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made let every city official and employe bend his energies toward giving the taxpayers the best possible returns for their money.

in the exposition is purely and solely a business proposition and is in no sense whatever a political question. ,

get out of their way.

together to elect a second one. There intended to be continued. seems to be doubt whether another senator would be worth what it would cost the state to elect him.

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gerated. The British government may effort to reduce expenses. simply have had a tip that some of the Pennsylvania coal barons are about to put up prices.

The people of the south are on the industries. Alabama is exempting new cotton mills from taxation for ten years and the result is the establishment of coming. The protective idea is constantly gaining ground.

There is an order on the records of the police board directing the chief of police to abate the automatic gambling machines. These machines, however, are still running in full blast with the knowledge and consent of the police authorities. The police evidently think they have the same privilege of diregarding the board's orders that the outlaw police commissioners exercise in disregarding the law and their official oaths.

While Germany is under imperial rule and the will of the emperor dominates in all national affairs, it is evident that the agrarian movement in that country has attained proportions that make it formidable. The recent order shutting out American fruit, like the orders relating to American meat, was clearly a concession to the agrarians, showing how shallow is the pretense of the emperor and the court party that the will of the people is not considered in Ger-

If the Canadians are unwilling that American troops be sent to the mining camps along the Yukon river over the trail leading through British territory that is all the greater reason for making haste with the survey of an all-American route to the mining country. There are indications that unless there is a strong hand in control of affairs in the mining camps crime will run rampant this year. The United States government is in duty bound to preserve order along the Yukon.

The value of energetic and intelligent men in the consular service of the year. The report of the United States of American goods passing through that business men. The growth of American close relation to the business done at the come as soon as Mr. Elkins predicted, of proportional division of electoral Pacific coast ports of the United States but it will certainly be reached. Mexico votes in the ratio of the votes castand there has been too much neglect of and China and the silver or paper difficulties as hard to overcome and posthe American consular service in Asia for the good of the Pacific trade.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

Eighty-nine years ago, February 12, will compel them to do so. All communications relating to news and editor. difficulties, of his great wisdom and ing the universal standard. patriotism in administering the government and of the tragic ending of his great character, the most imposing, next the confederates in the plot.

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TO REDUCE EXPENSES.

ing expenses which if adopted will pus. Of course Colorado will be at the exposition in all its glory. Participation in the exposition is all its glory. Participation in the exposition is purely and solely a house republican leaders are anxious to libel laws are to be made a cloak for to prosecute their devotion to the wheel retrench there is some chance of the dragging people for trial to re- while here. plan being adopted. The saving which mote corners of the state un-Secretary Gage proposes to effect is in der pretext that one or two will refuse to return to Nebraska to the customs division of his department. copies of a paper printed in another participate in the opening of the exposition for fear he might run against some done by the collectors of customs and lated there, there can be no safety for can use with his employer is that he really signs of prosperity without being able to surveyors of ports can be reduced and any man, whether he be a publisher or at the same time the efficiency of the a contributor of information made use service elevated. His idea is to merge of by a publisher. The principle in-The state of Oregon has only one several collectorships into one and cut volved in such a proceeding is far-United States senator and the governor down in many instances the stipend reaching in affecting the freedom of hesitates about calling the legislature now enjoyed by the collectors at ports speech and of the press. On the same

has undoubtedly carefully considered way to Alaska, have dragged his man this matter, so that his recommendations must be regarded as practical. If Chairman Edmisten of the populist The sum to be saved is not very large, state committee and his confederates yet under present conditions it is worth are uncontaminated by the recount while to save it, particularly if by doing frauds, why are they so eager to avoid so the efficiency of the service affected pursued as regards the publisher of the cities. a grand jury investigation into the ar- would not be impaired. It is undoubtfair? Do not men unjustly accused edly a fact that there are collectorships and every one connected with its cirusually court the fullest publicity of which are virtually sinecures, while it culation from counter clerk to newsbeg. is doubtless also true that the compensation of a considerable number of collectors is disproportioned to the duties rational person. With such construction say, and have been saying for the last five chase by Great Britain of all the coal performed. Whether or not the plan in stock at Singapore and at Chinese of economy proposed by Secretary Gage and Japanese ports may easily be exagilis adopted the public will approve his

THE STANDARD OF VALUES.

