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There are several things on the list of Omnha's needs ahead of the pest house item

Under the present police chief nothing less than 400 new policemen would serve to give the city satisfactory police protection.

It is possible that Prof. Andree has solved the problem of how to reach the North pole, but the problem of how to get back again is harder.

Now that we know what Bryan thinks of Alexander Hamilton it is really too bad that we cannot know what Hamilton would have thought of the boy ora-35512

It is no longer proper to refer to the good. The outlook has already become partly a retrospect without disappointment.

Oratory is taught in every class of the Kansas State Agricultural college under populist management. According to the Kansas creed, oratory is one of the most useful branches of agriculture.

Nearly a week without a telephonic ebullition from the long distance architect. If the telephone wires are not promptly put in good working order the the floors of congress does not voice the success of the exposition will be jeopardized.

Nicaraguan plotters are accused of making an attempt to kidnap Prince Clarence, the Mosquito chief. It seems that the people who have the most

Those who would have the government land laws to make them applicable to ply all needed advice. take action in regard to Cuba which conditions in the mountainous and arid could hardly fall to bring on war with regions. Not even a beginning has been Spain are ignorant or unmindful of the made in forestry in the forest regions of are making great preparations for disfact that this country is not prepared the west where preservation of the trees plays at the Transmississippi Exposifor a war. We have a navy, but it is said will be of greatest value. It is therefore tion, the hortleulturists of Nebraska there is not now on hand sufficient war not surprising that those interested in must be bestirring themselves. Nesupplies to last a week in the event of Colorado should desire that the start braska fruit, though not as well known war, while there is not a single dry dock should be made right. The intimate re- in the markets ins the fruit of some in condition to receive a battleship if lation between the forests and the arid neighboring states, is much finer than it disabled in a fight. Then our coast de- lands suggests that they shall be dealt is given credit for and this fact can fenses, which would receive prompt at- with by uniform laws. tention from an enemy's fleet, are not The proposed experiment in forest cul

generally so equipped either with guns ture in New York, if carried out, will be or men as to successfully resist an at- watched with special interest by the All business LETTERS. All business letters and remittances should be diressed to The Bee Fullishing Company, mana, Drafts, checks, express and postoffice oney orders to be made payable to the order of would strike at the weak spots. There tack. Some of them might do so, but people of the forest states of the trans-

would be no difficulty in raising whatever army might be needed, but we

CANADA'S TREATIES.

According to a report from the capital could not at once equip a large army, of the Dominion government, the Par- list press isn't responsible for. though perhaps no very great addition liament is to be asked to change the Relying on the World's Storehouse

to the regular army would be necessary. customs law by abolishing the reciprocal Having the money we could of course clause and making the minimum tariff buy supplies, but to provoke war and apply solely to Great Britain and posprovide for prosecuting it afterwards sibly to colonies. It is stated that this would be madness. Those congressmen has been made necessary by the diswho are disposed to urge the administracovery that even with the German and tion to aggressive action ought to be Belgian treaties out of the way, the familiar with these conditions, though preferential tariff would apply to nearly their course would imply that they are all the world. It will be remembered not. They profess to believe, however, that only a short time ago the British

that Spain would not go to war, but that government, at the urging of Canada, is an exceedingly unsafe theory. There denounced the commercial treaties beis not a reasonable doubt that if the tween England and Germany and be-United States should recognize the inde- tween England and Belgium, in order pendence of Cuba Spain would promptly to allow for new treaties, which would

put Canada upon a better plane. All In the debate on a Cuban resolution this effort appears to have been for in the United States senate a few days naught if the Ottawa report is authentic, ago Senator Hale declared his belief that since the step which Canada is repre the American people do not want war sented as about to take will be in the and there is no doubt he was right. "It direction of the imperial customs union is too intolerable that today," said the which has been urged by the British Maine senator, "with our industries re- secretary for the colonies, Mr. Joseph

viving, with the demand everywhere for Chamberlain. peace, the American people want war." This matter has an interest for the If there were any such sentiment, he United States for the obvious reason declared, it would have displayed itself that it means an abandonment on the in better fashion than fighting over the part of Canada of all purpose or desire

battles of Cuba on the floor of the United in respect to reciprocity with this coun-States senate. "We are less than 100 try. It is clearly impossible that any miles from Cuba," said the Maine sena- reciprocal agreement or arrangement tor, "there are 100 places where thou- can be made between Canada and the sands of men interested and determined United States when the former proposes

to help the insurrection might have to make its minimum tariff apply solely landed in Cuba and joined the insurgent to Great Britain and there is hardly a army and none have gone there. There possibility that the Canadian governare today 250,000 soldiers of the great ment will ever consent to anything difwar of the rebellion upon both sides un-ferent from this. It may be that the der the age of 50 and not one of report from Ottawa does not correctly business outlook for 1898 as unusually them has gone to Cuba. There are said represent the position of the Dominion to be 1,000,000 unemployed men in this government, but the probability is that country, with nothing to do, and not the attitude of that government is not one of them has gone to Cuba." Mr. friendly, in a commercial way, to the

