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While sensationalism is no more appropriate in the pulpit than in the press, it is as common in the one as in the other.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my escace this ist day of January 1998. N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

The "welcome" sign will be displayed at every entrance to Omaha all this year, and, for that matter, every year thereafter.

There are good reasons for the refusal of Tammany hall to join a party which is planning to conduct a campaign on the theory that prosperity is a myth.

The chief scandal in the recent Ohio senatorial election seems to have been that of democratic managers in the role of eavesdroppers over a telephone line.

The charge is made against the bill pending in the Iowa legislature for biennial elections that "there is politics in it," which might be said of almost all elections.

When President Dole exposes those whiskers to the gaze of the populists in congress how can they refuse to throw their solid party strength on the side of the treaty?

The people of Prague have been prohibited by the police from wearing party button industry calls for a series of denunciatory resolutions.

The Nebraska popocrats who are boasting of improved business at the different state institutions should be careful or they will get their prosperity and calamity inextricably mixed up.

The increased attendance of lawyers upon the sittings of the supreme court is so marked as to attract attention. It looks as if even the lawyers were coming in for a share of restored prosperity.

The usual rumors about the Nebraska maximum rate case decision are again going the rounds of the eastern press. If the supreme court does not promulgate its finding soon these rumors will be old enough to walk by themselves.

Pictures of a smooth-faced man of swarthy complexion, wearing a broad Mexican sombrero, may be seen occasionally in the popocratic newspapers. But for this fact it would not be suspected that the campaign of 1900 is now under full headway.

It is to be regretted that Dr. Nansen, the famous polar explorer, has unceremoniously cancelled his engagement for a lecture in this city. He certainly owes an apology to his countrymen who had been making extensive preparations for his reception and entertainment.

Irredeemable paper currency is always subject to distrust. Redeemable paper currency can be kept redeemable only by keeping gold to redeem it on hand in the treasury. And so long as the revenues equal expenditures there will be no difficulty about the gold reserve.

Bryan has been telling his Minnesota followers how easy it is to accomplish fusion on the all-night-put-the-delegates-to-sleep plan which he introduced into Nebraska. He forgot, however, to summon Representative Sheldon to the witness stand to tell what a hair'sbreadth escape from a fluke it was.

If the recommendation of Assistant Secretary of War Melklejohn for abolishing details of army officers as military instructors except to institutions rel between the Scandinavian countries that have 100 students enrolled for military discipline is put into execution how will the department find work for the annual crop of West Point graduates?

Some of the eastern papers are pro testing against the issue of Transmis sissippi Exposition stamps as needlessly adding to the expenses of the Postoffice department. This stamp issue, however, will be a source of profit rather than an expense to the department if sia are coquetting with the rival nathe 500,000 stamp collectors only pur- tions and their emissaries are said to be reciprocity. In an address before the chase one full set each.

honestly whether the fair would have been better off without the Ak-Sar-Ben displays? Is it not patent to every intelligent person that these two concomi-

hopes of the future and all the possible Increase of our civilization. This sound current number of The Forum, who declares that "the prosperity of a country is represented by the amount of wages that this prosperity is increased when land robbers. wages are not only higher, but when every unit of wages represents at the same time a higher degree of purchasing power than ever before.

This writer shows that the old theory State of Nebraska, Douglas County, 88.1 George B. Tzschuck, re-retary of The Bee Pub-lishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the netual number of full and complete copies of The distributions could compete for industrial supremacy has been demonstrated to be unsound. He points to the fact in evidence of this that the exports of American manufactures the labor on which represents nine-tenths of the value of the product have been steadily growing in volume during the past ten years, the expansion having been especially marked within the last two years. Such articles as agricultural machinery, sewing machines, bicycles and other products which command high wages are being sold in increasing quantities in the European markets in competition with similar articles produced there. The American consul general at Frankfort, in a recent report to the State department, directs attention to the notable progress which certain articles of American manufacture are making in the German market and the consul concludes that intelligent, highly-paid labor is the cheapest and that in the race for supremacy the Americans, who have reduced economy of labor to an exact science, are bound to win.

