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Glent. It is never out of season to patronize home industries.

The latest and surest way to commit suicide is to secure employment as toll-

gate keeper in Kentucky. At the present crisis in European affairs Turkey is showing a decided inclination to fly the coup.

Our "reform" police have at last de tected and convicted one professional beggar. Put a mark on the wall.

That Hertz grave robber is still laughing up his sleeve over the easy job he had in fooling Omaha's "reform"

The way the state institutions eat up new boilers every two years would put ostrich for pebbles and wire nails. -

Cabinet guessers do not seem to be taking full advantage of their opportunities. There is yet time for them to make over McKinley's cabinet several times.

The man who fails to fetch a political appointment is still welcome to try the civil service examination and to wait on the eligible list till some one ahead

And now it is proposed to have three

tax commissioners instead of one. Why not every man his own assessor? No one would then be able to blame anyone but himself for his high taxes. The vital question at present in the

affairs of nations is. How long will the great European powers who are using little Greece as a cat's-paw be able to keep up their fine show of indifference?

We think we violate no confidence when we inform the public that several large deals in Omaha realty in the vicinity of Miller park are waiting only for the exposition gates to be opened for their consummation.

The ease with which the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius slipped through the blockade off Charleston is significant of what might have happened if the feat had been performed by a foreign vessel with hostile intentions.

If that preliminary investigation is not speedily set on foot it cannot be little against the general disposition in preliminary to anything except a two years' wait for another session of the bill, however, with aggregate approlegislature. Treasurers sometimes grow old and die with lapse of time.

The proof that Omaha has a "reform" police department is to be found in is the appropriation for river and harbor every saloon and every cigar store in the city where an improved automatic roulette wheel is operated under the name of a nickel-in-the-slot machine.

Senator Thurston and Senator Allen ought to have been photographed while gether again over another Nebraska appointment.

Kansas is seriously contemplating the repeal of the prohibitory law. And yet Cannon, who expressed this view, adthe manufacturers and venders of in- mixted that the river and barbor bill toxicants are not anticipating any great increase in the present lively rate of consumption of spirituous and malt beverages in that state.

The school board retrenchers are always very brave when they tell what they are going to do, but they usually suffer a stroke of paralysis about the time they get within striking distance of that superfluous salaried attorney and other needless favorites.

The populist state machine is unalterably opposed to any legislative action in few who will question the wisdom of expended for the Bradley-Martin ball. the direction of retrenchment upon that action. No one who has given the Bets on the outcome will involve several salaries paid employes of state institutions. After working all these years doubt the policy of adequately fortify- people decline to believe that prosperity for the privilege of appropriating the ing our seaports and it is a work that is on its way. state patronage it does not see why it ought to be accomplished with the least should relinquisb any of the spoils just possible delay. The money expended If the state treasury investigating comto keep a few campaign promises made for this purpose and in building up the mittee really wants to go to the bottom to the people to procure votes.

ent "reform" police department under by the fact that the buildings are which saloons never close, dives and urgently needed. dens are protected and gamblers pursue their vocation unmolested. It is cer- money, but this is a great and growing the hill by the unceasing efforts of the can be warped to fit their purposes.

THE CRETAN INCIDENT.

It is not easy to determine whether action of Greece has been almost unidom has set an example in going to the detriment to the national welfare. relief of the Christians in Crete which ure to adequately protect the Arme-

hority in Crete. The report of an intention on the part of the Turkish government to break off diplomatic relations with Greece does not necessarily nean war.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE OPTY.

en to before me and subscribed in my see this 3d day of February, 1197. N. P. FEILE Among the novel features of the roposed Howell charter bill which leserve the attention of the citizen before that measure becomes law is the section relating to claims against the city. This section requires all claims xcept those for salaries and interest on the public debt before allowed to be verified by affidavit as to the correctness the services or the furnishing of the theater or the concert hall. articles for which the claims are made. Bills are to be filed with the city clerk and if disallowed the claimant is to court, conditioned on the giving of a ood and sufficient bond for the prosecuentitled to appeal in a similar manner to shame the capacity of the average of the council by serving notice upon plunder the people and anything that over appeals from decisions in the instilce courts.

grafted on the charter a way would be ind council. The people of Omaha hav nany times in recent years and thousands of dollars have been drawn out of the treasury on claims which could never have successfully passed the long neglect the opportunity to protect themselves by the proposed innovation in the Howell charter bill.

