable demands of encouraging or reassuring. They know vancement, they should disregard the organized fabor have been met in that there is more confidence than be- public interest and defy public scattle greater or less degree in almost every fore the election, that more mills and ment because, for the time being, they state in the union. In this list we are factories are in operation and that more occupy positions of bonor and trust, glad to khirty that Nebraska is well people are at work, but they attempt they will be sure to be the losers in the up from the bottom. There are now does not have one or more of its own representatives, and when it comes to conditions are as had as ever and It is not probable that any action exerting influence in favor of specially

Now they are trying to make out that

The prompt tabling by the council of themselves to their opportunities. The jug the names of the candidates as to a resolution authorizing the expenditure Republican not only recognizes the fact | mislead the voters. It punishes all of \$200 for a pleasure trip, ostensibly to that the conditions are present to make frauds committed by officers of election, investigate eastern market houses, was prosperity, but it takes a confident view cither in holding elections or making a an unexpected piece of self-denial on the of the future. "It is the flood tide with return of results. It also punishes all part of that body for which it deserves

At last the rulns of the city hall base ment are to be restored and the long that the time for the turn has come. licans of the south want the election looked-for rockpile for the diversion of the captain general maselities the very fact that this conviction laws in that section honestly enforced. where.

> Bound to Give Him Something. Bayard in England may have to run a

whole gaurtlet of banquets, including one by the lord mayor. That country seems deermined to give him something, if it's only

Merely Talking About It. When one considers that if congress want

war declared against Cuba it has only t say so, it is rather strange that the abl atesmen should put in all their time talk-Repudiating the Platform.

Georgia gave Bryan 34,000 plurality, bu he senate of that state, by a vote of 21 to defeated a bill designed to carry out that

Bryan platform declaring against gold contracts. Crumbs of Comfort. It takes very little to make some peopl

The few remaining silver dailies wrecks, that can be found in the States, are chirping because Mc-Kinley's plurality is 700,000 instead of 1.

The Arbitration Trenty. The proposed treaty of international arbi ween the United States and Great Brital to be limited in its operations to a term five years, and the arbitrators are to be elected from the judiciary of both countries The limitation of five years is put in in orde to test whether international arbitration wil work satisfactorily to the two greatest na

Defenders of Public Rights.

Philadelphia freezel. The value of the printing prese in the proction of municipalities against themselve has seldom been better shown than in the hold-up effected in New York of the "gas nayor. The newspaper has faults and nakes mistakes, but there is no other agency in the defense of the public welfare.

Coxey's Tearful Farewell.

The Hon. Jacob Coxey floats in a poo tears and waves a last farewell to the n. Marion Butler and to "the once grand at now disgraced people's party." Mr. But or seems to have a genius for receivin ters full of woe and wrath. The Hon-cob Coxey has been a populist statesman the first rank, and he will continue to be tters full of woe and wrath. Massilion statesman of the first rank. He exyes "in deep sorrow, and with the hope o join the party soon to which the hope of the republic must look for succor from financial and industrial ills." Portunately he is going to organize such a party next Philosophers like him without a party, consisting mainly o themselves.

DEFAMING JACKSON'S MEMORY. Absurdity of the Celebrations Proposed by the Silver Wing.

Since Pryan had a previous engagemen or January 8, the Cook county free silver emocrats will have their dinner the day sefore so that their defeated presidential andidate may make a speech here at midnight of the 7th and then be rushed brough to Omaha on a special train to rate there on the evening of the 8th.

The object of the getters-up of the banuet is to make the people believe that Seneral Jackson, if alive and bossing the emocratic party, would be an advocate of he free coinage of silver at the ratio of le 1. Probably all of the speakers wi on was president and that adherence is adherence to Jacksonian democracy. Not a single speaker, however, will men tion the fact that Jackson approved of that ratio, but it put in the silver dollar as much ullion as a gold dollar would buy. So olicitous was Jackson to have the silver Ioliar an honest dellar that he found no fault with the ratio of 16 to 1 because I

ore of bullion than a gold dollar would Yet an impudent and unscrupulous set will assert that if Jackson were alive would favor a proposition to put in the silver dollar only half as much bullion as gold dollar would buy, and make that silve ollar legal tender for the payment of old

out in the ailver dollar 2 or 3 cents w

If, when the coinnge laws were revised in 1834, some democrats had called on Jack-son and urred him to put in the silver dollar only half as much bullion as a gold dollar would buy he would have been much surprised and would have asked what the

