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Same to you!

It is risky business, this being a bank official.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

charity.

Christmas."

It is unfortunately true that there is a

serious side even to this day. All cau-

not have a merry Christmas. There

are many homes in this favored land

where young hearts will not be glad-

dened by tokens of affection. Pity it

evitable. "The poor ye have always

with you." None the less it makes an

appeal to philanthropy and if this ap-

it is by the favored of fortune the vol-

ume of Christmas happiness would be

very greatly increased. But there is,

of this season. Today should be a day

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION.

The Greater Republic of Central

America, consisting of Honduras, Nic-

aragua and Salyador, having been

recognized by this government, takes

its place among the states of the world.

The consummation of this union was

effected some time ago and formally

was careful before recognizing it by re-

celving its accredited minister to as

sure himself that all the rights and in-

terests of the United States, in its re-

In receiving the minister of th

expressed the hope that all the states

of Central America would eventually

intercourse. Undoubtedly Guatemala

and Costa Rico will in time enter the

union, because their people must even-

tually see the wisdom and expediency

of doing so, assuming, of course, that

the union works harmoniously and is

promotive of the general welfare, as it

undoubtedly will if jealousies are re-

pressed and the selfish purposes of poll-

ticians are not permitted to embroil the

several states, as was the case in the

former union. As one nation the Cen-

tral American states, while not power-

ful, would command more of the world's

respect than they have had as separate

republics and they could put themselves

in position for defense against possible

foreign aggression. Unitedly they could

maintain a respectable army and navy.

which they cannot do separately. Every

states of Central America and it would

seem inevitable that this must come

AN INJURIOUS AGITATION.

The formal declaration of a number

of commercial bodies in opposition to

the proposed action of congress regard-

ing Cuba may be accepted as voicing

the general sentiment of the financial

and business interests of the country.

There is no lack of sympathy with the

Cuban cause among those who thus

record their belief that the action con-

templated by the senate foreign rela-

tions committee is inopportune and ill-

advised and that the effect of such ac-

tion would be seriously damaging to

commercial and financial interests.

These business men, it is not to be

doubted, would heartily welcome the

success of the Cubans and the estab-

lishment of an independent government

in the island possessing the attributes

that would entitle it to recognition.

United States should take the risk of a

war with Spain, with the possibility of

to grow out of it, in order to give the

Cubans independence. For that is what

the proposed action of the senate

amounts to. It means that this nation

would become a party to the war.

Having recognized the so-called republic

of Cuba we would be morally bound

to give it support and we could not do

this without inviting a conflict with

Spain. Indeed, it is well understood that

such a course on our part would bring

on war. Spain would fight as the only

alternative to the surrender of Cuba.

Of course there can be no reasonable

doubt as to the outcome of such a con-

test. This powerful nation would win,

But they are not willing that the

consideration favors a union of all th

cooner or later.

union, were adequately protected.

Enjoy your Christmas by making others en loy It.

Christmas charity should begin at home, but it should not be permitted to end there.

This is the last Christmas Major Mc-Kinley can enjoy as a private citizen for four years to come.

Only one more week of leap year. And there are lots of unsophisticated Bee greets its readers with "A Merry youths still unapproached.

Train robberies must henceforth be reckoned with in economic reports as among the most profitable industries of

Operating a toffgate down in Kentucky is in reality a great deal more dangerous than fighting the Spanish down in Cuba.

Congress will not convene again till January 5, 1897. By that time it is hoped it will have been able to turn over its new leaf.

Senator Morgan evidently thinks the president's message should have been translated into words of one syllable before transmission to congress,

In the meantime the Pacific railroads will be free to default on another installment of interest on their obligations without congressional interference,

Mr. Bryan is launched upon the lecture stage and it is to be hoped that he makes more of a financial success out of his new vocation than he did out of the legal profession.

The exodus of senators and representatives from the national capital must be regarded as evidence that Washington, during the holidays, is not precisely what it is cracked up to be.

An Iowa woman has been sentenced to the state's prison for burglary committed in order to get money to buy a bicycle. Another sin to be laid at the door of the bleyele. Let the crusade against the bicycle begin.