The control of the Iron markets of the world, says the writer in The Forum, has passed to America, the high-wage country, and this control, there is every reason to believe, will be maintained, though wages in the United States shall remain where they are and be reduced in Europe. "The improved and highspeed machinery in America," says this writer, "requires a class of workmen superior to that employed in low-wage countries. That the superior results, which show themselves so prominently in the exporting of the products of our mills, require great exertion, is selfevident. That this can be maintained only by a correspondingly high standard of living on the part of the workerthat is, high wages-is equally selfevident." The evidence demonstrating that high wages are not a menace to our export trade is absolutely conclusive and there can be no controversy as to the proposition that well-paid labor is essential to a country's prosperity. The United States is giving the world an badges and emblems. This blow at the object lesson in these respects which cannot fail to have far-reaching and most important results.

THE TELEPHONE THAT LEAKS. When the first telegraph lines were built across the plains they were called by the Indians "the spirit that lies." Whether this suggestive name was given because a false report purporting to have come by wire had been circulated among the Indians is mere conjecture. At all events the suspicion with which the Indians looked upon talks by wire may have been well founded.

A great many fakes have been circulated as telegraphic news which never traveled over a wire. The recent teles phone scandal developed by the Ohio legislature may or may not emanate from "the spirit that lies." Telephones that leak are by no means novel or startling discoveries.

Old politicians have laid down the maxim that it is better to travel 1,000 miles than write a letter. For the same reason the man who wants to keep a secret would be safer in confiding it to a postal card than to a telephone instrument. A telephone leak does not percolate through one hello girl, but through a whole telephone exchange. That the Ohio statesmen should have been oblivious to this well known phenomenon passes comprehension. Among professional story-tellers the telephone leak supplies more fiction than the imagination and as a scapegoat for inexplicable performances the leaky telephone supplies a long felt want.

The alleged disclosures by the telephone that leaks should have at least one salutary effect in weaning boss politicians from talking confidentially at one another at long range. It should also prove an incentive for a fin-desiecle genius to invent a telephone that cannot leak except at the terminus.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY. The item of 50,000 crowns included in the budget sent by the Swedish ministry to the Ricksdag on the opening of the session last week to make good the allowance to the crown prince which the Norwegian Storthing refused longer to grant, indicates gradual yielding to the demands of the Norwegian nationalists. In this way final settlement of the quarmay be put off until some crisis forces a closer union or complete separation.

This historic disagreement between Sweden and Norway, due to the anomaly of independent and equal nationality under one king, has assumed many curlous phases in the last half century Not until recently, however, has there been any indication that other European nations are taking special interest in the matter. Now Germany and Rus-Secretary Furnas of the State Board moreover, that this influence in Scandi-

sion to the throne. pendence in return for the cession of Finmark, including the open port of of goods and imports \$60,000,000 worth.

Statement the outstanding indeptedness interest of peace. "Mr. Chairman." he was a bad one for marriages, the number yelled, "before we proceed further I move failing to 17,805, but stimulated by the hope that a committee of thirteen be zent out to the state of the peace of the state of the s

THE MALIGNITY OF MEDIOCRITY. Why is The Omaha Bee opposing the annexation of Hawaii? Rosewater is interested in Oxnard. He was a stockholder in Oxnard's late lamented senatorial escapade and lost money in the deal. He wants to help the Oxnards out now and so get his

money back .- Ord Quiz. The Omaha Bee is opposing the annexation of Hawaii because it is convinced that such a course is against the best interests of the people of the United States. Its opposition springs from the belief that annexation of territory not contiguous to the United States is a departure from the traditional policy of our government and fraught with serious danger to the peace of the nation

and the stability of its free institutions The Bee has opposed Hawaiian annexation ever since the project was broached and long before the Oxnards were identified with the beet sugar industry in Nebraska. Insofar as its views on this issue are in accord with those of parties interested in fostering the beet sugar industry, The Bee has no apology to make for siding with the Oxnards, who are in reality siding with The Bee. The Bee advocated the development of the sugar beet industry in Nebraska during the very first year of its existence, more than a quarter of a century ago, when it predicted that Nebraska was destined to become a great sugar producing state. In this direction t has labored and will continue to labor in spite of the sneers and jeers of small bore editors.

