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It goes without saying that the number of copies of The Evening Bee or dealers and newsboys.

If the Cuban cabinet had been organized five years ago there would not now be war on the island.

The war is on in Ohio and for the next ten days the war clouds over China will afford no distraction for the people of the United States.

Nebraska sugar factories increase their output of sugar every year. It is an inroom for more factories

Tammany started in with an effort to oust an old soldier from office and the old seldier promptly refused to move on at the dictation of the democratic machine.

A first class flag burning story doesn't get the jingoes fairly started until a denial is made and the aforesaid lingues are left high and dry with their complainings.

The Nebraska state building is the best built structure on the exposition grounds. That fact is patent to anybody who has had an opportunity to institute comparisons.

The next governor of Iowa will not have as many aides on his military staff as the present governor, but the number of enlisted men in the national guard will be as large as ever.

It is hard to see how the proposed partition of China indicates an intention on the part of the European powers to reduce the whole world to slavery, but Senator Stewart sees it.

Fusion or anti-fusion is a burning is sue in every state where the populist party casts a large vote. It bids fair to burn up the bond of union which has made fusion possible in the past.

The democratic leader in Brooklyn voluntarily retired from politics the day Brooklyn became a part of New York City, and he was not the only politician who retired about the same time.

The fact that the American people continue to manifest marked interest in discussing topics relating to currency and national finances does not prove that they are ready to fall into the arms of the silver doctors.

A Chicago newspaper reports that there were 166 lynchings in the United States in 1897, as against 131 in the previous year, and of these 146 were in the south. There are entirely too many lynchings in the south, and, for that matter, too many in the north and everywhere.

Wyoming will be creditably repre sented at the exposition. Governor Richards is wide-awake to the advantage to be derived from participation by his state in the great enterprise that cannot fail to prove of incalculable value in advertising and developing the marvelons resources of the greater west.

A board of arbitration has decided against the United States in the matter of a Mexican claim. The finding of the board should be accepted absolutely in order that the rule of accepting the decisions of such boards may be firmly fixed. Arbitration will be much more common in the next century than in the present and the United States should set the example of abiding by decisions properly made.

to re-election.

is thus temporarily filling and asked the spectacle. indorsement of the party through the understood that Mr. Hanna was the candidate of the party for the senate. Every 1336 republican candidate was directly or by 21,538 the opportunity should come. The republican managers at Columbus have done .656.852 right in refusing to have a caucus on the senatorial matter. Senator Hanna is already the party nominee and every senator and representative is under obligation to vote for him in the joint session of the two houses.

The fact that men elected to the legis lature by republican votes have joined hands with the democrats to effect organ ization of the legislature so that Senator Hanna's defeat may be encompassed and are engaged with democrats in the dis-Herald nad more than six times reputable business of introducing bills intended as insults to the senator is a disgrace to Ohio. As well might a republican elector prepare to vote for a democratic candidate for president in the electoral college. If they go further and accomplish the election of a democrat to succeed Mr. Hanna in the senate the disgrace will be a national one and will be felt by the party throughout the country. It is a critical time and the occasion calls for plain words,

The fact that a few prominent Ohio epublicans, men who have been honored by the party in other days, have sanctioned the treachery of a few of the republican legislators and while pretend-The Morning Bee sold by dealers and ing to be loyal to their party and true to newsboys exceeds by a very consider- the underlying principle of rule of the able the number of World-Herald majority have been secretly conniving dailies, morning and evening, sold by at defeat of the republican candidate for the senate, does not excuse these legislators for the crime they evidently contemplate. It is not yet too late to save the republican party in Ohio from everywhere will watch with renewed interest the outcome of the negotiations under way at the Ohio state capital.

NEW ENGLAND FARMS.

dustry well established, but there is than worthless in proof of the latter day the tax imposed upon the inflated conunremacy of the western and middle I cerns. has made of New England a strictly New England farms are to be again used there must be some substantial changes n conditions under which farming is

As an illustration of the condition of farming in New England the case of Litchfield county, Connecticut, is cited. There are twenty-six towns in the county, all but four of them being farm towns, but the population of the twentytwo farm towns is almost exactly the same as eighty years ago, and 3,000 less than forty years ago. In thirty years the number of cattle fed for meat has the value of the farm lands has dereased fully one-half,

While business men and philanthropists have been busy with projects for getting the surplus population of the cities located in colonies on the western farms these abandoned or half used New England farms have not been overlooked. The company which has been formed with the head of the New York wool exchange at its head to purchase New England farms and sell the land to actual occupants in small lots on easy terms may accomplish great good for New England and for those who go upon the farms. The existence of land in the west that can be secured almost free enders the success of any exclusive tenant system of farming in any part of the United States impossible. The farms must be owned by those who work them. New England farms have been owned by persons who are not farmers. When the wrong steps are retraced there

The work of reclaiming the New Engand abandoned farms cannot in any way interfere with the larger work of develping the agricultural possibilities of the west. There is land enough in this country for all the idle and dissatisfied of the cities.