THE HEAVY APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations by the present congress will exceed a thousand million dollars, notwithstanding the efforts of Speaker Reed and the chairman of the house committee on appropriations, Mr. Cannon, to keep them down. These efforts were not entirely unavailing, but as Mr. Cannon said in explaining the sundry civil bill, he could accomplish congress to keep up expenditures. This priations of more than \$50,000,000, car ries less by \$8,000,000 than the estimate: on which it is based and the only feature of it that is at all open to criticism improvements, amounting to \$15,000,000 But as to this it was shown to be neces sary in order to pay for improvements placed or authorized to be placed under contract by the last river and harbor bill. The fault, if there be any, was in the legislation of a year ago, which proworking for the confirmation of Judge vided for expending \$60,000,000 in river Munger. There is no telling when and harbor improvements, one-fourth Nebraska's two senators will get to- of that amount to be expended annually, beginning July next. In view of the condition of the treasury it was unquestionably a mistake to appropriate so large a sum for this purpose, yet Mr. passed at the first session of this congress contained less in the aggregate of objectionable appropriations than any many of the western states, in some of river and harbor bill of which he had years.

This is only one of a number of intions and as was said by the chairman it should naturally assume. of the appropriations committee, these were demanded by the country and heeding the demand. There are very more than twice as much money as was matter intelligent consideration can times as much more. And yet some navy has been well expended and we of the traffic in public funds there are must continue this policy until our plenty of persons within reach who, if Mr. Foster's pastor says he is opposed | means of defense against any possible placed on the witness stand, could throw to disorderly houses, opposed to saloons foreign foe are ample. There has been light upon numerous interesting treasury and opposed to gambling, and therefore a slight increase in appropriations for transactions. he is in favor of maintaining the pres- public buildings, but it is fully justified

A billion of dollars is a great deal of

all the indications favor the conclusion of fortifying our seaports and building be now thought on that Turkey will not attempt to retain up a navy is completed expenditures possession of the Island and that its can be somewhat reduced, but there consummated. Everything connected the name of the general welfare, while out the remarkable fatality that has atwith this event warrants the belief that as to some things-for instance, river tacked men who were prominently conthe course of Greece was prompted by and harbor improvements and public nected with the Chicago convention.

rebukes the great nations for their fail- SUNDAY EVENING CHURCH SERVICES. The efforts of the local ministers to With such a purpose as that of King services and strengthen them with the of the inspector who tried to hinder George-the rescue of a kindred people church-going people should receive the him, but it still remains for someone to from the oppression and brutality of the substantial encouragement of an the night the included by the christian powers of Europe better class of our citizens. There is ent garbage system to a finish and have bill at once and give a liberal appropriation. The light of the future will certainly ratify could not but sympathize and only po- no question that the churches of a city the agreement so constantly violated by litical expediency could induce them to are to be numbered among the chief the contractor abrogated by the city. adopt a policy that would defeat that factors contributing to its growth and purpose. Perhaps Turkey has a claim upbuilding and that the larger the upon the powers to prevent her territory number of church-going people the safer from being wrested from her and if so is its reputation as a law-respecting she may insist upon this claim being community. Neither is there any quesrespected, but the inaction of the Turk- tion that recent changes in social enish government thus far-its practically vironment have made against the popupassive submission—suggests that it larity of church services and especially plicants for teachers' certificates should which greatly injures the prospects of appropriation bills in other transmississippi states. In of May next, expects to open her centerwill probably make no aggressive move | Sunday evening church services and | looking to the continuance of its aut that if the latter are to be continued

The discussion of this question before the Ministerial association seems to have turned upon the vital point. The value of Sunday evening church services must depend upon their own attractive powers. People who are brought to church solely because they expect the pastor to say something sensational cannot be actuated by very religious motives. Neither can people be the best subjects for church work who attend services simply because they have no other place to go to. When the Sunday evening services are more attractive than profane Sunday evening amusements they of the account and the performance of need not fear the competition of the