As to the exploded popocratic fake less said the better. There never was any money deal with Oxnard excepting such as was begotten in the brain of Mr. Oxnard up for several thousand dollars and finally unloaded his precious secret upon the Omaha Fakery.

It is a disgrace to Nebraska that any newspaper in the state of whatever party should assail a man for no other to invest a small fortune in an experiment the chief benefit of which must accrue to the farmers, for whose prodncts a new market has been opened. Instead of appreciating the benefits conthe world-wide advertisement Nebraska has received through the Oxnard plants beet sugar factories in this state before an undertaking.

AN INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

It is reported from New York that the life insurance companies are contemplating an agitation for a national department of insurance to take the place of the various state departments. It appears that discussion of the subject is due to the action of the state department of Illinois in sending an agent to make an investigation of one of the New York companies, the Illinois superintendent of insurance not being disposed to accept the inspection of the New York insurance department.

Senator Platt of Connecticut has introduced in the United States senate a bill providing for national supervision of life insurance and it is said that there is a general feeling among insurance people that such a law would result to their benefit. The president of one of the leading companies of the country expressed the opinion that it would be wiser to have one central supervising department than forty-five, as at present. Each state has its own insurance department and the companies have to pay a separate tax in each. This tax is not uniform. Another complaint of the companies is that they are required to report their business in many different ways, some of which at times savor of injustice.

There is doubtless good grounds for some of the complaints made by the life insurance companies against the present system. Unquestionably they are subjected to more or less annoyance and in some cases to an expense which they are warranted in regarding as unjust. But the idea of creating a national insurance department is not likely to be popular outside of insurance circles. The general judgment, it is safe to say, in regard to it will be that it is carrying governmental paternalism too far. Indeed it is very questionable whether supervision of life insurance is within the functions of the national government. At all events the bill of Senator Platt providing for such supervision hardly merits serious consideration by the senate and probably will not get it.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

There is a strong sentiment in New England in favor of a reciprocity agreement with Canada. That section desires to increase its trade with the Do- striking business. minion and the way to do this is through fomenting ill feeling between the con- Boston Chamber of Commerce a few tending factions. There is danger, days ago it was urged that a commercial Will the secretary tell us frankly and bilee celebration of King Oscar's acces- Canada exports to the former about \$65,000,000 worth of goods and imports Russia would aid Norway to inde- \$31,000,000 worth. Canada exports to-

wages and the consequent distribution Atlantic at the expense of Sweden. Just as the Canadian government finds it | laska, there is a glut in the labor mar in the east, but both are ready at a the Boston Advertiser points out, the many of the workingmen are findview is elucidated by a writer in the Scandinavian problem. This is a dan- repeatedly that he would consent to there. This is not surprising. Warnhome. They are not better prepared British competitors. He has stated that camps with the expectation that work American goods and be has intimated should not go to Alaska. that if any discrimination would be made it would certainly be against the goods of this country, no matter what inducements our government might offer for reciprocity.

Such being the attitude of the Canato there is manifestly no chance of establishing closer trade relations between cratic districts, populists in populist disministration at Washington would like to negotiate a fair and equitable treaty, but there has been no proposition from the government at Ottawa that can be considered, no suggestion of such concessions as are absolutely essential to negotiations for reciprocity. Nor is it dent of the United States to take preat all probable that there will be any. The liberal party in power in Canada, although its platform promised a broader policy in respect to trade with of Wales to get to the table ahead of the United States, has shown itself to Embassador Hay and receive the prime be quite as solicitous in regard to Brit. cut of white meat would be a neat and ish interests as the conservative party delicate return." was and there is not the least reason to expect any change for the better. As Canada has a very much greater interest in the question of reciprocity than the United States our governm. pt, it is safe to say, will not urge the matter. We can well afford to wait until Canada shall propose a plan worthy of our consideration-a reciprocity that will accomplish all the word implies.