THE CITY'S HONOR AT STAKE. The Transmississippi and Internalonal Exposition is the most gigantic esponsibility for its success has been the corporation organized to enlist participation in the exposition by the states and foreign countries and to raise the means for carrying the project into effect, every citizen of Omaha must share with the management the glory coming from Central America it appears discredit and odium that would attach three of the republics have so far proto failure either partial or complete.

period of doubt and uncertainty is an public ought to be freer from revoluestablished fact. The question whether tionary troubles than the weak nations

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT IN OHIO. tion in 1898, which confronted the man-publics may be brought into the union, Unless the legislature of Ohlo now in agement six months ago, is no longer. The friendly addite of the United States session re-elects to the United States asked by anybody. The colossal amount government might well be offered to assenate the man whose candidacy was in- of preparatory work done in the vast sist in this desirable international movedorsed by the state republican conventifield of operation has materialized. In ment. tion at Toledo last summer and again the face of almost insurmountable obindorsed by nearly every county conven- stacles the exposition has secured contion held in the state, who made his fight gressional appropriations for the erecfor his party and for himself in the open tion of the magnificent government buildand carried the state for republicanism ing now under construction and a liberal despite the bitterest and most malignant appropriation for the largest national opposition, every Ohlo republican ought exhibit made since the Columbian to hang his head in very shame and con- World's fair. A number of foreign patrition. Senator Hanna is fairly entitled tions have signified their intention to emulate the example of the United There is nothing strange or unusual in States government, and more than onethe situation at Columbus. Senator half of all the states of the union are Hanna was appointed to the senate by now making active preparations for the governor of the state at the urgent | creditable representation at Omaha. The solicitation of representative Ohlo repub- superb exposition buildings are assumlicans. He announced that he would be ing massive proportions and the grounds a candidate for election to the seat he already present a most impressive

It now remains for Omaha to give the State of Nebraska, Douglas County, 88.:

George B. Taschuck, se-retary of The Rec Publishing Company, being duly swirn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of Toe Dally, Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printed during the mental of December, 1897, was as follows:

Indoorsement of the party through the state convention. That course may not have been a wise one, indeed many republicans thought the step extra hazardous, because it forced Mr. Hanna to the pledges made and obligations assumed to the party through the state convention. That course may not have been a wise one, indeed many republicans thought the step extra hazardous, because it forced Mr. Hanna to the pledges made and obligations assumed to the party through the state convention. That course may not have been a wise one, indeed many republicans thought the state convention. That course may not have been a wise one, indeed many republicans thought the state convention. That course may not have been a wise one, indeed many republicans thought do not be a state convention. The party through the state convention that the st front as the paramount Issue of the in the name of Omalia. It remains for campaign. But the endorsement was every man and woman in Omaha to accorded to Mr. Hanna and every re- assist in this great work, not merely publican candidate for the legislature by direct contribution, but by a display of local pride. The hundreds of thouthe present year should find its citizens inference pledged to vote for him when prepared to entertain them. Every home the right to authorize the issue of expoand every street and avenue should be that are to gather in this city during the exposition season. To enter into the proper spirit our citizens must see to fourths vote. it that needless poles, signs and other eyesores be removed and a liberal quantity of paint and oil be applied upon

weather-beaten structures. Last, but not least. Omaha must pro footpads and pickpockets, but also as an excellent choice, and it is to be may want to take advantage of becopie whose respect and confidence be the pressing demand for hotel enjoys in an eminent degree. accommodations. We never must lose sight, even for a single moment, that and satisfaction.

