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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

All railroad newsboys are supplied with enough Bees to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper. Insist upon having The Bec. If you cannot get a Bee on a train from the news agent, please report the fact, stating the train and railroad, to the Circulation Department of The Bec. The Bee is for sale on all trains.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Omaha has put a great deal of public work under way this year, but it will have to beat its best record the coming

Sovereign lacks the first essential of a candidate for the vice presidency on a ticket with Mr. Bryan in 1900. He is not possessed of a "bar'l."

The Burlington Hawkeye demands that the circle at the head of the official tickets in Iowa shall be abolished, because "it isn't a square deal."

A newspaper on the American plan is making a great success in London. But there are several variations of the American plan of conducting newspapers.

The organ of the gamblers' gang that pretends to run the police board says it believes the board will do its duty at its next meeting. How long does it take legislation, if only to the extent of rethe board to do its duty?

The exposition's greatest lesson to stitution of legislation providing that Omaha business men lies in teaching them that they can carry to completion government they shall be reissued only in exchange for gold. It is thought posany great public enterprise if they only go about it in the right way.

Only a short time now until that invaluable periodical known as the Congressional Record will resume publication, which was suspended last summer in spite of its thriving business.

Notwithstanding the decision of the the discussion of this subject in the senexecutive committee the teachers of the United States will be the greatest sufferers by not holding their national educational meeting in Omaha next year.

Bryan will experience the beauties of a depreciated currency when he crosses the Mexican border and exchanges each of his good 100-cent likely that the house will concur, or will American dollars for two 50-cent Mexican dollars.

Popoeratic organs try to justify the unlawful opening of the election reterns before the meeting of the State The advocates of Hawaiian annexation Canvassing Board on the plea that it profess confidence that there will be an has been done before. For this are they early ratification of the annexation posing as reformers.

Mark Twain, having made a hit with than they are now counting on. It is his lecture on the horrors of the German said that Senators Dubois and Petitlanguage, is now in a position to add to grew, who have been investigating the his reputation with a graphic account of situation in Hawali, are convinced that the way it feels to be forcibly ejected the Hawaiians do not want annexation from the Austrian Reichsrath.

Senator Pettigrew's visit to Hawaii nexationists when they went to Hawaii. has converted him to an outspoken antiannexationist. It is only too bad that the Hawaiian climate did not affect all the United States senators who went there this year the same way.

Dr. Parkhurst is "unspeakably sad" to return to New York and find that Tammany is about ready to take possession of everything once more. But it will make work for Dr. Parkhurst in the to a policy for the building up of the special line for which he is famous.

Another outburst of "sooners" is threatened on the government reservations in Oklahoma. A repetition of the disgraceful scenes that attended the migration, a postal savings bank sysopening of the territory, however, will never be tolerated by the federal authorities.

It is queer how solicitous the average velopment of coast defense and others coming month the bulk of the holiday lawyer is about public opinion when it of less importance. The question of gov- trade will be encountered and stores is on his side and how fearful he is that his case may be jeopardized by an adverse public opinion when the subject is ably not before the new commission has season upon Omaha, however, must not one which really affects the public in reported the result of its investigations, be confined to retailers and jobbers, nor terest.

The \$180,000 of refunding bonds voted gress. by the people of Douglas county at the last election were authorized at a rate plenty of work before congress and private activity, which must continue not of interest "not to exceed 4½ per cent." while it may be confidently expected only up to the date for opening the view is enhanced by the assurance that not fat the state offers to take them for the that there will be no unnecessary delay gates, but through the entire period of exceptive features is inserted because it is permanent school fund on the basis of upon any of it in the house there is no the exhibition. 4 per cent interest, there is no reason assurance that there will not be in the No matter how much private business

INVESTMENT OF THE SCHOOL PUNDS. complacency, since there is little danger must be attended to by them collectively, The constitution of Nebraska declares of anything being done that will inter- The Commercial club and the Retailers all funds belonging to the state for edu- fere with the conditions that are mak- association and the Knights of Ak-Sar come whereof only are to be used, to be perity.

either on public or private account.

letter of June, 1896.

THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

The regular session of the Fifty-fifth

ongress will begin one week from to-

day. The organization of both branches

being complete the work of legislation

can be entered upon at once, instead of

waiting until after the holidays, as is

usually the case. With this gain of time

it appears probable that the session will

which silver is omitted, so that weeks

and even months may be consumed in

It seems certain that the Cuban ques

tion will not be allowed to rest. The

senate, at the extra session, passed a

esolution for the recognition of the in-

surgents as belligerents and this resolu-

tion is in the hands of the house com-

mittee on foreign affairs. It is not

take any action in regard to Cuba, but

it is reported that a number of senators

will introduce resolutions favoring ac-

tion on the part of this government

looking to the independence of Cuba.

treaty, but it is quite possible that they

will find a more vigorous opposition

senate. Both these senators were an-

Morgan, who got his information largely

if not wholly from the promoters of an-

There are numerous questions of do-

consideration and thorough discussion.

form bankruptcy law, restriction of im-

tem, legalized pooling, the increase of

enlisted men in army and navy, regu-

nexation.

and the tariff question out of the way,

trust funds to be maintained forever in-A CHANCE FOR CORN. violate and undiminished. The constitu-What to do to increase the demand for tion contemplates the permanent investcorn and thus improve the price of that state and county securities and throws around them every possible protection against their dissipation. The most odisuffered have arisen out of the misappropriation of these funds or their employment for purposes of private specufunds in long time interest bearing of them preferring to it the poorest qual- an opportunity to earn his salary for the ity of wheat and rye bread. The efforts public twice over the coming year which bonds. Their investment and reinvestment in state warrants that have but that have been made to cultivate a taste he should not let slip by, a comparatively few months to run may serve as a temporary expedient when other securities included within the con- have demonstrated that there is a preju- never more favorable to the city's stitutional provision are not available, dice against the cereal which it will be growth and prosperity, the people of but there must always be danger in using this money in such speculation there is that corn is fit only for beasts season perpetual. and that it is something of a reproach-The action of the State Board of Edu- to a human being to eat it. There is no The Nebraska delegation to Houston

bonds at their market value savors very eating of corn. much of an attempt to hold the school funds in speculation and in favor of If Governor Holcomb believes what would be shown by exhibits of all forms convention in Houston. he then wrote, how can he afford to of corn food preparations, also stock feed let himself and his associates follow in by-products. The manufactured products the footsteps of the Churchill-Russell-Bartley board, which he so scathingly A cooking school should demonstrate the of it is unjust to the state. "It will not denounced? If the governor still re- thousand and one new and old methods be a big job to take up Iowa's floating tains his former sense of duty with respect to the investment of the school funds, how can be let the first day of should be to increase the consumption the appropriations down so that the December arrive, when the bids for the of maize at home and abroad. To this warrants will disappear without any Douglas county bond issue are to be opened, without calling a special meet-comprehensive scale as to attract inter-through this phase of existence many ing of the state board and forcing its national attention and widespread notice times before." And it might be added members to purchase those bonds for

the school fund at their full market tinent." propriation by congress for promoting lowa is almost ruined. such an exposition and the corn producers of the country could be depended beneticial results.

THE WHITMAN MEMORIAL

be less prolonged than usuai, though there are questions to be considered which may easily keep congress together until midsummer or beyond. An rs who had been laboring among the extended debate on the currency is by layuse Indians of the far northwest, no means improbable. As now indiwere basely betrayed and brutally mascated, the president intends to make a stered by the half savages they had very earnest effort to secure currency efriended; and today there will be ledicated, on the site of this massacre, pealing the provision of law requiring the reissue of greenbacks and the subme Whitman college, which bears the nme of the intrepid missionary, will further honor his memory with approsible that the house will approve a recclate ceremonies. It will be an ocenmmendation of this kind without on of great interest in Washington and much delay, but the free silver element regon and the entire west. It will rein the senate will undoubtedly oppose vigorously and persistently this and every other currency proposition from

The story of the life and labors of Dr Whitman has been told many times ow he was sent by the American Board Oregon to teach the Indians who had ourneyed far "hunting for the white man's Book of Life;" how he and his wife and their associates labored long and earnestly among the Indians; how ie learned inadvertently of the plans of the British agents to seize Oregon is long journey across the trackless countains and plains in winter to inercede for Oregon with the officials at Washington; his expedition of settlers cross the mountains, escorted by Gendanting of an American colony on the inquiry. drgin soil of hitherto unconouered Ore on. It is a story that beers repeating or it is full of thrilling interest, of conecration and sacrifice and beroism, coupled with intense loyalty to the

