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Merry, merry Christmas bells are ringing.

China's reliance on Russia as a friend in the hour of need may be sadly misplaced.

The only war cloud visible in the wettern world as the year closes is in the Chlengo wheat pit.

the exposition are no longer in doubt as United States. What this widespread served, but not oftener than credit is to the profitableness of their investment.

THE BARRETT SCOTT BOND DECISION of the claims and an agreement was shotted protests against a settlement of the recovery of embezzled public funds. city and county treasurers, as well as it being stipulated that their decision July night. other officers charged with the custody shall be accepted by the two governof public moneys. While many good ments as final. The whole matter has and worthy citizens who have assumed been most carefully gone over by the And worthy citizens who have assumed the responsibility of guaranteeing the in-tegrity of officials that have proved them-selves faithless must suffer losses that may prove almost ruinous, the courts commissioners, who have heard the arguments of able counsel representing selves faithless must suffer losses that the two governments, so, that the decision must be accepted as fully may prove almost rainous, the courts must protect the people against periodic demonstrating the fairness of the losses that would shift upon the tax- claims. The amount awarded will be payers burdens which have been volunpaid within six months. tarily assumed by men of means either It would have been more creditable to as a matter of personal friendship or the United States to have paid these from interested motives. The effect of claims promptly on the agreement made the decision cannot but prove salutary between Secretary Gresham and the for the state at large. It will bar men British ambassador. Our government who are discredited from securing indihad secured a reduction from the vidual bonds and thus force upon the amount originally presented of about respective political parties the nominaone-half and in communicating to con-

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tion of reputable men for positions of gress the result of the negotiations the trust. That alone is a boon much to be secretary of state showed that there coveted. Nebraska has had a surfelt of was justification for the claims and that public plunderers and embezzlers, and the amount which the British governwhile it so happens that a majority ment had agreed to accept was reasonof these rascals were elected because able. It is now shown that he was they were members of the party that right and the government would have had been in power for more than twenty saved some thousands of dollars if the years, a very considerable proportion of agreement effected by Secretary the treasury looters were elected either Gresham had been approved by con-gress.

10,415 No political party can truthfully claim a trait peculiar to any one party. There are black sheep in parties, and even in

harmless expressions credited to Senator Allison in an interview on the proschurches, but no party and no church pect of currency legislation. "I do not can be justly condemned as such because it counts among its membership take the despairing view concerning our Pharisees, or rogues who serve the devil currency which the president presents," while wearing the livery of heaven. Mr. Allison is reported to have said. It may be a sad commentary upon the "While there are some improvements which I should like to see made. I think perverseness of humanity, but it is nevertheless true that the way to make men we will be able to get along if we do honest is to make dishonesty odious and not get any currency legislation, and as grievous, and the only way to put a the situation presents itself now it looks stop to official delinquency is to make as if it might be impracticable to secure every officer who handles public funds legislation on the lines of the president's liable individually and through his surerecommendation."

COURAGE FOR CONSERVATISM.

Too much has been made of the few

For this the senior Iowa senator has been assailed as an enemy of the adprinciple engrafted in the code and enministration, as one opposed to currency forced through impartial, fearless courts reform and favorable to a do-nothing we shall have no occasion for levying extraordinary taxes to make good the convey this notion. His doubt about the osses sustained through embezzling custodians of public funds. plainly arises from his ability to fore-

EXPOSITION POSTAGE STAMPS.

The decision of Postmaster General systems. He was prophetic, not threat-Gary to order a series of special issues ening, in the interview quoted. of postage stamps commemorative of the holding of the Transmississippi and International Exposition is a matter of highest importance. It is a mark of alleged defects of the currency system; tarry by the wayside. distinction and favor at the hands of and if he does not agree with Secretary

the government which must prove of Gage in the details of reform measures, mmense benefit to the enterprise. When or even refuses to declare off-hand that it is borne in mind that within the 120 radical currency reform is necessary years of national life the government now, the republicans, at least of the has made but two such issues of commiddle west, may be pardoned for not memorative stamps, the true signifihastily condemning him. He may be cance of General Gary's order can best right; his views, whatever they may be, be appreciated. The issue will be, not may prevail in the end. merely that of a postage stamp to be The man of advanced views who ad-

sold at the Omaha postoffice, but it can vocates them in season and out gets and doubtless will be placed on sale at credit for having the courage of his Merchants who have taken stock in every one of the 70,000 postoffices in the convictions. This credit is often de-

