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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

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

The city of Indianapolis will try the curfew bell. General Harrison's fam-

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

ily is growing. The most economical way of shipping farm products to market is in the form

of pork or beef.

The bottom has dropped out of the Bogus Claimant's circulation tub. Brag is a good dog, but Hold Fast is a better one.

Crying out against press censorship by injunction reminds one of the pickpocket who cries "stop thief" when a policeman comes in sight.

A wolf was found in western Nebraska with its tongue frozen fast to a railroad track. Attacking the railroads is dangerous business.

The number of excuses for dissatisfaction with the merit system in the civil service is only equaled by the number of persons who want positions without making a show of fitness.

Among attractions secured for the national live stock convention in Janvary is George Fred Williams of Massachusetts. This assures the nonpartisan character of the convention.

The protest against allowing Frank H. Moores a settlement with the county comes with bad grace from the parties who have clamored for six months that he should be made to settle with the

A hold-up of four men in a saloon is reported this morning by our popocratic contemporary under flaring headlines, but the hold-up of more than 200 saloon keepers at \$10 apiece is not considered worth passing mention.

Of the 8.117 copies of the Omaha Omaha Evening World-Herald only reached 183. Stick a pin there.

Now we may confidently look for an the cuttlefish organ in order to cover its retreat from the feld in which it advertising patrons. The cuttlefish can't stand the searchlight of publicity.

Patching up the ramshackle Sixteenth street wooden bridge is to be begun at once, which means that the effort to secure a safe and commodious viaduet is to be postponed until the present worm-eaten structure burns down or a catastrophe shall happen by a break-

General Weyler, late of Cuba, has laid out for himself a program of dein President McKinley's message to congress. If he follows this program days. He should be encouraged.

The mammoth irrigation scheme fathered by Governor Leedy of Kansas contemplates an irrigation ditch through the western portions of Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. When Governor Leedy demonstrates how the money to build it pushed forward enthusiastically.

One of the candidates for speaker of about ready to combine against the canand competent the contest is merely one 1896 amounted to about 15 cents over personal preferences of the memof growing bitterness in the contest, but lead, with Mr. Lavender of Calhoun There is no objection in any quarter to increase and strengthen public conficounty, second.

fares illuminated by electric lamps. The professional swindler may carry on his nefarious schemes without let or hindrance so long as the searchlight of pubhas been carried on for years by the

come to an end. has been turned on the fakirs and their fraudulent claims of largest circulation will collapse like a bursted balloon. Bravado and shameless jugglery can never prevail when brought face to face with proofs that cannot be controverted. the Postoffice department.

owners of the World-Herald papers,

The damaging exposure we make in the publication of the census of newspaper subscribers has not been of our own choosing. It was forced upon us in order to put an end to conscienceless imposture and disreputable business than any other department of the govmethods pursued under pretense of ernment, is a strictly business matter, honest competition.

The irrefutable facts presented by the published lists of carrier-delivery subscribers should be studied, not only by 1 liquor dealers and druggists whose business it is to use the medium of widest 21,153 publicity in the county for their notices of application for license, but by every merchant, manufacturer, real estate dealer or householder who is interested in knowing beyond a reasonable doubt which of the respective newspapers published in Omaha has the most extensive subscription list and is the most valuable and reliable advertising medium.

The figures presented by the newspaper census represent the carrier delivery lists during the last week of November. With trifling exception, these lists would be found correct today. Summed up, these are the incontrovertible figures:

The aggregate carrier delivery circulation of The Evening Bee is double the aggregate carrier delivery circulation of the Evening World-Herald and more than six times greater than the aggregate carrier delivery circulation of the Morning World-Herald in Omnha and South Omaha...

The carrier delivery circulation of The Evening Bee reaches 7.934 bonn fide subscribers that are not reached by the Evening World-Hernld and 7,616 subscribers that are not reached by the Morning World-Herald.

More than 9,000 carrier delivery onbscribers to The Omaha Evening Ree and The Omaha Morning Ree are not reached either by the Morning World-Herald or the Evening World-

It goes without saying that the number of copies of The Evening Bee or The Morning Bee sold by dealers and lewsboys exceeds by a very considerable the number of World-Herald dailies, morning and evening, sold by dealers and newsboys.