Last year the world's production of gold reached \$240,000,000, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over the precedright track in regard to manufacturing ing year. Making a liberal estimate of the use of gold in the arts, the addition made to the world's money stock of that metal last year must have been three fine mills in the state with others fully \$200,000,000. That means a rate of increase in the money that is the standard of values in all the great commercial nations several times as great as the rate of growth th the population of the world. And the limit has not yet been reached. According to the best estimates the production of gold will reach \$300,000,000 this year and there is every reason to believe that production will go on increasing for years to come. There is no doubt that the yield

of the South African mines will continue to grow for several years to come. as will also the production of the Australian mines. The gold wealth of Alaska is an unknown quantity, but it is believed by those best qualified to

judge to be very large. In a late speech in the United States senate Senator Elkins expressed the belief that the silver question will be settled, not by legislation, but by causes and forces stronger and more powerful than legislation. Assuming, he said, that the production of gold for the next annum, this would add \$3,000,000,000 to the present stock of gold in the world. "If only half of this vast sum should be coined into money," said Mr. Elkins, "silver will not be longer wanted for money beyond subsidiary coins, for gold will then be abundantly sufficient for all money purposes. It is even possible that gold will decline if this increased production is kept up and the question may arise what will be done with gold, owing to its abundance, as it is now with silver." The West Virginia senator urged that we should not unduly try to sition. force by legislation what laws higher and stronger than legislation are bringing about; that gold is surely making its and the importance of the close and soway by reason of its increased produc-United States is more apparent every tion and value as a money metal to It would then be equally important in popular favor not only in the United every state that every vote should be consul at Chefoo, China, makes a fine States but throughout the world and he cast and counted. The electoral vote of showing of the increase in consumption prophesied that within five years the every state would be divided and there gold standard will not be seriously or American goods passing through that gold standard will not be seriously would be votes for the candidates of the to the speaker the other day, and the port, and gives conclusive proof that questioned and the world will accept gold minor political parties in proportion to colonel delivered himself as follows: Mr. American trade at other ports of Asia as the measure of value and the best the strength they showed before the might be increased if the consuls would money. This is the condition now as to people. In many respects the system give the right assistance to American all the great commercial nations and it would approach the plan of election by is inevitable that the others must in direct popular vote. trade with the ports of Asia bears a time fall into line. That time may not

800, Abraham Lincoln was born. The The assertion of the free silver advo- ular vote arises apparently from his anniversary of his birth will be ob- cates that the supply of gold is becom- prejudice against federal control of elecserved in several states as a legal holl- ing relatively smaller and more and tions and national interference with the occupied Kirin and the ancient capital of day, while at many banquet tables the more inadequate to the needs of the right of states to regulate suffrage. The Manchuria, the home of the race which furmemory of this illustrious American business world is refuted by the facts, Carlisle plan would plainly be no nished the present reigning dynasty in will be duly honored. The career of while the steadily increasing produc- simpler than the present plan and it China, has passed into the actual possession Lincoln is familiar to all intelligent tion, at a rate four or five times as great might not come any nearer to the ideal ever be restored to the Tartars, although the Americans, Great Interest has been de- as the rate of growth in the population of exact justice than the present system. Russian occupation is said to be merely for veloped within the last few years in the study of his life and character and almost every school child in the United abundant supply of gold and that as presidents with a view to ending the station which was formerly the pride of Li citizens should follow suit. The amount of States knows of the humble conditions a standard of values that metal will fiction of election by chosen electors. Hung Chang. So the fand of the Manchus, advertising that Missouri will receive by a the warriors who often raided China and continue to be preferred by the great nothing will be gained by stopping on a finally conquered the country, has virtually not be calculated. gles, of his triumph over obstacles and commercial nations, ultimately become half way system. When the people are become Russian territory and a long step

A HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDING. life after rebellion had been conquered Two weeks ago a Lincoln paper pub-

There is no national monument to com- H. Edmisten, state oil inspector and under its new managers. statutes of him, but none worthy of his tee, whose political aspirations have

that with the present condition of the unusual in the proceeding. Instead of tion of a suitable monument to Abra- the offender more than 300 miles for trial. To carry out this program the prisoner was abducted from his home at night and taken to Cass county to The secretary of the treasury has rec- prevent him from securing a judicial ommended to congress a plan of reduc- investigation on a writ of habeas cor-

theory, Mr. Edmisten might, if he could Secretary Gage is a practical man and produce one paper that had found its to Juneau, Sitka or Skagway for trial, penniless and without, redress thousands of miles away from home. And Lincoln paper, the editor, the printers