The Chicago steel trust has re-incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois with an authorized capital of by the government for the convenience \$87,000,000. It is safe to assume that of persons living on farms have become two-thirds of this colossal sum is water, popular wherever tried and the Poston which the incorporators expect their office department recognizes their value plant to earn at least 6 per cent a year by proposing that the service shall be over and above operating expenses and greatly extended and improved. ordinary wear and tear. In the course of time the steel octopus will go to the wall with a crash by reason of its ficticious capitalization, carrying disaster and ruin in its wake to allied industries. But financial wiseacres and political impending disgrace and republicans numbskulls will persist in ascribing the periodical industrial upheavals which destroy credits and strew the land with financial wrecks to the lack of sufficient currency to do business and the ruinous effect of our money standard. The only redeeming feature of the fast and Hundreds of New England farms once loose corporation laws which permit valuable are now lying idle and worse over-capitalization by stock companies is The Chicago steel syndicate state farmers and of the change which which was incorporated for \$87,000,000 wreck the republican party in Ohio, ever for example had to pay \$87,000 into the manufacturing region. If the abandoned state treasury of Illinois for the privilege of legalizing a gigantic trust that must sooner or later seriously endanger the safety of our industrial fabric.

Governor-elect Shaw of Iowa has been invited to act as permanent chair man of the convention of the National Sound Money league, which is to be held in Indianapolis this month. Iowa is fortunate in the prospect of having a governor of the ability required for such a position and with views on the currency question about which there is no misunderstanding. Mr. Shaw's decreased from 44,365 to 31,382, and in speeches during the campaign of 1896 value from \$1.577.845 to \$580,732, or and the campaign in which he was nearly two-thirds, and farm stock in gen- elected governor bristled with the choic eral from \$2,164,248 to \$1,074,433, while est arguments in favor of maintaining a sound currency system for the United States.

> The circulation incubator of the police commission organ is quoted as testifying about 8,000 bona fide subscribers in ment on 1897. Douglas county. The published census of relative circulation, which is the best evidence, shows that less than 1,500 persons were served by carrier delivery with copies of the Morning World-Herald in Omaha and South Omaha on or about the 1st of December. Where the remaining 1.500 copies or thereabouts of socalled bona fide subscribers are located has not yet transpired.

A Klondike exhibit at the exposition would attract more people than any other possible feature of the mining exhibits. If the railroads having through lines between the Mississippi river and abandoned largely because they are the Pacific coast could be induced to pool issues with the Cudahy transportation line an extraordinary exhibit of will be few unused farms in the eastern Klondike minerals could be placed in the Mines building at Omaha. It would not only largely increase the passenger traffic to the exposition, but it would induce many people to make a trip to the Klondike region.

South Dakota people, and especially the residents of Hot Springs, are making an effort to secure the location of a national home for disabled soldiers at Hot Springs. Much may be said in support of the claims of this enterprising enterprise that has ever been projected little city in the Black Hills, and it is and undertaken in Omaha. While the certain that if the home is located there the old soldiers who avail themselves of coluntarily assumed by the officers of its hospitality will be surrounded by many comforts not possible elsewhere. The state soldiers' home, located in Hot United States government, the various Springs, is one of the best of these state institutions.

Notwithstanding disquieting rumor and credit of successful achievement or that negotiations for the final union of ceeded as to insure the success of the That the exposition has passed the plan. One strong Central American rethere will be a Transmississippi Exposi- of today, and in time the other two re-

Judge Slabaugh is entitled to credit for sustaining the etty's rights and upholding the verdict rendered in its behalf in the sult for the recovery of the funds embezzled by Henry Bolln. While that verdict may operate as a hardship upon some of its best citizens, the taxpayers of Omaha will feel under obligations to Judge Slabaugh for protecting them from an imposition of burdens that should be borne by those who have assumed them.

The new Board of Education is now organized and in shape for business. Men who helped to elect the new members can step up and claim their reward. While the school board has a limited amount of patronage to bestow, and there are many applicants for every salatled position, it is certain that the man with the longest reach will win the coveted prize. We therefore advise every aspirant to buckle on his armor and

The validity of the Douglas County Exposition bonds has been called in quessands who are to be the guests of Omaha | tion at the state capital. It seems incomprehensible that the legislature has should be beautified as far as possible, sition warrants without asking permission of the people, while the county of in condition for the immense throngs Douglas cannot issue bonds, although the proposition was submitted to the people and carried by nearly a three-

President Jordan of the school board may not be able to revolutionize the public school system, but he is in position to make a reputation by introducing reclaim it from the housetops that visitors forms that are essential to the well being will be protected not only from of our schools. Mr. Jordan is regarded from conscienceless hotel men who hoped that he will not disappoint the

The year 1897 was a debt paying year, Omaha's credit is at stake in making But men who have money want to use it the Transmississippi Exposition a mem- and if the people are not willing to bororable event if not an era in its history row it and pay interest for its use tempoto which it can point forever with pride rarily the money will be invested directly by its owners or their agents. The year 1898 will be an investment year.