Hale challenged any senator on the floor United States. to give him the name of one single citizen of the United States, with an En-FIRST A CHIEF OF POLICE. glish name, who is today fighting in the The chief of police has sent in a comranks of the insurgents and he got no munication asking the police board for reply. That was a conclusive answer to the appointment of forty additional the assumption that the American peo-

patrolmen and twenty additional detecple want their government to interfere tives to enable him to give the city adein Cuba at the risk of war. quate police protection during the com-The jingoism that finds expression on ing year. This is substantially a request that the police force be doubled and general sentiment of the American peothe expenses of maintenance increased ple. Strongly and earnestly as they in proportionate degree.

sympathize with the efforts of the Cu-The question is whether increasing bans to free themselves from Spanish the police force under its present mandomination, gladiy as they would wel- agement would improve the efficiency come the achievement of Cuban inde- of the department. Never since Omaha pendence, greatly as they deplore the was provided with a metropolitan police

reservations and general revision of the resident of Mignesota and ready to sup

# While the fruit growers of other states

# easily be made plain at the exposition.

# Where Truth Hurts.

M. Zola's attempt to analyze truth in the resence of a mob makes all the other ovelists willing to stick to their studies.

The One Exception.

A disease called foot rot has broken out in Nebraska and it is the only kind of rot so far noticed in that state which the popu-

## Philade dh Ledge

The war scare in China has brought large orders for American provisions from all the governments principally concerned. England, Russia, Germany and France have all called upon the packers of the United States for meat and canned goods. This is emphatic testimony to the fact that America is the great provision storehouse of the world. When extra supplies are wanted they are sought this country. In view state of things it seems foolish to talk about other nations boycotting American products They are not likely to starve themselves by way of working out a grudge against us.

# Good Smoking Material.

New York Mail and Express. President Grant, in his first inaugural cossage, said: "Let It be understood that no repudiator of one farthing of our public debt will be trusted with a public place, and it will go far toward strengthening a credit which ought to be the best in the This doctrine, uttered at a time world.' when the national credit was weak. when r currency was insecure and all values demoralized, struck the keynote of the houbrable policy which the republican party has ever since faithfully pursued in its deal ings with financial affairs. The proposi-tion is just as good smoking material for tinkers and repudiators now as it was then.

### Can't Lose Sovereign. New York Sun.

The Hon. John Rodomont Sovereign has esumed his accustomed place upon the in-ellectual throne. He has devised a new neans of boosting the cause of 16 to 1. He ias founded a necessarily important organ-zation, which he describes as "secret spring of 1844 by the necessity of declaring politico-labor." Its aim is "to prevent the coercion and intimidation of the workingnan at elections," and it is to have "rami fications in every state." This illustrious thinker wouldn't have anything that wasn't len with ramifications. He is a whole out himself. His "secret politico-labor" forest himself. His "secret politico-labor concern will be worthy of its founder, but It will not keep him secret. No other man can utter as much "politico-labor" sound is he can, but secrecy is not for him. He mows that an admiring country cannot afford to lose him even for a week

### Truths Ignored by Popocrats. St. Phul Ploneer Press

So far we have failed to hear any popo cratic explanation of the increase in the wages of 200,000 coal miners agreed upon last January. Nor of the 20 per cent advance in the woolen mills not long ago. Nor to the 15 per cent advance in the structural mills. Nor to the advance in the glass industries. The New England cotton mills situation has kept them so busy that they have not had much time to allude to such tters. Nor to the 10 per cent advance the Gogebic, and so on and so forth matters. through a long list of industries, not to nention the diminution in the number of he unemployed and the increase in the ag regate wages paid to the workingmen whom popocratic' demagogues profess to befriend, but whose dollar Teller and his crew shall require of a while presidential candi-date hereafter," said Meredith P. Gentry a few days after Clay's defeat, "is that he

would cut in two, if they could have their Bound to Be a Success.

way.