That this is the intent of the libel law cannot possibly be assumed by any the commission of murder or arson would be less hazardous than libel. since under our constitution all criminals are entitled to trial in the court of the district in which the offense was committed. On this point the language republican party in power. of the constitution is explicit:

In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right to appear and defend himself in person or by counsel; to demand the nature and cause of accusation and to have a copy thereof; to meet witnesses against him face to face; to have process to compel the attendance of witnesses in his behalf and a speedy public trial by an impartial jury of the county or district in which the offense is alleged to have been

committed. The constitution further provides that in all trials for libel the truth, when published for good motives and justifiable ends, shall be a sufficient defense. How can a man establish a defense to a charge of this kind if he is seized and hurried away from home and friends and forced to trial hundreds of miles from the place of the alleged crime and the witnesses who might prove his innocence or justification? The recount jugglery may constitute a most heinous offense as sapping the foundation of our system of government, yet it pales to insignificance beside this attempt to subvert the civil liberty of the individual, which is the cornerstone of the

CARLISLE ON PRESIDENT-CHOOSING. Ex-Secretary Carlisle, in the current number of the Forum, presents a plan for a system of electing presidents and ten years will average \$300,000,000 per vice presidents which he believes will cure present defects "without impairing the right of any state or interfering with the legitimate interests of any citi zen or political party." Mr. Carlisle would do away with presidential electors, but give to each state electoral rotes as now in proportion to repre sentation in congress, these votes to be apportioned to the presidential candidates voted for in proportion to the popular vote in each state.

There are manifest advantages and disadvantages in this propo-The equality, or rather inequality, of the states would be broken up in fact while preserving the old form called pivotal states would be decreased. would be votes for the candidates of the

But there are difficulties in the way countries of South America must sibly as dangerous as the defects in the eventually adopt the gold standard, be- system in vogue. Mr. Carlisle's willing- ness had enlarged at least three diameters.

cause the inexorable laws of commerce ness to face these new difficulties rather than to turn at once to election by pop-

The few democrats who succeeded in and the union preserved. Appreciation of the great qualities of Abraham Linderschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the great qualities of Abraham Linderschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the great qualities of Abraham Linderschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the great qualities of Abraham Linderschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the great qualities of Abraham Linderschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved and the union preserved. Appreciation of the capital of Mandelschild and the union preserved and the un of the great qualities of Abraham Lin- leged to have been formed at the state have been consulting together with a coln, admiration of his character and capital by certain state house officials view to agreeing on a bill to encourage gratitude for the work he accomplished, to secure a fraudulent recount of the grow with the passing years, and gener-vote on the constitutional amendments. ations to come will honor and revere no While these revelations only repeated older democrats of the state the memless than we of today the memory of current rumor at Lincoln, they were bers are not united in their desire for the emancipator of a race and the sa- given force by the fact that they pur- such a measure. The only purpose such Russian territory. vior of his country. Interest in this ported to be the confession of one of a bill could serve would be to make cheap capital for the democrats for cainto Washington, in American history, Under the criminal code of Nebraska paign purposes, but the members are no commercial credit and cannot borrow will continue to grow, affording the the perpetration of frauds in recounting unable to agree on this. The fact that private money, like a nation of Europe. No highest possible inspiration to patriot ballots is not a penal offense and it is last year the Iowa democrats supported one will lend money to China unless the a question whether the charge made a candidate for lieutenant governor loan is guaranteed by a civilized government. There is one respect in which the memory of Lincoln has been neglected. The property of Lincoln has been neglected. The property of Lincoln has been neglected. The charge made a candidate for neutenant governor who is prominent as a prohibitionist who is prominent as a prohibitionist shows how badly the party is divided taxes of China. Both Great Britain and

> South Dakota populist officials have ing subordinates in extortionate charges for examinations. If the insurance commissioner is right then the populist charges against the republicans of exmade during the last campaign were right he has simply proved that the populists are utter failures as reformers

Omaha may not have the national meet for 1898, but it will be the haven during the exposition of more wheelmen altogether than ever attended any single gathering of riders. Local wheelmen should wake up to the necessities of the situation, not only for en-

The Poorest Argument.

When a young man wants an increase of

Will Pay Just the Same.

Rich gold fields have been discovered recently in Wyoming and New Mexico, but they are so close at hand and so easy of access that they cannot be expected to at

Is Our Shrewdness Overrated?