The "traveling postoffices" established

Fortifying Canada. Milwaukee Sentinel.

It is pleasant to notice that England i planning important improvements to the fortifications of Gamada. They may come handy in case of trouble when the provinces get ready to join Uncle Sam's family.

Fusion Defined.

Philadelphia Press cries a democratic editor is "what is it?" He answers Minnesota; Joining a lot of disgreatied republican and populist office seekers, who would sell their birthright for a little office." Severe, but nevertheless true.

Rule or Ruin in Ohio.

Minneapolis Tribune (rep.) It is to be wondered if Messra, Foraker and Bushnell, who are just now striving to been but for a united party behind them in the past. It is no longer a question of tiring a so-called boss in the person of Scn ator Hanna but it is a desperate game of another so-called boss to either rule or ruin the republican party in the Buckeye state.

Klondike Romancing.

Somebody is doing some tall and vigorous lying about the condition of food supplies the Klondike country. One report says provisions are plentiful, another says that they are exhausted, while others declare that there are neither too few nor too many, but just enough to feed everybody during the winter. There is certainly abundant opportunity for speculation as to who is doing the romancing in this matter.

Solidity of Business.

The falling off in the number of commer al failures in 1897 is a fine illustration o se solidity of the business improvement of that year. Of course the aggregate volume of trade throughout the country in the year was reatly in excess of the exhibit of 1896. This renders the reduction in the financial mor ality very significant. More business was done in 1897 than in the preceding twelvemonth and it was done under safer conditions. that the Morning World-Herald has Moreover, 1898 promises to be an improve

Politicians Shout; People Dig.

Philadelphia Record The politicians of Colorado have spent a great deal of time and energy in callocing for free silver, without appreclable advantage to the country or to themselves. But while the politicians were shouting, people of a more practical turn of mind have been digging for the past year. The result of the digging has been an output of \$22,000,000 in gold, not to mention the incidentals in the shape of silver copper and lead, which are by-products of the gold mines. The moral of this story is that ligging pays better than hallooing.

Watterson's Jingo Platform.

The Courier-Journal is a jingo, but it is lingo having an ample and a soaring soul. health without it. Mr. Dodge of Ohio has When it goes a-catting it goes a-catting! If had six feet of his intestines removed and is we want Mexico, let us take it. When we i want Canada we can do the same thing. York man was operated on for apoplexy, and John Bull is the boy for us to tackle if we hand in, the old queen's grandson over there of truth to the statement that there are men in Potsdam. Let us take Alzace and Lorrains without heart. in Potsdam. Let us take Alface and Lorraine and return them to France as part payment of the debt we owe her. Let us settle the vexed Schleswig-Holstein controversy by creating a republic out of the Danubian prinripalities. Let us establish the Christian religion in India, Chica and Persia and plant the stars and stripes over the scraglio of Abdul the Damned on the Bosphorus. Or, Abdul the Damned on the Bosphorus. Or, if it's islands we want, there is the owld remerald isle itself—very essential as a strategic point in case we go to war with England.

The daily cost of carrying 9,000,000 bushels of the cost of carrying 9,000,000 bushels. gic point in case we go to war with England

How Pensions Prolong Life.

One of the carious facts about the penale list is that a disabled veteran, when granted a pension, is assured of a much longer term of life than can be expected by the average healthy man of corresponding age. It appears that the average rate of mortality among invalid pensioners is only fourteen in 1,090, while the experience of insurance mountes shows that the death rate among insurable risks at the same period of life is

something over thirty-one in 1,000. There evidently is a large class of ou ensioners of whom it may be said that few die and none resign. The patriotic citizen must feel proud to know how a grateful country not only prolongs the lives of the suffering invalids, but even enables them to increase in numbers as the years roll by constantly told in funeral orations and by pensonal observation how the ranks of the old soldiers are diminished by death, but the pension office does not hear but the pension office does not hear any agreement except on a co-operative. The pensioners may die, but it would plan and this agreement it is averred, is appear that their pensions live after them,