If they had replied that free coinage at of all the silver in the world and make the ew dollars with 186 grains of silver a aluable as the old dollars with 2711 valuable as the grains, he would have told them they might be foolish enough to believe that, but he

Then, when they had owned up they did not believe in any such nonsense, and that the sole object of their proposition was to make it easier for debtors to pay their debts he would have asked if that mean The Bryan organ is raising a terrible the creditors were to be paid only half what

> If those men had persisted in their de signs Jackson would have excommunicated them. He would have driven them out of

IN DEFENSE OF NEBRASKA. Assurances Against Radient Legis-

Senator Allen's eloquent eulogy of Neraska in the senate yesterday and his ringing defense of the populist legislature, which he declared had not the slightest notion of retarding the enforcement of legal contracts WOULD MAKE UNNECESSARY TROUBLE r obligations, was a timely challenge of the aspersions east upon the credit of the state, which will doubless go far to allay

he apprehensions of capitalists who hold its municipal or county securities. The significant feature of Senat speech is the fact that recent political events few legislative bodies in which labor to place himself on record immediately after fection as opposed to any radical legisla-ion of any sort that could be construed into hostile attitude toward capital. These nor and a senator would not be necessary the state had not thrown its electoral vote e state had declared its belief in the free is the best evidence in the world that he belief that free coinage at that ratio this state, taking the ground that such elec-

t we are not dishonest There is a popular belief that the best orses of citizenship in Nebraska will presail to save the state from any legislation

THE DEATH OF MACEO.

Philadelphia Ledger: If it is true as reated—if it was a plot arranged by Wey er's second in command, with the ful nowledge of the captain general himself nations must regard Spain as an outlawnot amenable to any laws but those of force and not entitled to the comity of nations.

New York Herald: We shall not, in all probability, get the fullest details of the affair for several days. For the present it s to be chronicled that there is widespread regret at Macco's death. He was a fearless ghter, and, as General Weyler says. brave man of great prestige, who cannot be replaced by the insurgents." This, of course, remains to be seen. The insurgent cause, bowever, has suffered a severe loss. Philadelphia North American: If the readful story should be borne out by the treated accordingly by all true men wherever and whenever found. The report that Dr. Zertucha. Macco's physician, has asked to be sent to Spain, and that his reques will probably be granted, gives sinister col oring to the charge of treachery. But if guilty, the entire power of Spain could no secure such a mopster against his fate. For the present the world must wait for the

facts, lest injustice be done. Springfield (Mass.) Republican: We ad tons of feeling. There is no sense in for the simple reason that no one can be sure of the truth. The Spaniards seem to e adepts in lying, and the Cubans, too, are quite likely to exaggerate. As Senator Plat of Connecticut says, it is impossible to be sure of anything. The whole affair is en-veloped in a dense fog of contradictions; no wo newspaper accounts agree in impor tant details and, aside from the probable death of the Cuban general, one can be certain of nothing at this time.

Philadelphia Record: Should the reports Cuban General Maceo to treacherous prearrangement on the part of the Spaniards, nothing less than disavowal of the act by the Spanish government and punishment of the murderers, both principals and ac-cessories, can acquit it of direct responsibility. It is assuming too much to suppose that such horrible savagery can be permit ted to pass without the protest of offended Christendom. No nation can be permitted to add to the horror of war by the practice of such dishonoring atrocities.

New York Sun: According to the present information it is probable that the death of Macco was assassination deliberately planed and purchased, and compassed in a he world's great infamics; but this is no proved. The case is not yet complete Public sentiment in the United States, es ecially as represented in congress, se nothing of its weight and might b restraining the full expression of what ow in every American heart until such time as the circumstances of Antonic Maceo's betrayal and murder are as accurately known as those of any other capital event in history.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Burlington Hawkeye: Code revision and provision for our state institutions are the two objects of the extra session of the Iowa general assembly. Anything more than that will be persons non grata. Sheldon Eagle: Congressman Perkins Sheldon Eagle: Congressman Ferkins says that he proposes to let each community settle its own postoffice fight. Mr. Perkins a right. By following such a policy he will give what little hair he has on the top of his head a better chance to grow.

Davenport Republican: The state of Ne-raska has almost \$2,000,000 in warrants outtanding, while the state treasurer has some-hing like \$500,000 deposits in different anks. This is the showing, according to The Omaha Bee, which the state treasurer and the governor will make to the legislature. The money which the atate has on deposit is drawing 2 per cent, while the outstanding warrants draw 5 per cent. Moreover, the \$520,000 on hand in the banks annot be drawn out with enfety.

prices for all kinds of farm prod-ie agricultulist has fared quite as the chief of the lowa crop service, and a man not given to exaggeration.