A TRUST OFFICIAL'S VIEW. It was not to be expected that Mr. have a right of appeal to the district Searles of the Sugar trust would approve of the trust investigation being prosecuted by a joint committee of the tion of the appeal and the payment of New York legislature. He told the comthe costs in case of an adverse decision. mittee on Monday that such investiga-More important still, every taxpayer is tions make capital feel unsafe and uncertain and cause it to act on the defrom the allowance of any doubtful fensive. What Mr. Searles and others claim within ten days after the action like him want is absolute freedom to the city clerk and filing the necessary proposes to put a restraint upon their bond, while the district court is given rapacity they decry as a menace to capjurisdiction over such cases the same as ital. The history of the Sugar trust does not show that it has ever been the Should this prevision for contesting judicial attention it has received. It disputed claims against the city be en- has kept right along in a most aggresopened to the taxpaying citizen to regulating production and prices of frustrate raids upon the city treasury sugar, exacting whatever tribute it by fraudulent claims put through with pleased from consumers and robbing the

least bit alarmed by the legislative and sive fashion crushing out competition. the collusion of city officials. While no government through undervaluations. citizen might feel it incumbent upon him The capital engaged in that enterprise to fight boodle jobs at his own expense has been pretty constantly on the ofthe field would be cleared for an or- fensive rather than the defensive. There ganization of taxpayers whose special was a time, when the sugar schedule object should be to contest every quest of the present tariff law was under contionable claim allowed by the mayor sideration, when the combine may have felt unsafe, but it carried its point and felt the need of such an organization has made greater profits since than be fore.

Mr. Searles also told the committee that the increase of large corporations is not a disadvantage to workingmen ordeal of the courts, and they would not Yet it is a well known fact that the course of the Sugar trust in suppressing competition threw a great many workingmen out of employment and reduced the cost of labor in sugar refining. Everybody who knows anything on the subject knows that the wageearner is benefited by industrial competition, both as to the amount of employment offered and the pay of labor. Every such combination as the Sugar trust has been inimical to labor and must necessarily be so, because it re duces the market for labor. Such combinations are also a disadvantage to the workingman for the reason that he must pay more for their products than such products would sell for with unrestricted competition.

The trust investigation has not had any very notable developments, but it grows in interest.

The Omaha Ministerial association has passed resolutions endorsing a bill pend ing in the legislature prohibiting all Sunday amusements, such as theater performances, base ball and foot ball games, prize fighting and cock fighting. Prize fighting and cock fighting are already prohibited by law without respect to the day of the week on which they take place, but under our "reform" po lice department these salutary laws have been dead letters. The ministers might uncover some interesting information if they started an inquiry into the reason for the non-enforcement of these laws.

Only a comparatively few days ye remain of the legislative sessions in which the term will expire even before knowledge passed in the last twenty that of Nebraska. None of the proposed appropriation bills anywhere have yet become laws and all are waitcreases, however. Others are for naval ing for Nebraska to take the lead, which construction and for seaboard fortifica- by every principle of right and decency

It is estimated that there will be spent congress simply performed its duty in on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight

According to the latest program, after the exposition appropriation bill has been laboriously rolled up to the top of tainly remarkable how some men's logic country, and it may be doubted whether promoters and the assistance of the Necongress will ever be able to reduce braska press, Mr. Bryan is to push it

expenditures much below that amount. across the line and then be hailed by Perhaps when the government pays out his admirers as the savior of the expothe Cretan incident is closed or not, but less for pensions than now and the work sition. All right. Let the savior act

The death of Treasurer St. John of the union with Greece will speedily be fully will arise new demands for outlay in democratic, national committee brings one or more of the great powers, or at buildings the demand will be per Ex-Governor Russell of Massachusetts any rate that she was assured that the petnal. We believe an honest effort has died before he returned home and John powers would put no obstruction in her been made by the house leaders in the R. Fellows of New York survived the way. But however this may be the Fifty-fourth congress to reduce ex- election but a few weeks. Both of these penditures wherever it could be done men were among the principal opponents versally applauded and the little king- without injury to the public service or of the free silver declaration, while Banker St. John was a radical white metal enthusiast.

One man who hauled his own garbage maintain the Sunday evening church without a license has taken a fall out sippl Exposition is already half defeated by

If the pedagogical department of the State university does the same or equivalent work to that of the State Normal school, the graduates of the one ought to have the same privileges as teachers as of the other. The test for ap-

Seeking Notoriety. The senate is bound to get into print, even if it shall be compelled to hold secret see

Go It, Husband; Go It, Bear. Indianapolis Journal When it comes to a fight between Mesers Carnegie and Rockefeller for control of the steel rail business the rest of mankind need not care which downs the other.