A TUSSLE OF THE NILE. Land Grabbers Approaching a Row in

Sondan New York Sur Essuming the report that a French ex-Captain Threatened to Put Him Off the

the Nile to be true, the clash between England and Prance in those regions would appear to be at hand. There has been ample time for the two expeditions moving from the westward and the one from the east to have arrived at Fashoda, and to have be gun their northward movement toward Khartoum. It is just five months since they were reported as about to take their depart tures from Meshra-er-Rek on the west an Goto on the cost for Pashoda, and it is all probability the news that their advance parties were already moving down the Nile from Frahoda that hastened the transfer of Kassala by the Italians to the Anglo-Egypt ider an English commander, Par ons Pasha. Osobri to the west, and El Fasher to the southwest of Kassala, which en occupied by Anglo-Egyptian troop from that place, are both on the west brok of serve as posts of observation to which the ribes between the Atbara and the Blue Nile, and possible movements from Abysor O obri and Khartoum is about two hundred miles, too great for the movement of any considerable body of troops, so that

Meantime the advent of a French armed to lengther out his communications, always some an inconvenience in warfare, but doubly so sides.

The news that the French advance to gether with probably the Turkish mission con come time back forough Abyssicia, has arrived at Omdurman will be awaited with great interest, in smuch as it must deterwithin a brief period the attrude a the Eoglich government toward the governmen's of Frence and Turkey, which appear to be acting in accord in this matter. The fact that the English commander-in-calcf of the Anglo-Egyptian forces on the Nile has ordered away all correspondents and non-combatan's, is indicative of an expectation of

COMBINES AND MIDDLEMEN.

The Anthracite Barons Plan Another Boston Globe,

The new coal combine which proposes nean an increase of price to the con

As this anticipated profit is not to com rom the consumers, from whom is it to be lerived? It must come from distributers of curse; that is, from several thousand re tailers, now engaged in the coal trade, who are to be squeezed out of business through the substitution of the combine's own agents In short, the scheme is modeled after the plan of the Standard Oil company, which andles through its own agents all the prod acts of the sixty-four companies belonging t

The socialists are earnestly intent upon abolishing the "middlemen." That is just what the great coal and other combines want to do. But if there are too many middlemen the great mass of the people would prefer to see their number decrease through

ome other agency than the trusts. Not many people are anxious for the oming of a time when everybody save a few great kings of the combines has become a "hired man" under some big monopoly.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Significance of Increased Opportunities for Workingmen. Kansas City Journal,

According to Dun's Review there are 500. 000 more workingmen employed in this country now than were employed a year ago This means that 500,000 men who were forced into idleness under the operation of the Wil son bill are now in the enjoyment of work and wages. It means that 500,000 Ameri can citizens who twelve months ago were tramping about the country vainly hunting for something to do are tramping no longer. It means that a multitude of wives and little children who twelve months ago were wanting the common necessaries of life are now provided for. It means that the ex-treme privation and the enforced idleness which were driving thousands of good men o despair and debasing their manhood have given way to better times and brighter hopes means that the western farmer has a beter home market for his products and corresponding better prices. It means that the republic party is the friend of the laborer and the producer, and that this fact has been lemonstrated and will be demonstrated as often as the republican party is entrusted

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Senator Mason is said to prefer punching

the bag to all other forms of exercise for keeping down superfluous fiesh. Hon. Frank B. Loomis, returned minister from Venezuela, says that Governor Pingree of Michigan made an excellent impression in that country and may become a large operator Ambassador Draper has entirely refur

nished the Piombino palace in Rome, which Mr. MacVeigh occupied as ambaseador to Italy, and is said to have spent \$100,000 on he draperies alone. M. L. Hewitt, who is largely interested in

gold mining in Montana, said the other day that the Montana miner who would run off in search of wealth to the Kloodike is a fit subject for the lunatic asylum, for the reason hat he believes there is more gold in Montana than in that northern El Dorado. Yonkers was pestered by tramps until

police justice sentenced some of them to saw wood and then released them to spread the report of their treatment among their fellows. The result is that Yonkers has solved he tramp question, for 'he tramps avoid the A woman on Switzerland had her stomach

removed by surgeons and is enjoying good health without it. Mr. Dodge of Ohio has better health than ever before. A New when part of his brain was removed recovered business, and, by way of keeping our rapidly. These triumphs of surgery give color To own and carry 9,000,000 bushels of

wheat, as Mr. Joseph Leiter of Chicago, is ow doing, implies the ownership of con-iderable nerve as well as wealth. Mr. Leiter says the wheat cost him about 70 cents which he opened and showed me an order a bushel, but close observers of the deal for him to relieve General Hancock. That place the average price between 80 and 85 of wheat is estimated at \$4,450, of which amount \$2,250 is for etorage