The aged queen of England threatens to publish an autobiography. She may be depended on, however, to be more discreet in her revelations of European statecraft than other potentates who have lately contributed to the world's stock of literature.

General Weyler dictates to his typewriter a vainglorious report that the rebels are entirely driven out of Pinar del Rio, and then starts off again to clear that province of all the cattle and chickens which might be useful to the rebels who are not there.

The Annapolis has been christened with the breaking of the usual bottle of champagne. Now for an outery from two classes of people-the people who object to the use of intoxicating liquors for this purpose and the people who object to the waste of good drinking

President Cleveland exhibited no hesitation in promptly signing the Nashville exposition bill as soon as it was sent to him for his approval. There is no more reason why he should not sign with equal promptness the amended Transmississippi Exposition bill when it shall be presented to him.

The news is cabled all the way from London that the powers of Europe have finally become convinced that the sultan's promises are not to be relied on. The sultan's word has gone further than the unredeemed promise of any other potentate, and the sultan ought to feel proud of having been able to stand all Europe off for all this period of time.

There is ample field for the state as sociation of sheriffs to operate in without turning the organization into a legislative lobbying machine. Co-operation turb financial and commercial affairs. ball captaincy, are big in emolument among the sheriffs of the state will accomplish a great deal in the way of en- a condition of affairs? Confidence is forcing the laws and bringing offenders recovering, the outlook is favorable to to justice, but sheriffs are not elected for the purpose of influencing legislation | Would it not be supreme folly, looking | should not live in hopes for next year. at Lincoln in their own interest.

CHRISTMAS This is the day that holds first place adopt a course which in the judgment whole season's pleasure in brooding shipbulider Cramp's Discovery Far-In the hearts of all Christian peoplethe most welcome and the merriest day of confidence and retard the restoration

of all the year. It has been heraided of prosperity? for weeks. Gaily decorated stores. There is another consideration which filled with attractive goods, have told ought to be especially weighty with re-10 of its coming. Thoroughfares crowded publicans, A new administration is with people bearing packages which soon to come into power. It will have dent McKinley's cabinet. plainly disclosed what they were in large responsibilities respecting domestic tended for have announced that the affairs. The tariff is to be revised and season of gift-making and the perform | the question of reform of the currency ance of offices of affection, friendship is to be considered. It would unquesand philanthropy was at hand. The tionably be injudicious to take such acsentiments which are inspired by the tion as the senate foreign relations comrecurrence of this occasion have been mittee proposes just as we are about to actively at work and the fruits will be have a change of administration and garnered and enjoyed today by the mil- | before there has been an opportunity to lions in every land where the story of ascernin what will be the policy of the the man of Nazareth is known and His next president regarding Cuba. As church is erected. There will mingle Senator Hale of Maine says: "We have to materialize. He would be very popular with the Christmas chimes the voices of just gone through a campaign in which happy children, while those of mature we have promised peace to the counyears will feel the thrill of a pleasure try. Is it consistent to present the luthat can come to them but once a year. coming administration with a war on The spirit and the influences of this the threshold of its existence. It would day are elevating and ennobling. The seem that all republicans would desire stimulus given to affection and friend- to avoid action that might seriously emship, the effect in awakening the barrass the new administration.

kindlier feelings, the appeal to philan- This matter is one not to be deterthropic instinct-all this is in the high- mined by mere sentiment. All Amedest degree beneficial. We are lifted for cans are heartily in sympathy with the a time out of the common channel and Cuban cause and earnestly desire its made to feel that there is something success, but this must not blind us to more in life than self-seeking, that there our own interests and to our duty to is a genuine pleasure and gratification ourselves. However welcome the estabin making others happy. We cannot lishment of a Cuban republic would be. measure the beneficent effects upon the United States is not called upon millions of lives that will come from the to make the sacrifice that would be affectionate and kindly offices of this involved in a war in order to release the season. Today, as on every Christmas Cubans from Spanish control. The for centuries, seed will be sown that in promise is that the house republicans the years to come will bring forth the will put an end to the disturbing agitachoicest fruit of human faith, love and tion if the Cameron resolution ever reaches that body.