American flag. Dr. Whitman was a type of the mislonary pioneer. The trappers and huntars are generally the first to penetrate the forests of a new country, unless the gold hunters are first on the ground; and therefore they will oppose it in the but it has been true through all the century that the missionary societies but having mingled with the people they trappers and the miners and in advance have sent their agents along with the found an entirely different condition of the farmers and tradesmen. The there from that represented by Senator missionary is a civilizer and a conqueror. The Whitman party carried the bible to the Indians and broke a pathway through the mountain forests. The west, California and Oregon and mestic legislation that call for careful the mountain region, would have been settled even had there been no gold in Not the least important of these relates the river sands to tempt the adventurers, for the land is fertile and the climerchant marine. The plan of a dismate pleasant. In honoring the memory criminating duty in favor of American of Dr. Whitman the people of Washingshipping will again be urged and will ton and Oregon honor one who was elicit more or less extended debate. among the first to appreciate the price-Then there are the questions of a uni-

less value of the great west.

THE BUSY SEASON. Local merchants have just entered upon what is commonly known as the lation of second class mail matter, de- busy season of the year. During the ernment aid to the Nicaragua canal will and shops are sure to present a continuome up during the session, though problous show of business activity. The busy which will not be done until several can it cease with the advent of the new months after the assembling of con-year. With the work ahead of us in preparation for the exposition, the busy It will thus be seen that there is season must include public as well as

has his hands full in contributing to the general result. The county and city authorities, representing the people of county and city in their corporate cacoreal is a question that has been under object in view, namely, affording expoconsideration for a very long time, sition visitors the best and most impres-There is no question that as food corn is sive entertainment and accommodations wholesome and that properly prepared they could look for. This includes not it is exceedingly palatable, while at the only the county board and city council, same time it is economical. Yet even in but also the park board, the this great corn-producing country it is police board, the advisory board, used by most of our people sparingly or the school board and every offinot at all, while Europeans will not cial upon whom rests a public responsipermanent investment of the school have it on their table, even the poorest bility. Each and every one of them has

> among Europeans for corn has had By grasping the full import of the very unsatisfactory results; indeed they conditions in front of us, which were hardly possible to overcome. The feeling Omaha can and should make their busy

cational and Lands and Funds in refus- such prejudice among the American peo- Tex., has a delicate mission to pering to make an offer for the school fund ple and yet many of them, perhaps a form in properly representing the interfor the proposed issue of Douglas county majority, need to be educated to the ests of Nebraska in the deep water convention to be held there. The railroad One of the leading agricultural papers journey from Nebraska to the gulf ports money for speculative purposes. It is of the country, the Orange Judd Farmer, seems a long one, but it is not as long in direct contradiction of the policy out- suggests a plan which it thinks would as it used to be, and as traffic increases means lined not two years ago by Governor contribute to such education. It pro- on the north and south lines of railroads deductions for returned and unsoid 9.217 Holcomb as a member of the board and poses the organization of a corporation the mutual interests of the gulf ports a distinct repudiation of the platform with the object of urging upon public and the Nebraska fields will be inpledges upon which the populist state attention the use of corn as food and creased. It is proper on every occasion officials were elected. We doubt if a suggests an international exposition de- to do that which will tend to harmony stronger argument could be made voted to the corn plant and its products, among those who are working for the against the employment of the school to be held in 1899. The exposition, says upbuilding of the transmississippi rethat paper, should exhibit the corn plant gion or any part of it and to a better their investment in county bonds than in all its stages of growth and of every understanding of how the people may is to be found in the governor's open kind and variety, ancient and modern. become helpful one to another, and this The manifold uses of the corn grain will be especially appropriate at the

> Much has been said recently about from corn grain would also be shown, the debt of the state of Iowa and much of cooking corn and its products. "The warrants," says the Des Moines Capiessential idea of the great exposition tal. "The general assembly can keep end it should be worked upon such a trouble. The state of Iowa has gone throughout Great Britain and the con- that it is not at all necessary for the state of Iowa, in the meantime, to go The suggestion seems to be sensible without shoes and wear a threadbare and practical. Undoubtedly there would coat, just because a few politicians have, be no serious opposition to a liberal ap- for political advantage, declared that

