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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

This is not a good year to vindicate anybody.

The eyes of the civilized world are resting upon Greece with approval and sympathy.

The state senate deserves credit for killing all those useless normal school schemes if for nothing else.

As Cardinal Wolsey might have said, "How wretched is that poor man who hangs on Broatch's favors!"

The treasury shortage is bound to be thoroughly investigated, whether the legislature does its plain duty or not.

The withdrawal of Great Britain from the Cretan blockade is likely to cause a horrible discord in the concert of Eu-

The more the Bartley embezzlement is investigated the less is the ground plate would certainly result in the left for Bartley to make his plea for withdrawal of this valuable privilege pay the duties of the existing law. It sympathy on.

This spring's city campaign promises to be so short and sharp that the political sharpers will not have time to cut their way into the public crib.

It was doubtless a blessing in disguise for the republicans of Nebraska that their late candidate for state treasurer Charles E. Casey, was not elected.

"Route the Moslems" is the keynoto of the first column of a local publication which is shouting itself hourse over the superiority of western culture. Which route?

The legislature is spending a great deal of time on the question of deficiency judgments, but it is fighting shy of the equally important question of deficiency revenue in the state treas-

While the Omaha ministerial petitioners were fighting police board windmills, the gamblers and their boodle legislature.

Governor Holcomb would have been glad to have affixed his signature to the exposition bill six weeks ago if the legislature had only followed his advice by passing the bill promptly early in the session.

The value of coroner's jury verdicts is strikingly shown by a recent case in Chicago, where a headless corpse discovered in a sewer catch basin was found to have got into that predicament by drowning.

What to do with a retired champion pugilist of the world is what is bother ing the sports nowadays. According to the best rules of etiquette of the prize ring nothing will comport with the dignity of the king bruiser's position except employment as the chief instructor in some high-toned athletic club supported by wealthy would-be sports.

Officers of the different railway traffic and passenger associations may have to look for new jobs owing to the supreme court decision declaring such combines to be within the proscription of the anti-trust law, but they may be depended on to remain within hearing for recall in case circumstances should shape themselves so that the associamaintained.

Why has not the World-Herald denounced the boodle operations of the gamblers' combine that was exposed by The Bee? Has any one seen anything in that great reform sheet taking exception to the bill to legalize gambling pushed through the senate by the use of boodle? Can it be that the silence of the World-Herald is to be explained on the same theory as the support of the gambling bill by Senator Howell?

WILL IT SHIELD THE BOODLERS? The Bee has publicly charged that the Howell gambling bill was put through

the senate by the influence of boodle. The senate, however, seems inclined to gloss over the gambling bill scandal. Although several days have elapsed since the exposure of the corrupt scheme, it has not as yet taken a single step to uncover the boodlers or to clear the skirts of senators who voted for the bill of the imputation that they were bribed.

The Bee repeats the charge that Senate File 331, a bill designed to legalize gambling and the keeping of gambling resorts in the state of Nebraska, was passed by the senate by the influence of boodle. The Bee has positive information that a large sum of money, said to be \$3,000, was subscribed by certain Omaha and South Omaha gambiers to secure the enactment of legis lation favorable to their interests and that a part, at least, of the money subscribed was paid by them. The editor of The Bee further stands ready to substantiate these statements before any competent legislative committee appointed with full powers to investigate these charges.

Inasmuch as the gambling bill known as Senate File 331 passed the senate with but three votes recorded against it and has since been publicly championed on the floor of the senate by senators actively enlisted in its support, The Bee asks in all candor, Can the state senate afford longer by its inaction to strengthen the well-grounded suspicion of wholesale bribery and cor-

CANADA WILL RETALIATE.

The Canadian Parliament is now in session and it will be known in a few days what the government will propose to do regarding the tariff. According to advices from Ottawa a few days ago the policy will probably be one of retaliation as to the United States. It was stated that a considerable reduction will be made in those classes of goods imported which can be readily obtained from Great Britain and a corresponding increase on goods forming the bulk of imports from the United States. It was party. also stated that the Canadian government's attitude has changed from one of desire for reciprocity with the United States to one which foreshadows a policy of nonintercourse.