A CREDITOR NATION.

The acting comptroller of the currency ecently called attention to the fact, as evidence of the growing financial independence of the United States, that rates of interest are lower in New York than in the European financial centers. This acounts for the nonimport of gold, there being, as we recently pointed out, a very large amount of money due from European bankers kept abroad for the better rate of interest it commands and because there is no demand for it here. But perhaps the most valuable lesson this situation presents, said the acting comptroller, is that international trade balances can be settled wirbout the usof gold or other metallic money, simply through extension of credit.

The financial position of the United States at this time, so far as international exchanges are concerned, in stronger than at any other period of its Evening Ree delivered by carriers to history. While it would not be true to bona fide subscribers in Omaha and say that we have assumed the position South Omaha December 1, 1897, the of a creditor nation, although loaning money to Europe, it is certainly a fact that the country is rapidly drifting toward that position. A few more years of such an export trade as we immense discharge of black fluid by have had this year would undoubtedly change the United States from a debtor to a creditor country and give it comhas been depredating upon credulous plete financial independence. That this will ultimately be attained is of course certain and there is every reason to expect that it will come before the Twen tieth century is far advanced. It will determination to maintain a sound and stable monetary standard.

POSTAL SERVICE ECONOMIES.

The movement to secure reforms in sired. the notsal service along the lines advoented by Congressman Loud of California will meet with greater favor now than when first inaugurated, since it is plain fense against the "insults" contained that those who would get the government back to a cash basis must plan for retrenchment rather than additional assiduously he will have a life job and revenue. Mr. Loud urges reform in two thus keep out of mischief the rest of his important matters, both relating to sec- believed, generally done. Indeed, it is namely, prohibiting the admission of books or reprints of books to secondclass rates and abolishing the sample copy privilege. A saving of \$13,000,000 from Montana to Texas running annually, he says, could be effected by

these simple exclusions. Although Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Bissell both predicted that the deficits in the Postoffice department would soon can be secured the project will be cease, they have been growing larger. Evidence of this is furnished by almost and this year the deficit amounts to \$12,987,585, which Mr. Loud points out the Iowa house has withdrawn from the to the government being more than regarding the restriction upon loans to race, which indicates that the field is double this. That this loss is largely executive officers and employes of due to abuse of the second-class mail didate who is apparently leading. As matter privilege is susceptible of proof, all of the candidates are worthy men The cost of handling all mail matter in pound, but for handling first-class mail bers. Some time ago there was evidence matter the government was paid an average of about 93 cents a pound, while this seems to have all been dissipated. for handling second-class mail matter Mr. Funk of Hardin county is in the the government gets 1 cent a pound, the desire of all national bankers to

business, but the fact that books are of such requirements, enforced by law,

postage at the rate of 8 cents a pound. so many failures, but there can be no licity does not expose his serpentine abused, but instead of cutting it off en- improvement and would operate to give tracks. The arrant imposture which tirely it would be much better to simply the public a stronger confidence in the double the rate now charged and get a safety of the banks. substantial revenue from this source. Another reform might properly be efboth morning and afternoon, is about to fected by abolishing the free postage to ditor of the state of Nebraska, recalls newspapers in the counties in which many historic incidents in the pioneer The searchlight of inexorable publicity they are published. This would be an days of this commonwealth in which he expense to every newspaper publisher was a prominent factor. Mr. Gillespie in the United States, but the burden first entered public office as territorial would be so evenly distributed that it would hardly be felt. The added revenue from this source would go far to- As a member of the commission that ward wiping out the annual deficits in selected the townsite of Lincoln as

There are other economies that might nue and in reducing expenses of the deare now due. The postal service, more and the service should be kept on a business basis. Deficits in the postal service are both unwise and unnecessary.

A WHEAT FARM LESSON.