It will be a great day for this countryand let it be hoped that it may not be far distant—when the president of the United States is in the largest measure relieved o all this pressure (of officeseekers) and has the full time necessary to weigh the far greater problems that always confront him.

Cold Statement of Fact.

Louis Post. A fact outweighs a ton of argument. Here s a fact. As long as the steel rail trust held together the lowest price for rails was \$28 per ton. When the Scranton and Jolie nills drew out of the pool the prime of stee rails dropped to \$17 per ton. At the reduced price the Carnegle mills have booked orders which will keep their Braddock mills running stendily for a year. The difference between \$28 and \$17 is the difference between trust prices and honest competition prices.

Usual Result in Prospect.

The manufacturers of knit goods in various parts of the country have formed an associa-tion, the expressed object of which is to look after the tariff and especially to prevent indervaluations, So far as the latter objecs concerned there can be no objection to any ust measure to prevent frauds upon the But it may be just as well to watch and see whether the association does not begin to put up prices after a brief nterval. Such things have occurred before.

Depew es Ambassadur. Minneapolis Journal.

Chauncey Depew seems to be looked upo is the coming United States ambassador the court of St. James. Everybody will be glad to see the doctor in such a congenial place. As the American ambassador in London is chief mployed making postorandial speeches; unless come international prestion arises. Dr. Depew will be in his element, for there is not a man in either hemisphere his superior in making afterdinner speeches. And in diplomacy—well. Depew can't be beat there. Talleyrand him-

Heroism in the Navy.

Those who have feared that the personal purage and beroism of the old navy could ot be preserved in the changed conditions life on the modern iron-elad have their cerfulness restored by such exhibitions as those which took place during the recent gale off Hatteras. When four men were swept from the decks of the Maine a comrade named William J. Creelman at once sprang verboard to attempt their rescue, and was mself saved with difficulty. John Adams and Alexander Nelson lost their lives in atopting to gave comrades, and Gherardi, with six men, put out in a boat for escue work when the violence of the waves vas such that there seemed not one chance in a hundred of their safe return. Given the ceasion, and our navy will always produc

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Ottumwa Courier: The Henry county card of supervisors has presed an order xeluding typewriters from the court house is not clear whether this means the type vriter machine or the good looking young lady typewriter operator. From the fact that the Henry county officials have registered a vigorous kick and asked the board to eseind the order, we assume it is the latter Sioux City Times: One of the curiosities of the immigration business is disclosed in the efforts of Maryland people to secure imnigrants to their state. There is colony in Caroline county which was secured through the efforts of the immigration comnusioner, who reports that "fifty people are o join it next week from Iowa, and a colony f Canadians will arrive in the state about the first of next month. They will bring with them enough money to purchase farms outright.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The New York Biscuit company seems to out after the "dough." It made over \$500,000 last year and its stock is still rising. This is no flowery dream, either. Speaker Reed is finishing up his ninth con tinuous term in the house and in the nex congress he will be the oldest in point of con tinuous service, as well as speaker.

It is a singular coincidence that ex-Con-crossman James Wilson, the next secretary f agriculture, is father of the position, hav-ng first introduced the bill creating it. The references to the operations against war" fall to make clear the fact that it may sult in the annexation of territory with a arger population than that of England itself The length-sing list of those who have paid too dearly for success or fame has in the past few days included the names of Munkaczy, now paralytic; of McGiffin, dead by his own hand; of Albert Ross, the novelist, and Strinitz, the chess player, both pasts, with a libert length of the pasts of the novelist of the pasts of the novelist of the pasts of the p With all of them a lesser measure success might have meant a greater meas

to of happiness. People can do graceful things in France. lady, strictly guarding her anonymity, arning that there were young men benging to the Ecole des Beaux Arts dis tinguished for itheir proficiency, but who were without means, has had a house furnished in one of the most picturesque parts when a question of each vital importance of France, where, without cost, a certain stares it in the face. The expession bill

Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell of Philadelshia, has returned from his tour of in ration in Cuba. "Beyond Havans." h "the insurgent lines are on all sides ERLYS. from six to twenty miles distant. There seems to be a kind of understanding that there shall be no fighting around the city. The Spanish coldiers go out on the railroad o Mantanyas, right through the rebel terri ry, and no attempt is made to stop them Trains could easily be wrecked, but it is no done. Just before I came away the Spaniards got notice from the insurgents to sidetrack train for a couple of hours and it wone. If they had refused to comply doubt if the train would ever have reached Havana, but as it was the cars were not Havana, molested. Why, it's the funniest war I ever

Exposition Endorsements

BY THE NEBRASKA PRESS.

imporaries are speaking a good word for the Transmississippi and International Exposition and ere long the few that refuse encourage the enterprise because Omaha is likely to be benefited by the great show will begin to feel very lonesome.

Surprise Herald: The good effect of a liberal appropriation for the Transmissisour legislature refusing to pass the appropriation promptly. It allows very injurious criticisms by other states that were already favoring the exposition. We say pass the the action

Kimball (Neb.) Observer: The Nebraska delegates, who made such a commendable fight for the location of the exposition at Omaha, pledged to the Transmississippi co grees Nebraska's support to the fair if lo-cated in our state, and four-fifths of the citizens are favorable to an adequate appropriation. Such an appropriation should be made and without further parleying,

of the community in which he lives. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether for the Transmississippi Exposition.

These evidences of the people's returning confidence in the future should be welcomed confidence in the future should be welcomed.

asked what we think about the state mak-ing an appropriation for the benefit of the

Imaha. The exposition will bring hundreds of housands of people into our state, many of them seeking homes, who, upon investiga-tion, will be attracted by the fertility of our soil, the agreeable climate, our splendid common school system, colleges churches. We believe the exposition would e the means of greatly advancing the price of real estate all over the state, and bringinto our state many desirable citizens. A refusal to make an appropriation would be equivalent to say to the general governments and the various states that we do not care for the exposition, and east distrust upon us. While we are anxious to cut taxation to the lowest possible limit con-sistent, we regard the exposition with favor, as calculated to advance our prosperity.

Wakefield Republican: When during the art session of the Transmississippi congress was decided to hold an exposition within he borders of one of the states having representation (and Nebraska was the successful competitor in having it located at Omaha) the state assumed a responsibility in the fulillment of which it should strain every nerve. Although it is not purely a Nebraska affair, et ito success depends primarily upon the forts of the state generally and the action f the legislature in relation to the appro-

riation in aid of the exposition. While the enterprise will not be conducted in as great a scale as the World's Columbian xposition. It will undoubtedly compare faorably with any interstate exposition held n this country. It will be a great advertise. nent for the states comprising the transmis ioslppi region, but particularly so for Ne

Through the efforts of Nebraska's representatives in congress, particularly Senator Allen and Congressman Mercer, congress appropriated the sum of \$200,000 for a govrnment exhibit and thus encouraged the e en-The enrise in a very substantial manner. ous ness men of Omaha have left no stone unturned to make it a success. Many states of the transmississippi country have signified extent by our legislature, and a bill is of the transmississippi country have against extent by our legislature, and their willingness to make an appropriation. pending in the senate which contemplates a but if Nebraska takes the lead other states participation of Illinois therein. This should but if Nebraska takes the lead other states will undoubtedly be more speedy and liberal n following her example.

Schuyler Herald: We fail to agree with hose of our exchanges that seem to labor under the impression that the city of Omaha will alone be benefited by the Transmissis sippi Exposition. They are certainly figur-ing from a false basis. What benefit Omaha must to a certain extent benefit the entire state. The Transmississippi Exposi-tion is in no sense of the word on Omahaffair, or for that matter a state affair, but it is something in which the entire great west is interested. It will show up as noteing else could all of the great advantages of the central west. This endeavor to work ip a prejudice against Omaha is all wrong Every citizen of Nebraska should be willing to ald her in making the exposition a grand success. Omaha has nobly done her share, low let the remainder of the state do as well.