This was to have been expected, but t does not present a situation that would be as disadvantageous to the United States as to Canada-that is to say, this country can much better afford a policy of nonintercourse, though certainly it is not one to be desired. But it may be doubted whether the Canadian government will be disposed to go to any such length, by way of making answer to the Dingley bill. Canadian railroads are enjoying a privilege from our government which gives them a policy as Canada is said to contemcan safely be counted upon to oppose any extreme measures against the United States. As to reciprocity, it is manifestly out of the question, but we think there will continue to be commercial intercourse, though it is pretty sure to be on a more restricted scale.

FAR-REACHING EFFECTS.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States making the antitrust act of 1800 applicable to traffic agreements between railroads is expected to have far-reaching effects not confined to the milroads. Eminent lawyers in the east are quoted as saying that the view taken by the supreme court renders the statute sufficient to make vold any contract whatever over which there is federal jurisdiction which in any way limits competition. It is urged that, logically, it strikes down such combinations as those which have made the Sugar trust and all of the great industrial combinations that are beyond exclusive state jurisdiction. seem to have gotten in a great deal of The lawyers say that this must be the fine work on receptive members of the effect unless congress amends the law and limits its now wide-sweeping universal operation within federal juris-

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says that no dis senting view is heard there as to the effect upon the railways of the decision. It compels the broadest, most absolute competition, for under it actions may be brought against every railway corporation that enters into any agreement with another to act with common purpose in reducing competi tion. Already there are expressions of

apprehension that there will be a return to rate cutting and with this is legislation to permit pooling under have a serious effect upon the sooner or later. Of course such a state shall get reasonable rates. But is it quite certain that even with the agreements they have made there has been can anybody say how much more open cutting of rates? The fact is that

pooling were legalized. The people will be glad to learn that it is the opinion of able lawyers that could easily do so by forbidding common the supreme court decision has given a carriers of all description engaged in scope and force to the anti-trust law interstate commerce from transporting which renders it applicable to all com- the photographs and exhibition apparbinations in restraint of trade. If that atus from state to state. Compelling is the case there can be no excuse on the kinetoscope people to resort to conthe part of the federal authorities for veyances other than the railroads when-

doubted whether they would do so if

bunal, when nearly everybody believed it was practically dead, the people will vigorously applied.

THE CONTEST FOR THE COUNCIL. The new rule adopted by the repubnominate candidates for the council who news to which it is entitled. will have to be elected by the votes of the whole city. The object of this rule is to eliminate the contest of councilmanic places from the city convention primaries.

This rule, however, will not relieve the republicans of the different wards lighting plant? Why not vote another from the duty of putting up clean, reputable candidates who will appeal not a couple of millions more to buy strongly for the support of all good citi- the street railway system? Why not for a candidate to carry the primaries system? Why start with the most for him to carry a majority of the votes | cheaper experiments may be tried? at the general election. The republicans Why should the council lend itself to his year want to nominate nine men for the council who will command the confidence of the people and who will be elected. Under the provisions of the new charter the councilmanic candidate who has a notoriously bad record or at the election last fall, what objection who is unamestionably far inferior to his opponent will labor under a disadvantage such as he never labored lican representatives on the recount comunder before. On the other hand, the mittee? A non-partisan recount commitman with a good record and of unblemished reputation and business standing will have an advantage that political parties. The only way to aswill be worth hundreds upon hundreds of votes.

As the ward primaries are expected to decide the nominations of councilmen, it behooves republicans throughout the city to see to it that the result of the primaries reflects the real choice of the

A FLOOD OF FOREIGN GOODS.

The information from London that British manufacturers are very active and that shipowners are finding difficulty in handling the business offered, ought to impress the senate with the duty, in the interest of revenue if for equivalent of cash. no other consideration, of not unnecessarily delaying the passage of the tariff bill. It will go to that body at the end of next week, but it will probably be several weeks later before it is reported from the finance committee and undoubtedly there will be at least a nonth of discussion. In the meanwhile the flood of imports will go on and by large and necessary revenue. Any such the time the new bill is enacted the American market will be heavily stocked with foreign goods that will and the powerful railroad interest there is said that there is now in the country a year and it is quite possible that the importations of foreign manufactures during the next ninety days, if the new ariff does not go into effect sooner, will be sufficient for a year's consumption.

