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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Now give Santa Claus a free field to get ready for kicking his annual goal.

If a new state is to be made out of a part of New York state, why not call it Tammany instead of Manhattan?

give thanks as there was this year.

patient public?

the North Pole are announced for next year, but there is no danger yet of overcrowding the trail.

Another year is drawing to a close and Gladstone, Bismarck and Pope Leo still live-a trio of wonderful old men of a past generation.

Champion Bruiser Fitzsimmons says he will not fight in the prize ring again. He evidently knows that the foot ball athlete has the call for the present.

The assurance that at least two new beet sugar factories will be built in Nebraska next season is comforting and convincing, but what is wanted is the factories.

Santa Claus has no time for defending suspicion. Our right to all our territory himself against the attacks of ministerial is unimpeachable. We should keep this realists. It is not at all certain that he needs defense.

A few years ago Mr. Bryan might have proved himself a good democrat by re-tention in his annual report to a phase pudiating populism, but it is too late of the forestry question which has renow, for the democracy he claims to fol- ceived very little if any attention, but low is little more than hybrid populism which Secretary Wilson shows to be imunder another name.

has been sent to Washington under seal sity in respect to the rainfall and the and everybody connected with the trial distribution of the flow of water. Thus enjoined not to divulge it. That ex- the climatic side of the problem has plains how its contents got so quickly been very thoroughly set forth and into the daily newspapers.

ment of the money on the bid of the reorganization committee of the Union Pa- rapid progress has been made, would tition of the Dark Continent is comcific. The purchasers plainly do not in- have very disastrous consequences and pleted. Belgium has been permitted to tend to apply to congress for permission the efforts of the students of the sub-take possession of central Africa, Portuto crawl out of their bargain.

The city of Brooklyn will cease to be keeping it before public attention. a city within less than five weeks, and | The feature of the forestry question in east Africa, France took Madagascar the advice of the corporation counsel brought forward by the secretary of ag- and has Algeria and a large part of that all expenses and salaries be stopped riculture refers to the impending lack of north Africa, while England has South because of a \$4,000,000 deficit indicates timber for the immense manufacturing Africa and is in practical possession of that it is ready for the annexation.

Island has made its appearance in the 000,000 is used in the industries directly ing each other, and now that nearly all sea near Borneo. The island is reported dependent upon a good stock of timber. the wild territory has been taken the to be growing, and if it grows large The number of men employed is esti-danger of conflict is greatly increased. enough there may yet be a fight to see mated to be about 1,000,000. While which of the European land grabbers these figures appear large, upon reflection most active in Africa and it is not

If any of the Missouri Pacific employes who have just had their wages out that the bulk of many kinds of castward with a view to connection with restored to what they were previous to merchandise made chiefly of wood and the Nile territory through the Soudan, the panic of 1893 voted against protec- the consequent high cost of transporta- while the French advance has been tion and prosperity they ought to sign tion, also the cheapness and abundance from the west and northward to comthe pledge not to commit the same offense again.

near Eagle lake, is still spouting sand and gas, and the underground river still flows on serenely beneath Black Hawk would be a national misfortune to have banquet. "Our objects in Africa," he county farms. The geologists have them restricted and partly destroyed by said, "are strictly business. We wish to try was made and what is on and under the surface.

20.9 per cent sugar and showed a purity streams or springs, it is clear that the nent. We wish trade to pursue an unof 84.5 per cent, but Nebraska farmers decay of the American forests and the checked course on the Nile, the Niger are proud of the fact that the beets they reckless use of timber must become a and the Zambezi." This is candid and of California. The forty-niners who factories. Beets of fine quality are all ufacturing industries of America. There troling principle of British statesmen in able to market the beets.

OUR TERRITORIAL EXPANSION.