A GROUNDLESS ASPERSION.

The mayor's veto message of the water works extension ordinance is being circulated in yenow back pamphlet form by a messenger who, when questioned, is that such is the fact, but it is in- does not know for whom he is working, where he obtained the printed matter in question, or who gave it to him. These points are, perhaps, immaterial to people who do not care who is peal were more generally heeded than footing the bill, but the following note added to this edition of the mayor's veto over the printed signature of W perhaps, nothing to be gained by con- J. Broatch, calls for a word or two in reply:

sidering too closely the somber aspects The two daily papers of this city having eclined to publish the veto message of the of gladness and in that view of it The nayor, and the water works question being feemed a vital one to every taxpayer, this method is adopted to apprise the public of the magnitude and importance of the interests involved.

This is a palpable misrepresentation of the facts so far as The Bee is concerned. No request was ever made the veto message in full and, therefore, had. it could not have declined to publish it

The Bee is a metropolitan newspaper announced, but President Cleveland and keeps its readers fully informed of all events of a public nature. The Bee has kept its readers fully informed of all the steps in the water works reorganization movement. It was the first organization movement. It was the first simply a visitor, with no more rights to make public the plan of reorganization or claims than are possessed by any lations with the several states in the tion. It has detailed the provisions of other visitor. As to Hawali, she is a the proposition submitted by the water of distinction still clinging to her, but with Greater Republic, President Cleveland works company to the city. It gave no more importance than this gives her of the paper read by City Engineer Hawaii has bestowed on her. At all events her coming to this country cannot disturb consolidate as one nation for all the Howell attacking the extension proposi-tion and accorded the mayor's veto supposition that she can induce our governpurposes of their foreign relations and message the same consideration that is ment to interfere with that of Hawaii in her behalf, and, as there is no evidence that she regularly given official documents of dmilar importance. More than this, it has also opened its columns to the discussion of the water works question, not only editorially, but also through pertinent communications from men like W.

S. Poppleton and John D. Howe. The public, so far as it reads The Bee-and this constitutes substantially the whole taxpaying public in the community-is already apprised of the importance of the interests involved in the pending negotiations. It does no devolve upon The Bee to explain why it has been the only paper which has given publicity to all aspects of the water works franchise controversy. The insinuation contained in the extract from the ownerless pamphlet, however, is an utterly groundless aspersion and must have been made by its author

with knowledge of its groundlessness. The public offer of Isaac S. Hascall to go to Cuba to fight for Cuban inde pendence or send a competent substitute should not be allowed to pass without proper acknowledgment. Hascall is a fighter from 'way back. There has never been a political fight in this vicin ity since his advent into Nebraska into which he has not managed to inject himself in one capacity or another. His prowess is known from one end of the continent to the other. At the head of a band of Cuban warriors no Spanish solumn could for a moment stand be fore him. Hascall fighting for Cuban independence would mean that inde pendence was already achieved. Much as this community would dislike to lose him, his services would certainly be the most valuable contribution that could possibly be made to the Cuban cause.

The constitution of Nebraska certainly exacts a bond from the state treasurer in double the amount of public money other grave international complications likely to come into his possession. But the constitution did not contemplate the accumulation of state funds for speculative purposes while interest-bearing demand obligations are ourstanding against money in the treasury. Bring the management of the state's finances down to a business basis and the regularly recurring complications over the treas urers' bonds will be simplified.

The campaign of 1806 may now be considered closed in Nebraska. The captain of the State university foot ball team for the ensuing year has been elected and nothing remains now for asbut the price of the victory might be pirants for political honors except a few much greater than is commonly sup. minor offices like United States marshal. posed. It would certainly cost many United States district attorney, warden millions of dollars and thousands of of the state penitentiary and a few other lives. It would also unsettle and discoffices which, compared with the foot Can any right-thinking man desire such but not in it in honor.