THURSTON OPPOSES THE PLAN

Suggested Selection of Postmaster by Elec-

tion Meets His Disapproval.

Factionalism Would Be Increased and the Most Popular Individual Might Not Be the One Chosen After All.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-A great many letters are being recived by Senator Thurston daily from his Nebraska constituency asking for his opinion upon the subject of holding local elections for the purpose of deciding among the o Mr. Bryan, and had not elected a populiat tions for the purpose of deciding among the overnor and legislature. That these assurates should be deemed necessary because proference for postmaster. These letters have preference for postmaster. These letters have ecome so numerous that Senator Thurston has outlined a policy to one of his friends in ears repudlation is quite general among tions would be without warrant of law, and would tend not only to a corrupt vote, but stor Allen the people of Nebraska said: "We would hardly be regarded as a fair test of will vote for a dishonest currency scheme. any one person's popularity. He stated to The Bee representative today that he was opposed to submitting all such appointments to any kind of vote. Even if such elections It is Nebraska's hope that the eastern apitalists and investors will attach no sejous significance to her verdict as recorded a November 3. tions in view of the fact that these elections would not be surrounded by safeguards that are so necessary to secure full and free exression of the wishes of electors Representative Hainer stated today that

the appropriations committee, of which he is a member, would in all probability recommend in the sundry civil bill \$100,000 for the Omaha postoffice, which was suggested in the etter from the secretary of the treasury at the last session, and make available \$75,000 for the South Omaha postoffice. He said he also felt safe in saying that \$10,000 would be recommended for the new postoffic at York,

Representative Mercer Introduced today the resolution of the national encampment G. A. R., in favor of protecting the American flag; also a bill to pension Margaret Witour of Blair, Neb., and was about the night or tenth man to introduce a bill to employ tenographers in the United States courts.

A. E. Harvey of Lincoln is in the city with his family.

Both Senators Allen and Thurston expect to eave for their Nebraska homes late this week. Senator Allen may be able to get off Monday night. Senator Thurston will go to New York before going west. Fred W. Myers, private secretary to Goy-rnor Drake of Iowa, is in the city for a few

Senator Gear received a telegram today rom Senator Allison, stating that he had recovered his health, but owing to the short-pers of the session remaining before holidays he had decided not to come until after the But it was, indeed, a forced smile. J. J. Hannighen of Omaha today made the lowest bid for plumbing in the public build-ings at Pueblo, Colo., and will probably get the contract. The amount of his proposal

DESERTION NOT A BAR TO PENSION.

And in a little while my fame through nations would be heard

Important Ruling by the Assistant Ez him that sot a session through an never DESERTION NOT A BAR TO PENSION.

Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-There are everal important rulings in the administration of the pension laws made in recent decision of Assistant Secretary of rove true which ascribe the killing of the the Interior Reynolds. One of them is that a desertion from the regular army under an enlistment subsequent to a service and honorable discharge from the rebellion is not a bar to pension under the act of June The original holdings of the previous administration in first construing this act and all subsequent decisions has been over-ruled because it is held the honorable discharge contemplated under the act is from a service in the war of the rebellion only. It is reiterated that in harmony with the plain terms of the June act and all previous decisions dishonorable discharge operates as a bar to pension to the seldier or his widow and children, under that act, but it is not a bar to such pension under the general law for disabilities contracted in the service or

> MORE HELP FOR THE VETERANS BIH Offered to Assist Old Soldiers Into

rom causes originating therein. This is in

line with a long established practice.

Civil Offices. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - Senator Mitchell of Oregon today introduced a bil n the senate to amend section 1,754 of the Revised Statutes. That section as passed in 1865 provided that persons honorably discharged from the military or naval serv ice by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred to appointmen to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such

Mr. Mitchell's amendment gives a pref erence to all honorably discharged persons from the military or naval service without regard to the reason for such discharge rovided they served ninety days or more dian war. Mr. Mitchell supported his bill by a brief speech and on his motion it was referred to the committee on civil service and retrenehment.

SAYS THE TEXAS IS ALL RIGHT.

Secretary Herbert Complains that the Battleship Has Been Maligned, WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The secretary of Davenport Democrat: The year now clos-ling has been a good one for Iowa, good in the navy today made public the findings of general and particular, and notwithstanding the court of inquiry on the battleship Texas, which recently sank while being dry docked well as the manufacturer and the merchant.