> Governor Holcomb's argument of two apon to supply all the corn required for years ago for the investment of the perthe exhibit at a nominal cost. There is manent school fund in the bonds issued reason to think that a corn exposition by Nebraska countles could not well be on the plan proposed would have very improved upon. But the governor is a member of the state board that has control of these funds and it is announced that the board is now unanimous against Fifty years ago today Dr. Marcus purchasing county bonds. The question Whitman and his wife and twelve oth- is, Has the governor reversed himself and if so, why?

> A western cattle dealer contemplating ending a herd of cuttle overland to Dawson City figured it out that the beef would be worth \$5 a pound when he got near where the city of Walla Walla It there, and has therefore given up the now stands, a marble monument erected project. Not many people can make formes out of nothing even in Klondike.

> If a few more policemen will relieve the force of their services voluntarily the police pay roll may possibly be brought within the limits of the funds at the disposition of the police board. all the life of one of a class of typical No other way of accomplishing this accessary object seems to be open.

> > If the owner of the World-Herald had nly had a policy slip of the same dicensions as his memorandum slip he would probably have youched for the onesty of the policy operator the same is he vouched for the honesty of the inbezzling city treasurer.

A Montana lawyer is noisily indignan ecause a Nebraska man swindled bin out of \$150 by selling him some second hand law books and delivering to him eight sacks of cornmeal. That lawye ral Fremont in 1843, and thus the ought to be the subject of a disbarment

An Abundant Crop.

The number of currency plans which will appear in Washington when congress as embles will at least establish the tion of the country for ferrility and novelty in invention.

Cold Storage the Better Plan.

If the Austrian Reichsrath represents the harmony that prevails in the empire, ould suggest to Francis Joseph that he rehis crown in a safety deposit vault until the flurry is over.

Canada's Shell Game. New York Mail and Express Canada fairly yearns for reciprocity,

she insists that it shall be of the sort that will give her much and cost nothing. On this side of the line such a scheme is technically known as bunco. Convertible Terms. Having committed; a barefaced theft of arbor from China, the German governo now intimates that what has already bec-seized is "insufficient for a naval station

'diplomatically, if possible.'

holding

ce here how highway robbery and "civilizaion" may become one and the same using.

and so proposes to Tenlarge its

Indians and Their Allotments. Exclusive of the five civilized tribes, the latest enumeration shows that the number of Indians is 177,178 on 177 reservations, which embrace about 33,404,837 acres. So much has been fall of the allotment of lands to Indiana that it is something surprise to see the statement that only 4,545 indians have accepted allotments, calling for 644,147 acres. Compared with previous enumerations of Indians, the report of the secre of the interior on this subject proves that the race is gradually decreasing.

A Handsome Holiday Edition

The handsome illustrated Thanksgiving number of the Norfolk Daily News is one of the most creditable pieces of journalistic enterprise manifested by the state prese out side of Omnha. As a compendium of infor-mation reflecting the growth and business activity of Norfolk, it could scarcely be im-proved upon. Its value from this point of paid for, the paid advertising being entirely in the form of display cards. Nothing illuswhatever why they should not be is senate. At all events, the country can our business men may have they cannot so well as the improvement of local conditions sued as 4 per cent bonds.

WORSE THAN POLICY,

cational purposes, the interest and in- ing for material progress and prosa Game of Its Own.

> Edgar Post. The Omaha World-Herald has sent out to the weekly papers of the state an advertising proposition that is the rankest fake that we have seen in recent years. The advertisement they want run is worth about \$6 for each paper that inserts it. Say that 100 papers accept it, it would cost the World-Herald \$600. But they have a scheme by which they hope to beat the country publishers out of \$530 of that amount. This is the way they propose to do it; Their ad. contains the announcement of a word contest, and there are two prizes offered. They propose to the publisher that in case one of his subscribers wins a prize they will pay him \$35 for running their ad., but if they do not win he gets nothing. It is a plain gambling proposition in which the country publisher is asked to bet \$6 against \$35 that one of his subscribers will win one of the two prizes, and the fakir who runs the machine makes at least \$500 out of the deal, no matter who wins. Roulette, faro, wheels of fortune and chuck luck are a good deal fairer games, and the Louisiana lottery is a legitimate business proposition compared with it. The publisher who runs the ad is a rank sucker.