If Santa Claus doesn't bring all that better business in the near future, is wanted, there is no reason why we at the matter from the point of view of Laughing away disappointment is office is thought to be his storehouse.

enlightened self-interest, for congress to a great deal better than spoiling the

25.33 Senator Allison and the Cabinet.

The Iowa Capital has a positive assurance direct from Dobuque Allison has not been tendered the secretary state ner any other place in Prest

Raising the Price of Gas.

Notwithmanding the agitation that is con stantly under way in one part of the country or another, for cheaper gas, some of the most copious talkies in congress are avowedly in favor of faising their salaries. Here, Too.

The alleged inventor who is announced as holding a discovery which will so utilize

Entarging the Vocabulary.

The French word dirigible, meaning that which can be directed or steered, threatens to break into the English language. It will be useful to the future historian when comes to say that Mr. Cleveland was the least dirigible democrat that ever got into the midst of the party.

A Pertinent Enigram. Americans who contemplate joining the Cuban army should feel interested in one of Byron's epigrams. It strangely haprophetic of his lordship's own fate:

If a man has no freedom to fight for at

Let him combat for that of his neigh ors; i think of the glories of Greece and Let him think of the glories of Greece and of Rome And get knocked on the head for his labors.

Cutter's Joke on the Doctors.

Chicago Chronicle, Some people have queer ideas of humor Ex-Congressman Cutler of New Jersey was operated upon by physicians for what they thought was appendicitis. They carved and cut and dug and delved into Mr. Cutler's anatomy, but discovered that he did not have appendicitly, for the very good reason have appendicitis, for the very good reason that he did not have any appendix, index preface, foot note, addendum, erratum or table of contents. They picked up their tools and left in disgust, followed by the satirical laughter of Mr. Cutler. He considers this the best joke on the medical fra-terpity he ever heard of, and he can scarcely repeat it for laughing.

President Diaz of Mexico is to be congratu lated on the possession of a coachman wh knows enough not to permit his borses t stand on a railway track when a train approaching. The world was electrified ye The world was electrified ye terday morning to read that an exhibition this presence of mind was all that saved the president from death, providing Diaz had not got out of his earrlage and walked away when the train drew near. It appears that the carriage was on the track and that train was thendering down on it from the distance. The coachinan, instead of waiting for the train to arrive, as he might have done, drove across the track, so that wher the train whirled past the president was safe on the other side. If the couchman had not kept the horses moving and if the train had struck the carriage, and if Diaz had remained in the carriage until it upon its editor that this paper publish he would doubtless have been killed, so will be seen what a "narrow escape"

The Visit of Ex-Queen Lil.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani's sudden visit to this country may be of Importance to herself but it can have no international signifi-cance. It cannot affect, in any way, the cance. mutual relations of Hawaii and the United States. As to this country, she is space to a full report of the substance and no more rights than the government of intends to ask for such interference, and no prospect of its being granted if she did. cre is very little basis for a sensation in the fact of her coming here. Probably she s simply indulging a natural desire to travel, and it is not necessary to assume any other reason for her movements.

END OF A CHICAGO BANK. A Huge Confidence Game Worked Under Cover of Law.

insolvent estate of Anthony Kozel banker, has been finally administered upo nd the report has been turned into court. The assignee shows unto the court that there was collected altogether the sum of \$4,266 from the various assets of the estate The costs of the collection, including a torney fees, were \$2,823, and the fees of the ssignes were \$1,100, which would leav

223 to be distributed in such manner as the ourt may see fit It is suggested that the court give thi sidue to some deserving lawyer or finme other Kozel-like "banker" and depos he fund in trust with him in the assurance that being once deposited it will never again appear to trouble anybody. Why the laws of Hilnois should encourage

and give practical immunity to a certain hind of confidence game because it is oper ated under the sign "bank," instead of wir gold brick or green goods, is one of nysteries of legislation. It amounts, hor over, to an inviduous favoritism. It mak an artificial and obnoxious class distinctibetween the man with the striped shir front, who lurks outside the railway statics to conduct strangers to the place where he tunnel caved in, and the adventure uts out but a cheating pretense of having apital and financial solidity by advertising timeself as a private banker for the purpose of getting hold of other people's money.

A POSTOFFICE SANTA CLAUS.

Letters Addressed to the Reindeer Man Find a Happy Response.