Washington Post. "The Omaha expesition is going to be a magnificent success," said Mr. G. A. Heeley

# LETTERS THAT KILL.

Public Men Who Have Written Their Political Death Warrants.

'Killed by a Letter" is the significan eading of a Havana newspaper over an arti-e telling of ex-Minister de Lome's fail altar mails go through Spain in closed bags. Spanish Indignution over the theft of a let-ter after it has gone through the mail, not This legend would be an appropriate epitapl over the political graves of many publi The rivalry between Hamilton, the fore, rests on Spanish famillarity with posnen. tal robberies. leader de facto of the federalist party, and Adams, the leader de jure, incited Hamil-Cincinnati Enquirer; The people of this ton's letter during the campaign of 1800, ar ountry have been told frequently that their raigning Adams, which was one of the causes way of appointing ministers and ambassa-dors is weak; that they pick men up at hapof the rupture and overthrow of that party and the triumph of Jefferson and the demochazard and put them at important foreign stations, while the governments of Europe racy. Hamilton's letters attacking Borr were the cause of the duel in which Ham-ilton lost his life. Jefferson's letter to his lucate their diplomuts specially and keep hem in the harness constantly. Still, we office that our representatives abroad get old neighbor, Mazzel, in 1796, in which, by pretty plain implication, he traduced Washalong as well as the "educated" minister ington and other men whom the American people honored, kept Jefferson denying and and ambassadors sent from Europe to this country. explaining for many years his historic letter to Van Buren on this subject having been Globe Democrat: The "breaks" made by

be Lome, Sackville-West, Catacazy, Crimp-on, Yrugo, Citizen Genet and other diplowritten shortly before his death and twenty eight years after the Mazzei epistle wa matic representatives of foreign govern ments-Spain, England, Russia and Francepenned. The preservation and publication of Jeerffson's "Anas," or diary, which is really a sort of letter to posterity, with its spiten the United States ought to make Euroshirt sleeves" dispatches and American ful assaults on the memory of Hamilton and other emineut men, showed an amazing lack litical manners." Diplomacy is not a pro-fession in the United States, but this counof discernment on Jefferson's part, and has called out from all his editors and blograph-ers excuses which accuse. "Nevor write a letter," said Talleyrand, try's envoys observe the proprieties rather

congeners. "and never burn one that you receive." Nicholas Hiddle had observed the first part of this injunction the fate of the United States bank over which he presided would probably have been different, Jackson would not have been able to perform that second labor of Hercules in slaying the bank 'hydra," and the politics of the "30s" would have lost one of its most picturesque epi-An interesting and usually levelsodes. called an "incurable itch for writing," and The incident suggesis the importance of this led him and his institution to their loom, defeated Clay and the national republican party in 1832, and, as one of the consequences of the bank's overthrow, brought on the panic of 1837. The "Rhea taining the enemy? etter" precipitated the contest in 1830 tween Jackson and Calhoun which put Calnoun out of the line of succession to Jackon in the presidency, made Van Buren Jackson's political heir, dwarfed Calhoun from a national to a local figure and turned him to the partisan metaphysics out of which were evolved nullification and that morbid and wire-drawn political philosophy in de of slavery that brought on the war which destroyed slavery.

Spain has exhausted the patience There is a fine touch of poetle irony in continent. he circumstance that Van Buren, the mut crooked lane of Spanish diplomacy. who said he would rather walk forty miles after our mutual relations must o tell a person something than to intrust straight American terms, it matters not what his thoughts to a letter, met his doom becomes of Cuba. brough the medium of a letter. It was a etter. however, which he was absolutely preed to write, and it was called out in the

American Politics and Institutions imself on the burning issue of Texas an nexation. That letter, in which he mildly and tentatively opposed appexation, defeated him for the nomination for the presidency t few weeks later, and gave the candidacy o the dark horse, Polk, an outspoken anexationist. Everybody remembers the creek which letter writing inflicted on Blaino's fortunes by defeat in the convenexationist. tions of 1876 and 1880 and at the polls in 1884. His fatal readiness with his ponrought an Iliad of woes to Clay. "I am the nost unfortunate man in American hisory," exclaimed Clay, after one of his reverses, to Henry A. Wise, "I get the nomination in the years when no whig can be elected, and in the years when any Whig can win the candidacy goes to somebody else." In the year, however, in which his success seemed certain, 1844, he was defeated by his campaign letters on the Texas ques-tion. "We are beaten," exclaimed Joshua R. Giddings to Cassius M. Clay, as somebody put into his hand a paper containing one of Clay's letters just before both of them mounted the stand at a Clay mass meeting at which they were to speak. He was right. The letter which made a surrender on the slavery question, sent enough anti-slavery Whigs over to Birney, the liberty party's andidate, in the decisive state of New York o give that state and the presidency to Polk. "The chief qualification which I

# PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Finns have ordered twenty-two Amer-

shall be able to neither read nor write."