LARGE OR SMALL COLLEGES. Only a short time ago the faculty of one of the more conservative New England colleges made changes in the curgotten up by a gang of blackmailers riculum avowedly for the purpose of about Rosewater's deal with Oxnard, the decreasing the number of students in all the classes. In contrast with this the Baptists of Iowa more recently took steps to concentrate the energies of their their work may be more effective. Are there too many colleges or are the colleges we have in the United States too large?

Statistics furnished by the National Educational bureau disclose that the reason than that he had the courage to largest number of colleges is found in enter an untried field and the enterprise the eastern group of states and in the north central group. In the former which includes New York and Pennsyl vania, there are seventy-nine colleges with 2,337 instructors and 29,078 students; in the other group there are 201 ferred and the advantages derived from colleges with 3,740 instructors and 50,-986 students. In the colleges of the northeastern states there are an average abuse and vilification are heaped upon of 368 students to each one and one any one else would risk a dollar in such dents and one teacher for every fourteen students. The eastern colleges are larger than the western institutions, but they have proportionally a larger number of instructors.

The theory upon which the faculty of the New England college referred to entered upon a policy of limiting the attendance was that the personal influence of teacher upon student would thereby become more potent in the class work. For certain purposes the value of this personal work cannot be overestimated. It is best seen in some of the smaller colleges and academies, or even in private schools. In this respect the smaller colleges have an advantage over the large ones, and if they could be as well equipped with libraries, laboratories and other facilities of the educator they would be preferable for all academic work.

At the same time the Iowa Baptists have taken the wise course with reference to their educational work. There are too many colleges that are small because lacking in endowment and unable because of meager support to do for the students what is expected of them. It is better that one college should be well supported than that several should be maintained to struggle against poverty and failure, appealing constantly for assistance and bringing higher education into disrepute through imperfect work.

The inquisitive governor of Michigan wants to know whether half fares on railroads and contributions to churches and religious institutions influence the clergy to deal gently with great wrongs. Governor Pingree of Michigan ought to know that among the clergy as among all other professions and occupations it is sometimes necessary to separate the sheep from the goats. There may be ministers influenced by free passes, just as there are governors influenced by free passes, but there are also ministers | Me., last Tuesday, the thermometer regis-tered 40 degrees below zero. who are as irreproachable and as inapproachable as the governor of Michigan.

five deputies managed to strike oil during 1897 to the tune of \$12,144.76 for ing 1897 to the tune of \$12,144.76 for women did equally effective work this week salaries and expenses out of a total colland two Kansas City women routed two lection of \$14,041,00 in inspection fees. deadly hatpin. This may not be up to the mark of some given a place just now, public security of their embezzling predecessors, but it would be increased by arming the finest certainly does not detract from the populist reputation for ability in the oil-

decided to ask the legislature to extend

of consumable wealth is based all our new both Russia and Germany are busy necessary to favor British goods. As ket at Talya, Skagway and Juneau and sign to return to consideration of the present Canadian premier has asserted ing it impossible to get employment Scandinavian problem. This is a danger more to be feared by the Scandino policy which proposed to give to logs have been repeatedly issued against navians than the political dissensions at Americans an advantage over their going to the gold fields or the mining received by the laboring classes" and than the Chinese to resist the European he desired to secure for British goods will be scarce and wages abnormally terms as favorable as those granted to high. The man who has no stake to lose

The silverites will have a joint congressional campaign committee again this year. Like Jay Gould, who said he was a republican in republican states and a democrat in democratic states, dian government so long as it is adhered but always for the railroads, the silverites propose to be democrats in demothe two countries. Undoubtedly the ad- tricts and mongrels in fusion districts, but always for the bullionaire mine owners who foot the bills.

Something ought to be done to reciprocate the courtesy of the British ambassador in permitting the vice presicedence at state dinners in Washington, The San Francisco Call suggests that "to cable over permission for the prince

St. Paul Has Been There.