The supreme court decision in the Bar- reached for the payment by the United the claims in controversy between the rett Scott bond case cannot fall to have States of \$425,000. Congress refused to county and Moores. These bombastic a very important bearing upon cases approve the agreement and there were ebullitions might baye more or less effect that are pending in the lower courts for further negotiations with like results. In the midst of a city campaign, but in Then provision was made for a comtimes of piping peace, and especially dur-The decision will go far toward estab- mission consisting of one representative ing Christmas weeks they fall as harmlishing the liability of sureties of state, each of the United States and Canada, less as skyrockef sticks on a Fourth of

> The police commission persists in putting off the cases of protest on account of illegal advertising when by rights it should have given precedence to these protests. While the present commission has had no experience with this class of cases, its members are intelligent enough to understand that an appeal from its findings to the district court will prevent the issue of a license

to any applicant. Inasmuch as it takes ten days to two weeks to secure a decision in the district court, the im portance of prompt action on the part of the police commission is essential. Manifestly the polley of procrastination which the controlling majority of the board is pursuing must result in the closing of a large number of resorts during the period of several weeks immediately after New Years. The re sponsibility for this state of affairs will rest where it justly belongs-with the men who have arbitrarily and lawlessly attempted to force the liquor dealers and druggists to contribute \$10 each to

the support of their organ.

in Iowa a number of important resolutions were passed, one favoring the letting of all printing, county and state to the lowest public bidder, another favoring the deposit at interest of all public money, another asking that the powers of the State Agricultural society be enlarged, another favoring uniting into one organization or board the dairy, veterinary, farmers' institute and weather service branches of the state this life she business. Some of these ideas are excellent and worthy of consideration by device with leaders of insurrections, but the legislators in Iowa and elsewhere, and

At a recent meeting of stock breeder

are men who think as well as read.

It is just possible that the residents of the Pacific coast cities, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, will be policy in congress. His words do not disappointed in the number of gold seekers who will pass through these ports practicability of the proposed legislation next year on the way to the gold fields of the far north. They are putting see the contentions of those who hold their estimates high and making prepradical views in regard to currency arations to profit as largely as possible by the travel. But the great many who talk of going to Alaska will not do more Senator Allison's long experience in than talk and many others who start public life certainly qualifies him for for the gold fields of the north will questioning proposed remedies for real or be charmed by the western fields and

One South Dakota judge broke away from his associates and decided that the anti-peddler law of the state is unconstitutional because, it interferes with free commerce between the states. Other and made no concealment of his purpose. It courts of the state, however, have sustained the law, and until the supreme court of the state does some guessing ers were totally dead to humane and civil-the noddlors will not know what to do,

Secretary Gage's reply to Mr. Gompers is in the right spirit. Abuse will not avail against argument in support of the right principle. That currency system is best for the laboring men of patches, we think the incident will go far the country that is best for all the people. The effort to array class against be deprecated.

### THE WHEAT DEAL.

## Baltimore American: The whole thing is colely and simply gambling on a monu-mental scale, and the brilliant business men with their millions are merely cool gam-blers with their stakes. It might be a good lesson for some people if the young one

would beat out the game, for he would probably be caught later on; but the whole exhibition ands nothing to the business moral ity of the country, and nothing to its wealth Chicago Post: Joseph's Original Wheat Deal-Genesis xII: 48. And he gathered up 48. And he gathered up

all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49. And Joseph gathered corn (wheat) as the sand of the sea, very much until he left numbering; for it was without Eugept to Joseph for to buy corn (wheat); ecause that the famina was so sore in all lands.

St. Louis Republic: The whole civilized world is watching with feverish interest the outcome of the struggle between "young" Joe Leiter and the veteran Phil Armour fo mastery of the Chicago wheat market The interest is world-wide, because upon the result of the combat depends the price of a large part of the food supply for the next year. That a crisis is mear in the battle that has been raging between two audacious and vear. resourceful speculators for a month is generally understood among persons who study the speculative markets. A few days ago i seemed inevitable that Leiter, "the youngster," must give way to the powerful and man who is said "not to have an enemy in seasoned Armour; but the young man is now supported by his father's millions, and there no likelihood of an immediate surrender or of a truce.