As the Americans are reputed to be the shrewdest of all peoples, it is astonishing to and, failing to convict him, leave him find politicians attempting so crude a conndence game as the scheme to tax them \$100,000,000 to build an imperial navy cod defend a diseased Island out in the Pacific the same mode of persecution could be white we have no money to fortify our own

Piling Up the Reserve.

The \$165,000,000 mark has now been crossed in the upward movement of the gold reserve. Almost every week a new score is or six weeks, that the gold stock in the government vaults is so large that it is som thing of an embarrassment, but the business improvement and the public confidence the general ficancial outlook send the pile steadily upward. These are some of the things which the people get by putting the

POLITICAL DRIFT.

"The one-eyed plowboy of Pigeon's Roost" is what they call Colonel Chandler, candidate for governor of Georgia.

It took four pages of the Massachusetts enate journal to hold a prayer offered in the chamber one day last week. Before the ninister concluded the quorum had van-

According to official announcement the nperial state of Georgia will offer for sale to the highest bidder on April 1 2,300 convict aborers, all in middling repair, and in lots to suit purchasers. Your Uncle Paul Kruger has been re elected president of the Transvaul republic

by a practically unanimous vote. The of Kruger's grip would command top price in this country. The gold democrats of New York are talkng of running an independent state ticket. Senator Gorman is to give a dinner to the embers of the Maryland legislature

tayed by him while his scnatorial funeral was progressing. David B. Hill is bobbing around quite umerously of late and gives occasional evilence of having recovered the power of speech. The ex-senator has pasted in his

tat Sam Fessenden's injunction, "God Almighty hates a quitter." New York's bachelor mayor has a few adoutside of Tammany Hall. At a recent function the descendant of the Knickerbockers was decorated with a garter, a jeweled symphony in red, white and blue. The gift came from a young woman.

Tommy Watson wants to be governor of Georgia, and is disbursing considerable commycot in furtherance of his ambition. The admirers of Alton B. Parker, chie justice of the New York court of appeals, think he is the coming man for the cratic nomination in 1900. Observe, they make no claim for popocratic support.

Ex-Governor Waller of Connecticut is democrat and perhaps his wish is the parent of the following prophecy which he makes for 1900: "The world whirls around a great deal in two years and sentiment changes rapidly. I do not believe silver will be the dominant issue of the democratic party in the next national election. That is the only question dividing the democratic party and wift that question elimicated of course the

party would come together.' Apropos of the action of the Kentucky legislature in defining the duties of Senator Lindsay it is recalled that the legislature of the same state undertook to admonish Henry Clay fifty-six years ago. When Sen-ator Clay received the resolutions of instruction from the legislature he said: "The legislature of my state assumes to comman me how I shall perform my duty as a senator in congress. I refuse to obey, and I will go back and instruct them as to their duty at home." And he did.

Speaker Reed has received assurances Missouri's respect and admiration. Colonel John T. Crisp of that state was introduced Speaker, sir, I am glad to meet you, sir Allow me to say, by gad, sir, you are a great man out in Missouri, sir, a h-l of a great man, sir, and in Missouri we know a great man from a pigmy, sir. I am a Jacksonian democrat, but if we must submit to republican rule I hope to see you president; I do, by gad, sir." The speaker appreciated the compliment, as might be ex-pected; he at once invited Colonel Crisp into his private room, and when Colonel Crisp emerged his opinion of Mr. Reed's greatOTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

While the other great powers of Europe are talking about the future of the Chinese half way system. When the people are become Russian territory and a long step trendy to abandon the present plan they will be ready for election by direct vote. In the face of such movements the German capital. This information can not be bet-Chau bay seems insignificant. It establishes divisions of the Chinese empire, a province England and Japan must bestir themselves their efforts to the work of their states, if they hope to stop the conversion of the The Missouri legislature, through an over-

> Obina has a great war indemnity to pay.
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> It is in such political decrepting that it has no commercial credit and cannot borrow private money like a nation of Europe. No Russia are eager to lend to China on these terms, one English money and the other French, but China fears to close with either for fear of offending the other. So the gov-Tartar dynasty and perhaps would even prefer European rule. The power to raise an internal loan in a crisis is the supreme test of national vitality. Even Spain could do it in her worst estate. If China cannot, as eems probable, it will be the best evidence that there is no national spirit in the peo-