Davenport Democrat The man, woman or child who discovers The man, woman or child who discovers a new way to play Santa Claus may be put down without any hesitation among the benefactors. This is the particular season of the year when it is possible for a very large number to accause in finding out how the other half lives, and having learned the real situation, to do something in the way of making it easier and brighter.

way of making it easier and brighter.

It occurred to E. H. Hunter, the postmaster at Des Moines, that the carriers in his service have means of finding out more about how the people of that city live than many persons of an of. A year ago he put his plan to the ftest and found that it worked so well that he is making a wider and more that gigh application of it this year. The first hint was not an original one, but, so far as known, the carrying of the idea into practical application belongs to Mr. Hunter, and he is deserving of no small credit for the part he has played. Postmaster Hunter received a letter from a little girl who told him of her wants. They were simple and childlike, and they made all the more impression for that reason. all the more impression for that reason The little innocent told her unknown friend about the loss of her father and mother by death and the fear that she wo have any Christman presents. This old not end the cose, as it might have done. Fostmaster Hunter studied the one given him, investigated all the details, and learned that the girl had told a straight story in a guileless way. He saw that the little other things for Christmas. He was happier in the giving than the child was in the receiving. With the help of his carriers, who go into every corner of the city, he hunted up 200 other children, deserving but unfortunate. When the facts were taid before some business men of Des Moines they, too, played Santa Claus, giving goods and money to the amount of several hundred dollars. The result of it all is that the postmaster of Des Moines has come to be regarded as the veritable old

TO UTILIZE CORNSTALKS.

An invention or discovery which is calcu

lated to be of value to the great agricultural interests of the country is always a matter of lively concern. The latest reported disthat nothing but the prominence of the gentleman announcing it saves it from being listed with the improbabilities. Shipbuilder Cramp claims to have found a process by which cornstalks can be utilized in different ways by commerce, and he de clares it will have the effect of raising the value of the corn crop \$5 per nege. What States can be figured out on the basis of the average crops of the past. During 1895 82.075.830 seres were devoted to corn alone. The value of the crop was \$514,985,534. acre the increase in value would to \$410,379,150 for the acreage emlayed in 1895-or making the total value of and stalles of \$955,364,684. If Mr Cramp is not mistaken or threaming, he will rove a public benefactor second to none There seems to be no reason to doubt that e has stumbled upon a valuable discovery The nature of the discovery itself is not ery remarkable; it is only a wonder that the great waste of cornstalks has been ing on for so many years without the valu Among the multitude of things which Mr Cramp rays can be made out of the stalks are smokeless powder, cellulese, alcohol. mattings, carpets, paper and food for cattle which latter is claimed to be better than anything on the market. Cellulose is used in war vessels as calking, and Mr. Cramp ays that the article made from cornstalks can be applied in such a way as to prevent the sinking of a ship if a hole is bored through its side by a chot. The cellulous would close up and become water tight. A point that makes this great enterpris nore feasible is the fact that no million dollar plants will have to be erected to man ufacture the articles. A plant costing most \$150,000 can be erected anywhere in t orn belt and can take cure of all of th correlatis raised within a radius of twenty five miles. It is proposed by Mr. Cramp to build a chain of these plants in the grea-corn-growing states. Capitalists are easily interested with him in the enterprise, and, at any rate, the scheme will be given a prac-tical trial on a large scale, Mr. Cramp al-ready having experimented for two years to his entire satisfaction. The particulars of the discoveries were fully explained to the other day and the gentlemen all expres themselves as satisfied that wonderful re-sults are in store.

REVEL IN GOOD WILL

Season in Which Generous Impulse Should Be Given Free Rein. Some ancient religious, as those of the

or man to relapse periodically into primitiv pulses, allowing the natural, not the art ial, man to express himself. In our re gion another opportunity once a year ha is way with us-good-will that is greate than all prudent restraints, all economic the

And what an opportunity it is for us, who in our intercourse with men, are so often beammed in by conventionality or controlleby self-consciousness! To revel in good-will To have custom and tradition give beir sanction! It is like getting one's ood back again, or having health one more, or, after a city's bondage, feeling the freedom of the hills! What if in our genrosities we make mistakes it takes time emedy, if tomorrow we must retrench! What of anything, if good-will can reign

with us for a day!