Springfield Monitor: The buildings on the Beatrice Democrat: The growing interest ts success, not only as a great fair, but it will bring out the wanderful the west, and especially of the great state of out of a job. Nebraska, While the exposition is not a Nebraska fair, it is to be held within our state, and we, above all others, are inter-

work on the numerous structures will be inlished before cold weather actually prevents further operations. The small army of laborers and mechanics has been doubled recently and the grounds of the exposition ire assuming their proper shape.

Blair Pilot: Believing the Transmissis-ippi Exposition of great interest and value this county and Nebraska, the Pilot has en and will continue publishing sketches of the principal buildings in which the dis-play will be made. At some future date we may devote an entire paper to the exposition and should we conclude to do so we believe the paper will be highly prized, especially after a visit to the exposition has been

Howells Journal: During the heat of the ate campaign the fact that there is to be great Transmississippl Exposition at naha next year was almost lost sight of, for all that the work on the buildings and grounds has continued. Almost daily space being engaged by states and other counducts. That the exposition will be a suc ess is assured. It is sure to prove a fasting Nebraska, as it will be the means of bringing thousands of people within o ders, and will advertise our resources as othing else could do. Wayne Herald: It is time for the busi-

ces men of Wayne and the leading stock-nen and farmers of the courty to begin figur'eg in regard to this county's represen ation at the Transmississippi Exposition. t is to your interest, yea, an hundred times nd it is not the sluggard that brings forth best results for a city or community. id never quit until the exposicion closes. he Herald suggests that at an early date seeting of the businers men and stockmen the city and county be held at d the matter oked into. We believe that the future imhis city through this cource.

es that it has a much larger affair on its implete readiness at the appointed day. people of the state, like the people of Omaha, have underestimated the importance eissippi Exposition, but Omaha is not and could not be more interested in its success han the entire state. No one can measure at this time the vast benefits to be derived the state at large from this exposition Every own and county in the state will resolve substantial benefits; some more, some ess, but all in proportion as they merit or strive to obtain. Omaha will undoubtedly ceive the greater temporary benefit, he permacent benefits will be distributed broughout the state in many unforesec-

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The London Times says the French are ery fond of horses. Yes, very. Paris rdered 2.000 tierces of horse meat from bregon this year. The Chicago College of Debtistry hopes to

eceive by the will of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans of Paris "a sum above the milon dollar mark" to essist it in its educalonal work. Secretary Gage's order that treasure clerks must pay debts for all "necessary family supplies" has started a furious debate

ecessity or a luxury. Joseph Jefferson was once saved from otal biindness by an operation performed by Dr. George Rauling of Baltimore, and he ins just presented the physician with a paluting done by himself.

According to the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, only twenty-nine families that came to New England from Great Britain were entitled to bring bave just been submitted to the governor and ermerial bearings with them. Massachusetts has received this year

\$411.310 from the collateral legacy tax, and there is still more than a month of possifourth part of the liquor license fees amounts to \$771,941 in the same time. The first semi-annual account of the exec

utors of the estate of the late. James G. Fair shows receipts amounting to \$450,000 and legal expenditures of \$429,000. How the surplus of \$39,000 escaped is a mystery bout which the executors are discreetly Less than two years ago a mon and his

wife in Baltimore borrowed \$50 from a loan company, pledging their household goods as security. They have already paid \$85.50 in-terest and owe a balance of \$49.50 interest. The courts have decided that they will have to pay back the principal and a total of \$135 interest to save their furniture. That loan ompany must have a Klondike in the Druid Licutenant O'Brien, the foe of Captain

Romeyn, with whom he had a violent en-counter on parade, resulting in charges against his superior officer, and the femous Atlenta court-martial of last winter, has resigned from the army. The resignation was forwarded to the War department of Washington, Lieutenant O'Brien was admitted to the bar in Mazeachusetts before he entered the army, and will return to that state to practice his profession-Mr. L. G. Powers, labor commissioner of