A STATE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE has upon the question of Hawaiian and vance in this matter. nexation. Our first acquisition of territory was

the Louisiana purchase from France, for which the United States paid a sum by Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas, Minnesota and several other states, comprising substantially 1,200,000 square miles. Sixteen years after, in 1819, Florida was purchased from Spain for \$5,000,000, adding about 60,000 square miles more of territory to the United States. We had claimed part of this territory as included in the Louisiana purchase and took possession of some of its military posts, but finally agreed to buy it of Spain and paid for it. This valuable acquisition gave control of the coast line, from Maine to CES 233 Texas. The next acquisition of territory 9,247 was that of Texas, which was admitted to the union in 1845. This was the first instance of actual annexation. Texas GEORGE B TZSCHUCK. had declared her independence of Mexico in 1836 and not until nine years later did the appeal of her people to come into the union meet with a favorable response. The annexation of Texas brought on a war with Mexico over disputed territory, the outcome of which and the payment of about \$18,000,000 gave us possession of the area embraced in Utah, Nevada, California and portions of Colorado, New Mexico and Arlzona. Several years later we purchased additional territory from Mexico. Finally came the purchase of Alaska

It will be noted that with the excepion of the annexation of Texas and the ands taken from Mexico in war, all the territory which the United States has required it bought and paid for and it is also to be observed that all this territory except Alaska was contiguous. With the exception of the purchase from Russia, our territorial expansion has Never was there so little trouble to been along the line of natural developfind reasons why the country should ment. It was inevitable that in time all the territory acquired from France, Spain and Mexico would have been oc-Why is it that on a general holiday cupied by American citizens, who would the amusement managers always feel have demanded, as the people of Texas free to inflict any old show upon a too did, to be taken in under the protection of the stars and stripes.

from Russia, thirty years ago, our last

territorial acquisition.

What is there in this record to justify Several new expeditions in search of the annexation of the Hawaiian islands, which a cabal of political adventurers have taken possession of and propose to give away without consulting the people who have the right to be consulted? When Texas was annexed it was with the full assent of the people there. When it was proposed to annex San Domingo there was a clause in the treaty of annexation making the conour war ships protected the poll of the vote. Why should not the same course be pursued in the case of Hawaii? Certainly justice to the people of those islands demands it and a proper recognition of republican principle requires it. The course of the United States in acquiring territory has been open, fair and honorable. Every foot of our great do-With Christmas only a few weeks off main is free from taint or shadow of record untarnished.

FOREST PRESERVATION.

The secretary of agriculture calls atportant. In the discussion of the subject of forest preservation the chief con-The Lovering court-martial verdict sideration has been given to its neceseverybody interested in the matter is boundaries of their spheres of influence more or less familiar with it. It is in Africa has been of a petty nature is One thing seems assured by the pay- pretty generally understood that the de- no assurance that there will not be a struction of the forests, toward which more or less general war before the parject have been industriously and zeal- gat has possessions in the south, Italy ously directed to pointing this out and is crowding Abyssinia, Germany has

As the result of an earthquake a new capital to the amount of at least \$1,000,- the boundary lines have been approach The sand geyser in northern Iowa, the forests singularly safe from Euro- French and English are contending. The

existence depends. mate and rainfall, remarks the Cleve- as many producers and consumers as Indiana farmers are proud of the fact land Leader, of navigation in rivers and possible, and to open the great natural that a beet grown in that state yielded water supply in places dependent upon highways and waterways of the contigrow find ready sale at two good sugar grave peril to some of the greatest man- it unquestionably represents the conright, but the important thing is to be is no doubt, as that paper further says, regard to African conquest. that the subject is one which deserves At the time Lord Salisbury made this

WAS IST LOS MIT HITCHCOCK? What interest has The Bee in the policy shops, that it has no word to utter concerncreasing subscription list by returns from Tom Dennison's policy game?-World-Her-

The editor of the World-Herald has never been able to persuade himself that all newspapers are not conducted on the hold-up policy which he pursues. Unlike the organ of the gamblers' gang, The Bee has, ever since it began publiation, consistently opposed public gambling of all kinds. It has not discriminated between slot machine gambling and roulette tables, between professional poker games, fare and policy. In season and out of season it has de ounced police-protected gambling. The Bee had more to do with procuring the nactment of the law that makes the keeping of gambling resorts a felony than any other one agency, and The Bee. alone and unaided, prevented the repeal of that law by the boodle gang in the last legislature that trained in the same fold with the World-Herald. The Bec pilloried the old gambling ordinance the moment its passage by the city council was announced, while the World-Herald gave silent approval to the li ensed crime. The Bee began its war fare upon the automatic gambling machines as soon as they appeared in Omaha, while the World-Herald had to wait three months to discover that it was not getting enough for keeping still.

