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The generous man is king of good fellows at Christmas time

The crop gathered from the Christmas trees was also one of the finest on record.

Whether spelled Xmas or the right way it is nearly always a joyful oc-

Among others who realize that Christmas is not all a holiday might be mentioned the postal clerks and mail car-

Claus has been compelled to resort to the street cars and other like unromantic methods of travel.

If the populists really do start their 1900 presidential campaign early next year the chances are they will be completely winded before other presidential entries have been made.

While bills are pending to add new departments to the government and en- 1871, since the discovery of America in large the president's cabinet, why not consider a proposal for consolidating the war and navy departments?

Good wheat is good, but what a speculator will do with 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 bushels of the grain is a problem the bears in the wheat pit are willing to leave to the other fellow for solution.

The mere postponement of Judge Keyelation and joy in the Fake Mill that it actually proclaims it has won a great wictory.

A New York newspaper with Tam many leanings invites Bryan to abandon his own mistakes and attempt to lead the democracy on a platform of real and bogus mistakes of the republican party. That is one mistake Mr. Bryan will not

It behooves the building department ing operations in the city incident to the exposition will require the utmost spectors.

The story of the lives of Ruskin and Millais and the woman who was the wife of one and then of the other reminds one that chivalry and womanly courage and fidelity did not pass from earth with the disappearance of the feudal ages.

The word "bimetallism" is in danger of becoming obsolete. Much of the confusion in discussion of financial questions in the past few years arose insurgent lines under a flag of truce to this region. The good will of our peothrough the use of this word, which submit terms of peace. Had that been ple is worth millions to any great railmeans one thing to one person and many different things to others.

In addition to being a champion of should have told which Christian he referred to.

Christmas comes only once a year. For the twenty-sixth time The Bee exgreeted the first time are still hale and Cuban army. hearty and many of the carrier boys who delivered its first Christmas carol force in this contention and yet it is higher place in the British consular are men prominent in all walks of life. unquestionable that the insurgents service. It is to be hoped that the Governor Leafy.

The recurrence of the great festival season of the Christian world invokes, have strengthened sympathy with their region and the successful issue of the with undiminished force, the sentiments cause, if they had simply summarily ex- Transmississipp Exposition may imand emotions which have marked and pelled Rulz from their lines, accompany- press upon the mind of the British mindistinguished it through centuries of observance. It makes the old appeal to all hearts not hardened efforts on the part of representatives of against Its beneficent influences, Spain to induce the insurgents to accept stimulating affection, good will and terms of peace that did not contemplate offerings of love and friendship, the insurgents, but it was not necessary to cheery greetings, the unselfish desire to assure the world of this. make others happy, are wholesome in their influence on individual character and serve to lift life to a higher and sweeter plane. There is a priceless good will and unselfishness.

To youth and childhood this senson is the benevolence which it was in part the mission of Christ to teach.

Christmas is not only a religious festival, it is also a great festival of family would be very low in the fall when all life and in this latter character perhaps its most valuable influence is exerted. farmers need to sell, while comparaat this season is not uncommon, but there is more to be said in its defense | Near the end of the crop year the price than against it. It is doubtless true that some spend more than is judicious, but farmers, who are varely capitalists, on the whole the spirit that prompts such outlay is commendable.

Time does not dull or diminish the in terest of the Christian world in this anniversary and it will be observed this delivery circulation of the Morning year with a zest as keen and fresh as ber of persons who are possible pur-World-Herald in Omaha and South at any time in the past. To its patrons

THE AGE OF GOLD.

When hardy miners, sifting the sands there were theorists who thought they bear movement." foresaw irreparable injury to the industrial life of the civilized nations from this flood of the money metal; but had port of the United States mint director bears on this subject in an interesting manner.

The gold production of 1896 amounted in value to about \$203,000,000, an innot as great as that shown in other recent years, due largely to a decline in is not yet been reached. During the Since Secretary Alger bought up all past five years the production of gold of speculation in food products are inimithe reindeer to send to Alaska Santa has been 32 per cent greater than the production in the five years from 1856 is not to be rudely dismissed as unsound Australia gold placers were astonishing the world.

Since the year 1871, when the first step was taken by Germany looking toward limiting the use of the money metals, the world's production of gold value of the gold product previous to 1492, amounted to \$5,754,223,105. In twenty-six years the production of gold has been 56 per cent of the production of the previous 378 years. Nearly a third of all the gold that has ever been mined has been taken out in the last quarter century.