## THE ASSASSINATION OF RUIZ.

New York Tribune: The best news that ould possibly come from the Cuban insur-

gents, for their own good, would be an ex-planation of the death of Joaquin Ruiz that outward seeming. His disposition recalled the description given of old Sir Thomas would satisfy the moral sense of the world According to all information now available or Browne, the author of "Religio Medici. seemed to know neither joy nor sorrow, to b the subject, his death was one of the foules neither grave nor gay, to be neither de-pressed nor exalted by anything that the day rimes that cruelty ever conceived or sav agery executed. If the facts are as stated might bring. His habitual cast of mind ap-peared to be that of deep content. He had an indelible stain upon the fleg of

'Cuba Libre." found his place in the world and was filling i Baltimore American: If the officer wen to the top of his bent. To have under a flag of truce he was safeguarded by the law of nations. If he went without a flag, but in uniform, he was by the same lay f nations entitled at the worst to the treatment of a prisoner of war. In either event ould have been eafe. To place an itroassable barrier between their followers Cuban chiefs in adopting it have weakened they all show that the stock breeders their cause before the world, which will lels was content with any position that gave him an opportunity to interpret the law, He had no personal ambition beyond that. He ran for the court of appeals in a hope-

of inhumanities attributed to the remorseless Weyler equals the report of the execution of less year because his party ordered him to After an undiscriminating statute re tired him from the bench at the age of 70 roposals to the insurgents under the bril when he was but in the prime of his Cubza guerrilla, Colonel Aranguren. he went to congress, for which he had no According to the first dispatches, Ruiz was taste or vocation, because his part executed by Aranguren's orders. It was next him a safe compromise candidate. taste or vocation, because his party found he took no interest in politics, he believed spite of Aranguren's protests, that it was a in party regularity, because it was an orderly thing, with precedent to sustain it. He was greater than the typical American self-made man because he had this disinterestedness of character and singleness of emorseless rage of his soldiers, commanded purpose. His career was almost unique for by Alexander Rodriguez, because he dared to country, where the professional plead for the life of an emissary of Spain shift so easily from one official position to another

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. When one goes shopping nowadays he sees

can be formed. If these reports prove to be true, however, they will not advance the cause of Cuba libre. Lieutenant Ruiz did not enter the insurgent lines clandestinely or as a spy. He went to offer terms of peace is no answer to say that Lieutenant Rui took his fate in his own hands. He doubt less refused to believe that the rebel lead-

to about one-third its present size and subseems probable, that Colonel Joachin Ruiz,

#### A GREAT JUDGE GONE. CHRISTMAS CHAFF.

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TAKE TO SHE

Brooklyn Life: "The Edgerton children have a good time Christmas," "It what way?" "Well, their father is a doctor, and their mother lets them oat everything they Tribute to the Life Work of a Jurist and Congressman. Buffato Express. Charles Daniels was one of the llons of

Buffalo. His career appealed to the imaginawant. tion of the town. When he appeared on the Detroit Journal: "You allus celebrates Christmas, doesn' you?" inquired Miss Mistreets he was pointed out to strangers as man who had studied law while working anni Brown. "Yasindeed," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkey. "I nebber misses. I's done bought two 4-11-44 slips a'ready dis year." at the shoemaker's bench, keeping one eye on his book and the other on his lap stone; who led the local bar until he was made a judge

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Jonathan Ross, chief judge of the supreme

Senator Devoe has been asked by one of

his Kentucky constituents for copies of all

documents ever issued by the United States

It is reported that Speaker Reed will at

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as the judge who had been intgest in point of service; as the judge whose decisions were Cleveland Plain Dealer: The Sweet Young Thing-Have you any idea what you will get in your Christmas stocking. Mr. Grouch? Old Grouch-Dunno, Rheumatism, I never questioned, who on the bench knew neither friend nor foe, but only the law; as the man whose business was the law and whose recreation was the law, who tried Grouch-Dunno, Rheumatism, I reckon. cases in term time and read law for amuse

ment in vacations; as the citizen whom everybody knew and respected but no one was familiar with; as the plainest, simplest,

Pittsburg Chronicle: "What shall I give you for a Christmas present?" Mr. Snagge asked his wife. "Oh, give me something expensive," she replied carelessly Very well; I'll give you a bushel of wheat." most unassuming man in Buffalo, and prob ably the only man in the town who did not realize the greatness of Charles Daniels; as

the hardy veteran who scorned luxuries and It is rare to find so eminent a professional