The insinuation that The Bee has in any way shared in the illegal profits of any gambler is both false and malicious. The Bee is not in the habit of com pounding with public enemies or publie thieves. Its editorial opinions have never been for sale. Unlike the World Herald, it did not turn the summersault from sound money to free silver in consideration of the purchase of a block of worthless stock by the silver bullionaires' syndicate. It never pretended to apport a candidate while selling edi torial space to his opponent for use in blackguarding and slandering him. Its owner never had a credit slip in the city ash drawer representing stolen money porrowed from an embezzling treasurer Nor was he ever muzzled by Bartley by the agency of bank accommodations accorded through the favor of the con

victed defaulter. As to the subscription list of The Bee, it a not causing the World Herald editor half the solicitude that is his own fast disappearing patronage. The Bee prints daily an accurate sworn statement which informs the public exactly how nany copies it is printing and circulatng. This statement shows that The Bee's circulation has for months been steadily increasing. Unlike the World-Herald. The Bee has not had to cut its ubscription price in half in order to tem the blighting tide of wholesale liscontinuances. It has not been driven to the desperation of the World-Herald ditor to issue checks to employes that ere thrown out at the banks as worth ess, nor has it had to mortgage in ad cance its income from tenants by giving reditors orders for the rent accruing for months to come. If, as was testified in court, the chief owner of the World-Herald tried to levy a forced loan of \$5,000 on the proprietors of an Omaha gambling house, is it not entirely probable that the present onslaught of his paper, or rather his creditors' paper, upon the gamblers might have been tayed by them by the timely proffer of pecuniary assistance to the proper

IN WEST AFRICA. The fact that all the quarreling between the European powers over the valuable territory in the Cameroons and industries which depend upon an abund- Egypt and the Soudan. As tribe after ant supply of timber. He states that tribe has been subdued or exterminated French and British colonizers have tion as to the many uses of wood in the surprising that there should be disindustries they will not be thought to agreements on the frontier. The British be exaggerated. Secretary Wilson points advance has been up the Niger river and of raw material in this country, have plete a chain across the desert to Almade those industries in the United giers. The vast trade of this interior States which have been founded upon country is a rich prize for which the pean competition. These industries have British attitude was plainly stated by become so great and valuable that it Lord Salisbury at the Lord Mayor's waste of the material upon which their extend commerce, trade, industry and civilization; to throw open as many Quite aside from all questions of cli- markets as possible; to bring together

more Pacific Islands. Thus one of the portance of the matter and also to over lowing. "In delag these things," he gold have been taken from ing to briefly refer to the record, with a lave not been adopted. Perhaps the to be overridden:" It is true that to just ahead! In emphasizing this the view to seeing what bearing. If any, it present congress will make some ad quiet fears that might be aroused by jubilee will produce its most far-reachthese utterances Lord Salisbury immedi- ing results. ately expressed a confident hope of action in a friendly spirit that would result in "a long spell of unfettered com- or two contested seats in the lowa senmerce, a prosperous trade and continued are next winter leads Lieutenant Govapproximating \$15,000,000. By this ing Tom Dennison and his unlawful game? peace;" but there can be no doubt that ernor Parrott, in his paper, to remind transaction we became possessed of the Can it be possible that that highly moral he meant to be understood as ready to the people that election cases in a legisarea now covered, in whole or in part, publication makes up for its rapidly de- defend British interests in Africa lative body are generally protracted and

if necessary. The French view of the situation is not essentially different. Both nations have gone on conquering African tribes and taking possession of new territory, and putting off the inevitable settlement of boundaries, but the time must come when there must be a general settlecross and recross each other at many peaceable settlement is to be had,

OPPOSITION DEVELOPING. Opposition to postal savings banks is expected by Postmaster General Gary to Stephens, republican. be chiefly and most strongly manifested The savings banks of Maine will, it is announced, make a united protest against the recommendation of the postmaster general. The bank examiner of that state has issued a letter to the tem as proposed must seriously affect the prosperity of savings banks and would ultimately, he believes, to a very large extent displace them and compel affairs. The statement is made, probably without authority, that the repre sentatives in congress from Maine are opposed to the establishment of postal

cavings banks. The advocates of a postal savings sys tem may expect to encounter a formid able array of this sort of opposition. It is probable that whenever the question shall be presented for the consideration of congress, as it is likely to be before the session is very far advanced, it will be found that the savings institutions of the country are practically unanimous in opposition to it and the fact must be recognized that they will exert a great deal of influence. But this should not dismay the friends of the proposition. who constitute, there is no doubt, a very large majority of the people, especially that class of the people who make small sayings and with whom the matter of safety for such savings is more important than that of interest. While ome congressmen will be influenced by the savings banks, we believe that a larger number will give heed to the popular demand for a system that would to millions of our people and in numerous ways serve a good and useful pur