The professed reasons of the German opposition to the appointment of Prince George of Greece as governor of Crete are set forth n a vigorous protest published in the Cologne Gazette. One of the necessary consequences of the nomination, says the Rhenish organ, would be that the Cretan insurgents would renew with increased vigor their attempts to wrest the island from the suzerainty of Turkey and to bring about its union with the Were Priace George elected governor, Crete, instead of receiving the blesdings of peace intended for it by the visdom of the powers, would be the scene of fresh confusion and fresh insurrections. Such a step would, moreover, be fatal to the peace and tranquillity of the small Balkan states, above all of Servia and Bulgaria. The recent symptoms of most suspicious Panslavist novements in these parts are sufficient to substantiate such an objection. It may therefore, continues the Gazette, be considered as altogether out of the question that the candidature of Prince George will receive the support of the great powers, to say nothing of the sanction of the sultan, who "would, nominating him, be thrusting a sword deep into his own flesh."

There is a disagreeable sequel to the brilliant recapture of the Dargai ridge by the Gordon Highlanders and other British troops in the recent campaign against the Afridis. From the first there has been a good deal of sharp criticism of the abandonment of the position after it had been taken once without any loss at all. Sir William Lockhart now reports officially that when he ordered the withdrawal of the troops from the Dargal heights, he directed General Yeatman Biggs to continue work on the road over Chagru Kotal, believing that the presence of the roops there would have prevented the enemy from reoccupying Dargal. General Biggs, however, answered by hellograph that his nen had reached camp so late on the night before that he thought it better not to adopt the plan suggested, for fear of exhausting them. It was then too late for Sir William ockhart to make other arrangements and ie second dangerous and costly attack upon Dargai followed, Sir William, moreover, tructions were not fully carried out by Genril Biggs. The latter officer, unfortunately led recently from dysentery, brought on by exposure and overexertion and cannot de-lend himself. But his friends are protesting indignantly against the reflections cast upon his military reputation.

The French republic has established a sort of governmental savings bank, called the Caisse Nationale d'Epargue. On January 1, 1896, a new law came into force, whose principal clause limited the amount depositable on each book to \$300 annually. The object of this was to confine the use of this savings bank to the classes for whom it wan originally instituted. Its effect resulted in decreasing the amount deposited in 1896 by 47,000,000 francs. The deposits, nevertheless, in that period exceeded the withdrawals by 3,000,000 francs, and the number of new accounts during the year amounted to 196. 000, the total at present opened being 2,682, 908. Of these 41 per cent figure with credits below 20 francs, whilst the books whose balance exceeds 500 francs represent 24 per cent of the whole.

*** It was not until the Russo-Turkish war that women in Russia were allowed to bear the title of doctor. Although they were taught in exactly the same way as men, and the examinations were exactly the same they were denied the degree. They were only allowed to call themselves learned midwives, without right to sign prescriptions or to hold any responsible position in civil or nospital service. Notwithstanding these restrictions, they accepted the position, and when the war broke out with Turkey the learned midwives rendered incalculable service to the sick and wounded. After this not even the jealous spirit of male monopoly could stand up against the recognition of the woman doctor, and since 1880 women in Russia can receive the medical degree and hold posts in public service.

Cremation has grown rapidly in Paris. The great crematory in the historic Pere la chaise cemetery is kept in operation practically all day long, with an average of twelve cremations a day. For three or four years about one-thirteenth of the total num ber of the dead in Paris have been incine In 1895, for instance, among 58,950 ated. deaths there were 50,201 burials, 4,180 in-cinerations and 4,539 bodies dissected in the hospitals and medical schools. The lar arcade, accommodating 3,000 urns, which was built in 1882, would be, it was suppose capacity was exhausted in less than ter years and another similar building was erected. That, too, soon became inadequate for the needs of the city, and finally the present magnificent columbarium was decided upon

Mighty Few Left.

Hon, William Jennings Beyan spent few weeks in Mexico and now that country wants to refund its debt in gold. This leaves Patagonia as about the only place Mr. Bryan can go and feel at home.

Your cake again perfectly lovely? Really that Royal Baking Powder is a wonderful leavener.

THE MISSOURI EXHIBIT.

Must lie Representative of State's In-Kansas City World.

The soliciting committees are at work asking contributions to pay for a Missouri building and exhibit at the Transmississippi

Exposition at Omaha.