It is stated that the elevator companies doing business in South Dakota will make an effort to induce the farmers of the state to bring the quality of their wheat crop back to its old high standard by changing their seed wheat. There is no doubt that there has been the wheat harvested in the northwestern wheat belt, and it is important that the cause be known, if possible, so that remedies may be applied. The farmers are all familiar with the

fact that wheat as well as nearly all other crops thrives best on new ground, and this fact is attributed by most farmers wholly to the changes in the soil due to cultivation. That this is not true has been proved by those who have successfully grown good spring wheat on old ground without the use of fertilizers by resort to the simple expedient of fetching their seed grain from some distant country. The New England farm ers found that wheat when grown year after year from seed gathered on their farms would surely lose its best qualities, but they were never able to apply a complete remedy; the Ohio valley farmers had a similar experience, and resorted to fertilizers; and then the farmers of the Mississippi valley learned the lesson of deteriorating crops. The experience of Iowa farmers may be of value to the South Dakota farmers and those of other portions of the northwest. When Iowa was a new state wheat was a sure and profitable crop and many mills were built, but the time came when the mills were allowed to waning city subscription list. stand idle because the farmers could not grow good wheat. Then the millers and men propose to do in South Dakota, and oday the wheat crop is one of the most valuable of the many crops of Iowa. The mills have been renovated, the ele-

All that the farmers of South Dakota need to do is to make a study of this subject and act in accordance with good indement and the lessons learned by others through experience. Changing seed wheat is one way of adding to the value of the farms-a way that the farmers ought not to overlook.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

Congress will probably not adopt all he recommendations of the secretary of the treasury in regard to the national banks, but it should give attention to those of the comptroller of the curency looking to an improvement of the

In his last report the compireller renews his previous recommendations, on of which is that officers and directors of national banks be held to a more rigid responsibility and made subject to removal by the comptroller for violations of law and mismanagement. There are sound reasons for this recommenda-Admitting that as a rule bank officers and directors are careful in the management of their institutions, and strictly conform to the requirements of the law, still the history of bank failure. shows that laxity exists and that the periodical examinations made are not perfect safeguard against misman agement and violations of the law. Perhaps giving the comptroller of the currency power to remove officers and directors would not be, but it is highly be promoted and hastened by a settled probable that it would have the effect to induce greater care and vigilance on the part of those responsible for the proper and honest management of the banks and this is certainly to be de-

Another judicious recommendation is that once a year the directors of national banks be required to make an examination of the affairs of their institutions and submit a report to the omptroller. This would insure a thorough inspection of the banks annually by the directors, a thing not now, it is ond class, or newspaper, mail matter, safe to assume that the directors of a large proportion of the national banks are never informed, from personal examination, as to the exact condition of the institutions under their charge. It is too commonly the case, there is every eason to believe, for directors to be content with a perfunctory inspection, accepting, as many bank examiners do. the statements of the executive officers. every bank failure that has occurred since the national system was founded. is only the nominal deficit, the real loss No less commendable is the suggestion

banks No honest bank official will object to these recommendations of the comptroller of the currency, the embodiment of which into law would impose no onerous duty nor any obligation not entirely legitimate and consistent with sound business principles. It must be

The burglar or the sneak thief may operate successfully in dark alleys, but he cannot ply his calling in thorough-

are certainly not entitled to this favor ments to the law would be an absolute from the government against the better remedy for mismanagement or entirely class of books on which publishers pay do away with practices that have led to The sample copy privilege is also doubt that they would be productive of

The death of John Gillespie, first an auditor and served in that capacity until Nebraska was admitted into the union capital of the state, Mr. Gillespie became one of the founders of the capital be effected in the Postoffice department, city, which, however, has exhibited base both in the way of getting greater reve- ingratitude for his devotion to its interests chiefly because John Gillespie mani partment, and some of these reforms fested a disposition to join in the movement to depose David Butler from the position of governor. While John Glllespie may have been offensively disagreeable to his political associates in bearing the title of Honest John, there were elements of integrity and moral courage in his make-up which other founders of the capital city lacked in a lamentable degree. Perhaps the most important function which John Gillespie exercised in shaping the political des tiny of this state was in conjunction with the late General Strickland, president of the constitutional convention of 1871, in the counting out of the consti steady deterioration of the quality of tution, which by many public men, in cluding General Strickland, was be lieved to have carried.

If there has been a crooked real estate speculation in the school board it is eminently right and proper that the board shall purge itself even from the suspicion. There has been altogether too much of such work in the location and acquisition of school lots in the past and such deals have done more to lower public confidence in the school board than any other cause.