In that case the new tariff, in the first year of its operation, would not yield the revenue it is intended to supply, nor would it have the stimulating yet to be involved. effect upon home industries which is hoped for. Every day of delay in put ting it into effect, therefore, means future loss to the treasury and postis the price that must be paid in order that the opponents of protection in the servite may put themselves on record and enjoy the privilege of unrestricted debate. Of course no one desires to de prive those senators of the right to express their views, but there is nothing unreasonable in the suggestion that they should not abuse the right, to the detriment of the government and the injury of the industries and labor from blame in the eastern question. He was

of the country. It is not to be expected, however, that the opponents of protection will be influenced by the fact that British manu facturers are rushing their goods to the American market, in order to take advantage of the low duties, nor do they care anything about the future conditions certain to result from this. The fact that in England industries ar being pushed in making goods for the United States, while our kindred in dustries are doing little, does not in the least worry the enemies of protection.

Dead letter laws are worse than no laws. Voting \$3,500,000 of proposed water bonds which are never intended to heard a renewal of the demand for be issued means a menace to the safety of the treasury, to say nothing of the proper regulations. That rate cutting needless expense entailed upon the taxis very likely to ensee, sooner or payers. There is no call for any \$3,500,later, is not to be doubted and 000 water bond proposition at this time, such an outlook, it is believed, will If there is any possible chance of buying the water works at voluntary sale value of railway property. It is urged by the owners, why have not the mayor that unrestrained competition means war and council ascertained the agreed price first before attempting to submit their of affairs is not to be desired. It is fake proposition to the voters? The imfor the general good that the railroads pending election is not the last election we are to have. There will be another election in November next, when any rational plan to acquire the water works no rate cutting-no discrimination in may be submitted to the voters. In the favor of large shippers? And if not, interval it is senseless to submit a proposition for going it blind with \$3,500,000 tions could be legally reorganized and serious to the railroads would be an of bonds when it is known the scheme is a sham and a fraud and designed these corporations do not deal honestly simply to manufacture campaign thunbetween themselves and it may be der for a lawless mayor.

If congress really wanted to block the proposed kinetoscopic prize fights it delay in proceeding against the trusts ever they want to cross state lines would serve, \$151,805,151.

and combinations which are violating put them it a costly disadvantage. But the law. The president is known to be congress does not care to interfere to hostile to these organizations. He has this extent. If the kinetoscopic fight spoken plainly to this effect. It is fairly should be brought for one night to Washto be presumed that Attorney General ington of anywhere near Washington McKenna is in complete accord in this while congress is in session it may be particular with the president. Having put down as next to certainty that the had the anti-trust law sustained and clerk could call the roll of members and vitalized by the highest Judicial tri- find a quorum present in the audience.

The news of the downfall of Charles expect the authorities at Washington E. Casey of Pawnee City, late repubto speedfly invoke It against the trusts lican candidate for state treasurer, is and not follow the example of the pre- certainly deplorable information for the Chicago, with great force. It is to be reprecoding administration of finding all people who had previously looked upon sentative of all the great country west and sorts of difficulties in the way of its him as a man in whom they could place northwest on the other side of the Missisenforcement. The means to put down implicit reliance and new evidence of combinations in restraint of trade is at the blighting influence of the lawless great region have made appropriations in its hand and it should be promptly and methods employed by the Bartley regime in the state treasury. The Bee, along with others, seems to have been deceived in the ability of Mr. Cases. to withstand the blandishments of the lican city committee for the government | Bartley gang. But The Bee is above of the party primaries will operate to all a newspaper, and fearlessly perenable the republicans of each ward to forms its duty to give the public the sight \$1,500,000, which is a larger amount

Why vote \$3,500,000 of water bonds at the coming election? If municipal ownership is the open sesame on which and throw it exclusively to the ward the outlaw mayor and his associates are to ride into power again, why not vote a half million to buy the electric million to buy the gas works? Why tens throughout the city. It is one thing a million or so to acquire the telephone n his own ward and quite another thing costly franchised corporation, when any Broatch bunco game anyway?