That the private savings banks should fear the effect upon their business of the establishment of postal savings banks is quite natural, but such of these banks as are strong in public confidence would probably suffer very little if at all. Paying larger interest than the government would pay, they would doubtless continue to have the patronage of all who had faith in them. As to the building and loan associations. which pay still better interest on deposits, it is not likely they would be affected to any appreciable extent by postal savings banks. This question is coming to the front and we have no doubt it will be settled agreeably to the popular demand and with reference to the greatest good of the greatest num-

A GOLDEN JUBILEE.

It will soon be fifty years since gold was first discovered in the western part of the United States. The yellow color was exposed by washings on the being made for the celebration of the event with a great mining fair in San Francisco in January. This will be a true golden jubilee, the celebration of fifty years of gold seeking and gold digging in a great mining region.

A fine opportunity will be presented at this mining fair for comparison of past and present methods of mining and of the conditions surrounding the life of the prospector for recounting the experiences of a half century and for reckoning the gains and losses of the great industry. In the first quarter century after the discovery of gold in California nearly a thousand million dollars' worth of the precious metal was taken out of California In the past fifty years there has been a complete revolution in the gold mining situation. While the California mines are far from being exhausted, yet the gold production of Colorado now exceeds that of California and there are rich mines in nearly every

other state and territory of the west. It is but a coincidence that this golden jubilee of the west should be held at a time when the people are greatly interested in another mining region, the extent of which cannot be known as yet. The argonauts who journeyed across the plains to California in 1849 endured hardships and dangers greater than those who will early in the spring climb the mountain passes on the way to the Klondike country. The world has been made smaller by invention and the development of rapid transit. It is not possible now to get as far away from civilization as in the placer days gather at the jubilee fair in San Francisco will be able to make comparisons of interest to the Klondikers of '98.

the best thought and most careful con-explanation of British policy in Africa Exposition, the jubilee can easily be The record of the territorial expansion sideration of the public in general and he knew very well that French and made of more than local interest. The of the United States is referred to by especially of congressmen and others in British expeditions were approaching period celebrated covers the great- by having a diamond set in a solid gold from the advocates of Hawaiian amexation arthority. The difficulty is to impress each other in the Niger country, and est material development of the tooth. as justifying the acquisition of the re- the average congressman with the im- this lends significance to his words fol- country. What vast quantities of organs of annexation, calling attention come the opposition to such regulations said "while we wish to behave in a mountains to be added to the world's to the list of the lands acquired by the as are necessary to prevent the reckless neighborly majorer and to show due stock, what fortunes have been won government since its foundation con- destruction of timber. There has been consideration to time and claims and lost in mining and in business, tained in the report of the secretary of no end of plans proposed for the pro- of others, we are obliged to say that what a wonderful development of all the interior, declares that annexation is tection and preservation of the forests, there is a limit to this particular set of the material resources of the country, our historic policy. It will be interest but such as would be really effective feelings and we cannot allow our rights and what other vast possibilities lie

> against all comers and by force of arms unsatisfactory affairs. "The two last hotel severely jarred the serenity of the mancases occupied several weeks' time agers. each," he says, "In the Eighteenth general assembly, 1880, a man named Bull Washington, has inspected the Boston public contested the right of J. W. Henderson to the seat in the senate from Linn county, and the contest ended in favor of government to the matter. Henderson, the democratic holder of the scat. The next and last contest of the ment. Now that the lines of advance character in the senate was in the Twenty-first general assembly, 1886, places in West Africa a boundary con- when A. G. Case, democrat, contested vention for defining the rights of all the Judge Reiniger's right to the seat from different nations in the disputed terri- the Floyd-Chickasaw district. It was a tory may soon become necessary if a protracted contest, covering several weeks, and the decision was in favor of Reiniger. There was a contest in the house in the Twenty-fifth general assembly, 1894, a democrat holding the certifideveloping in the quarter where it was cate, but the house finding in favor of