Business men who expend money for advertising in Omaha newspapers will from this day forth have only them selves to blame if they allow them selves to be imposed upon by the fraudulent claims of "largest circulation" in Omaha and South Omaha, by which they have been duped out of thousands of dollars of advertising patronage.

Although the World-Herald fills five columns of its Sunday issue with free nivertisements, an inducement to peo ple who are wilking to pay 15 cents a week for its daily and Sunday editions, its subscription lists do not indicate that this effort thas enabled its pub-Eshers to plug up the big hole in its

On the 1st day of December, A. D. grain dealers did just what the elevator 1897, the bona fife carrier delivery subscription list of the Omaha Evening Bee Omaha overlapped the combined circulation of the Omaha Morning World-2.693 copies, and further deponent saith

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The way to prove a circulation claim is to publish the names of bona fide subscribers. That is the only test that cannot be controverted by perfured affidavit-makers and fraudulent circulation claimants.

Pretty Lively Myth.

Considering that he is only a "pagan myth," Santa Claus seems to be doing pretty well in the matter of promoting shopping ex ursions.

Fighting with Their Mouths.

Those twenty Spanish generals who want to declare war against the United States should stay at home and help fight the Carlists. But perhaps their forte is fuming and not fighting!

Relief for the Klondikers.

In view of the fact that seven widows sod" and "grass," started for the Klondike esterday, it is only fair and just to recall to gold hunters in the frozen proth the sage profitable advice of the elder Weller to is hopeful non.

Unnecessary Alarm.

General Lew Wallace thinks we will have whip Japan. What for? Japan has done thing to us, and there is no evidence that he wants any fight with us. There is no incelvable reason why we should want any light with her. Japan is modest and decent is concared with European powers. She is rtainly intelligent enough not to desire to e whipped. We cannot share in General Vallace's apprehensions. We fear he is the ctim of a talented imagination.

But One Settlement Possible.

The Cuban question will never be settled ntil it is settled on the basis of Cuban in ependence. The sooner this is thoroughly aderstood the better it will be for all con erned. It is a physical impossibility for pain to suppress the insurrection in the are never absent from their base of supplie The soil is of such a fruitful nature that elds a crop every six weeks. The The suppl oldiers of the American revolution lived on yams alone for awhile and the soldiers Cuba can do likewise.

The Kloudike Sellef Party.

There seems to be nothing else that numane congress can do but to appropriate reckies men who I stated on going t Klendike ate in the season in the face of th warring of men of experience. It has always expended money to hunt up and bring back those persons who have started out to discover the north pole—an altogether useled discovery if it were made. But the govern ment should in some way draw a line on this cort of thing, else every reckless person who gets into trouble will be demanding that congress help him out.

Plans of the Spollsmen.

Among the methods of the spoilsmongers in their efforts to undermine the civil serve law is the proposition to exempt from the holding fiduciary positions for whom their superiors are responsible, such as decuty collectors of revenue, clerks of lisbursing officers, etc. The fact is that all these employes are required to give bonds for every dollar that may pass through their hands. From this requirement not even post office clerks are exempt. The trust com pinies which furnish security for them to return for a consideration, and not their official superiors, are occuniarily responsible for their fidelity. The proposed amendment in regard to these employes is only a scheme of the spollamongers to get control of a large amount of official patronage with the prethis low rate on legitimate newspaper dence in the system and the tendency amount of official patronage with the