Statistics in regard to silver produc tion show similar starlling comparisons. In the twenty-six years ending with 1896 enjoyed most rapid growth as a result the world's production of silver of the enormous influx of population sor's decision in the Hitchcock contempt amounted in value to \$3,503,294,192. case over Christmas has caused so much which is 49.2 per cent of the amount mined in the previous 378 years, and the average annual production in the last great as previously. Nearly 10 per cent of all the silver ever mined was taken out in the last quarter century.

These comparisons serve only as rethe world's commercial Efe. The dreams to see that the fire limit ordinances are of the daring adventurers of the past strictly and impartially enforced. Build- have been realized in our time, and we are today in the midst of another golden age, surpassing all others, the beginning older states of the union. vigilance upon the part of the city in. of which we have seen, but leading on to a climax that is the secret of another

THE RILLING OF RUIZ.

free silver President Andrews of Brown | truce, because such a flag is not recog- eastern bondholders. university is a defender of the Turk. He nized by the Spanish authorities in says the Turk is incomparably better Cuba. Not having this protection Colonel than the Christian in temperance and Ruiz and his companion were treated as of the British foreign office. The state several other things. Mr. Andrews spies and executed. The Cubans urge is in the trade and consular district of in defense of this course that full warn- Chicago, as are Kansas and Missouri ing had been given by their leaders that The British vice consul at Kansas City any one going among them to propose is expected to advise the Carcago office anything short of independence would regarding trade and crop conditions of be summarily dealt with and that failure Nebraska. His reports, as shown by tends Christmas greetings to its patrons, to do this in the case of Ruiz would the published reports of the foreign Many of those whom its carrier boys have been destructive of discipline in the office at London, are far from satisfac

It must be admitted that there is some and commerce entitle the state to a

would have lost nothing in the public enormous crops of the past year, the reopinion of the world, but rather would vival of the live stock industry in this ing such action with a further warning ister the claims of Nebraska looking to that death would be the penalty of any proper recognition. effect is humanizing and uplifting. The Instrates the intense earnestness of the

FARMERS AND FUTURES.

The wheat deal in progress in Chicago is referred to by an eastern paper moral gain in the stimulus which this as illustrating the value of dealings in season gives to the virtues of kindness, futures to the farmers. It characterizes as a vulgar error the notion that speculation in food or other products of the one of loyous and eager anticipation and earth, which buys and sells for future the mind cannot measure the flood of delivery and in advance of possession happiness that will well up today from by the seller or of means of payment the hearts of children throughout the by the buyer, is opposed to the interest Christian world. It will repay manifold of the producer. On the other hand, all the hours of care and all the expendi- reasons our contemporary, the effect of ture of money in making provision for this sort of operations is to give the the happiness of the little ones. Un- producer a constant market the year fortunately there are many who will not round, regardless of consumptive derealize their hopes, however moderate. mand, to relieve him of the cost of storbut this will be ever so and its most age and the inconvenience of waiting useful suggestion is that those more for pay for his year's crops till the crop the normal price as fixed by supply and demand and uninfluenced by futures the crops are in and a great many Criticism of the custom of gift making tively few millers or exporters need to buy beyond the needs of a few weeks. would be very high and by that time would have sold, "The practice of selling futures gives the farmer in the fall a price about the same as that of the spring minus insurance, storage and inchasers of the farmers' produce. Often, The Bee extends the greetings of "A indeed, competition among these or ingenious advantage taken by one of another runs the fall or winter price far above any reasonable expectation for spring, as in the present case. Then the of California, Australia and Russia, com- farmer profits at cost of the speculamenced to pour great streams of gold tors. He rarely loses by them, as he dust into the treasuries of the world can always hold his wheat over a brief

This appears plausible and it is un questionable that the battle between Armour and Leiter has been of immedithey carried their fears over until this ate advantage to farmers who have wheat to sell, but our contemporary admits that the farmer sometimes loses through the operations of speculators and the question is whether in the long run his losses are not in excess of his gains. The tendency of speculation is to unsettle the markets, to produce more or less violent fluctuations in prices, and it is difficult to crease of \$3,696,000 over the production believe that such a condition can genof the previous year. This increase is erally be to the advantage of the producers. Speculation by options and futures is ordinarily heedless of the law the production of the Witwatersrand, of supply and demand and the welfare but the average annual production of of producers must depend, in the long gold in the world the last twenty-six run, upon the observance of that law years has been eight times as great as The most intelligent farmers of the the average for the twenty-eight years country, who have given careful con- tions of the road. Purchasers, however, canpreceding, so that it is plain the floodtide sideration to the matter, are practically unanimous in the belief that all forms cal to their interests and their opinion to 1860, when the California and or as designated by our contemporary, "A vulgar error."