The Omaha ice carnival is said to be great success, everything being there but the ice. Omaha has our congratulations. We have had several of that sort of ice carnivals up this way.

Political Romancing.

It is noticeable that Colorado is officially reported as leading California in gold produce in 1897, while the output of silver was the largest in the history of the state \$14,000,000.) Even Teller will have to admit that he has all along been romancing about the killing of the silver mining industry by the "gold clique."

> War Plans to Burn. Philadelphia Record

Representative McClellan of New York sen of "Little Mac," declares that the army is entirely unprepared for war; that not a single plan of campaign is in existence. Has the representative forgotten that Americans the political barnacle who tried to hold churches upon one of their colleges that are born strategists, and that at the first hostile shot the newspapers of the country would fairly reek with war maps? In the civil war it was the editors who planned the "On to Richmond" campaign and the press has developed wonderfully in both military and naval tactics since then.

Excess of Male Births. Springfield (Mass.) Republican For forty years in Massachusetts the male birth rate relative to the female has not noticeably changed, the number of male births to each one thousand female births being 1,053 in the past twenty years, as compared with 1,059 in the two decades pre-ceding, and holding at about 1,055 year by year of late. In Europe a ten years' observation in various countries revealed the fact that to every 1,000 females born an average of about 1,060 males were born, the ex-tremes being 1,038 in England and 1,071 in Italy. This excess of male births in the long run appears to almost exactly offset men whose most hideous crime ap- teacher for twelve students, while in the greater male death rate, and while the offset men whose most hideous crime ap-parently consists in erecting two costly the states from Ohio to Nebraska, in-distribution of sexes in different countries is often very unequal from other than natural causes, a correct census of the civilized world today would unquestionably reveal practically an exact equality in the bers of the sexes.

Beautiful, Even in Death

The lay mind will accept with some doubt the statement that the two recent operations for the removal of the stomach-one in St. Louis and one in Milwankee-were entirely successful from a scientific standpoint. The doubt will be engendered by the circum-stance that both patients are dead. This is a mere detail, of course, but persons who contemplate having their stomachs excised ean hardly be expected to work up much enthusiasm over a "beautiful operation" which results in the immediate the individual operated upon. Nanki Poo, it will be remembered, was utterly indifferen to the fireworks and illuminations which were promised him by the lord high execuloner, arguing that such displays could hardly be interesting to a dead man. Sufferers from stomach trouble are likely to take the same view of the operation origi-nated by Dr. Schlatter. It may be very pret-ty from a surgical standpoint, but little to be obtained by furnishing the material for a postmortem

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Boston is brightening up with 50-cent gas President Dole's luxuriant lung protector goes to prove that the climate of Hawaii equals that of Kansas in producing whiskers. James G. Fair's estate has shrunk from 0 to \$12,000,000 in two years. And the executors have not put it in cold storage

When Joe Bailey's agitated bosom trembled pefore the speaker's desk the whole state of before the speaker's desk the whole state of the effect that the club's ideals were not Texas experienced a seismic disturbance, placed sufficiently high. And many think loe's shirt bosom is a map of Texas. A New York woman displays the courage of her convictions. She demands a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment because

ner husband forced her to live in a boarding house. The chief boss of Tammany is becoming very select in reading matter. He has ex-cluded from his club room the impertment publication which coined the phrase,

did you get it?" Senator Hour's proposition to change in auguration day to a later date ought to go through. Some such measure is necessary to the permanent burial of the ancient

political gag-March fourth. There was one spot in this broad land at which an ice carnival would have been a large success last week. At Fort Fairfield,

Women are energetically pressing home their arguments in favor of representation The populist state oil inspector and his five deputies managed to strike oil durthe crook to retreat hastily. Two Boston burglars from their room armed with the deadly hatpin. If the women cannot be with hatpins.