President McKinley seems to have succumbed to importunities for the par doning of several bank wreckers sen tenced by the federal courts to terms of imprisonment only partially served out presidents of savings banks declaring in In at least one lastance the pardoning effect that the adoption of any such sys- power has been used to free a prisoner who had plended guilty to the charge of embezzling national bank funds. What building and loan associations and good reason can be urged in justification of executive elemency in these cases does not appear. When the people have them to in some way wind up their suffered so much from fraudulent bank failures as they have in the past three years they have a right to expect convicted bankwreckers to be compelled to pay the full penalties for their misdeeds.

Homesteaders in South Dakota are in doubt as to what they should do to further the free homestead bill pending in ongress. Professional lobbyists are securing contributions from the settlers to a fund to be used to advance the proposed legislation and many of the settlers have agreed to contribute, while others declare that such legislation ought not to require the services of paid lobbyists maintained in Washington. The free homestead bill affects the settlers on public lands in every part of the union alike and if it is a meritorious measure it ought to have champions in the congressmen from a dozen or more states.

It is announced that Emperor William as published his game record covering he past twenty-five years, with 1,275 stags heading the list. For any one of his subjects to profess to have beaten this ould doubtless be brought within the oundaries of lese majeste.

The populist boycott of postoffices in Nebraska is on a par with the orders nce issued by General Master Worknan Sovereign to Knights of Labor to efuse to recognize banknotes as money. Both banks and postoffices are essential o business life.

A Marked Difference. At Liverpool over \$21,000,000 is being

pent on docks. At Bristol \$7,500,000 is to e spent on harbor improvements. And yet ve pause at spending \$20,000,000 on a canal would shorten the distance from the yest to the sea more than 100 miles. For Better or Worse? Lieutenant Totten, who has filled the world with more figures than alarm about the end of the world and the ruin of the Gentile kingdoms, has at last taken a practical

neasure for carrying out his prophecies and naking the world shut up shop. He writes

Punishing the Wrong Party. Government agents and officials are scouring the tie and stave camps in this vicinity in search of Hungarian and other foreign laborers who have, it is alleged, been bro into this country under contract in violation estate of General Sutter, in Colima of law. The unfortunate workingmen should county, California, and preparations are not be the only sufferers. If they came under contract they must have contracted with ome one, and that some one should ished. It would look much better if the con tractor and the steamship agent who enticed them here were given accommolations in

The Spoilsman in Congress. As the time for the assembling of congress raws near the country renews its acquaintnce with the average congressman's conception of his duty to his constituents. He wants offices for them. More than one perpiring patriot has returned to the capital modified or abolished or obliged to retire from public life. It's a pretty safe conclusion that public life could pare these worthles much better than it and salutary merit system in government

True luwardness of It.

It was bound to come. After tracing about very known disease to the activity of some microbe with a polysyllabic name, science has now discovered that baldness is due to 'a microbe-bacillus which causes glandular hypertrophy." Then the hair falls out. xplonation may be correct, but it is a severe low to the traditional belief that baldness due to early piety, and it falls to account for the tendency of baid heads to gravitate public entertainments. should give us more light upon the latter

A Costly Labor Strike.

A faint idea of the enormous financial loss which the engineers' strike in England is causing is illustrated by the statement that the Amalgamated Scelety of Engineers has to date expended \$2,500,000 in strike pay. A large portion of this naturally must have been the contributions from sympathizing organizations and individuals, and the whole sum represents only a small fraction of the wages which the strikers would have received had they remained at work. The idea of the size of the losses is made even clearer by the hought that the amount which would have been paid in wages represents at least a porof the sum which the employers lose through the general idleness of the men. If the sum of lorges be estimated it can hardly If interest to the Klondikers of '98.

Although it will be eclipsed later by 100,000. This is paying a very high price for mutual obstinacy. the mining exhibit at the Transmissippi

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A Baltimore belle is acquiring brilliancy

An indiana girl who washed her hair with coal oil and then dallied with a curling iron

and a gas let acquired a hairless crown and considerable painful experience. The health of Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, is said to be very poor, and friends express the fear that his lays are numbered. He is under the care of doctors at Bar Harbor, Me.