If the sole object of the recount is to btain an accurate caavass of the votes cast on the constitutional amendments can there be to allowing the republicans in house and senate to select the repubtee means a committee composed of men who will look out for the interest of all sure the entire citizenship of the state that no jugglery in the recount is to be tolerated is to give all parties an opportunity to verify the count as it progresses.

It is to be hoped that an end has been put at least for a time to political banking in the state treasury in Nebraska. The time has passed for one treasurer to pay the campaign expenses of his successor for the purpose of insuring acmaking goods for the American market ceptance by the latter of all the cats and dogs accumulated in his hands during his term of office. Treasury settlements in the future must be in cash or the

In view of the millions of treasure which Weyler has spent in introducing the white-winged dove of peace to the island of Coba, it is suggested that less costly experiments with other breeds of poultry would have insured larger returns.

Muzzling the Other Fellow. It is to be suspected that nearly every senator would indorse a measure of closure

which would keep somebody else from talk-

Brondening Its Scope. Philadelphia Times. That proposed law prohibiting kinetoscop nd other reproductions of the late fight

night be amended to prohibit people drawing on their imaginations The Proper Course Philadelphia Record,

The decision of the administration to take no action respecting the blockade of Crete perfectly proper, as neither American inmerican honor would appear as

Abating a Theater Nuisance.

St. Paul Pioncer Press The chap who goes out between the acts to quench his thirst is fully as great a nuisance to theater-goers as the woman sauce to theater-goers as popement of industrial revival. This with a high hat. Now that the high hat has subsided to a certain extent, the atention of reformers is directed to the cap in question. It is suggested that if theater management will keep a sup ply of bottles on hand, filled with milk and irnished with rubber nipples, which can be passed to the poor fellow when his thirst on, the nuisance will be quickly abated.

New York Tribune Mr. Gladstone cries "peccavi" as well as Lord Salisbury. For he is by no means free one of those ministers who, at the historic "parting of the ways." guided England into the wrong path and fought the Crimean war rather than join with Russia in settling the eastern question then and settling it right. At that time he resigned office unde fire rather than face the responsibility of his But he has manfully atoned for his faults since, and is entitled to the fullest absolution in return for his latest and quite matchless appeal for a righting of the century-long evil.

Iowa's Brilliant Congressman.

Mr. J. P. Dolliver of Iowa has con firmed a growing and brilliant reputation by a speech upon the Dingley tariff which, like all speeches of the first rank, says what all the country has been thinking and waiting for some one to say. Mr. Dolliver's speech sparkles with epigram and is sprinkled with happy phrases which will be quoted from one end of the country to the other; but it has more solid and substantial merits in its cogent argument and convincing logic. Prosperity is never enacted by law; but laws open the path to prosperity when they create morstimulate manufacture and set men to work out their own salvation. This the new tariff is expected to do, and this it will do, as Mr. Dolliver shows.

Sample of Chinese Rapacity.

A common gentiment of humanity—so far as proud Caucasians are willing to admit a common humanity with Mongolians—inspires a feeling of disgust at the alleged rapacity of the Chinese minister in this country, who is said to have demanded a large sum of money as the price of his services in behalf of his countrymen here who are under sentence of death in China, and of regeniment at the barbarity of his government, which will execute the senof these men on their relatives in China if it cannot lay hands on the men themselves. But it is difficult to see how our government can be asked to interfere on behalf of those of the condemned who claim to be American citizens. The laws of the United States do not admit Chinese to citizenship, and hence the claim cannot be sustained. It may be argued that this ex-clusion puts the United States on a par with China in the matter of barbarism and makes our government to some extent a partner in what we are pleased to consider an outrageous form of punishment, but perhaps i is just as well not to go into that phase of

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$218,627,862; gold reILLINOIS AND THE EXPOSITION.