Training, education and environment are not always effective in suppressing hereditary traits. A countryman of Sir Boyle Roche, tarrying in Omaha from choice, found himself in a hot convention a few nights The street railway magnates of the ago. What the controversy was about doesn't various Illinois towns are said to have matter. It is enough to say that it provoked a row. With orderly precision the combat-onts-probably a dezen to a side-moved to their respective corners to arm themselves.

The Milesian approached the leader of one of the factions—an old friend, by the way—and exclaimed transcally "Files for many vesses and exclaimed transcally "Files for many vess treaty with Canada would do much for all their franchises simultaneously for their respective corners to arm themselves. of Agriculture professes to believe that the State fair has been hampered since its location in Omaha by the Ak-Sar-Ben parades and illuminations in the city.

The Milesian approached the leader of one than counteract the conciliatory effect of the factions—an old friend, by the way—in that state for many years. The total number of the factions—an old friend, by the way—in that state for many years. The total chised corporations never pretended to be bashful about asking for things they you'll get hurt!" "Do you know what will happen to you?" he responded: "I will give you the centents of this," and he tapped the contents of this, awakened hopes of texter of the contents o According to the official treasury phasize his remarks. The situation was statement the outstanding indebtedness alarming and demanded prompt action in the

English general for an American army, be it military or civil. We can manage our cial tyranny.

Indianapolis Journal: The Bourbon young man who "played the devil" by masking to represent his Satanic Majesty and entering the church in that garb while his father was preaching was no more of an adventurer

To its members to admit their lack of sagacity than to take their chances of marriage five years hence.

DOMESTIC IDYLS. and no more of a buffoon than his father who was preaching vehemently about the devil's personal appearance for the enlight-enment of a civilized congregation.

Kansas City Star: In the midst of a seron by an Indiana pastor on the reality of a personal devil, a fearful shape, with horns and tail ambled into the church and frightened the congregation out of the church and nearly out of their senses. It was after-ward discovered that one of the preacher's boys played the devil, a role which is not at all unpopular with the sons of clergy-

New York Press: Rev. Edith Booker is delivering a lecture through Kansas on "What is a Man?" A man, dear Edith, is a tender, shrinking creature, whose awn eyes look out into the great whirl about him with startled inquiry—an innocent, trusting dove, neetling upon the neek of a hard world—a sweet field flower, lifting up its face for the sunlight of your womanly affection. That is what a man is, Edith. You, yourself, are the sturdy oak. Don't

New York Mail and Expresa: Mr. William Booth and Mr. Ballington Booth, the preliminary negotiations having been arranged on a scale suitable to the titular rank of the high contracting parties, have met and embraced and parted, all in the presence of two witnesses, one witness in behalf of the "general" and one in behalf of the mander." There can now, therefore There can now, therefore, be but mo "version" of the interview father and son, and that version, duly at tested by the two witnesses, has been for mally promulgated. Now let us hope that the ridiculous claptrap with which this family has been filling the newspapers of late is at an end, and that father and son will go quietly and in their several ways about the laudable business for which both the Salvation Army and the Volunteers are sup-

UNREASONABLE PREJUDICE.

Civilization's Failure to Uproot Racia and Sectarian Hatred.

Ever since the Babylonian captivity prej ndice against the Jews as a race or a religon, expressed by persecution and banishment, has blackened the historical piges of every so-called civilized nation. Jews alone have not been objects of persecution. times, according to the supremacy of secta-rians, Catholics have been placed under the ban. They have been subjected to political lisabilities as well as to personal persecu tions. Prejudice in this country against the egro race has not entirely disappeared and there can be no reasonable hope that it wil fully disappear for many generations The outbreak in Paris against the Jews is

such maifestations as occurs at times in various of the European capitals and in the ages gone by occurred nowhere with so much irulence as in the capital of English civilization. The history of the Jews shows them in every clime 1 thrifty people and prejudice has been excited against them less be cause they claimed to be the chosen people than because in the exercise of commendable thrift they had in many cases made such accumulations as aroused the envy of thrift-less neighbors. Civilization dealing with them seems to make scant progress, n London, where a Jew was formerly inhibited from holding office, there has been Jewish lord mayor. The Jews were excluded from Spain in the time of Ferdinand and Isabella, but centuries have passed, and it is current history that Jews are banished from Russia.