Auburn Post: If the present legislature loes not make a fair appropriation for the Fransmississippi Exposition at Omaha it will heap upon its own head and the state at large the contempt of all the states in the transmississippi valley that are waitng upon the action of Nebraska before they ict. It seems to the Post that under the imes and circumstances \$350,000 is too much to appropriate, but that an appropriation of from \$150,000 to \$250,000 placed in such a manner that it will be judiciously spent will be of vast benefit to the state in many ways. The exposition at Omaha will draw capital and people to the state as nothing

Grand Island Independent: When the appropriation of \$259,000 for the drouth suffer rs was up for consideration in the Nebraska enate two years, every member of the egislature from Douglas county was an ardent supporter of the measure at all time A little reciprocity now in behalf of the Transmississippi Exposition appropriation is onfidently looked for and should be forth-oming. While Hall county received no par-icular benefit from the appropriation two years ago, we believe that our people are enterprising enough to realize what such an xhibition within the borders of the state eans.

Nebraska City Press: The eyes of all he loyal people of Nebraska are at present entered on the legislature awaiting in eathless suspense the action of that body n the Transmississippi Exposition bill. They feel that the exposition will be the making of Nebraska and will in effect offset the terrors of the drouth of '93 and '94.

While the exposition will be held in Omaha e as "another little British it will nevertheless be a cemi-national affair belear the fact that it may and will be of especial benefit to the state of Nebraska. It will be a particular advertisement to all Nebraska and the county, city, village, precinct or individual so short eighted as to offer opposition to an enterprise the beneficial results of which are so clear is certainly deserving of a leather medal. It seems almost a waste of time to take up and present the many and varied branches in which this magnificent exposition of the reources of the transmississippi states will benefit Nebraska. The percentage of gain to the amount of the investment will be ten times 16 to 1 and the percentage of increase population and permanent capital will qually as great.

The legislature should cease its dillydallying and triffing with little "dinky" measurumber of artists may spend their summers | should be passed and for the full amount of \$350,000.

Ashland Journal: The Journal is emphaally in favor of the state's making a good ropriation to aid the Transmississippi Ex-tion. The success of this movement wil o more lasting good to the state and its copie than any other movement that could casibly be inaugurated at this time. By all means let us have the appropriation.

Weeping Water Republican: If the Transmississipp) Exposition is not a success, i will not be the fault of The Omaha Bee, and f it does not receive encouragement in the way of a generous donation from the state it will be the fault of a populist legislature. If our own state falls to do the right thing what can we expect from other states. The saying, "There is a tide in the affairs, etc." can be applied in this case, and if we do

Dawson Newsboy: One by one our con- not take it at the fleed, we will be the losers. Let the exposition receive your to smooth down the indignation of decency hearty co-operation and approval and the by a pretense that they were about to do state as a whole will be benefited.

> Hastings Tribune: Isn't it about time for the Nebraska legislature to make a good sized appropriation for the Transmississippi Exposition? Other states are patiently wait o see what Nebraska will do. The appropriation is a good thing. Push it along.

> Holdrege Citizen: Other states are willing o make liberal appropriations for the com-ng Transmississippl Exposition to be held in the city of Omaha, but are waiting to se what. Nebraska will do. legislature does little except talk and make appropriations to pay their calaries.

ROCK-ROOTED CONFIDENCE.

It is Manifested by the Promoters of the Transmississippi Exposition.

One of the most encouraging features of the hard times is the money and energy that the people of the Mississippi valley are putting into great industrial expositions is colebration of their great progress and for Curtis Citizen: If we don't all attend the any state effort of the kind that has presame church or vote the same party ticket, ceded it. Omaha, the commercial metropolis we certainly can all agree that it is a duty of Nebraska, backed by that state and others of every good citizen to do all he can to to the west, announces a Transmississippl promote the growth and general prosperity Exposition for 1898 that, in extent and

and encouraged everywhere by everybody. The country never before had in it such an abundance of those things that go to make Pransmississippi Exposition to be held at prosperity. The harvests have been luxuriant, there are new developments in our mineral resources, and the energy and nerve force of the people after a rest of four years, awakening with guns that announce a new national administration, with American tendencies, are ready to show the world again what a free people can do. With the favor of such an administration the Mississipp valley and the great states west and north not only can feed the world, but can supply with the precious metals for all the f commerce and trade.