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Your attention is hereby directed to the printed list of hope fide subscribers in the cities of Omaha and South Omaha, of the Omaha Evening Bee, and also the list of bona fide subscribers to the Omaha Morning World-Herald and the Omaha Evening World-Herald. These printed lists are supported by newspaper carriers' nuldavits, and furnish you conclusive and indisputable proof that the bona fide circulation of the Omaha Evening Bee exceeds by over 4,000 the circulation of the Evening World-Herald, and by more than 6,700 the circulation of the Morning World-Herald. You will further note that while the law relating to the publication of liquor Beense applications, as interpreted by the state supreme court, does not permit the combined use of two newspapers published with different headings and delivered to different subscribers as a compliance with the requirement of giving the widest publicity to said application, the consolidated circulations of the Morning World-Herald with the Evening World-Herald in Douglas county would, if legal, still fall short by more than 2,500, when compared with the bona fide circulation of the Omaha Evening Bee in Douglas county. The bona fide circulation of the Omaha Evening Rec in Douglas county, outside of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha, is In excess of the bonn fide circulation of the Morning World-Herald or the Evening World-Herald. While we have no disposition to harass or persecute any individual or firm engaged in the liquor traffic, and want it understood that this notice is not intended as a threat, we shall be compelled, in order to sustain our rights under the law, to protest against the granting of a license to any applicant who does not comply with that provision of the law that requires the publication of notice of application in the paper of largest circulation in the county of Douglas. With the proofs which we herewith place in your hands, you will surely not be able to plead good faith in making use of either the Morning World-Herald or the Evening World-Herald or the so-called Daily World-Herald, which has no existence in fact, as already declared by the courts.

In order that no ill-feeling may be engendered by the course which we propose to pursue toward parties who do not comply with the law relating to the publication of liquor notices, you are hereby informed that in case the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, acting as an Excise Board, shall wilfully and unlawfully override our protest, we shall appeal from its decision to the courts, and, pending the final decision, we shall insist upon the strict enforcement of the provision of the law which suspends the license of any vendor of liquor while the appeal from the license board is pending in the district court.

THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY, Proprietor of THE OMAHA EVENING BEE. Per E. ROSEWATER, President.

PARTY DUTY.

Republicans Must Sustain the Civil Reported Massacre of a Peace Envoy New York Sun

In the course of the debate on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriafell upon republican fidelity to both the letter and the repirit of discourage the advocates of peace through the civil service law. Congressman Barrett amnesty and autonomy. An envoy with a of Missachusetts referred to a similar discussion of that particular subject in the house neven years ago, and quoted the subjoined remarks made at that time by a re-"If the republican party of this country

service law and its efficient execution; not peace. The commanders murder the application to the public service. The law possession. This the "junta" describes as the as it stands upon our statute books today heroic policy of the insurgents, was put there by republican votes. It was

ance was made by William McKinley of flag of piracy as the insurgent standard and

statute book by the republican party, which mational policy. has always sustained it, and we renew our What would independent Cuba be with in the cities of Omaba and South receated declarations that it shall be there government composed of men whose policy ughly and honestly enforced and extended in war is to hang the emissaries of peace and wherever practicable."

That declaration renders superfluous all terms would be accepted if made known t vators are running and the farmers are Herald and Evening World-Herald by argument at the present time concerning the the ranks of the insurgents? expediency of maintaining, in letter and in spirit, the civil service law as it stands; or the desirability of extending its operations herever practicable. Republicans who may attack it, directly or

of Barrister Stephen Fee. ese both their time and their wind. Democrats who may attack it will accomlish nothing. They will have the record All this is independent of any question as

taining it as part of our system. The place "horn" oftener than that, and the time to discuss that will be in the national convention of 1900.

TRADE RECORDS BROKEN.

Passing the High Water Mark in Mer cantile Transactions. Chicago Times-Herald. While wheat is the backbone of the favor

able trade tecord for the week, business has been phenomenally large in all departments. Previous trade records are being broken, and he Increased merchandising that has folowed a strong advance in the purchasing lower of the wage-earning classes is being nducted on conservative lines. close advent of the holiday season is ilways signalized by great acceleration in formia."

commercial activity, but the gain this year surpasses that of 1892, when the volume of ercantile transactions reached its highest nificant, stature, with long, snow-white, silky The steady and unprecedented inrease in exports is the most significant feature of the general news trade of the week. energy and the power of work Recent compilation of trade statistics re- expect in a man half his age. veals the fact that merchandise exports in November rose to \$116,630,290, the excess of exports over imports in four months being \$229.212.401. All previous records are sur-passed by exports for the year, which have een \$974 600 000 in eleven months. Notwith. standing the heavy increase in exports and the large balance of trade in our favor, the treasury receipts show a steady increase for the first half of December over previous onths, both in cust ms and internal rev-

in the industrial world the most netable instance of presperity is furnished by the output of pig iron, which for November this year was 226,024 tons, the greatest ever known in the history of this industry. Acording to the American Manufacturer o Pittsburg this represents an increase per cent in one month, completing an in crease of nearly 40 per cent in five months.