Then away, too, with discussion of the meet and appropriate—that poor gifts may go to the poor and rich gifts to the In the good-will first sung by the an rels to men there was the glad and sudde burst of unlooked-for joy, given fully, with-out conditions, without balancings, without questionings of deserts—a blessing to all, to he just and the unjust, the sinners and the

It is in this spirit that a group of well nown men and women mean to work this Christmas eve. To the poorest and the needlest, to the hardest worked, they mean o carry bountiful gifts, retiring themselve quickly, as they came, so as to remain un known. Their desire is to bring into the life of some poor suffering soul the glov and warmth that come of unexpected joand fullness-unexpected, unearned and un erved perhaps.

measure so much we do for others We weigh our best impulses against And yot the glad burst of that metodion descris and our ideas of the appropriate nessage of good-will to all should teach his one of God's ways might be ours by making our gifts as joyous outpourings, fill-ing full of promise the lives of those who wait. So that, like the voices of those antels who sang, the gilts we bring may by a bough they fell from beaven.

SENATORIAL GRABS. Private Necessaries Charged Up to Uncle Sam.

That fine old assemblage, the senate, is a expensive laxury. The "sundry expense" account for the body during the year has been iblished and some of the items are of in rest. There is, for example, a charge of \$100 for bicycle holders for the conver f the senators, most of whom would fall off wheel if they dared try to mount it. Po he quinine pill bill, however, for at differen fairs, it seems, 2,000 or 3,000 quinine pill have been shipped to the capital to keep th

legislative works in operation.

But the items already presented suggest that the senators are possibly not being properly cared for. If quintie is necessary to the conduct of legislation, so are liverable and Jamaica ginger. There should be no discrimination against chlorate of pola-tablets and throat lozenges. No doubt it good senators will correct all this in cours of time, but meanwhile the negligence show in the care of these venerable lawmakers in the care of these venerable lawmakers is something shocking. The public hopes soon to have its present painful impressions re-moved by the sight of some such adequate "contingent expense" account as this: Fo seventy-eight pairs of cornours. \$25,00 To galoches for Senators Perer, Chandler and Hoar. 4.25 To thirty-five pairs of extra heavy winter

verceats
one blcycle wronch and oil can...
eight extra thick foot rugs
forty hair brushes
tooth powder and brushes
three gilver-headed canes nine bottles choice perfumery seven bottles Paragon Beard Emollient 330 pairs of gloves.....

That is the way the expense account should ead. It is a shame that senators should b allowed to work their brains out and receiv no adequate compensation. MONEY IN CORNSTALKS.

Can Be Converted Into Many Articles of Much Volue.

Mr. Cramp, the Philadelphia shipbuilder authority for the statement that the corpless can be made to yield an income \$225,000,000 annually on an acreage of 40,000,000. Mr. Cramp bases his assertion on the results of experiments made by chemists in his employ. These men have been working for two years on the theory that the contituent elements of the corn stalk could be utilized for making a cellulose with which o line ships and also into a form of smoke esa gunpowder. that they have discovered methods for ob taining the results sought and have als found incidentally that the stalks can b converted into a variety of other valuable articles of use, including alcohol, mattings carpets, paper and a food for cattle superic to anything new in the market. Mr. Cram explains further that plants for the pro-duction of all these things can be erected for \$150,000 each, and that a plant of that size "would consume all the stalks within a radius of twenty-five miles in any of the corn regions of the country." His confidence in the trustworthiness of the experiments that have demonstrated to him these ders is not merely theoretical, but he asserts that he is "prepared to invest a very large sum of money in a chain of factories for the by-products of the corn Framp were not such a practical man his extraordinary statement would be received in much the same way as that of the estimable Colonel Sellers. Now all the public can do is to hold its breath and wait for more par

CONGRESSMAN MERCER.