Why the Grent State Should Give it Substantial Support. Chlengo Inter Ocean, 25th

committee of gentlemen representing the Transmississippi Exposition of 1898 went down to Springfield yesterday to urge upon the legislature action in favor of Illinois taking part in said exposition. It is hoped that these gentlemen will be welcomed to the capital, and given a candid hearing by the proper committees.

The Transmississippl Exposition is onthat appeals to Illinois, and especially to sippi river. Nearly all the states of that aid, and in many cases this has been sup plemented by subscriptions of citizens of those states. The expesition is not only going to have the warm sympathy of the people, but also will have their money and their active assistance.

A member of the committee said vesterday that the exposition company now had in than any other exposition except our World's fair has had to expend. But the managera are not satisfied with that sum, and if their plans prosper, as it now looks they will, double that amount will be raised.

It is timely for such an exhibition of the wealth and resources of the west. The whole world should be notified that the hard times have not been destructive of the country, but have only stopped development and to work for glory during the remaining have not been destructive of the country. but have only stopped development and checked growth, and that now when prosperity begins to show itself the undeveloped country west is still the place to make forunes; that it still stands inviting the struggling thousands to come and find plenty if they have the energy to work.

No city is more interested in this revival of business in that portion of the country than Chicago. It is directly tributary to her in all respects. Every Chicagoan should realize this and give all encouragement to the proposed exposition.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The first state election this year will be held in Rhode Island, April 7. The total debt of the consolidated greater New York will amount to \$200,000,000. The democratic candidates for mayor of Chicago and St. Louis are named Harrison The senate of Colorado rejected a bill limiting labor in mines to eight hours a

According to a law just passed in Wisconin no foreign corporation which is a member of a trust can enforce a contract in that state.

A new pool law just adopted in Missouri permits pool selling on the day when a race octween April 15 and November 1. That little affair at Carson wasn't a marker to the knock down and drag-out which

rimsoned the democratic city convention of St. Louis. So promiscuous were the free fights that the referee declared all bets off. The legislators of Arkansas do not subscribe to the sentiment that the country has too much legislation. At the regular session they failed to pass necessary approequently an extra scssion is to be held in May. The legislature of North Dakota has re-

ferred to a vote of the people a proposition authorizing the legislature to enact laws requiring of voters an educational qualifica-tion and prescribing penalties for failing, neglecting or refusing to vote at any general election. Hard times and lack of political provende have forced two leading democratic clubs of

New York City to economize sharply. One proposes to increase the membership so as

o make both ends meet, and the other ooking for less aristocratic quarters than Fifth avenue A candidate for mayor of Kansas City, Kan., has accumulated a surplus of trouble. Long before he thought of seeking office a maiden fair sought a place in his affe and was rewarded with a large marble heart The maiden is now of voting age, and there are others of her sex who sympathize with

be mayor are vanishing in proportion. There was a political convention in Den recently in which the women gave the males several new points in parlianentary procedure. Several patriarchal pollwith flowing whiskers, who thought heir slate had a cinch, were attacked by the New York Times, he confessed that, in drawn out by the nimble fingers of the olitical amazons. The refining influence of

the women, however, prevented the police from taking a hand in the melee. CIVIL SERVICE ATTACKED.

eeded in having adopted by the senate a esolution directing the civil service comnittee to examine into the general action and effect of the civil service law, and to report whether it needs amendment or should be repealed or continued on its wee There is no doubt that this ent lines. There is no doubt that this is a deliberate scheme to undermine the merit system or to abolish it altogether. In this plot are the republicans, with one or to exceptions, and the silver forces of bot sonate and house. It is in line with the action already taken by Grosvenor, and the friends of the system may well fear for its fate. Not even the president can stay the

office-hungry demands of the party. Kansas City Star: Senator Allen of Ne braska has the courage of his convictions, anyway, and even if they are discredited by most intelligent people, it is better that the should be candidly expressed than surrepti-tiously practiced. He has introduced a bill in the senate to repeal the civil service laws and do away with educational tests as a preliminary to entering the public service, which, of course, marks him as the champion of the spoils system and the supporter of ignorance. His bill will never go beyond the committee pigeon hole, prob-ably, and ought not to have gone that far, out at the same time it is to be regretted that the other senators who feel that way out don't dare to acknowledge it, can't b forced to the scratch on the subject.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

It will not be the fault of the Missouri river if communities along its banks do not move forward vigorously this year. Its supply of "grit" is abundant for all demands English papers announce the death, after a long illness, of Berthold Tours, the well known musician and composer. Mr. Tours was a Dutchman by birth, having been born Rotterdam in 1838.