The fact that there are works in this untry able to produce, without the stimul of advancing prices, more iron than Grea Britain had ever produced at any time, et prices low enough to permit exports products of England and all other countrie will be to most British manufacturers lisagreeable revelation, and even to many Americana a surprise.

The Atlantic exports of wheat in two weeks have been 7,880,942 bushels, agains 5,413,677 last year. There has been an in-crease in the demand for woolen goods durng the week, and many mills are providior an increased production. An increase 25.9 per cent in the bank clearings for the week is still further evidence of the permanent nency of improved business conditions

Concerning the Curfew. Chicago Tin

Although the so-called curfew ordinance have encountered considerable ridicule. olice reports from Lincoln, Neb., Omah clare that it has been a success. There is clare that it has been a success. Increase large decrease in the arrests of youths there is an improvement in study and reduction in commitments to the reformation. The law in many places no longer school. needs enforcement, for the children are onger on the streets.
With the exception of Omaha, no attem has been made to put such a law in forcin any metropolis. There is no question however, about the evil it undertakes t

second, mischief; third, crime.

If reports proceeding from "junta" sources are true the savage insurgent commanders in Cuba have adopted an inhuman plan to terms of peace which should be submitted to their followers for acceptance or rejection is summarily hanged.

ABOUT A CUBAN TRAGEDY.

in the Island.

The rank and file of the insurgente are not permitted to see any of the terms of is pledged to any one thing more than to peace proposed. The brigand commander another it is to the mointenance of the civil catches the envoy baving the message of only that, but to its enlargement and further senger and destroy the papers found in his

republican measure. Every national plat- shall be recognized as belligerents in a civilform of the republican party since its enactized war. There was no time in our cive ment has declared not only in favor of its war when the rebels refused to recognize There was no time in our civi continuance in full vigor, but in favor of its flag of truce. It is probable that in no other enlargement, so as to apply more generally to the public service."

"Who said that?" asked somebody. "Mr. gents hang the bearer of a white flag of Chairman," replied Mr. Barrett, "that utter- truce. This is equivalent to raising the black

emblem. There is no need to go back so far as that.

The last cational convention of the republican party, held in St. Louis eighteen months ago, adopted this resolution:

Children.

It is no wonder that popular sympathy with Cubans has disappeared or is disappearing. The country now sees that the original position of President Cleveland was that The civil service law was placed on the of sound statesmanship and sagaclous inter-

destroy their dispatches for fear that the

In Andrews county, Missouri, resides s lawyer with the singularly appropriate name

The people who think that 7-year-old Kanof their futile utterances as the coly reward been following the proceedings in the Kansas courts.

A Bangor, Me., sea captain has rounded to the merits of the competitive system as administered, or of the advisability of re-According to the Financial Chronicle th

rease of railroad earnings for November.

Boston what had most impressed him in his tour of the United States, and replied that re considered Niagara Falls more marvelous than any feature of the country. A prairie fire swept over a section of Ed

ards county, Texas, from the Nueces rive to Rock Springs. The burned area varies from twenty-five to fifty miles in width. Everything was devoured by the tornado of The will of the late Henry Barnhart, one of the wealthlest pioneers of California,

sists of only eighteen words and says simply: 'I direct that my property shall be disposed of according to the laws of the state of CaliSEALSKINS TO GO.

buy scalskins should call early and avoid the rush. The bill which has passed congress prohibiting all scaling in the Pacific also rohibits the importation of scalekins, raw or nanufactured. The United States is the greatest market in the world for scalaking, nd the intent of the law is by closing it to nake pelagic sealing by other nations. low raid the herds, unprofitable to the point

of abandonment. Baltimore Sun: The virtual prohibition of aported scalskin sacques which has been ound concealed in the bill just passed by congress is a heavy blow to pelagic scaling. sealskins may be imported if they be the skins of scale taken in the North Pacific. f any are brought in secretly they may be elzed and destroyed by government officials. The bill aims to stop pelagic scaling, and the provision just cited will go far to make it effective, as the United States is the chief market for sealskine. As they are an ex-pensive luxury, the want of them will not cause much suffering. Certain husbands, if they will tell the truth, will confess that they rejoice at the effect of the prohibition on their bank accounts.