New Honors Await Nebraska's Popu-

decade who have enjoyed as much popul larity among their associates as Representa-tive Mercer of Nebraska. That is because be is sincerely good-natured, and large and something in his manner that appeals men and draws at their heart-strings. M who, like Mercer, combine great energy with a royal discoettion, and ne egolism, are somewhat exceptional. For he is known in the house as one of the greatest histiers on the congressional pay roll. He ecidem makes a speech, and therein vindicates the

philosopher who observed that it is wrong to estimate a man's usefulness in congress by the length of his speeches. Omaha wanted a national exposition and asked for a couple of bundred thousand dollars from the government as an evidence of its in-terest and generosity. The circumstances under which Mercer obtained it would have illscouraged any man of ordinary filor, but, after having been balked at every turn for weeks, he rushed his bill through in the closing hours of the session, under difficulties that made the victory heroleal. He was made scoretary of the republican congressional committee in the late campaign and was one of the chief promoters of the admirable system under which the affairs of that committee were administered. There is much talk among members of giving him the chairmanship of the committee and thus practically the management of the congressional campaign which the republicans will wage in 1898. The choice could hardly fall upon a man better qualified to fill the place He was for years an active factor in the successful campaigns which the republican party made in Nebraska, acting alternately as secretary and chairman of the state coadept at a political game of chess,

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A Stradivarius violin was sold at auction in London recently for \$2,200. Coxey is now looking for a party that will properly respond to his ideas.

By sending your gun to Cuba and staying at home yourself you will please both Cuba and the United States.

Russell Sage is said to control more ready eash than any other man in America. He hasn't a child or a chick. Emperor William has \$500,000 worth of uniforms and costumes, and yet he says whoever insults his coat insults him.

Recent testimony in the London mayor's court developed the fact that the head waiter of a city lunch room paid the under-waiter and made a weekly profit of \$25 entirely out Prof. Charles Lane Poor of Johns Hop-

kins university has just finished a construc-tion of an equatorial telescope, which he will take with him to the north next summer in order to photograph the stars, There is being exhibited just now at Brus sels a dinner service in glass manufactured in the Val St. Lambert works to the order of Li Hung Chang. It consists of 860 pieces, enough for an elaborate banquet of sixty

guesta, the pure crystal being lined with Collis P. Huntington some time ago built palatial residence on Fifth avenue, New York, at a cost of \$2,500,000. But his amily has never moved into it on account of a superstition of Mr. Huntington a that

occupancy would be speedily followed by his death. Lord Mayor Fraudel-Phillips of London broke down while introducing Ambassador Bayard at a meeting recently, owing to the weight of his official robes. He sat down suddenly, took the robes off in the presence of the audience, and was brought

o with Mrs. Bayard's smelling bottle. The emperor of Austria, who is a grea smoker, restricts himself to so-called ginia" cigars, manufactured of the rankes tobacco at Trieste, with a straw running through the middle of them, in order to make them "draw." They are so green and damp that they have to be held in a flame several minutes before they can be persuaded to ignite.

Senator Sherman says that General Grant cobably got more real service out of his abinet officers and more protection from rivial details than most other presidents. It was his custom to accept their recom-mendations upon all ordinary matters and approve them without personal investigation. reserving his strength and time for broader lews and the elaboration of general policies.

The professional funny man has always and a good deal to say about the wife's bonnet and the husband's objection to is cost, but it is seldom that these three ors of an ancient joke get together the police court. This happened the other day, however, in Baltimore, the husband having been placed under arrest by the injured wife for having torn up her bon net along with the bill. This misguided man evidently took the time-honored pleasantry as a serious production.

A monument to Carl Loewe, the German ballad composer, was unveiled in Kiel on the hundredth anniversary of his birth, November 30. The monument is the work of the Berlin sculptor, F. Schaper, and bears the inscription, "Born in Lobejun, November 30, 1796; died in Kiel, April 20, 1865," beneath which are the words: "Erected in memory of the master of the German ballad, by admirers of his music, on his hundredth birthday." The monument stands in a grove which was more of ment stands in a grove which was one of Loewe's favorite resorts.

HOLIDAY DRESSING.