That their efforts should meet with generous response every one will admit. The importance of Misouri being fittingly represented at this exposition goes without

seizure of a little tract of land about Kiao | ter or more thoroughly given to the public than through the medium of the Omaha exposition.

The principal and dominant idea of the whole affilr is to advertise to the world the resources of the western states. Other states which has 6,000,000 or 8,000,000 inhabitants, have not been slow to grasp the oppor-

over. Whatever is done in the way of pre-

conservative. There is \$10,000 asked for a building and \$40,000 for an exhibit. The amount is trilling and should be relised with very little effort. There should be a gener-ous response from Kansas City, as this city is in a position to reap more benefits from the exposition than any other in Messourl.

MEXICO'S BRAND OF PROSPERITY. The Reasons for it Explained by

Washington Post "I will not deny that there is a kind of prosperity in evidence in the republic of Mexico," said Mr. John A. McShane of Omaha at the Arlington. Mr. McShane Omaha at the Arlington. is at the head of a large mining concern that has been engaged in silver production ba the Mexican state of Chihuahua for the past ten years.

"It is of this part: The government is largely back of it, and to the paternal fortering of the Diaz administration it is mainly due. The government subsidizes breweries, railroads, industrial plants and aids in every way to build up the material resources of the country. Money is used with a liberal hand, and as a consequence there is much activity and great apparent resperity. The fact that Mexico is on a liver basis does not figure; it can't help seing on that kind of a basis, but I should e sorry to see the United States resort to any such policy.

"Ten years of experience in that country has forever set me against the adoption of a monetary system which is not only in disrepute among the leading nations of the world, but which is about to be discarded by countries like Japan, Brazil and some of the smaller Spanish-American governments that were formerly on a silver basis. The masses in Mexico are in a worse condition than I trus; will ever befall our laboring population. This I can explain by referring to matters that have come under my perscinal observation.
"When the Sherman purchasing act was

in force some seven years ago, ellver was worth \$1.21, and a United States dollar was worth in Mexico 100 cents in Mexican money. The dollars of the two countries were on a parity. At this time we employed about 300 men in our mines, their pay ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 per day. It took approxi mately \$10,000 a month to meet the pay roll. The money to cancel this expense wa shipped from Omaha, and it was exchange for \$19,000 of Mexican coln. We operate general merchandise etores along with our mining concern, and at the time I speak sold to our Mexican employes bacon for 26 cents a pound.
"What are the conditions today? We still

hire 300 men and give them exactly the same scale of wages that obtained prior to slump in silver caused by the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act. Our pay roll still aggregates \$10,000 a month To meet this we have shipped us a like sum of United States money, and there is where the point of difference comes in. Instead of exchanging that amount at our bank for its nominal equivalent we get for it no have here made a clear gain of \$12,000. Our employes still render us 100 cents worth of work for which they used to get 100 cents, and do yet as far as the name goes, but it reality they receive less than half should be theirs, seeing that the Mexican coin in which they are paid has shrunk to less then half of its former value. "But there is more still. When the Mexi-

can miner goes to buy bacon he finds that n tendering payment he cannot buy it with depreciated money for 20 cents a pound; the price is now 45 cents. It would still be so if he could tender a dollar as good as that given him for his labor at the time of the repeal of the Sherman law. The \$12,000 I spoke of simply comes out of the labor of he country, and when the toiling class of any nation is forced to such a condition i is stretching a point to call the people pros-perous. If the fair and right thing were lone by these hard-working miners their vages would be doubled. The man that wages would be doubled. now gets \$2 a day is justly entitled to \$4 out labor will bring only what price is fixed n market. like any commodity, and employrs are not yet far enough advanced in phil anthropy to voluntarily give more than the The song that he sung was a sweet one, he had warbled it oft before, "So the talk about the prosperity of

Mexico in so far as it applies to the vast body of its citizens—the common people—is myth. If there is prosperity at all it is ot due to the silver standard, but in spite

Prospective Bargain,

The proposal that the United States buy Cuba from Spain at the merely nominal price of \$100,000,000 is not likely to be enthusiofficially received in this country, even if it is officially made by Spain. We have spent about all the pesetas we care to give up in the effort to convince Spain that we are neutral end disinterested. Besides, when Spain gets ready to sell, that will be pretty Spain gets ready to sell, that will be pretty Spain gets ready to sell, that will be pretty she wore with such natty pose, good evidence that what she has to sell is And the rim of her cowboy dicer broke the vorthless to her.

THE FRENCH JUDICIAL FARCE.