Detroit Free Press; Willie Wiffles-What do you think of Santa Claus? Tommy Taddles-He's a good thing, Push him along, man enjoying such celebrity among laymen. But Judge Danlels had personal traits which

endeared him to the plain people, of whose number he never ceased to be one. He was Puck: "Do you like being under the mistletos" he asked tenderly, just after the thirty-ninth kiss. She looked into his eyes and sighed. "All I have to say," she murnured. "Is that my hast dying wish will be to have some of it planted on my grave." Then they re-sumed. severe on oriminals, but one of the class was never heard to revile the judge. Everybody believed in his honesty, his justness and his knowledge. He was consulted by every one in difficulties who could find heart to break in on his work or his studies, and he drew absolutely no distinctions between men. The

Washington Star: "Christmas comes but once a year," said Uncle Eben, "but dat ortenter put limitations on de peace an' good will. De folks dat make dem is right here all de time." world" is usually a colorless person, who has done nothing to deserve either friends or foes. Judge Daniels was positive enough, but his character disarmed criticism of his mo-

tives. He was regarded more as an imper-Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Are you going to give your husband cigars this Christ-mas". sonal force working for truth and righteousness than as a man with mortal faults and frailties. Judge Daniels' life was a happy one to all

mas?" "I don't know." "I wish you wouldn't. He gives them sway in the club, and my husband got one last year and almost died." "That's strange. I paid \$2 for a hundred of them

## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

By Clement C. Moore (1834). Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a The stockings were hung by the chimney with car In hopes that St, Nicholas soon would be The children were nestled all snug in their beds, le visions of sugar plums danced in While their heads; And mamma in her 'kerchief and I in to mount into a higher court, or into a my cap, governorship or the presidency. Judge Dan- Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap: When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter. I sprang out of bed to see what was the

matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, in window I flew like a Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow.

Gave the luster of midday to objects Though When, what to my wondering eyes should appear a miniature sleigh and eight tiny But a reindeer, h a little, old driver, so lively and With quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick,

More rapid than eagles his coursers they And he whistled and shouted and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!

top of the porch! to the top of wall! an awful lot of things that he would rather the keep for himself than give to his friends. Now, dash-away, dash-away, dash-away

supreme court bench twenty-seven years De-As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky; So up to the housetop the coursers they With the sleigh full of toys and St, Nicholas, too. And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and hawing of each little

As I drew in my head and was turning around. Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. stituting benches for the desks. A pasteboard box full of celluloid combs York elevated car, and the result was an explosion which wrecked the car, injured He was dressed all in fur, from his head to two men and caused three women to faint. his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with J. F. Willard, who has been living in ashes and soo Berlin and is now on his way to Bokhara and A bundle of toys he had flung on his Asiatic Russia to study the habits of back, And he looked like a peddler just opening criminals, is a nephew of the prominent temhis pack, eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, perance advocate, Miss Frances E. Willard. His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His checks were like roses, his nose like Now that cold weather is here again the typewriter girl is trying her old trick of

the

New York Commercial Advertiser: Reports as to the execution of Lieutenant Ruiz and Colonel Aranguren by the Cuban

General Blanco's aide-de-camp, has been

one's pleasure must be the ideal happiness. Charles Daniels' was the typical American career with the unresting and all-embracing ambition left out. The usual selfmade man goes on "from high to higher." He is never satisfied. If he is a lawyer he regards the law merely as a stepping sione to a judgeship, and that as a ladder by which to mount into a higher court, or

henceforth believe that atrocity is a game a which both sides play in that wretched island. Chicago Post: Nothing in the dark list

Colonel Ruiz, who was the bearer of peac announced that the execution of Rulz was in violation of civilized usages and of his oledge for the peace commissioner's safety. And now comes the more startling report that Aronguren himself has fallen a victim to the

bearing proposals of peace.

insurgents are so conflicting that further news must be awaited before exact opinion

appears to have been a willingness to listen to what Lieutenant Ruiz had to say. Washington Post: If it is true, as now

Those who appreciate the value of a "mention" as candidate for congress are getting in their work at this stage of the game.

Denver wants a fair in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Colorado statehood. In three years Denver ought to be able to get up a pretty good exhihition.

Omaha retail merchants have no ground for complaint about the unseasonable weather this year, and for that matter no ground for complaint about anything else.

Speaker Reed says he will allow no riders on bills. If he but partially succeeds the people will have some cause to thank him. Every measure should stand on its own merits.

The man must be indeed stupid who is not yet able to discern that the Transmississippi Exposition is to be a great deal more than an Omaha fair or a Nebraska enterprise. It is growing every day.