# THAT DIPLOMATIC BREAK.

vulgarities of speech than people of their own class in Great Britain. It is perhaps Philadelphia Press: Spain is a country here no letter is ever sufe in the mails. true that neither Mr. Caine nor Mr. Allen esides what the police open, letters are so has ever known a typical American. habitually tampered with in the search of that, or they are vicious and offensive officials for valuables that the English Gibslanderers.

speaking

# THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

English, however, and are much freer from

Either

Somerville Journal: Boarding house beef-steak may be hard to eat, but it is great for soling shoes.

Washington Star, 'I has noticed." said Uncle Eben, 'dat de men who sticks ter sof' drinks ain' de ones dat gin'rally hab da mos' ter tell 'bout bahd luck."

Indianapolis Journal: "Well, how are the "Whith an apoils Journal." Well, how are the markets?" asked the surcessite boarder, who knew that the Cheerful Idlot had been guessing wrong lately on wheat. "Window bilinds." replied the Cheerful Idlot, "closed a shade lower."

Detroit Free Press: "I think Bumply is about the most fluent flar I ever met, He's just been telling me that he's a regular caller on all families in the most aristo-cratic part of the city." "It's the truth. Bumply's a postman, you know"

know.

New York Weekly: She-I could have married either Whipper or Snapper if I'd wanted to, and both of those men whom I rofused have since got rich, while you are still as poor as a church mouse. "'DØ etter on the whole than do their European He-Of course. I've been supporting you all these years. They haven't

Buffalo Express: Minister Woodford's forethought in feeding the Spanish ministry at this crucial time deserves the highest Chicago Record: "Tell me, George, was t my beauty or goodness that won your

recognition by his countrymen. It was a di-plomatic, a brave and a patriotic thing to do. "Well, to be honest, it was that currant felly you sent mother." Instead of throwing a firebrand into the official don of lions at Madrid, he went among

Cincinnati Enquirer: "I'll never forget the time I took my good old aunt from the country to see a Shakespearcan revival at one of the theaters." "Did she like it?" "Like it? I found out that she would never have gone at all but for the impression sho had that "revice!" meant something relithem with a plate of soup in one haid and a cigarette in the other, and lo, the dove of peace hovers down with the United States state banquets, at critical times, and makes ad that 'revival' meant something relipertinent the inquiry whether it may not be possible to abolish war by judiciously enter

# Pittsburg Chronicle: "Mrs. Higgins is still

whidly in love with her husband." 'Does she put the buttons on his shirts for him yet?" "No, but he told her he sat up all night playing cards without any stakes-and she believes him." Chicago Post: It is needless to say that the people of the United States are cutirely satisfied with the course of President Mc-Khiley in this crisis, as they have been throughout all his dealings with the Cuban question. They know that he faces a situa-

Detroit Journal: Policeman-You are selltion which demands a stern assertion of the

ng liquor after hours. Proprietor of Saloon-No; these men are surglars, and they are holding me up for national will for a full apology from Spain or a severance of friendly relations. The people are thoroughly aware of the conse-quences, but they prefer to accept them.

Policeman-Ah! in that event I owe you an apology. Pardon my intrusion. Good night, all. of this We have come to the end of the

> Chicago Tribune: "How does that idea of abolishing the 'j' strike you?" inquired he reporter.

e congressman who had been elected n a free silver district by a majority of bout 4,000 shifted his quid to the other "My constituents," he said, "would probably be agin it."

Ridleuled by Literary Cuds. Washington Post.

STUPID SLANDERS.

It is not only in the matter of American

We pointed out the facts and fears less than half a week; And now it's quite a dozen years Since we were known to speak.