Some philosopher has said that the

only way to divine the future is by the experience of the past. In contemplating the future of western states, the has been, including the year 1896, of degree of prosperity that can come to us the value of \$3,241,405,720, while the must be measured by the number of people induced to take up homes in this region and by the amount of capital that can be drawn from the east for investment in the west. Early in the '80s the country emerged from business depression which for some years had impoverished the people, but as the wave of prosperity returned it swelled into every state of the west. Population and wealth were quadrupled within a few years. During that period Omaha into the territory tributary to this metropolis. The early years of this decade were but a repetition of the depression of the '70s. And now we are just emergtwenty-six years was seven times as ing from a period of hard times into an era that promises a higher degree of prosperity than the west has ever known. This being true, what have we to expect from the overcrowded cities nineteenth century has witnessed are seeking safe and profitable investmighty changes in the relation of the ments for their millions. It only restock and supply of precious metals to mains for Nebraska and states throughout the west to make their claims known to the world. That done and we shall

The new owners of the Union Pacific railway cannot be unmindful of the fact that the people of the west have claims upon the road that ought not to There has been a strong expression of be ignored. The policy pursued by its American opinion in reprobation of the owners in the early days proved diskilling of Colonel Ruiz, the emissary of astrous in the largest degree, and a General Blanco, by the Cuban insur-repetition of methods then practiced gents, but the explanation of the matter would be harmful to the state and to by the Cubans will doubtless have a the patrons of the road. While the tendency to modify public sentiment in property is in the hands of eastern this country in regard to the event. stockholders, its lines traverse the west Ruiz, it had been assumed, entered the and it is dependent upon the traffic of the case he would have been entitled, by way system; their enmity may cost as the rules of civilized warfare, to a safe much. The road should be run with a return. But it appears that he did not view to subserving the interests of its go to the insurgents under a flag of patrons and not solely for the benefit of

In Nebraska there is no representative tory to Nebraskans, whose industries

The new gasoline lamp contract has been signed. The council must now desigevery kindly and tender feeling. Its Cuban independence. The incident it nate the locations before the new company can set its posts. The placing of these posts is the vital element of the contract, so far as the public is concerned. It is high time the designations be made in the interest of the property owners who are taxed to maintain the lamps, irrespective of the private holdings of councilmen. The population of the several wards wherein these lamps are to be set can be based upon the vote at the last general election, and the

ingly. All indications point to an unpreceregion early in the spring. The railroad passenger men have sniffed it and their reports have caused the railways leading to the Puget Sound to prepare for an exodus that will number people from every state in the union. It is useless to advise people to hesitate to risk a trip to the Klondike. Other men fortunate should at this time exercise of the last year is consumed. It is have picked up fortunes there in a day pointed out that in the case of wheat and of course every American believes he can do what any other man has done. The Commercial club has notified the

city council that it stands ready to provide a warehouse for the Indian supply depot in accordance with the terms of the act locating the depot at Omaha. With this cheerful assurance the council cannot hesitate to notify the government that Omaha is ready to fulfill its part of the contract. Work like this Major Thomas Clarke, who fought for the tends to build up the Commercial club and to disarm criticism by those who have a mistaken idea of the functions terest, while it vastly increases the num- of the club. Business and not politics is its true province.

The time has arrived in the affairs of the exposition when states and cities which delayed making provision for representation now betray some anxiety lest they be distanced or eclipsed by neighboring states and competitive signs point to a very large attendance from all parts of the union, and western states want to attract immigration. In no way can this be done better than by exhibits of the products, manufactures The only child of his parents and and a showing of resources by western

The county board, after a long and painstaking examination of the accounts with the ex-clerk of the district court. offers nearly \$6,500 in settlement of the claim against the county. Whether Frank E. Moores shall accept this tender need not be discussed but the mere fact of the tender is a deadener to the trumped-up campaign charges made by house.