Pittsburg makes a notable addition to the ranks of currency reformers. A resident of Smoky Hollow has applied to the courts to determine whether his wife has a right to loot his pockets while he sleeps. That was an unfortunate break of union

men at Scottsdale, Pa., who prevented the baptism of the babe of an alleged non-union The news that there is likely to be one The charge was shown to be unfounded. A married man is a union man. A Chicago hotel accumulated a strike by refusing to pay members of its orchestra. The idea of musicians requiring compensation for agitating the atmosphere of a swell

> Mr. Pierre Botkine, the Russian representative at the recent seal conference in library, and is so much impressed with the system of branch libraries and free delivery that he intends to call the attention of his

Boyle Roche as the premier author of "bulls," evidently did not hear of the Montana lawevidently did not hear of the Montana lawmaker who delivered this impassioned apceal to his legislative associates: "The muddy of revolutions. Either they don't take
slough of colitics was the boulder upon which the law was split in twain, and fell in a their own language, thousand pieces from the pedro of justice. Let us, then, gear up our lions, that we can go forth with a clear head."

Prof. Rudolf Virchow, the great scientist of the Berlin university, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a teacher in that institution a On the day before the anniversary, while lecturing to his class, he was suddenly overcome with weakness and was unable to go on. As he is 76 years old alarm was felt for his condition, but he recovered shortly and was able to receive the congratulations of his colleagues and others on the following day at his home.

MILITARY PARKS.

Progress of Patriotic Work on Famous Buttlefields. New York Sun.

great battlefields of the civil Gettysburg and Antietam at the east, Chick-amauga and Shiloh at the west, have been et apart for historic preservation by acts of congress. The work on each field is now earried on by commissions, and the reports of these bodies for the last year are inter-

The Gettysburg commission asks for \$150 -00 from congress for the coming year. the memorial features of the greatest battle ever fought on this continent, the money bestowed by the general government, the tates, the regimental and other associations, by individuale, has mounted probably into the millions. Yet, as we see, the exs no counterpart of this wonderful battle

At the Chickamauga and Chattanooga park, a far more recent establishment, the work has gone on with great rapidity, and the expenditures there must be well along toward the million mark. During the last year, as General Boynton, the chairman of tain battlefield has been added to the park. The annual appropriation for the last two years has been \$75,000, and this sum is asked for next year, Shiloh is a less extensive park, and also

less costly, only \$135,000 having thus far been appropriated for it by congress, while \$55,000 is the amount asked for this year. Antictam, though classed with the other three, is not properly a military park, the work there, which has been practically finished during the present year, consisting mostly in marking the battle lines of the two armies, the erection of iron tablets bearing brief descriptions, and of a mesonry lookout tower, the preparation of maps, and the placing of a few monuments by military organizations. Of these last a dozen have already been constructed, and others are in

The extraordinary fact in these undertakings, next to the munificence with which they have been carried out, is that, before a general ion bad passed, and while so many of the surlying combatants were still in active life ese old foes were uniting in trying to per stuate the events of their greatest and mos ypical conflicts. To bring together as friends se who were once enemies, avoiding points of difference and ignoring unpleasant re-minders of strife, is familiar enough, but in these instances of ours the old combatants actually join in preserving the memories of their fiercest death grapples, walking over the fields arm in arm to see that no trace of the bloodiest carnage is missed or allowed to

lanse into oblivion

The truth is that, in the military sense, hese battles were honorable to the victors and vanquished. And it may be added that the four fields thus commemorated were strikingly adapted to their uses in this respect. Lee's repulse at Gettysburg was of enormous importance to the union cause, yet no feature of the three days' struggle will ever eclipse, in history, Picket's final charge. Antietam, Far dearer to her now, than this far dearer to her now, than this in like manner, though it put an end to Lee's World's fairest charms could ever be, invasion of Maryland, was tactically so nearly a drawn battle that he retired in his own way, still ready and able to fight. At Shiloh in sweet tranquillity of rest. the advantage on the first day went to the confederate forces, while on the second day, with the union reinforcements there, the final victory was Grant's. Chickemauga was a confederate triumph of the first order, but Chattaneoga, which followed it in the same series taneoga, which followed it in the same series of operations, far more than won back all the ground that had been lost.