At the head of the Transmississippi Expo

sition are men of energy and character. The have laid a bread foundation for their ex position, which they intend shall be, like our great World's fair, an eyeopener for eastern cynics and critics. The of the United States has already agreed to expend not less than \$200,000 in an exhibiion of the resources of the nation. The citizens of Omaha and the railroads and corporations connected with that city are expected to subscribe not less than \$1,000,000 The state of Nebraska contemplates an appropriation of \$350,000, and divers other states in the transmissiosippi region give dications of entering cordially into the spirit of the originators of the great under-Its entire success seems almos assured.

No state in the Mississippi valley is more interested in that success than Illinois. There are no people to whom this state can exhibit her manufactured products to more advantage than to the people of the trans-mississippi states. Their trade is worth millions to us now, but to what extreme it will grow in the future there can be no estimate. Chicago is the commercial center of the north Mississippi valley and the natural clearing house for the great mineral and agricultural states of the transmississippi region. Their trade and friendship are worth cultivating to say nothing of that community of inter ents with our nearest neighboring states, which should lead us to aid in everything that will work for the prosperity of all. The merits of the Transmississippi Expe

sition have already been discussed to some It would seem that there could hardly b two opinions by thoughtful men as to the propriety and duty of Illinois in the premises Can she afford to sit stolidly by while he sisters are moving forward to greet the prosperity which gives promise of its

PLUCK COMMANDS SUCCESS lowa's Friendly Interest in the Trans

mississippi Exposition. Des Moines Lender The people of Iowa take a most friendly nterest in the great Transmississippi Expo sition to be held in Omaha during 1898, and most cordially wish it success. The legis lature of the state has already shown its friendliness by an appropriation of \$19,000 and it is expected that more will be pro-vided by the next legislature for the due

The exposition idea is the result of a

epresentation of the state.

proposal made at the Transmissouri Com-mercial congress held in Omaha in 1895. Resolutions were then adopted memorializing congress for recognition of the exposition and for the granting of such an appropri ation as has been usual in similar cases in the past. Omaha took hold of the matter tions up to the present amount to \$425,000, a larger sum relatively than Chicago contributed when it raised \$5,000,000 for the Columbian exposition. Congress responded to the request of the commercial congress by passing a \$200,000 appropriation to be devoted to a special building and exhibit by the United States government. A bill is now pending before the Nebraska legislature for the appropriation of \$300,000 by the state of Nebraska, and will doubtless passed within a few days, although the amount given is likely to be less than \$350,000. In other western states and territories appropriations are pending with flattering prospects of success. If it were not for the hard times it is likely that an aggregate of \$5,000,000 would in all be set aside for the exposition. Even as is the contributions are likely to be more than and with this amount, mented by resources acquired by pledging the gate receipts, the total expenditure is not likely to be but little less than \$5,000,000. Omaha shows magnificent faith in herself by undertaking such an enterprise, as said above larger relatively than the World's fair was to Chicago. Such pluck is worthy of icouragement. At present the trade relations of Iowa to

Nebraska are not as intimate as would be expected from their contiguity. Iowa does not sell much in Nebraska, nor does Nebraska sell in Iowa. It is because both states look for the real markets for their surplus further east or abroad. But this condition will not always exist. At present lowa's gaze is exclusively directed toward the east, but it is only a matter of time when lowa will look westward for market; perhaps not in Nebraska, whose products are largely similar to our own, but to the great inter-mourtain country which this ex-position represents. Consequently it be-hooves lows at the beginning to cultivate the most friendly trade relations, and to the end a friendly interest should be taken in the gigantic enterprise that our sister city to the west has undertaken

GREEK FIRE.

Chicago Post: There is a constantly in reasing number of people who think that t would be a good thing it the powers would ither thrash Turkey or let some one ela-

Brooklyn Eagle: Greece is still a living Freece. She wants to fight, she has som thing to fight for, and this part of the world would be glad to see her restoration to he old place among the civilizations that owed their inception to her teachings and ex-

New York Tribune:, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," will probably acon be a much-heard cry. Greece may keep Turkey off the sea and drive her out of Crete out a big Turkish army in Macedonia will e another matter, with which the gallant Hellenes will find it difficult to deal. New York Sun: Turkey has a great army made up of troops as ferocious

as any in the world. Greece has but a small army, recruited from a population not much larger than the city of New York. Yet Greece is ready to take up arms against Turkey in behalf of the wronged people of the outlying island of

Crete. Chicago Journal: The action of Greece is magnificent. It has rebuked the whole hest tant, vaciliating crew of European diplo-mats. They have dallied over the Turkey question in one form or another for years and have steadfastly opposed precipitate action, by which they have meant action of any sort whatever. They have attempted to smooth down the indignation of decency something very important which for certain meaterious reasons would be a failure if I wasn't done just so. But their seldsh anathy in spite of some of the most ferolous wholesale crimes that ever disgraced mankind was evidence they never intended to do anything. What Greece will try to do in Crete is what the powers should have Europe long ago, and that is to drive out the Turk.