Since the sale of the Union Pacific remark ably fast time has been made on certain secnot be paid entirely by fast time.

Isn't Time Money?

Chicago Record The man who looks a gift horse in the

mouth is just one peg above the intellectual plane of the individual who hunts for the price-tag on his Christmas presents New York Hetald,

The ignition of celluloid collars from con act with heating pipes in an elevated car he other day should serve as a timely warning to those who wear such articles not to

Saintly Sour Grapes. St. Paul Pioneer Press Omaha is to have an exposition postage stamp in honor of its transmississippi doings This means that the fathers of youthfu philatelists will have to plank down from

dollar upward for the entire set. And that's about all it does mean. A Klondike Etching

A traveled member of Parliament recently assured an interviewer that the Klondik temperature is so low that "the breath i about to avoid being hedged in by the re your own respiration." during his journeys laid in a considerabl supply of the frozen truth.

> The Touch of Age. Philadelphia Ledger,

There is no surprise in the news that Bis narck's advanced age and his "often infirmi ties" are telling on him, and that he is de-clining rapidly in both mental and physical Such a result is a natural conse health. quence of his age and condition, but it loss to Germany, nevertheless. With all marck is the man who made Germany what she is, and she has nobody to take his place minders that the last quarter of the of the east and from the capitalists who if another crisis like those of 1866 and 1876 should threaten her. For this latter reason as well as in recognition of his invaluable services, the empire cannot cherish too care ully the few remaining days of the great statesman.

The Navy in Tropical Waters.

get all the money and people needed The report that a considerable contingen to place us on an equal footing with the American pavy will cruise in the Gulf Mexico during the present winter appears be causing considerable disturbance among hidalgon, and strong protests are the assumed hastin designs of the United route in February, States toward Spain implied in the act. Inas-cycle to think that I much as some 2,000 miles of our cast line would have been more beneficial to him border on the Gulf of Mexico, it would puzzle self and others had the collection been given ven a Weyler to name any other notion that where needed. has a better right to send its cruisers into the gulf waters, If the suspicious Dons were told, however, that the object of the movefor the benefit of Spain by preventing filibustering expeditions, from leaving gulf for Cuba during the winter months, leaving gulf ports would probably form a more exalted estimate f the foresight and strict impartiality of our government

Leedy's Plutocratic Scheme.

Governor Leedy of Kansas is a man of erge and comprehensive plans. Western Kansis and Temas, suffer from drouth, and Governor Leedy has noticed that a large volume of water flows out of the Missouri and Missiscippi and wastes itself in the

the Missouri from their present channel in Montara and spread them across the desert Texas, making this extensive region a new the water as failed to get lost on the way of a noted planoforte teacher, to the Mississ ppi by way of the Red river. Shakespeare, who has certa doubt, but if the coming Irrigation congress abould charge him with the task of raising \$350,000,000 he would find that money of sudde by grow source. The Leedy you'd suddenly grow source. is a very simple one on paper, but

HISTORY OF A FAMOUS POEM.

Moore's Classic Picture of Santa Claus on His Rounds. It has been nearly three-quarters of a cen ury since the verses beginning

Twas the night before Christmas, wher all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a first saw the light of print, appearing in

Sentinel of December 23, 1823. sublished then it was anonymous, but it was ophetical of its coming popularity that on in that day, unfavorable as it was for iowspaper illustration, it was accompanied by a picture of Santa Claus on his rounds. In the time intervening it has become known to practically every man, woman and child in America, has spread hence to the widest limits of the English-speaking race, has been translated into the language of every nation that has a Santa Clone and is little, if any world. For many years it was an annual feature in all American newspapers. Then in 1844, it was acknowledged by its learned author, being included in a little volume of his poems published in New York. Theuce lamps should be apportioned accordits inclusion in school readers and all kinds of declamation books was only a matter of a short time. In 1859 the edition that first attained wide distribution was issued with the pleasant illustrations made dented migration to the Klondike gold Felix O, C. Darley which are remembered gratefully by any number of persons nov crawling reluctantly into middle life. orprising, considering the vogue they enjoyed, that they cannot be bought today modern edition, will be a surprise to many to