Some of the admirers of Emperor Wil- station." dam claim that Germany is prosperous 1 ander his government, but the New York had. Tribune recently published some facts which reveal the poverty of the country. In England, says the Tribune, the line of income tax exemption is drawn at \$800. In Prussia it is drawn at \$250. One would think that taxation. On the contrary, it taxes only 8.46 per cent of the people. No less than 9154 I was loath to speak of the matter, but per cent of the people of Prussia, then, have my commanding general ordering me to live on incomes of less than \$225 for each

Conl Interests Get Together.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-It was said in Wall treet today that a conference had taken lace between J. Pierpont Morgan, before his recent departure to Europe, and the leading soft coal interests. The result is said to have been the arrival at an understanding regarding the output. Mr. Morgan is said to have declared all along that the an-thracite coal interests could not be held to

now being carried out.

GEN, AUGER SHOWED HIS PASS

Train If He Did Not.

OF WAR TIME TRAVEL INCIDENT

Vigilance Secessary to Protect Trains in Fighting Territory _Auger's Anger and His Subses quent Apology.

The exact amount of money and goods stolen from the government during the war will never be known, but that it amounts to millions of dollers worth there can be no question. The amount of greenbacks stolen from the trains on the Baltimore & Ohio he Atbara and distant about fifty miles from railroad during the war amounted to over Kassala. They are evidently intended to \$2,000,000. Trains were frequently stopped and rifled; paymasters of the army were often field up and the contents of their safes aid, he declares his people were coming to The direct distance between El Fasher carried to Dixie to replenish the coffers of look upon western nations as models, greater time and it was believed that interested the effect of their occupation is only a moral parties had taken passage on the passenger trains and signaled to their friends in rebellica when a train came along that was force on the scene at Khartoum will con-siderably after the complexion of affairs if they are authorized officially to take part to as far as he could. It would not answer in the defense of that place and Omdurman to put troops all along the road; they could against the advance of the main body of the not be spared; so he made a detail of on Anglo-Egyptian expedition. The natural officer and some men to act as guards for walor of the Khalifa's troops will be supple-each train traveling between Harper's Ferry mented by the trained skill of their French and the Relay Junction, whose business it allies, so that we are likely to hear of a more was to know by what authority each and stubborn resistance than has yet been met by every passenger was passing over the railthe tangle-Egyptist forces. Indeed, there roads. Some odd compileations and delicate seems to have been rather an intention to resituations grew out of this, some of which treat in order to compel the British general appealed to the soft side of a soldier, and ome of which had their comical or tragi-And this is the way the officer tells in a country like the Soudin, even with the in the Philadelphia Times of one of his ex-advantage of water communication. MASTER OF TRAINS. The army had gone into winter quarters and I was beginning to feel that I was about

ake as many men as I needed with me and rocced to act as officer of the trains on the allroad between Harper's Perry and Relay Junction. I was careful in my selection and finally detailed nine med and a sergeant as my carty. My first duty was to make myolf at home with the railroad people, and id this by showing my orders to Mr. Gar ett, the president of the road. I soon found but he had notified the conductors of my luties and that I was master of the road as long as I was on the trains. My duties were not irksome nor hard. All I had to do was to examine each individual on the train, satisfy myself that they were all right; and, if not, to put them off at the first station where there was a guard able to take care of them entrenca itself in several states, and which and have them sent to headquarters on the sees from \$20,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of profit next train. Of course, I met with many adchead, assures the public that this does not ventures, some of which tried my patience not a little. The first one of note was that of a general officer and his wife. I was passing through the train about 9 o'clock one night examining the authority of each passenger and everything was progressing fluely, when I came to a man wrapped up in a military loak and his wife, and seemingly esleep. I knew at once he was an officer rom the way he was dressed, so cautioning ny men to be careful. I stepped up and poitely asked him for his authority for pass ing over the road. "Who are you, sir?" he asked authoritaively, waking up.

o have a rest, when a detail came for me t

am the officer of the train," said I, uching my cap. "What do you want?"