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR,

Philadelphia Record: Temmy-Pop, do skates always come in pairs?
Temmy's Pop-Well, my boy, some of them come in peaches.

Detroit Free Fress: "Are all these tens of thousands of men you talk about look-ing for work, Wiseley?" "Not by a long shot. They's after politi-cal appointments."

New York Tribune: "Why don't you re-pent of your sins?"
"Well, to tell the truth. I'm kept too busy regretting those of my ancestors."

Washington Star: "Do you think, professor, that the theory that Mars is inhabited has any practed a value?"
"Do I think so?" returned the professor, "I know it. Some periodicals pay \$20 a page for articles on the subject."

Brooklyn Life: "Browning dear," said Mrs. Emerson to her husband, "what is a cutaneous pastime?"

"A cutaneous pastime, love? I never heard of such a thing?"

"Well. I heard two men on the street car talking, and one of them spoke of a skin game." game. Indianapolis Journal: "And how did he die?" asked the lady who had come west to inquire after the husband she had lost. "Er-by request, ma'am," said the gentle cowboy, as mildly and regretfully as

Chicago Tribune: "John, get up." No reply. "John, do get up!" No reply.
"John, get up quick! Fire!"
"Bless me! Where!"
"Wanted, in the kitchen stove,"
But it doesn't do any good.
John doesn't get up.
And she has to go and build it herself,

A CONFESSION Cincinnati Tribune. I kiss our cook whene'er I piease, And yet my wife does not object, But smiles and blushes—actions that You'd hardly look for or expect,

The reason plain is not so strange;
We live in one small three-room'd flat,
And she's the cook-which goes to show
Why these kisses cause no spat.

A DOUBTING HEART.

Adelaide Anne Proctor. Where are the swallows fled? Frozen and dead ance upon some bleak and stormy Perchance upon shore.

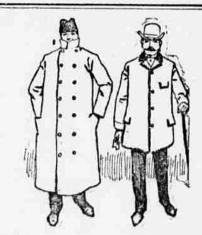
O. doubting heart!
Far over purple seas
They wait, in sunny case,
The balmy southern breeze
To bring them to their northern homes once

Why must the flowers die? Prisoned they lie
e cold tomb, heedless of tears or rain
O doubling heart!
They only sleep below
The soft white ermine snow
While winter winds shall blow,

To breathe and smile upon you soon again. The sun has hid its rays The sun has hid its rays
These many days;
Will dreary hours never leave the earth?
O doubting heart!
The stormy clouds on high
Vell the same sunny sky
That soon, for spring is nigh,
Shall wake the summer into golden mirth.

Fair hope is dead, and light is quenched in night; Is quenched in night; What sound can break the silence of de-spair?

spair?
O doubting heart!
The sky is overcast,
Yet stars shall rise at last,
Hrighter for darkness past.
And angels' silver voices stir the air.



IS KNOWN NOT MORE SURELY BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS THAN BY HIS CLOTHES.

IT IS HIS DUTY AS WELL AS HIS PLEASURE, THEREFORE, TO BE WELL DRESSED, AND ESPECIAL-LY AT THIS SEASON, WHEN THERE IS SUCH AN OPPORTUN-ITY FOR YOU.

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO DISPOSE OF OUR SURPLUS STOCK, TO MAKE ROOM FOR OUR SPRING ASSORTMENT-AND HAVE MARK-ED IT DOWN TO THE VERY LOW-EST POSSIBLE PRICE, TO DO SO.

AND WHERE ELSE ARE YOU AS SURE OF FINDING JUST WHAT YOU WANT AT JUST THE RIGHT PRICE, AND WITH THE CERTAIN ASSURANCE OF YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT.

THE MAN WHO DOESN'T UN-DERSTAND THIS IS IN DANGER OF LOSING MONEY.