the erudite doctor of laws who pre pared the first Hebrew dictionary ever pub lished in America. He was Clement Moore, a descendant of a famous family in the history of the Episcopal church, and himself one of its most notable benefactors. His father was Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore, who succeeded Bishop Provost in the diocese of New York, having been the president of King's college-now Columbia versity-and the rector of Trinity church in York, all the dignitaries named being then, as now, the highest in the gift of the enomination. Bishop Moore was the son of Lieutenant Samuel Moore, a gallant officer in the colonial wars, and five generations re moved from Rev. John Moore, who was the first minister in Newton, L. I., dying there in 1657. Charity Clarke Moore, the mother of the poet, was the second daughter of British crown and its possessions in the days before the revolution. He was a man of large means and built him a mansion which he called "Chelsea," a goodly distance out from the city of New York in those days, though its exact site was what is now Twenty-third street, 200 feet east of avenue. At that time it stood on a high hill. the lawn sloping down with handso races to the shady banks of the Hudson Built about 1750, the original structure stood until its destruction by fire during the last illness of its owner. He was rescued with difficulty and the shock undoubtedly bistened his end. It was rebuilt by his widow and came by inheritance to the poet's mother cities. This is due to the fact that all It stood uctil 1850, when it was torn down to make room for the advancing city.

was in this spacious house, with it acres of beautiful grounds, that Clement Clarke Moore was born on July 15, 1781. to great wealth from both his father and mother, there was nothing which money. learning and distinguished uncestry could not obtain for him. His father gave him his preliminary education and he was graduated from Columbia in 1798. Though intended for the ministry, he never tool but occupied himself with his Hebrew dictionary and other matters suitabl to his erudition. He was early interested in the General Theological seminary of the Episcopal church. In 1818 he gave it the of land bounded by Twentieth street Twenty-first street. Ninth evenue and the Hudson. Three years later he accepted the chair of Oriental and Greek literature the fusionists, the Broatch contingent from its faculty, and there busied himself and the only honest man in the court until his death at his summer home in Newport on July 10, 1863.

The poem which has given him greater fame than al his learning and benefactions was written as a pastime and given his children as a Christmas present just seventy five years ago. He thought little of it at th time or later. Indeed it is possible it would become known to the world at id not the eldest daughter of Rev. David Butler, D. D., rector of St. Paul's in Troy, N. Y., seen the lines during a visit to New York the year after they were com-posed and published them in the paper mentioned without their author's consent. said that nothing but the speedy popularity the verses attained procured Miss Butler' forgiveness. All these facts, with a facsimile of Dr. Moore's own manuscript, have just been published by William S. Pelletreau A. M.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A Brooklynite suggests that the New York and Brooklyn bridge be renamed the Roeb ling bridge, in honor of the late John A. Roebling, the pioneer successful suspension bridge builder.

Twenty-five years ago Francis Conway Mason, the newly elected speaker of the Parliament of Victoria, was an unknown schoolmaster on board the ship Nelson, in the harbor of Mlebourne.

The echool children of Kentucky are as pealed to to contribute each his or her penal the purchase of a library for the battle ship Kentucky. The grown-up people are to give the ship a silver service. A bust of the late General Francis A

Walker of the Boston Institute of Technology will be unveiled in Huntington hall, of the institute, on January 5, the first anniversary of his death. It is a gift of the students. A society girl was arrested while watch ing a dog fight in a Washington stable, but succeeded in concealing her identity under ar assumed name. Her escort fled when the solice made their raid, and now his mies will may that he is not a fit man to take society girl even to a dog fight.

When Mr. Gladstone was about to depar

his recent trip to France some one aske him if he did not think his continual reading 'My dear'sir," said Mr. Gladstone, "can you magine what would be the condition of my nerves if I were compelled to do nothing? It is said that Mrs. Jesse Huston, who lives on the Hustonville pike, near Huston ville, Ky., had not until last month spent day away from home in twenty-three years not because she couldn't, nor because of any eccentricity, but just because she home and wants to be there to de her work. Charles A. Dana's collection of porcelain and pottery is to go into the hands of fad going up through the Spanish press against dists and relic-hunters by the public auctio which might induce Inas- cynic to think that Mr. Dana's work of love

The monument which the members of the "Iron Brigade" will erect to the memory of General John Globon in the Arlington ceme ment is to enable our navy to play watchdog tery across the Potomac from the national apital is rapidly nearing completion. relief of General Gibbon copears on the front the granite and the whole will be one of the handsomest monuments in the cem-

> A Maine man started for the Klondike two mooths ago with five boxes of sardines and two cans of beans. He got as far as Dawhen his provisions gave out and he was forced to tramp his way back to his home. He may not be as sensible as some people, but there are men in the Klondike places with him.