Governor Lowndes of Maryland admits that he is more successful as an officeholder than as a farmer. As a cultivator of the soil he was a failure, but is generous enough no to lay the blame on the soil.

Some years ago Mr. Evarts, then an ex senator, was about to enter a room with Senator Hoar, when he remarked: "I believe that no tules in regard to precedence have been established to cover cases like ours." "Oh yes." replied Senator Hoar, "the Xs always precede the Ys." The eccentricities with which the German

uperor is charged are mild compared with those of some other kings of Prussia. For instance, the father of Frederick the Great had a babit of using his cane freely over shoulders both of the female of his family and of the nobles of his court. The common council of Philadelphia is onvinced that corporations are without souls The municipal solons reached that conclusion when served with notices of suits instituted by the Pennsylvania Railroad company charging them with selling their passes. If such a triffe as that offends a corporation, council-men may justly inquire, "Whither are we drifting?

One Van Cleave, who holds down the job city clerk in Chicago, appears to be thorughly posted on his rights and perquisites Van is remarkably proficient in accoping it various fees and cleaving onto them. When the city comptroller demanded an account Van never said a word simply placed is digits to his air valve and whistled merrily. Then the law department decided that Van's touch could not be touched. Finally the city courcil took a hand and abolished

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month of his term. Otis Smith of Atlanta, Ga., who was arthe other day for embezzlement, declares that he committed the crime through his desire to chine in society. "I have been asked," he says, "why I did not go along it takes money to hold a place in society in and I had to get money to hold my own. It took money to pay for theater parties, germans, suppers, flowers and other presents, and I was like the fellow who had hold of a galvanic battery-I could not let go. After once started I had to keep it up or I was

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The following story on the speaker of the use was told in the cloak room the other day. Mr. Reed was making a speech on his native heath last summer, and to show the effect of the Wilson bill on sheep farming,

You have 3,000 sheep, and you get but 12 ents a pound for your wool."
"You're wrong there, Biddy," called a voice in the crowd, with characteristic Yankee familiarity, "we only get 10 cents." "Well," responded Mr. Reed quickly, "you see you can always retail what I tell you at profit

In speaking of John Thomas, who died the other day at Hokendauqua, Pa., the Phila-delphia Press says: "With his death there telphia Press says: passed away the leading pig-iron master of the United States. His father, the late David Thomas, established the Thomas Iron ompany at Hokendauqua, but it was while John Thomas was superintendent that these works developed to such an extent as to control the pig fron trade of the States. He had an extraordinary business While American fron masters prepared to compete with the world and undersell the cheap iron of Europe, Mr. Thomas was in the van."

The late Ras Alula, the Abyssinian general, had had a most romantic career. He was of the humblest parentage and in his youth a stable boy in the service of Ras whose daughter he eventually mar-He was a man of fine physique and Arka. of a high order of courage, bandsome and At the head of his chosen warriors, in his black silken robe, bordered with purple, his leopard-skin mantle with blue ribbon, gold ross and the sliver chain that told of a lion slain in single combat, Ras Alula was as The followers of the jilted one are side of a mediaeval romance. picturesque a figure as could be found out-

The death of Prof. Sylvester recalls an inident in his career at Johns Hopkins in which one of his personal characteristics was made the occasion of a brilliant and graceful tribute to the scholar. At a dinner where he was to speak for the university, relates he women and shorn of their dignity. Large stead of preparing his response, he had wads of whiskers littered the floor, freely yielded to the temptation and passed the previous evening at the opera, of which he vas passionately fond, and with that excus he gave up and sat down. Whereupon the chairman, Mr. Bonaparte of Baltimore promptly covered the professor's confusion by the remark: "This, gentlemen, is but an-other instance of the fidelity of our distinguished guest to the motto of his life 'Opera, non verba.' "