Minnesota, writing to the Independent, makes an instructive computation of the increased value of this year's crop. "From all available data," he says, "it seems probable that the farmers of the United States will intangible personal property, and will intangible personal property, and will intangible personal property. obtain for cheir crops of 1897 a sum that will slightly exceed the average for the seven years, 1888 to 1894. If they realize this sum the gain for ten Mississippi states on the nine staple crops just mentioned will be, when compared with 1896, about \$230,000,000, when compared with 1876, about \$250,000,000, and for the nation \$400,000,000. For all the crops god live stock this gain will approxi-mate about twice these figures. As compared with 1896 the farmers of the United States bave an increased income sufficient, if con-centrated in the persons of those now having mortgages on their land, to pay off all the farm debts resting upon the agricultural holdings of the nation. It is a sum that will now owned by them."

KEEP THE EXPOSITION IN VIEW. | VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Kearney Hub: The need of an extra seaexposition grounds begin to loom up in great sion of the Nebraska legislature is apparent. Little more than \$2,000 remains of the sum appropriated for the investigation of It will be seen that the appropriation must be replenished or the "cinchers" will soon b

Kearney Democrat: Greene appeared as counsel in the case of Garbert against E. Bodman, first on the side West Point Republican: The Transmissizsippi Exposition is being vigorously pushed
by the management. Buildings are being
rected rapidly and much of the outside for a long time in court. But it does not place Congressman Greene in a very enviable light, to say the least.

Norfolk Journal: The latest fusion propo-sition emanates from A. E. Sheldon, who wants to drop the three-ring circus masquerade and asks the populists to abandon their party organization and label themselves as democrats. While Mr. Sheldon's proposition is honest, it is doubtful if it will be approved by the fusion leaders, who will undoubtedly seek to perpetuate the triple alliance sham until after the next state campaign.

West Point Republican: Some leading poplists in Nebruska are advocating the pooling of issues of all free silver forces into one party, in other words the democratic party is to swallow the entire populist party. The difficulty attending the fusion of the three silver conventions at Lincoln last fall shows that a similar occurrence is highly able and the only way to amalgamate the free silver forces is to convene in vention. It is hardly likely that the pop ulists who have striven all these years for the success of their party will now themselves to be swallowed up by the democruts.

UNCLE SAM AS A LAND OWNER. Millions of Acres Disposed Of; a Few Millions Left. New York Sur

The statistics of the general land office show that this country, first and last, has had the prodigious amount of 1,835,017,962 acres of land to dispose of. This area includes everything not in the original thirteen states, as now constituted.

These lands fall into four classes. First

are these already disposed of or appropriated. They include 214,414,395 acres sold for cash, 102,280,228 taken up as homesteads provements in the county as a result of the 165,476,402 granted to states, 106,534,898 exposition would amount to more than ten given to railroads and other roads, canals imes the amount of any expense that might and river improvement projects, state or the amount of any expense that might and river improvement projects, state or corporation, 70,000,000 in private grants, 60.

Wayne county farms; will build up a larger 252,790 in military bounty warrants, 16,118,
and better stock market, and a beet sugar 228 in timber culture entries, and other amaller classes, aggregating 741,702,365 acres. under this head. For various reasons these Kearney Democrat: As time goes on and estimates are rough, but they are near the day of opening the Transmississippi enough to the true amounts for practical exposition draws closer upon it Omaha real-purposes.

Next we have the reserved lands. These ands than was at fire supposed. But Omaha include \$1,645,413 acres set apart for the a great city and has an abundance of Indians, 18,993,280 as forest reservations, 3, esources to draw from and as it has always 272,960 as national parks, 825,425 for forts been equal to all emergencies, we know it and other military purposes, with enough will not be found lacking in that energy and miscellaneous to bring the aggregate to 132, push now required to have everything in 441,774.

The third great class comprises the lands of Alaska, in which few surveys and disposals have yet been made, the being 369,529,600. With the advance of civilization Alaska may not remain wholly a class by itself. Finally, we have the fourth class, or

lands now vacant and subject to settle ment, amounting to 591,343,953 acres. O these, however, nearly half, or 272,294,120 acres, have not yet been surveyed. The largest body of vacant public lands is in Montana, 71,432,917 acres, Nevada follow-ing with 61,578,586, and Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyming each having over 40,000,000 acres. But while these figures of the extent of he public lands available for settlement are so great, practically a large part of the best land, in accessible places, is taken up. The arid tracts not susceptible of irrigawhich cannot now be used for farming lie lands. The old saying that "Uncle Sam I is rich enough to give us all a farm" is

TAX REFORM IN MASSACHUSETTS. Conclusions of a Commission Appointed for that Purpose.