Mark Twain writes to a Vienna newspaper that the recent Thankegiving reception at the Guif of Mexico.

By epending the trifling sum of \$360,000, 1000 Governor Leedy thinks a croal can be constructed that will divert the waters of in the Austrian capital was a great surprise. American legation of the American residents creditors should be paid in paper legal tenecquse it disclosed the fact that there were lands of western Nebraska. Kansaa and as had been generally supposed. According to Mark Twain's observations, the men were followed a wholesome reaction under

Shakespeare, who has certainly been dead It looks easy to Governor Leedy, no long enough to be quiet, raised a big dis-loubt, but if the coming Irrigation congress turbance in a Vienna theater during the re-bould charge him with the task of raising cent troubles over there. The play was "Henry VI.," and when the actor said, "Ein teuchtiz volk braucht keine polizei," the whole house broke out with cries of "Down a good deal of gilt-edged paper would be with the police death to all of them." The necessary upon which to raise \$360,000.000, actor had to stop, while the curtain was especially to first a scheme suggested by rung down and the play suspended until the house cooled off.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

It might be thought that the prospect of a regenerated and thoroughly awakened Chicase empire, with its coormous population, would be alarming to Great Britain, in view of the long frontier between British India and Chinese territory, but England would much prefer to take chances with any postible Chica then to have Russia or Germany for a near neighbor. Chica might always be held to check by sea power, but that would perhaps be defied by the Russians Moreover, Russia has a strong and fust grow ing navy. China has nothing of the kind blings considered, it is quite possible that for a good many years Japan and China may find England one of the best of friends, though always with a purely selfish motive depends upon the degree of success which Groot Britalo may have or find reason to expect in using the yellow races as a foil Russia and a barrier against the extension of German and French influence in the east

quickly in India that the earliest in the series, the famine, has been almost forgot-But the official reports of the relief works which are published from time to time furnish some interesting reading. The results afford striking evidence of what may be effected by skillful organization. Especi ally remarkable are the accounts furnished of the operations in the northwest provinces. The average number of persons in receipt of daily relief from the government was 1,688, 000, and this vast host was fed for six months that "The Night Before Chrismas" was writ-Yet the cost to the government was only \$7,000,000—a great sum, to be sure, but al-most bicredibly small when compared with the amount of work done. It is claimed that the figures establish a record, both saving of life and economy, and the claim is not likely to be disputed very seriously As to the effect upon the natives of all this judicious benevolence there seems to be i considerable divergence of opinion. officers say that a deep feeling of gratitude pervades all classes, but others declare that they have been quite unable to discern symp toms of any such emotion. ***

One calamity has followed another

With the execution of Great Britain, th gates of every great pation are now shu against German industries. Russia France Austria, Italy, Spain and the United States and even British dependencies like Australi and Canada, all maintain protective tariffs and her hope for relief from internal pres sure is in the cultivation of fresh fields many, in other terms, has reached the poin in industrial development reached long by Great Britain and France, where foreign or colonial trade must supplement crowded and oversupplied domestic markets What adds to this necessity is the increasin burden of militarism. Russia finds a measur of offset to this burden in the developmen of Siberia, and Great Britain and France their respective colonies, but Germany ha been practically restricted to the fatherland t is for these reasons that the German per ple tolerate the fingoism of their theatric young warlord. What they demand is no glory or territory, but trade.