"I suppose you have authority for travel ing over this paliroad; it is my business to At this he started up and such a tirade of abuse as I suffered then and there knows few comparisons.

OUTBURST OF WRATH. "I am General ---," and he threw back his coat, exposing his uniform. "Now, sir I wish to know who you are and by what authority you act?" he said, savagely. I was prepared for him. I do you have the said. prepared for him. I displayed my orders from the secretary of war and stood firmly in the position of a soldier.

"I have no orders with me," he continued, ter reading the instructions from Wash-"We are traveling to Washington," said his wife, now speaking up, "and it is a shame that an officer should be disturbed in this way." I bowed to the lady, and said that I I am sitting by the river was very sorry, but that my orders were imperative and that I had no option in the

ma:ter. claimed the general, "and if you want them you'll have to get them." He spoke in a very insulting way, but I maintained my politeness.

And the little birds are winging Overhead and sweetly singing Till their melody is ringing Through the trees, Here together we sat chumming, Eloise,

"Sergeant," said I, speaking in a low and polite tone of voice "you will remain here. and if this gentleman does not show his orders or some authority, put him off at the first station where there is a guard. The sergeant saluted, and immediately sumed my place by the gentleman's side and I passed on. The whole affair had beer transacted so quietly that most of the othe assengers knew little of it, but one or two howed some curiosity to know what going on. I was now fully determined to officer show his pass or other en dentials, and I walked forward into the other car. Here I met the conductor, who, it appeared, had been watching the scene. "What are you going to do with him?" he asked, pointing to the other car.

"I am going to execute my orders the same with him as with anybody else," I replied

Do you know him? "No, he has an annual," answered the The more I thought of the uncalled-for buse I had suffered from the officer the more my anger arose. Now I was deter-mined to put him off at the first stop, let the consequences be what they might. made my tour through the train, and was repassing the officer, when the sergeant called me to him. "He is getting his baggage," said he in a whisper DUG UP THE PASS.

"Ah, well, do your duty," I replied, and I eassed on. On my entrance to the next car met the baggage master carrying a small valise. I knew what it was, but passed on The engineer whistled "down brakes" and i knew we were about to stop. I was very anxious to see how the sergeant would manage, so, as the train halted, I stepped down on the ground and cast my eye toward the officer's car. Not a soul alighted the conductor gave the signal for starting A moment more and we were steaming rapidly along. I knew that the officer had donomething satisfactory to the sergeant, but waited until we had reached Relay Junction for the particulars. When I met the ser-geant I asked him how he had fixed it with the unknown officer.

"The conductor fixed it," said he, "How?" I asked. "He whispered awhile to the officer, the officer gave him his checks and pretty soon the baggage master brought him his valiswas ostisfactory and I let him go."
"What would you have done if he hado"

any orders or anything else of an official character?" I asked. "Me? Why I'd have executed your or lers to the letter and put him off at Summi I was glad that it had occurred the way i

Two weeks after I met the same officer erigade headquarters. It was evident that he had been talking about me, for just a I approached he was saying: "That's the officer now; call him lea.

I was called in and asked the particular of my trouble with the officer on the train speak I related the particulars. When had finished the general arose, and, takin me by the hand, said: "Officer, if you has done coyfning but what you did do yo would have done wrong end laid yourse open to punishment. I now wish to opologic to you for my language on that occasion. was very mogry, but I must say, after thin ing it over, that you played the gentleman part and at the same time did your fu duty. Accept my apology." I was then in troduced to Major General Auger and for the next few moments had a very pleasa conversation as to my duties as officer

the traic.

THE JUSTICE OF IT.

A Few Burning Words Concerning the Raid on China.

"Is it Just?" asks Li Hung Chang. The reply in the heart of every honest man must be, "It is not just." It is not just. It is as abominable and

shameless a piece of robbery as ever got a neck into a rope. The partition of China is as disgreceful as it was unprovoked, as shameful as pocket-picking, as contemptible as stealing money from a blind beggar. Its ply recommendation is that it is easy. Put Li Hung Chang's question to the halfbaked, half-cracked potentate that started this thieves' enterprise and he shall perfor-

lie or blush, and perchance heaven shall send him the grace to do both—pais defined em-peror, this modern Caesar, Napoleon, and Ceell Rhodes rolled into one.