Indianapolis Journal: This will hit John Bull in a tender spot. Thus far he has been able to find reasons enough why Pritish scaling vessels should not obey American laws and why the British government should not the scals, but what will he say to this? He cannot for a moment question the right and power of the United States to prohibit the mportation of seatskins in any form whatver, and the prohibition will hit him hard n the region of the pocket nerve. Incidenit may cause a boom in the price of sealskins in the United States and make sealskin cloaks a more expensive luxury than ever, but we can afford that for the satisfac-tion of watching the effect of the law on Mr. It is a drastic measure, but fully

POLISHED POINTERS.

Washington Star: "There is nothing," aid the Cornfed Philosopher, "that will so timulate a man's sense of justice as to ave some one owe him money."

Chicago Record: Miss Elderly-Don't you hink it's horrid to ask one's age? The Other One-Yos, And it's often so un-

Somerville Journal. Some men wouldn't ave anything to distinguish themselves rom their fellow beings if there were no Judge: He-Yes, I loved a girl once and the made a fool of me. She-Some girls do make a lasting impres-tion, don't they?

Philadelphia North American: "What is your first step in writing a play?" asked the reporter.
"I look around." replied the great playwright, "and find a good carpenter to collaborate with me."

Detroit Journal: Today the sultan was thoughtful, "No." he mused, "Life may be a mystery, but it is not Greek to me, No."
That was to say, not everything, by any means, was coming his way.

Chicago Tribune: "Your dear friend lrene," said the girl in the fur jacket, "is trying to make light of you," "I defy her?" one-stomately answered the girl with the yellow buskins, She was a brunette,

Indianapolis Journal: "Have you been rending about the spots on the sun?" asked the young man, "No," replied the ex-summer girl, "but I'm glad the old thing has a few freekies himself and can see how he likes it,"

APPREHENSION Washington Star. He promised to take her to ride in a sleigh,

And now with sad terror he'll quake Whenever the skies get a little bit gray, For he figures it out that he'll probably pay At the rate of \$2 a flake, THE OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The old man had six daughters (we wunder his hired hands,
An' we wuz six, an' all the year we plowed an' hoed his lands).
An' every single gal o' them wuz purty as a peafen,
(An' bein' six an' six, we said:
"Thar's one aplece fer each!")

But how could any folks like us, that walked the cotton row.

An' made and marked the melons, an' Think that he'd let a gal o' his come step-pli' down so fer, To hear a poor chap askin' fer the hand an' heart o' her?

An' so, we jest said nuthin', but kep' a-feclin' blue, An' thinkin'-till it 'peared ter us the gals wuz thinkin', too! An' sometimes, when they'd walk our way, though nuthin' much wuz said.
They'd smile the sweetest o' smiles, an' blush a rosy-red!

But still we kep' our distance, till in the But it is of primary importance that a great party, intrusted with the control of fulfill its promises.

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Belds and dells The Christmas horns wuz blowin', an' we heard the Christmas bel's; An' then the old man says ter us: "Come in! It's Christmas day, An' I've got some purty presents that I'm going ter give away. An' thar the gals wuz-in a row-a-blushin'

left an' right, The old man in the center an' six o' us in An' we knowed jest what wuz comin'—an' we knowed 'twuz comin' quick.
For the old man says: "It's Christmas, boys; whiri in an' take yer pick!"

Well, I took sweet Miss 'Liza, an' John took Mandy Jane; An' Jim said he'd take Laura fer this world's shine or rain! An' so on, till we'd been supplied, then said, "We're b'eeged ter you, But-with all yer daughters give away, what air you goin' ter do?" Prof. Theodore Mommsen, the famous historian, is a man of small, almost insignificant, stature, with long, snow-white, silky hair hauging down to his shoulders, and a frame almost emaclated, but he still has the energy and the power of work that one might expect in a man half his age.

An' then the old man winked at me, an' whispered—mighty low:

"As fer the gals, 'twuz gittin' time for all o' them ter so!

I've jest been waitin' on you boys the weddin word 'ter say—

I'm negting ter marry a widder, an' I wants 'em out the way!"

"Danger"

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