New York Truth: "I tell you that a juror in a murder case has an awful responsibility on him."
"Yes, indeed. If he goes to sleep he is liable to be flued for contempt of court."

Chicago Tribune: "I wish," muttered the implacable Weyler, with a gleam of bailled rage in his eye, "that Maceo could have lived long enough to see some of these oblituary poems the American papers have printed in his bonor!"

Harper's Bagar; Mrs. Cawker-This story you gave me to read is not completed in this number. It is a continued story, Mr. Cawker-Stops short, does it? Mrs. Cawker-Yes. Mr. Cawker-Then I should say it was a discontinued story.

Detreit Journal: First Collector-Well, old man, how do you like literary pur-

suits?
Second Collector-Literary pursuits?
First Collector Don't you recall the last time I saw you, you were trying to get a poet to pay something on his gas bill?

Washington Star: "Bobby says he made a friendly call on you last evening, major."
"Nothing friendly about it. He called my full hand with his four pines and went away with all the money in the house." Chicago Journal: "Last night I dreamed was dead," said the drummer from In-

"And the heat woke you up?" the drummer hastened to ask. "Pretty much the same thing as what you imply. The brakeman was calling out Chicago."

Cincinnati Tribune: "I wonder why it is that a woman learns the typewriter so much more quickly than a man?" "Berause she can't stop and lose time swearing every time she makes a mistake." Chloago Record: "Rose, isn't that an unusually large piece of mistletoe?" "Well, it is a triffe big, but so many men sowadays are near-sighted."

HUMAN NATURE.

And so he learnt, With longing sigh, We always want What comes too high

CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

When the Turkey's on the Table.

Harper's Weekly.
When the turkey's on the table When the turkey's on the table
And the mince pie's on the way,
An' my plate is filled with fixens
Thet belong to Christmas day,
I fergit I'm over eighty,
An' about my rheumatiz,
An' it seems to me that livin'
Is the best thing that they is,

Every year the time gets shorter 'Twixt the promised land and me,
An' perhaps the oyster stuffin'
Ain' jest what it used to be.
But I've made my peace with heaven
An' I 'ain't a word to say
When the turkey's on the table
An' the mince pie's on the way.

Song of the Day.

Sing a song of Christmas cheer-Holly in the halt, (But twenty sturdy chairs at least 'Twill take to seat 'em all')

Sing the steaming Christmas board Where the turkeys be (Only happy time o' yo Board is going free!)

Christmas times and Christmas chimes— How the music swells! Christmas toys for all the boys, Rings for all the belies,

In Exchange.

Puck.

Dear Santa Claus! A year ago
You brought a baby t' us
Now you can have her back again;
She ain't no sort of use. She sleeps all day, and cries all night;

I tell you she's a fake; And every time a feller laughs, It's "Hush, the baby'll wake." Instead of her I'd like a pair sled and skates, a train of cars, A horn that really toots.

Another Year.

Same old Christmas; Same old tree; Same old Santy; Same old glee. Same old presents; Same old toys;

A Domestic Episode.

Cleveland Leader.

She stood beneath the mistletoe,
With ripe red lips apart;
Her dimpled cheeks were all aglow,
And the hope was in her heart.
But did he rush to claim his own?
Alas, not on your life!
For, gentle reader, be it known
That she was just his wife!

No Exception.

It is a rule, somewhat severe, But true as Deuteronomy; There's just one month of Car And eleven of economy. month of Christmas cheer,

A Rare Gift. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The dearest gift that came to me.
The one which made me doubly glad,
Was just a triffe wife bought
With money borrowed from her dad!

One Moment Please

Don't push— Although we know there's a disposition

to do so with a "good thing"-take your time and look over our stock of beautifully tailored suits, and observe the variety of patterns and see that you are properly fitted. We beg to urge upon all customers to return what is not just right, for we do not want anything to leave our store that is not as perfect as eternal vigilence and the greatest pains in manufacturing can make it.

The display in our furnishing goods and children's departments ought to interest you just now. for these abound in all the many novelties and fixings for every day and dress wear. Many specialties are shown for he holidays, and if you want something nice for a man or boy look through our store and see all the pretty things we have for Christmas.