The twentieth century will have no place for the nomads of Mongolia or the Manchu Tartars of Manchuria. They must go down before the onward march of civilization and orderly government. They will be brough under the rule of some great and well-estab lished power, and it requires no gift of prophecy to foresee that Russia will be that power. The boundary of Siberia will be moved downward to the confines of China proper, at the least. Probably it will go much farther. But at any rate the Tartars will be self-governed more than a brief period in the near future. After many centuries of conquest and domination, both in Europe and Asia, they will be subjugated and brough discipline from without, no doubt to remain under alien rule forever. It is an impending change which cannot fail to in terest every student of history and every in telligent observer of the changes which are being made in the map of the world and the relations of races and peoples. Next spring work will be begun upon the

great canal through southwestern Russia that when finished will connect the Balti with the Black sea. The political significance of this work is evident, and it is of far greater importance than the industrial. This waterway will enable Russian vesse's to e from St. Petersburg to Constantinople with out passing hostile forts or being in dange from the navies of other nations, and it will generally enlarge the scope of Russia's mar! tine effectiveness. The work of building the great as one would think on first consider. tion of the length of the canal, which is to be 1.080 miles. The river Duna, flowing inte the Baltic, and the river Dnieper, empty c in the Black sea, are not far apart at their sources and only 125 miles of canal will have to be dug outright. The rest of the distance will be through canalized rivers The canal is to be 217 feet wide and twenty eight and one-half feet deep-so that the argest war veosels can pass through with The benks will be strengthened in ease. order that a speed of six knots can be main tained, and the journey from one end to the other accomplished within a wek's time The cost will be about \$100,000,000, and i will require four years to finish the work So far nothing has been done toward the work except the elaborate surveys and estimates just completed.

For more than 1,800 years the city of Mainz, or Mayence, as most people who don't live there call it, has been a walled and fortified place, with most considerations of convenience and commerce subordinated to those of war. At last, however, it has been decided that perhaps the residents of the town will be in no great danger if the ancient bulwarks are taken down. Anyhow. the experiment is to be tried, and as soon as the value of the land on which the walls stand can be settled, the work of demolition is to begin. This land, of course, is governent property, and the official assessor hink that it is worth \$1,000,000. The citizens regard the price as high, but they will ibtless pay the sum demanded, since the rigid cordon is a terrible nuisance to them and a constant obstacle to the expansion of the city. The military authorities of Germany are said to view the matter with in lifference, as opinions respecting the strategical value of fortified towns has changed uch since the siege of Paris. The prese endency is to attach no importance fortresses not directly on a frontier, and not even Emperor William thinks of building stone fences around his capital.

BOURBOXISM OF DEMOCRACY.

ioes Back to the Repudinted Issues of Twenty Years Ago. Philadelphia Record (dem.)

In the resolutions of the caucus of democratic representatives in congress is afforded another proof that there is a bourboaism that not only never learns nor forgets, bu that never dies. The two resolutions declaring against recemption of the legal tender notes and against national brok circulation ar revival of the greenbackery which wis so fatal to the democratic party years ago. In these resolutions is emboded a policy which has never commanded a majority in congress or in the country which valuely opposed the resumption of specie payments, and which is a futile attempt to destroy the work of re sumption, on which rests the whole system of public and private credit. region today who would gladly exchange of the caucus fully justifies the charge that places with him. legitimate descendants of the ancient green backers, who declared that all the ders of the government. Flaunting the banner of greenbackery and

twice as many Americans living in the city repudiation, the democratic party was overhelmed again and again with defeat. Then Garden of Eden, and returning so much of all medical students, the women all pupils chastening influence of defeat, during which the water as falled to get lost on the way of a noted planoforte teacher.

Samuel J. Tilden, a democratic champion of sound money principles, was cominated for the popular vote. With the resumption of payments, and with the consequent Ein revival of prosperity, the spirit of green-the bickery was abashed, and it well-nigh ex-lown pired beneath popular odium and contempt. The But now after the lapse of more than twenty was years, the dog has returned to his vomit the Substituting greenbacks for cheap silver, th flat money Pendletonian party of 1868 and

the Bryan party of 1896 are one and the same principle and spirit. Prese caucus resolutions can which separates from their authors the great body of democrats who are un alterably opposed to greenbackery, free silver coinage and every other species of cheap money heresy and humbug. should also admonish the republicans in congress that they cannot compete with the free silver-greecback elements and that the only palvation for their party and for the public credit is in bearing aloft the standard of cound money. Twenty years ago the leaders and statesmen of the republican party had the courage and nigacity to respond to the clamors of greenbackery by resuming specie payments. The only safe response of the resublicans in congress to the greenbackers and silverites now is in resolutely adopting the sound money policy of Secretary Gage as embodied in the bill presented yesterday to the house committee on banking and cur

In the former period there were timid and time-serving counselors in the republican party who deplored the resumption of specie payments and favored an increase of the legal tender cotes and through whose influence the redemption of the greenbacks was sunpended, just us there are now hooded greencockers among the republicans in congress and in the newspaper press who are opposed to any and every effective measure of currency reform. These republican greenbackers and the authors of the democratic coucus resolutions should belong to the same party. In a sound money party they have no proper

FLOATING FUN.