Much interest attaches to the recommendaions of the special commission on taxation appointed under the act passed last year by the Massachusetts legislature to investigate

They may be briefly summarized as fol-

ws: An inheritance tax levied with respect realty as well as personalty at the rate of 5 per cent, with an exemption for estates not exceeding \$10,000, and an abstement of \$5,000 on estates between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a tax in oroportion to house rentals, only the excess over \$400 of rental being taxable abolition of the present taxes on ersonalty such as stocks, bonds, securities cans on mortgages, incomes, etc.; assump-ion by the state treasury of county exenses, and appropriation by the state of he revenue from taxes on corporate excess ow distributed among the several cities and owns. Whatever objections may be urge igainst the changes proposed, it cannot be aid that these recommendations involve any element of unfairness, and the placested has some admirable features.

The most important recommendation is the especting the "abolition and the present axes on intangible personalty," the collecion of which is exceedingly difficult and it can to the further objections of raising the justion of double taxation in the case of orgorate shares. Probably the commissions on safe ground in assuming that the loss nvolved in doing away with these taxes ca se made good by the proposed tax on inherit nces and that on house rentals. The proesal to transfer county expenses state, meeting them by "utilizing so much of the present proceeds of the tax on corporal excess as is now distributed among the sev eral cities and towns," is a good one, for, a towns would gain, and practically the only losers would be "the small number of tow n which there is a large accumulation intangible personal property, and which n receive large sums on account of sha owned by their residents." A tax on hor owned by their residents." A tax on hou rentals would meet two of the most impor-tant requirements of a good tax law-clear ness and certainty; and as the commission states that provision has been made for the proper assessment of persons living in apart ment houses and in hotels, there would be little or no opportunity for evasion.

The report is signed by Judge James Dunbar of the superior court, Prof. F. W Taussig of Harvard university and T. Jeffer son Coolidge, gentlemen whose standing will secure for it respectful consideration. Should legislation along the lines proposed be enenable the farmers to purchase and pay for acted by the Massachusetts general court, twice the farm implements and machinery will mark a distinct advance in methods

ON TO MEXICO.

New York Mail and Express: At last Mr. Bryan has definitely arranged for his tour of observation in Mexico. Inasmuch as he will make a special study of the financial system of that country, where the free silver policy flourishes in all its luxuriant beauty, it will interest him to note that one American silver dollar is worth as much as two Mexican silver dollars, notwithstanding the fact that the latter costain considerably more builton than the former. In other words, he will find that the silver coin issued in a country where its comage is not tree has twice the purchasing power of a sliver dollar issued in a neighboring country where its coinage is unrestricted. Here's hoping that Mr. Bryan may have a pleasant

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Brysa's trip to Mexico is avowedly to be taken with the purpose of studying the Mexican system of finance. As that is so his fellow citizens, without distinction of party, will wish him godspeed. If there is one subject concerning which Mr. Brysa known less than according which Mr. Bryan knows less than another it is finance; and that is no mild statement, for he knows less about more things than anybody else who is prominent in politics. The Mexican financial system will be an excellent beginning to his stock of knowledge of finance. When he has mastered it he can then attack the subject of United States finances, and from that proceed to the study the underlying principles of the science With assidulty and energy he can easily acquire a volumble, because comprehensive, knowledge of the matter in the course of ten the state institutions and the "cinching" or tweive years, and then his countrymen committee has not been at work a year. So will nay attention to what he says about it. will pay attention to what he says about it.

FOREIGNERS ALARMED.