> Robert P. Porter, in a letter to the Philadelphia Ledger, tells a story which goes to prove that there are kings and kings, and that they are not all live the German war tord. "Walking the streets of Copenhagen some years ago with the American minister writes Mr. Porter, "I saw an elderly gentleman in a modest uniform, accompanied by a magnificent bloodhound, walking toward us. The pavement was narrow and we were on the inside. Without giving us a chance this kindly man, erect as an arrow, stepped from he sidewalk into the street and saluted our minister military fashion. We both returned the salute and passed on." It was, of course, the king of Denmark, who loves to ramble mattended about his capital, and who may be seen nearly every afternoon, walking along the wharfs and quays of Copenhagen and in the public thoroughfares.

Secretary of the Navy Long, it seems, i poet of some pretentions, inheriting this talent from his father, Zadoc Long of Buckfield, Me., in his day a prominent politician and a supporter of the elder Harrison. A man from the Pine Tree state, who belongs to the army of office seekers, has been industriously making a collection of these poems, and carries about with him a number of ellppings written by the secretary of of which the following verses are a sample:

Helen is aged two; Look at the tender blue Her eyes have tempted from the heavenliest patches in the skies.

Look at her rese-tint face,
The ineffable fine grace,
at in its smiles and dimples everywhere
upon it lies.

Had lady's hand e'er such
An inborn grace of touch?
Could nesting hand more gently woo, forgiving or forgiven?
Pid ever mouth put up,
Or bud so fresh a cup?
Or little feet make doorway seem so like
the gate of heaven?



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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. It is Rusaia alone which is to get anything

out of the shame of Europe. It is she which has not only instigated the sultan to withstand the will of Europe, but which has actually induced the governments of Europe to join her in withstanding that will. In place of a partial she has now a complete Income, which was about \$1,200 a year. But | concert of Europe to join her in bullying Greece as she formerly bullied Japan. It is Atlanta. If you do not put up the stuff you true that there are signs of refractoriness are not appreciated. So long as you pay on the part of those governments which for the fun you are a king bee, but the cannot answer for their people as absolutely moment you do not get in the push with the as the czar can answer for his; but up to cash you are nobody. I was in the push, date the concert is unbroken, and all Europe is made to appear as the cat's-paw of Russia. Turkey is encouraged in wicked-ness, Greece is discouraged in righteousness, the right of the Cretans to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is set at naught by all the powers. And all in order that Russia may collect from the sultan for her own exclusive benefit the payment for the dirty work that all Europe has helped her do. Undoubtedly this is a triumph of Russian diplomacy, but how do the dunes of that diplomacy appear?

In ordinary times the Spanish government tets no money from the purchase by conscripts of immunity from army service. There is a provision in the laws of Spain which makes it possible to buy such relief from military duties. In 1894 the receipts of the national treasury from that source were not worth mentioning. In the last six months of 1896 the revenue from this same source was no less than \$8,000,000. That sum is sufficint to procure the release of a great number of conscripts. It implies ruinous sacrifices by poor men crazy to escape service in Cuba. The figures show a general terror of Cuban duty which is alone enough to make the prosecution of the war in that island very difficult and perlious for the Spanish government. Indeed, it is stated by English papers that conscripts sacrifice all their possessions and virtually mortgage their future to buy escape from Cuban serve wrought among the Spanish troops by

There may be no such thing as public opinion in Russia; but popular superstition may exert quite as potent an influence upon the policy of that empire in the pending eastern crisis as will public criticism and discussion upon the policies of the western European governments. There exists a firm belief among the Russian masses that the present czar is destined to be unlucky-a belief which was formed by the awful disaster on the Hodynskoi plain at the coronation festivities, and which has been strengthened by the several ominous mishaps to the czar and his entourage since that time. The bursting of a gun in the turret of the Russian ironclad Sicsol Veliky last week not only killed and maimed two-



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