More good books are being sold this year in Omaha than for many holiday seasons; also more fine pictures, pretty trinkets and substantial goods. A genuine old fashioned Christmas is a good thing to have. .

Some of the congressment are spending the holiday vacation by making a trip to Cuba. They cannot gain too much reliable information about that island and its inhabitants, black, white, yellow and mixed.

War may break out between China. Germany, France and other foreign countries, but Oriental avenue at the exposition grounds will witness the peaceful commingling of all the races under the Star Spangled banner,

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox while he is treading the corn." This is the injunction of the bible. Thou shalt not muzzle the blackmailer while he is treading corn juice in the Fake Mill. If you do you are assailing the liberty of the "press."

The Argentine statesmen refuse to go into a combine to injuve the United States with discriminating duties and the retaliatory tariff measure before the Chamber of Deputies was defeated. The Argentine people understand very well nine British sealing vessels in Bering sea that the United States is too good a neighbor to be treated like an enemy.

The Agreultural department has sent a special agent to Europe to plead for Paris court of arbitration, to which was the American horse. So long as Europe is one great armed camp horses for cavairy and artillery purposes will be in steady demand, and it can easily be shown that the best horses for this ercise no control over sealing outside the purpose come from the western ranges of the United States. There is room for that claims for damages for the seizure a great improvement in the market for American horses and the Agricultural department does well to make an effort to secure that improvement.

circulation would mean to the exposition due the man who keeps on the middle will be readily perceived by those who ground, weighs the arguments of the recall the popularity of the Columbian radicals pro and con, and usually in the stamp, which did so much to attract end directs what shall be done. It is public attention to the World's fair. The easy to be radical, and frequently very issue will be not only valuable as a

hard to be conservative, to profess satismedium of advertising the exposition of faction when others do not, to express 1898, but it gives to the project the confidence amidst doubts, to be serene prestige of government recognition and while the storm rages. It is probable support. The stamps will be issued in Senator Allison will not be driven by denominations of 1-cent, 2-cent, 5-cent, critics from the conservative position 10-cent and \$1, making it possible for

which he has had the courage to mainthe people of this country to use these tain all through his public career. stamps on all outgoing foreign as well

as domestic mail matter and packets WESTERN SHIPBUILDING. of merchandise. With the possibilities Shipbuilding on the Pacific coast will suggested for the widespread issue of be greatly developed by the projected

these stamps, certainly every postmaster construction at Seattle of a plant capain the transmississippi region will not ble of turning out the largest ships. This fail to make regulsition for them. They enterprise is to be carried out by those will be in most active demand from the well known shipbuilders, the Cramps, start, not only by stamp collectors, but and it is said will involve an investment by the hundreds of thousands of people

of \$10,000,000. Referring to it the New of the west who will take advantage of York Tribune says that such a firm as this means of popularizing the Transthe Cramps would not invest so large mississippi Exposition throughout the a sum of money and enter into competiwest. tion with the present San Francisco

This issue of commemorative postage establishment, which has a plant equipstamps will do more to raise the Transped to turn out the largest battleships, mississippi Exposition to the high plane unless they foresaw a development of of a national and international enter-Pacific commerce on a vast scale and prise than any other act of the governalso believed that there was a good ment. Postmaster General Gary has chance to draw to the United States a earned the lasting gratitude of every large amount of foreign shipbuilding. friend of the exposition. Nothing is more certainly assured than

the steady growth of Pacific commerce. BERING SEA SEIZURE CLAIMS. It is inevitable that the United States The decision of the arbitrators in will secure its share of the vast Asiatic favor of the claims for damages made trade, in the carrying of which Ameriby the British government for the seizcan ships ought to have a most promiure by the United States of Canadian nent part. sealing vessels in Bering sea disposes