He has not run behind, while this is more stance that the Texas is an example than any other than can be said for some in other lines suffered no more accidents than any other of business. Take the crops of the year boat of her class in the navy. She has been of business. Take the crops of the year boat of her class in the navy. She has been subject, he says, to malicious and surreptities attacks from naval officers, and he issiness. Take the crops of the year boat of the says, to malicious and surrepti-and at the low prices which have subject, he says, to malicious and surrepti-they represent a value of \$133.684,-they represent a value of John R. Fage, sues a general order against officers of the This is the estimate of John R. Fage, and a department talking for publication on such

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brands.

Cramp, the shipbuilder, which says that American shipping interests have been in-jured abroad by the reflections cast on the

> Testing Validity of Land Grants. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - The United tates supreme court today heard the case of Robert Mingus against the Atlantic & Pascific Railroad company, Hoo, E. J. Phelps and A. B. Brown appearing for the railroad and Assistant Attorney General Dickinson for Mingus. The case is brought to test the validity of the land grant made to the Atlantic & Pacific railroad in 1896 and afterward in 1886 forfeited by an act of congress. This grant included many millions of acres of land, all of which is more or less involved in the present litigation. The action was begun in the territorial courts of New Mex begun in the territorial courts of New Mex-ico, where the decisions were adverse to the rathroad claim. Mr. Phelps, in his ar-gument, contended that the legal title to the land in question could not be divested by mere legislative action.

> > News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-Leaves of absence: First Lieutenant. Joseph P. O'Nelli, Twenty-fifth infantry, extended three months; Second Lieutenant James H. Reeves, Fourth cavalry, thirteen days; Second Lieutenant Leroy S. Upt. Twenty-first infaniry, extended five days.

LIGHT AND BRIGHT.

Indianapolis Journal: "Funny that Bill Jones can't raise no whiskers."
"Tain't funny at all. Simple as a, b, c. Bill is jist too lazy to even raise whiskers, an' that's all they is to IL."

Boston Transcript: Robert—When I get nto my new house I mean that everything shall go like clockwork. Richard—I see; the same as heretofore;

Somerville Journal: City Cousin-Mercy! Do you think for an instant that I would go out on the street without my gloves? Country Cousin-Why? Ain't your hands clean?

Washington Star: "What I want," said the lawyer, "is to prove that my client is mentally deficient, "Certainty," replied the expert, "There won't be the least trouble in showing that, so long as he has employed you as his lawyer."

Harper's Bazar: Reginald—How stupid Miss Jennings is! Took her to dinner the other night and she never said a word. Jack—You are in luck, old fellow. She wasn't nearly as stupid as she would have been if she had talked.

Detroit Free Press; "Don't you think I uight to take iron?" laughed the big fat nan, who thought he would be funny with he dector. "Certainly; and I would recommend hoop

Cincinnati Tribune: "Here, tenderfoot." The Boston man started and gazed into we dark, disagrecable-locking revolver bare

NEW ROAD TO RENOWN. Washington Star. Ef I should go ter congress, I wouldn't make no speech, Ner make a motion every time a chance

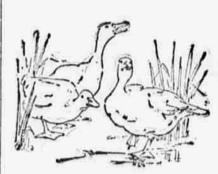
A PROPOSAL IN FOUR QUESTIONS.

Harlem Life. Can you?" he asks with pleading voice. "Can you, and make my heart repolee?" Coolly and calmly waves her fan; Calmly and coolly it comes: "I can."

"Do you?" he asks in a trembling tone,
"Do you, and love but me alone?"
Looking at him with eyes so blue;
Slowly but truly it comes; "I do."

"Will you?" he asks with bated breath, Silence reigns, it is still as death, "Will you?" he queries lower still, Eoftly and sweetly it comes: "I will."

'May 17" with joyful voice is said. Quickly the pretty face grows red;
"May 1?" again he needs must say.
Trembling and blushing she says: "You may."



Ducks.....

Take to water so are parents taking advantage of our great opportunity sale in the children's department. Yesterday we had a rush that tested our capacity to its utmost, and still we failed to sell all of the bargains advertise1 - two piece Suits, Kilts, Overcoats, Ulsters, Shirt Waists etc., and all odd articles were included in this special sale.

We are going to continue it as long as an article remains, which won't be long. So don't wait till the last moment—come early before they are all picked over

Open Evenings