Springfield Monitor: People don't like can-lensed milk, They prefer the udder kine,

"There is only one thing I ever o for policy's sake "What's that?" "Pay my premium,"

erved seat.

Detroit Free Press: "Theaters are bene-actors; they make the burden of life lighter." if somebody else pays for your re-

Chicago Tribune: "The morning stars ang together for joy, How unlike a church hoir!" I don't know, 'The stars in their courses ought against Sistra, They fought, ke a church choir!"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Did you notice he scientists claim that curly hair is an addication of poetical senius?
"I guess that's right. My wife uses all my rejected sonnets for curl papers,"

Philadelphia Record: Mrs. Beaconstreet— dy daughter has such an embarrassing at-Philadelphia Record: Mrs. Beaconstreet— My daughter has such an embarrassing at-tack of influenza, Mrs. Backbay—Embarrassing? Mrs. Beaconstreet—Yes. Of course she has to sneeze in public and invariably her nez-pinces fall off, leaving her face perfectly

Calcago Post: "How well it exemplifies the difference between men and women," said the city bred sage, "What?" they asked, "Why, the size of a man's hat depends upon the size of his head, while the size of a woman's hat depends upon the prevailing fastion."

Washington Star: "It is a difficult prob-em," said the conscientious man; "very difficult."
"What is worrying you?" asked his wife.
"If I use slang before our sons and
daughters it will encourage them in the
practice and if I don't they will say I am a

ack number. Indianapolis Journal: "I don't think that new prima donna will do," said the boarder who has the a'tic room, "She is too much like the furnace here-at least her voice is," "How is that?" asked Mrs. Hashcroft, "Very weak in the upper register."

Chicago Tribune: "Mr. Higgamore," said Miss Quickstep, firmly and distinctly, inter-rupting him. "you have called me a 'lump of sweetness' a great many times, but you have never said you would like to have me regularly with your morning coffee," Whereupon Mr. Higgamore proposed. There was no way of escape,

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Wagstaff is al-ways boasting of his wife's lovely disposi-tion. He says she never crossed him but "How was that?"

"When she ran over him with her wheel one day last summer," Detroit Journal: "And you did not force the miscreant to eat his words?" demanded the heroine, with asperity.

hero shivered he made fallering reply. impossible. You see, he has secured an en-gagement in vaudeville and has food to

Ah, the fates were still against them

THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS.

W. J. Lampton Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house Every creature was stirring excepting the

mouse, The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care In the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be children weren't nestled all snug in The their beds. ons of sucar plums danced o'er While their heads mamma in kerchief, nor I, in my Nor cap, Had settled our brains for a long winter's nap, Not much, I should smile; there was blood on the moon, And potions and plasters and stuff in a spoon; The innocent sugar plums, referred to before, Increased by a bushel of other things more,
Had danced from the heads of our dear
little kids
To their stomachs, and now they were all
invalids,
Dear Tommie thad taken a fall from his wheel, and looked yery much like a partly skinned Dear Willie was poulticed on both of his eyes For fooling with powder that finshes and flies; And cute little Kitty had smashed her sweet thumb While scuffling with Freddie to play on his drum; And Fannie was groaning, the dear little and baby had colle from licking the paint of the toys that he found everywhere, From a pea-green giraffe to a rose-colored bear, 'Twas the night after Christmas-St. Nick, did you say? reckon not, Saint, with the Old Well, I reckon Nick to pay.

A HOLIDAY SONG.

Atlanta Constitution. Here's a song of Christmas— Sorreas in eclipse; Little children climbing To the mother's leaning lips.

Here's a song of Christmas— All the winter's joys; Kies the girls and boss their curls, And frolle with the boys!

But love, he sets the music, And love, he makes the words! Here's a song of Christmas— Mother, sweetheart, wife; Love is on the threshold, And love's the joy of life!

Here's a song of Christmas-Gone are all the birds;