They will have if shipbuilding for of a matter which ought to have been transportation shall receive ocean settled long ago. The decision is a proper encouragement. As was said by complete vindication of the finding of President McKinley in his annual mesthe late Sceretary Gresham, who sucsage: . "We should do our full share of ceeded in inducing the British governthe carrying trade of the world. The ment to materially reduce the amount government by every proper constituof damages originally claimed and to tional means should aid in making our agree to accept substantially the sum ships familiar visitors at every commerwhich the arbitrators have now decided cial port of the world, thus opening up

the United States ought to pay. The new and valuable markets to the surplus difference, or most of it, is in the ac products of the farm and the factory.' crued interest. The present congress is expected to give The first seizures of Canadian sealers careful consideration to this subject and by our government were made eleven years ago, when three schooners engaged

creation of a merchant marine the shipin sealing more than thirty miles from building industry of the country will our coasts were seized by revenue cutreceive a great impetus. There is ters of the United States. The next year abundant capital that would be invested seven Canadian sealers were captured. in this industry if assured of reasonably but were released upon a protest from liberal consideration from the governthe British government. The policy of ment and such investment would conseizure was renewed in 1889, eight or tribute enormously to our commercial having been taken in that year. This progress. Already the shipbuilding industry of the United States is large, but action brought a vigorous protest from

it can be greatly increased. There is no the British government and seizures question of greater importance than that were stopped. Four years later the of building up a merchant marine and submitted the question of the right of the west is not less concerned in this than are other sections of the the United States to stop pelagic scaling, decided against the contention of this country.

government, holding that it could ex-It saves the overworked and underthree-mile limit. The court also decided yers who have taken the contract to of British vessels were justifiable. Subsequently negotiations were had who was not voted for at the last elecbetween the secretary of state and the tion supply blood-curdling editorials British ambassador for the settlement against Mayor Moores and double-

The Nebraska Dairy association ought to become one of the strongest and most influential of the societies of agriculturists of the state. The dairy business is growing in the state and it deserves the attention of every thoughtful farmer,

The butter cow is as valuable on the farm as the beef steer.

#### Reform Menneed by Friends. Indianapolis News.

Genuine currency reform has as much t fear from the indifference of its friends as it has from the opposition of its enemies.

A Political Problem.

Mr. Grosvenor's mathematical ability ha een employed in an endeavor to fit an offic to every five hundred hungry partisans, and the result he has arrived at is that he need more offices.

#### Never Strained His Muscle. Detroit Free Press

The general land office clerk, who was charged with throwing 5,000,000 acres of government land to the Northern Pacific denies the powerful charge. Says he never handled a shovelful of dirt in his life.

#### Why the World is Gny. sville Courier-Journal

Emperor William need not flatter himsel that he alone is responsible for the hilarity of nations. The United States beg to inform him that there is one congressional district in this country in which Jerry Simpson and Mary Yellin' Lease are both running for congress.

## A Rest from Tariff Agitation. Globe-Democrat.

Even the democrats appear to be pleased at the determination of the republican members of the ways and means committee to op pose all projects for a change in the tarifi act in this congress. The democratic papers beginning to see the probability that be fore the end of the fiscal year next June the revenues will be steadily meeting the ex-penditures. A deficit which is likely to end n three or four months at the outside can

# What Beganre of the Bottle.

The bottle of forty-five-year-old whisky which Major Excrack G. Thomas gave to careful consideration to this subject and if it shall enact legislation looking to the to the secretary to baptize the battleship Kentucky has been totally consumed. It was a perquisite of the last administration, and was partaken of by President Cleve and, Secretary Olney, Hoke Smith, J. Sterling Secretar Morton, Attomey General Harmon, master General Wilson and the faithful Thurber, whose consecration to the interests of his chief and whose devotion to duty re quired him to consume forty-five-year-old whisky and all other beverages that were quired him used and appreclated by the president. retary Carlisle and Secretary Limont were not guilty.

#### Rescuing the Klondikers. New York Tribu

The relief which congress has voted the Klondike sufferers will have a merry time in getting to them across the wintry passes, and in its race with famine there is too much eason to apprehend that the latter will get in

finding no impediment in the ahead. les wastes like the almost insurmountable ones which the former must encounter. Congress lay. There is every assurance that this will be done, though the difficulties intervening be as great as any relief expedition on record has had to encounter.

put to death by the insurgents in the ma ner and for the reason reported in our distoward moderating the sympathy-among rational and humane persons, at least-which has been lavished so abundantly upon th class in dealing with the currency is to rebel cause. It matters little whether Colonel Ruiz fell by the machete or was hanged or was shot to death. These are only degrees of brutal savagery. The mere

fact that a human being, engaged in a peaceful, not to say friendly undertaking, has been seized and put to death in any shape by those he sought to benefit or at heating water by attaching a small rubber tube to the escape valve of the radiator, putting the free end of it into a pitcher of cold least enlighten, constitutes an atrocity too water and turning on the steam. hideous for words. In his address before the Phi Delta Ph

seconds.'