The outbreak in Paris is not so much . popular manifestation as it is the occasion for excesses by the lawless class of the capital. Compelled through all the ages to make brick without straws, the Jewish race, won derfully virile, has conquered every obstacle It will survive prejudice and proscription, for it seems to be plainly written that the Semitte is to become if not a dominant at east a chief race among the peoples of the world.

PROSPERITY WRECKS RESOLVES

Marked Effect of Better Times Promoting Unions. Philadelphia Press. The announcement that the president of the Female Bachelors' club in a suburb of Chicago is engaged to be married has caused

onsternation in this anti-marriage organiza-The club was formed some time during 1897, each member signing the by-laws forbade marriage within five after joining. The object was not wholly to discourage marriage, but partly to prove to the male sex that young women are not dependent to any great degree upon young men for amusement. The club was popular and as members came in rapidly it was be leved that it would have a successful career But with the engagement of its president and the rumor that other members are con-templating the same atto the outlook for the club is dark. If one of the con-conspicuo members had proved recreamt a less damag-ing blow would have been struck, but with he president breaking the pledge the disrup tion of the club, it is thought, will certainly follow. Those members who have remained true to the constitution are naturally disturbed and are searching for the reason. One severe enough in its forms, and another is to they have given the real reason when they cite the line in Virgil's "Aeneld" in which women are accused of being always fickle

and changeable These are all short-sighted explanations, however. The natural reason for the breaking of the anti-marriage pledge end the probable breaking up of the club is the increasing prosperity of the country. The organization was formed about the time the Diogley law was enacted and before any of its good effects began to be felt. Some of the gloom which has prevailed for years over the country was still evident and consciously or unconsciously affected the minds of those who took the anti-marriage pledge with a fiveyear limit. They despaired of securing suit able husbands within that time, but evidently hoped that in balf a decade the blighting effects of free trade would disappear and tha the marriage rate would resume its normal proportion.

They reasoned rightly, but they were to conservative in fixing the date. And as pros perity came before they expected it they find themselves between the two horns of a dilemma: They must forego chances of marrying or break their pledges In deciding to take the latter alternative the week have chosen the more popular resource. It is two to be regretted, of course, that these young women did not estimate more accurately the effect of economic laws on the marriage rate for such an effect is evident to all students Prosperity almost invariably brings an in crease of marriages and business depression decreases marriages. This fact was discovered ered before Chicago was built and even the phenomenal growth of that city has not beer able to change it. It is as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians.

There are plenty of statistics to bear outhlis assertion. In 1894 when the full e fects of the Cleveland panic were being fe murderous barrel of a sawed-off gun to em-phasize his remarks. The situation was 23.102, and the rate per 1.000 of population alarming and demanded prompt action in the to 18.48. In Wisconsin also the year 1894 tant attractions have been mutual helps and not his drances to one another? Hammerfest, thus extending the Lapland frontier westward to the sea. Embedding the Lapland frontier westward to the sea.

action too long. Prosperity's effect has, however, been immediate, and the demand own enterprises without dictation from Lon-don. General Booth, therefore, has mistaken his proper field of usefulness in coming to home are now in a condition to carry out their wishes and as a consequence the Female Bachelors' club will probably have

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to disband. It will be a wiser conclusion for its members to admit their lack of sagac-

Chicago Record: "Don't you find matri-menial bonds irksome, Billy?"
"No; my wife pays more attention to her poodie than she does to me,"

Detroit Free Press: "Darling, please answer me," he fairly mouned as he stood in the center of the parlor, "I am on the rack,"
"So is your hat," shouted the old gen-tleman, who had a gallery seat on the stairway.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Said the married nan who likes to be sympathized for: 'My wife is never happy unless she has a grievance "How happy she must be!" said the etty girl. And then the married man grew pretty girl. strangely silent.