Indianapolis News: Zela is getting points n evidence. He is not permitted to ask any destions that bear directly on the subject Minneapolis Tribune: Of all the hideous has never trad an equal. The accused in denied the rights which should be accorded the meanest criminal and there is an undisguised intent upon the part of the presiding Judge to prevent a fair trial of the cause.

Cincinnati Tribune: It is an axiom that no ne can ever tell what will happen in Paris and that truth applies to the present situation. Perhaps it is at least safe to say, how-ever, that the agitation of the Dreyfus case has reached such a point that a disclosure of the whole truth is sooner or later inevitable and when the truth is made known, provided etiows Drayfus to be innocent, popular rage vill be directed agains; the army and the nilitary system, with momentous results. Detroit Free Press: From this distance it ooks as though only one result must come

French government is placed. The truth will ultimately come out in spite of the supremest efforts of the authorities to prevent it. When dows, or possibly before that time, the day of retribution will aurely come for those who have belrayed the cause of justice and fair play. It would not be surprising to see the northern part of the Chinese empire into sight, failed to make any oppropriation. It present ministry overthrown as a result of Russian territory. Dreyfus affair end its present sequel have placed it. New York Tribune:

must not be considered, says the govern-ment, because it is closed, it is res adjudicata; the inquiry must be confined to the Esterhazy case. But the latter is, as a mat-ter of fact, just as truly closed, just as much res adjudicata as the former. If the investigation, why not the other? The de-sire of the French government to avoid the evelation and exploitation of a scandal that might smirch great reputations is easily understood and appreciated. But far more to be avoided is even the appearance of injustice or the slightest suspicion that the govrnment is privy to injustice. It is not yet to be believed that the government is guilty of the hideous crime of which M. Zola has accused some of its foremest officers. But the only way to vindicate its innocence and to establish full confidence in its justice is to let in full daylight upon the whole Dreyfus case.

Chicago Chronicle: Zola's trial is such a palpable denial of all justice that it is imion. The witnesses upon whom he relied to suctain his charges against the War department refuse to testify and are sustailed in their refusal by their military superiors and by the court. General Bolsdeffre went even further and claimed exemption upon the ground of "professional secrecy." He, co, was sustained, though Zola's counce protested against the assumption that tary officers formed a separate caste totally exempt from the laws and the respect due to justice. In short, the whole of the trid s toward conviction and it is evident that he court is as much at the orders of the War department as are the officers composing convicted, but will that smother the Drevfus scandal-for scandal it undoubtedly has come? In this country there could be but one answer to the question—fustice would be done to both Dreyfus and Zola or there would be uncommonly lively times in prospect that the French had much esprit, but were otally lacking in common sense and Chateaubriand was a Frenchman he probably knew what he was talking about.

MIRTH IN RHYME.

Chicago Record. Pate's a fiddler—life's a dance," But, oh the bitter pill! see some awkward persons prance Who should be sitting still.

He asked the girl to fly with him, His heart with love elate; Her answer turned him cold and grim— She said: "Oh, no; let's skate."

Brooklyn Life. he wished she stood within his shoes, Because he had a scat; But since that was impossible She stood upon his feet.

Detroit Journal Lucy Locket lost her pocket, And to the chance was debtor— Quoth site, "I guess my new spring dress Without it fits the better."

Some Jeffersonian democrats— I say it on the quiet— Make good their claim because he's dead

And therefore can't deny it. 'Nothing to wear," the woman sighed-Though she never should declare it It's not so much that she's nothing to

She lacks the nerve to wear it. Washington Star.

"All men are free!" His boast serene
And haughty, none denied.
It would have shocked them, had they seen
His humble and obedient mien
Whene'er his baby cried.

A BETHROTHAL ACCIDENT.

They walked 'neath the moon together, he They walked 'neath the moon together, he whispering words of love.

And telling her she was fairer than the angels and things above.

He compared her eyes to the starlets, her voice to the pleasing lute,

Said her cheeks had the bloom of roses and her breath the flavor of fruit. And his plea was so well directed that it touched her heart to the core.

And she clung to his side yet closer, aye! clung like a little leech. For a question she knew was coming as a close to his flowery speech

At last in a tender manner he asked her to be his wife,
To share in the chromo picture he'd drawn
of a future life,
And she whispered her "yes" so softly that the angels could never hear, Yet it beautifully succeeded in probing his

bridge of his bloomin' nose!

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