Just? The very antithesis of just. But what does modern Europe care for justice? It talks about justice, but it steals, robs, murders, and puls up lying pretexts to appease dull cor science every time it suits its

covetous mood. In the dignified interview accorded by Li Hung Chang, probably the greatest and mest enlightened statesman of China today, to the representative of the New York Herthe confederacy. This had continued some in justice than an arms. But how is this? many, and the prompt imitation by Russia, England and France, what sort of models are the western nations? Where is the justice now? Where is the equity and honor of

civilization? The Duropean nations are models; they are embodiments of dishonor, rapacity, murderous lust for more land, more property, more people to tax and oppress. Not one single consideration of justice and right has restrained them in the case of Chinanor do we know any ever will. Wee to that cation which, unprotected, allows theif to fall into such a state of weakness that it can not defend fiself against them.

MIRTHFUL OBSERVATIONS.

Chicago Tribune: Sing 47-Seems to me hey ought to run this record of the "hang-ngs for 186" under the head of "necrology," Sing 28-Why? Slug in Because they got it in the neck.

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Is there no longer justice?" he cried. The squire, being only 4 feet 9 in hel. ht. took the remark as an opportunity to assess a fine, deeming his personality rudely commented on.

Indianapolis Journal: Walrus Bill-Klon-ike ike's wife didn't know him waen he got come from our little swarrny this morn-Sealskin Sam-How could you expect her o, after he had been out all night and frown a beard six months old?

Cleveland Leader: Mrs. Barton-What a old creature that Mrs. Clammish is! Mrs. Hemming-Yes, but it's hereditary, for father made his fortune in the refriger-Detroit Free Press: "Your wife says that

you have sworn off smoking."
"Y-e-s; but don't let it get out among the boys. I only said so to head off the box of cigars she generally gives me Christmas," Washington Star: "Your son," said the professor, "has been laboring under a misapprehension," "Perfess!" exclaimed Farmer Corntossel with Joy in his voice, "ye don't mean it!" "Mean what?" "That Josiar has been workin'."

Chleago Tribune: The gifted tragedian and fied to the refuge of the wings at the moment the fusiliade began and escaped unarmed. With set lips he turned and looked at the scenery and stage settings, all sickd o'er with the pale yellowish cast of an ent aggs.
"This," he said, "greatly mitigates the ain of bidding goodby to the stage for

Puck: "I had the worst kind of luck in the Klondike," said the returned goldeker, "Didn't you find any gold?" asked his "Oh, yes, I found gold. But every time I had three of a kind I was dead sure to run up against a full house."

ver!"

Detroit Journal: "He frankly confessed that he loved her."
"Ah, why did he give himself away?"
The Absolute Fool trembled with designt The Absolute Foot trember, "Meli," he replied, "you know it is not good for man to be a loan," Even after that he lived on, and on; for justice and law are two different things,

A BOLD, BAD BUG.

Denver Fost, Eloise, Where the waters dance and quiver

In the breeze, And the little birds are winging While we listened to the humming Of the bees. And you said when I made money As the liftle bees made honey

would be your solid sonny-O! you tease! As we sat beneath the willows, heaving as the billows Of the sens,
Of how fond the recollection
That by prudent circumspection
I was winning your affection

By degrees,
All at once a scream went flying
Through the trees,
Seemed to shatter e'en the sighing
Of the breeze,
And the voice which erstwhile charmed me
Now with pitying ring alarmed me,
Till the very blood that warmed me
Seemed to freeze!

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alled-for cer the is deterstop, let night. I and was sergeant; his bag
Ty degrees, And you called me craven coward, Epithets upon me showered.

What a chill of fear came we had a some of the Eloise.

As you threw yourself before me on your knees.

And you said a bug that harm meant was bettern you begged the dreadful varmint.

I would seize!

But my modesty was riven,
Eloise.

And my blushes ran up sevenTy degrees,
And you called me craven coward,
Epithets upon me showered. What a chill of fear came o'er me,

Epithets upon me showered, And alone left me embowered 'Neath the trees, So again I here am sitting, Eloise,
And the same old birds are flitting
Through the trees:
In the same old way they're winging,
And the same old songs they're singing,
And the same old music's ringing
On the breeze,
But I've grown a whole lot older,

If you please, And I've certainly grown bolder, By degrees,
And if now I had occasion
I would stop that bug's invasion
Without any hesitation,
Eloise,

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