Minneapolis Journal: The Methodist conress at Pittsburg shied at the doctrine of volution, but more properly at that class of latter-day church music that makes sensible ing on where they cannot get out.

Baltimore American: A child preacher, aged 3 years, down in Georgia, is attracting large crowds. Georgia has had electric women, Tom Watson, the silver craze and so many other disturbances, that a novelty of some sort appears to be a positive neces-

sity to satisfy the people. Boston Globe: A Washington clergyman old a reporter the other day that he wouldn't e interviewed unless the paper was willing to pay him the value of his opinions. As the interview doesn't appear, apparently the interview doesn't appear, apparently the clergyman and the editor have different ideas what the value of the reverend gentleman's opinions is.

Indianapolis News: A Detroit minister atempted to be broad-minded the other day nd made a mess of it. He invited Anarchist Emma Goldman into his pulpit, and she delivered a disconnected harangue against government, religion and marriage. he congregation has very naturally asked the minister to resign.

New York Sun: Dr. Herron of the Iowa Wesleyan university, avers with the proper degree of solemnity that "there is no disputing that we are on the verge of a revoluof revolutions or in the vortex of them and A writer in the Cornhill, who lauds Sir is all right, and not revolving anything at present but a bill of fare for Thanksgiving

DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Truth: He (tenderly)—When I put my arm around you and closp your hand in the waltz what do you think about? She (very prosalcally)—I wonder if you are going to step on my foot.

Philadelphia North American: "Is it true that Rakeup has been in search of buried treasure?"
"I guess it is, He said something to me about diving into his wife's pocket for

Harlem Life: "We might as well con-sider our engagement as broken, Reginald," sider our engagement as broken, Regining,
"I don't see why. Your father said postponed,"
'Postponed until you arrive at years of
discretion, And in your case, Reggy dear,
you know what that means,"

Somerville Journal: Mr. Wiggles-The true facts in the case were that—
Mrs. Wheeles (interrupting)—Joshua, did
you ever know any facts that weren't true?
And she never heard the rest of that
story.

Detroit Free Press: "All's fair in love and war," quoted the Sweet Girl, and then added: "I can't see why two such op-ocities should be linked." "Love and war," said the Mean Man, "is but another term for courtship and maradded: cinge.

Indianapolis Journal: Mrs. Biggers-Oh, yes, I understand my husband thoroughly. Mrs. Jiggers-Practice, no doubt. I have heard that he gets sometimes so that no one

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Has that young

"Yes, ma, he just went,"
"Gracious, child, your eye is black and your nose twisted, and your collar jorn off!
What a shame! How did it happen?"
"You forget, ma, that George is a foot ball tackle." tackle

Detroit Journal: With her own hands she made the biscuits for his dinner, "Ha!" she muttered, as is customary under those circumstances, At the last moment she concealed a pon-lard among the folds of her dress; for, at-though the way to a man's heart was through his stomach, it were best to anticl-pate possible failure.

Chleago Post: "So you want my daugh-"I do '

nated from their conversation after that

Indianamolia Journal The artist loves to paint a house In ivy-clad decay; landlord straightway must repair Or the artist moves away,

TO BLACK AND WIFE.

Let me with happy heart, my f My hopes with those of others b Hope that your future happiness Will be devoid of all distress; Let fondest fancy gaily flit And proudly bear the blunt of it, As I muse onward to the end Of litting verses, Lox, my friend. me with happy heart, my friend, Let me sit here and smoke, old man, This pipe of mine, and better can I think of you with prosy thought Through perfumes of the wrenths wrought: Through

wrought;
A vision of a Paradise—
Dear, laughling lips and tender eyes,
That great and cling to you through life,
Devotions of a loving wife,

Thus it turns out that these commemorative projects go on with the hearty co-operation of those who were once arrayed in heatility. Even the value of these fields as object lessons for the milliary study of future generations is less striking than the mutual and friendly desire of victors and vanquished to keep them as hallowed spots.

That draws us under friendship's yoke, God grant your present love will be The love of your futurity. That wedded now, draw friends, you may Be loved forever and a day: That wedded now the coming years, Will make your fives devoid of trans, and friendly desire of victors and vanquished to keep them as hallowed spots.

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