Chicago News: "Do you think the mod-ern girl needs a chaperon?" "Not always; but I think the chaperon generally needs a modern girl along,"

Harner's Bazar: Fanny-Of course, dear, gave to you?"
Sally-Oh dear no! I shall keep them all, and send them to him, one by one, for Christmas presents as long as he lives,"

Detroit Journal: "Oh my angel!" cried the lover, "Fromise that you will be ever my angel!"
"Now, look here," returned the prosale girl of the period, "none of that, I don't like it, It sounds as if you wanted to marry me in heaven, and I don't want to wait that long" hat long.

Chicago Post: Of course neither knew how it happened, but the light suddenly went out. She gave a frightened little cry and struck a match. "I was afraid you were going to kiss me,"

Twes giral you was a replied, "I was," he replied, Afterward she explained that she never could keep a match lit, anyway, Indianapolis Journal: "Did you know,"

said the sweet young thing, with just a dash of vinegar in her voice, "that statistics show that more old bachelors than married men go insane?" arried men go insune?"
"Which goes to show," said the savage
ichelor, countering promptly, "that ininity is something like the measles; those who have it at an early age don't get if afterward."

THE PRAIRIE.

John Hay, The skies are blue above my head,
The prairie green below,
And flickering o'er the tufted grass
The shirting shadows go,
Vague sailing, where the feathery clouds
Fleck white the transult skies. Fleck white the tranquit skies, Black javelins darting where aloft The whirring pheasant flies,

A glimmering plain in drowsy trance The dim horizon bounds, Where all the air is resonant With sleepy summer sounds— The life that sings among the flowers, The lisping of the breeze, The non cleala's sultry cry, The murmurous dream of bees, The butterfly-a flying flower-

Wheels swift in flashing russ.
And flutters round his quiet kin,
With brave, flame-mottled wings,
The wild pinks burst in crimson fir
The phlox's bright clusters shine,
And prairie-cups are swinging free
To spill taetr airy wine. And lavishly beneath the sun, In liberal splender rolled,
The fennel fills the dipping plain
With floods of flowery gold;
And widely weaves the iron-weed
A woof of purple dyes,
Where Autumn's royal feet may tread
When bankrupt Summer flies.

In verdurous tumult far away The prairie billows gleam; pon their crests in blessing rests The noontide's gracious beam, Low, quivering vapors steaming dim Tae level spiendors break Where languid lilles deck the rim

Of some land-circled lake, Far in the east like low-hung clouds
The waving woodlands lie:
Far in the west the glowing plain
Melts warmly in the sky.
No accent wounds the reverent air,
No footprint dints the sod—
Lone in the light the prairie lies,
Wrapt in a dream of God.

A BLIZZARD'S BIRTH.

A searching wind from the distant south Swept past the sad sky's tears—

A dense, gray fog, like a dove's soft wing, Shrouded the wide, bare plain; A pale sun peered, like a timorous thing, Curtained by coming rain,

slow, sweet smile on a sensitive mouth, Hopes that are changed to fears, Great feathery, fluttering coaxing flakes Fly through the shuddering air. Then a biting sleet that wilfully makes Havoc of what is fair.

The flerce north wind and the east and west Went wildly whirling by— treacherous, dangerous, unkind jest— A blizzard in full cry BELLE WILLEY GUE, Winside, Neb.



more wholesome, more beautiful, more completely pleasing than a womanly woman? Such a woman is even tempered, intelligent, strong and healthy. Health really tells the whole Health means strong nerves and strong body, and they go far toward bringing good looks and amiability.

A woman worn and wearied by the dragging weaknesses peculiar to her sex, cannot be expected to find zest in any duty or amusement. Life is all one dead monotonous gloom to her. On her face is written the story of weakness and pain. The wholesomeness of health is lacking, The cheeks lack fullness, the eyes lack sparkle, the hair lacks luster.

Doctors have learned to locate ninetenths of womanly sickness in the organs that ought above all others to be strong and healthy.

Sensitive women shudder at the thought of consulting a physician on such matters. A natural feeling of modesty makes them dread the examination, and subsequent stereotyped treatment by "local applications" on which most doctors insist.

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