## PRO BONO PUBLICO.

What the Philanthropic Anthracite Barons Are Doing for Dear People. Chicago Post.

If there has been ruinous competition and emoralization" in the anthracite coal distributing industry, it is quite certain that consumers have not felt the effect of this condition to any perceptible degree. It is true that it has been impossible to secure and enforce an agreement among the leading coal roads as to rates. The presidents would meet, enter solemnly into a "gentleman's agreement" and break it soon after leaving conference. But the price of coal that

has lately prevailed afforded the best possi-ble proof that the people derived little ben-efit from the disturbances of prices. Now it is reported that the old method is to be abandoned and that the coal roads will

be placed on a stable basis by a system of community of interests. A company is to be organized, of which the leading coal roads are to be members, to take over all the coal mined by the several producing corporations. The company will not merely handle the out-put, but buy it outright. The responsibility of the mining corporation will end the mo-ment the coal leaves the mine and the rail-

roads will maintain a great distributing con-cern dealing direct with the consumers. The scheme is a gigantic one, but if the financiering and organization problems can be solved, a saving of from 25 to 30 cents on every ton of coal can be effected, which will mean an addition of about \$15,000,000 to the profits of the coal-carrying roads. No will excessive competition be eliminated by allotting to each road a fixed proportion of tonnage, but the profits of the middlemen will be saved. There is nothing illegal or objectionable in the proposed scheme, but the consumers' attitude toward it will be determined solely by the effect on prices. If they shall be permitted to share in the benefits of the economies realized, they will re gard the combination with friendly ments, but if the firm control of the anthracits coal output shall lead to an advance o prices, the combination will be treated as a trust hostile to consumers' interests. Mean while we must not forget that the coal roads projecting this deal are under suspicion and that proceedings against them under the anti-trust law are pending in New York courts.

The Beet Sugar Boom.

#### Chicago Tribune. The best sugar boom continues to increase As a result of successful experiments to man-ufacture beet sugar in Virginia it is given out from Richmond that a stock company with \$1,000,000 capital has recently been or By Mrs. H. M. PLUNKETT ganized in that city for the purpose of de veloping the beet sugar industry. Commenting upon this the Atlanta Constitution says A series telling how to This is a new departure not only for Vir ginia but also for the south. Up to this tim render wholesome the capital has lacked the necessary courage t espouse the beet sugar industry, and the Richmond enterprise is the first venture o city and the country house

its kind which the south has undertaken ut since the soil and climate but since the soil and climate of this sec-tion are thoroughly adapted to the growth of sugar beets, there is no reason why other southern states should not emulate Virginla's example."

> Gold in His Sock. Boston Transcript.

paid editors of the local Fakery a great deal of time and labor to have the law-yers who have taken the contract to reinstate a man in the mayor's office It looks as if Uncle Sam would find lots of gold in his stocking Christmas morning, Uacle Sam's command, for the old gentle man can count upon about \$740,000,000 of the precious coinage, reckoning what is in the treasury and the banks. He never had so much before in all his life.

a cherry. His droll jittle mouth was drawn up like a bow, the beard of his chin was as white as the snow, And the

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his Law club of New York the other evening. Judge Pollinon of Philadelphia expressed the belief that there are only four great teeth. And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a round little belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of felly. He was chubby and plump, a right folly old elf, And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself. wreath cross-examiners in New York now, and he designated Joseph H. Choate, E. C. James John E. Parsons and Frederic R. Coudert as

comprising the quartet. Property valuations for taxation in New York state have been enormously increased the past year, and the consequence is that the legislature this winter will be able to of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his keep up, or increase, state expenses and at Soon gave me to know I had nothing to same time point to a reduction in the dread state tax rate, which is now 2.69 mills on

each dollar of valuation. The state's total valuation last year was \$4,506,985,694; it will He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned, now reach nearly \$5,000,000,000,

with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his The editor of an Ohio weekly makes the following confession: "The papers are mak-ing a great ado about a Sandusky. O., man And giving a nod, up the chimney he who has shrunk ten inches the fast thirty And giving a not, up the channey ho rose;
He sprang to bis sleigh, to his team gave a whistle.
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drova out of sight, ''Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night.'' five years. We do not think that is a wonder ful thing. We remember when, about eighteen years ago, old Sam Hawley caught us kissing his daughter good night at the gate after escorting her home from singing school, we shrank clear out of sight in less than ten



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