Amazed by the Rapid Growth of American Trade, Indianapolis Journal

There have been numerous indications of late that foreign manufacturers and business men are alarmed at the rapid growth of American trade and are waking up to the fact that the United States is a dangerous competitor with them for control of the markets of the world. This sentiment prevails in Great Britain and on the contin It is reflected by the press, apparent in the reports of trade commissions and openly pressed by stateamen and by prominent but iness men. A few days ago Count Golu-chowski, Austro Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, predicted that a great feature of the twentieth century would be a combination of European countries to preven the commercial supremacy of the States. Now comes the Rt. Hon. Charles T. Ritchle, president of the London Board of Trade, with a warning to the same effect. In a speech delivered before the Chamber of Commerce of a provincial city on Tuesday he expressed the epinion that supremacy in trade was American cometition. He regarded the United States as more dangerous competitor in ering and trade than Germany. Continuing,

"There is no doubt the United States are executing orders which cught to be executed tere. As we all know an American firm btained the contract for the Central Under round railway (of London), as its bid was lower than those of the English concerns and it could deliver the supplies three months ahead of the British tenders. Many important continental orders have gone to America. The same is to be said of Egypt and Japan, where the Americans are doing work that Englishmen should have done In consequence of the engineering dispute many orders are leaving the country, and infortunately these orders seldom return

It is impossible to mistake the significance of these expressions from different sources. They mean that the United States is forging to the front, and that foreign statesmen, manufacturers and business men recognize that this, above all other coun-tries, is the one that must be reckened with beneforth for the control of the markets of the world. This is highly complimentary o the resources of the country and the enterprise of its people, and should incite American manufacturers to renewed efforts.

MIRTHFUL GLEANINGS.

Puck: The Missionary-My friend, what would you do if you expected the end of i world in ten days? Trans-Wait for it, Detroit Journal. 'He devoted his immense ortune to the perpetuation of his mem-

ny"
"You don't say so?"
"Yes, he left it in such shape that every lollar of it will be littlgated over."

Boston Traveler: "Oh. Clarence." ex-claimed Mes, Meliride as her brother en-tered the bouse, "baby's cut a tooth." "Why do you let her play with kniven?" asked the bachelor brother.

Detroit Free Press: "Madam," said the court, "do I understand that you have withdrawn your action against this man for stealing a kiss?"
"Yes, your houor; he has returned it and agreed to pay the costs."

Washington S ar: "What's the name of the girl across the street?" "I've forgotten her last name, but I know she is Mame somebody." "Malm somebody! What an ideal name for a footballer's sweytheart."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "And you are not nurt a bit, George" said the fond mamma hurt a bit, George?" said the fond mamma to the left halfback, "Not a bit, mover," cried the young hope-ful, "The game broke up in a free fight,"

constitute a very considerable portion of the nearly 600,000,000 acres of vacant public lands. The old saying that "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm" is not heard much nowadays. He is still a big land owner, but has been lavish with his best possessions.

Indianapolis Journal: "Is it possible," asked the youngest boarder, "for a newspaper writer to be an upright man?"

"Of course it is possible," said the cheerful idiot. "Being a write-up man does not hinder him from also being an upright man,"

A POLITICAL TIP. Chicago News chicago News.

Should it be your one ambition, to write a humorous verse; pick out some arcient subject and express in language erse. The editor may reject it if the meter's out of joint; but if you fashion it like this, he'll surely see the point,

THE KICKER. Pittsburg Caronicle.

Kleking in the morning,
Kleking all the day;
Kleking if he's busy,
Kleking if de's busy,
Kleking if de's,
Thus the ctronic kleker
Fills his life with woes,
Frowning, grambling, wrangling,
Everywhere he goes, Nothing ever suits him,

Always finding fault;
Every kind of pleasure
He la sure to halt.
Scowling at the children,
Growling at the wife;
Turning peace and comfort
Into constant strife.

Kicking if the weather liappens to be dry; Kicking wasn the rain is Tumbling from the sky. Kicking in the summer, Heat has then no charm; Kicking in the winder. ticking in the winser, Then he'd have it warm,

Kicking every mealtime, Glaring at the meat; Often he is saying: "Nothing fit to eat."

Kicking when he's reading, Grumbling at the light; New and then denouncing Everything in sight,

Kleking in the morning, Kleking all the day; Kleking in the evening, Kleking should he pray. Kleking while he's thinking, Kleking when in bed; Wonder if he'll keep on Kleking when he's dead,

A knock down argument is the final piece of logic used by Nature, Many people lean on the 'don't-hurt-me' theory about coffse and tobacco until the beautiful machinery of the body collapses, Postum Food Coffee is the way out of trouble.