### AN ARCTIC VISION.

Bret Harte (1867.) (Current Literature republishes this thir-ty-year-old poem, with the comment that it will surprise many to find so clear a pre-diction of the value of Alaska as is drawn in this poem of more than a generation

Where the short-legged Esquimaux girl must needs be a rude and unrefitted rustic, full of vulgar idioms and ejacula-tions. Grant Allen, too, is afflicted in the same stupid and incomprehensible way. In one of, his books, "The Scallywag." he also introduces an American mother and daughter They are Philadelphilans and are described as Thrill through all your arctic floes,

In Mr. Hall Caine's latest book, "Th Christian," he introduces an American mother and daughter, belonging to the wealthy class, and makes them both, even the daughter, use language which the average servant girl in any of our large cities would not dream of using. Such expressions age servant girl in any of our large cities where the short-regged beguinatix would not dream of using. Such expressions as "do tell!" "I want to know," "that'll be real alce," and other outlandish and ob-solete forms of speech are made to charac-And by night another verminas "do tell!" "I want to know," "that'll be real nice," and other outlandish and obsolete forms of speech are made to charac-terize the American style of conversation and differentiate it from the British. Mr, Caine cannot bring himself to admit that a Yankee girl, however wealthy, ever by any chance talks like an English girl who has had the same means of obtaining a polite education. In his philosenbe, the Variant State of the news that fighte groes

education. In his philosophy the Yankee girl must needs be a rude and unrefined Thrill through all your arctic

e stately polar bear

talk like so many uncouth and rustles. Even such writers as Hall Caine and Grant Allen, who ought to know bet-ter, keep ever before them an American type which is grotesquely absurd and ex

### make themselves so ridiculous as that o our alleged colloquialisms. One rarely en counters a British novelist nowadays who does not think it necessary, in the interest of truth, to make Americans of both sexes

Here

olitics and institutions that British writers are offensively and persistently ignorant. There is perhaps no direction in which they

TRUTH IS MIGHTY. Detroit Free Press. My dearest friend and I one day, While in a truthful spell, Agreed on this, that come what may, Each other's faults we'd tell.

trouble are the ones always searching after more.

The great reform police board seems to take the proposal to fund the floating indebtedness created by its 1897 deficit as free license to contract a new deficit of still greater proportions for 1898. As deficit makers the police board and the school board are close competitors.

The great cry of the popocrats is for the populists and democrats to get together if they hope to lay their hands on the spoils of 1898. In the getting together the bill of the play provides for the democrats the role of the lion and for the populists the role of the lamb.

Consul General Lee is to become father to all the orphan children of Cuba and an American religious journal is to pay the expenses of maintaining an orphanage in Havana. If this doesn't convince the outan insurgents that they have the sympathy of the American peo ple in their unequal struggle for liberty, then they are not open to conviction.

With no one responsible in charge of the exposition work, no wonder plans specifications and similar papers con stantly disappear. No wonder, too, that these documents are always just those that would be of utmost importance to do not bear them out, the fact being exposition contractors who might want advance information about contracts or lenient enforcement of their own agreements.

The exposition has made unquestion able progress under its present haphazard management, which seems thus far to have had luck with it. The question present congress will not repeal the duty. is, however, Is it wise, prudent or safe to continue to tempt the fates by maintaining a headless institution which if done for a private business corporation would be everywhere characterized as : piece of stupendous folly?

The idea that the schools can teach anything without cost to the taxpayers the state owns 800,000 acres and this is too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment. If all the educational fads \$500,000 at its disposal with which to and frills could be added without additional expense, why is it they are not a part of every school system in the country? When the taxpayers ever get any thing of value for nothing it will be time for Gabriel to blow his trump.

When a city contractor undertakes to carry out a street improvement that entails the practical blocking of the stree during the progress of the work, he should be compelled to execute his contract with all possible speed and with least possible inconvenience to the public. The contractor who persists in keeping streets torn up and delays his work barred from further competition on publie work. Because the contract is entered into with the city is no reason why the contractor should feel free to treat the public as if it had no rights whatever as favoring federal control of the forin the streets.

terrible conditions in that island, the has the force been in such a helpless more intelligent and conservative among and ineffective condition as it is today. he American people do not want their To ascribe this either to the smallness government to take any course that of the force or to the incompetency of might involve war. Even if the country the rank and file would be closing the were fully prepared for war the ineyes to actual facts. There is no quesevitable unsettling and disturbing effects tion that the existing riot of thugs and

THE DUTY ON HIDES,

against It.

The crusade against the duty on hides which is being made by the shoe manulice commission. When the chiefship facturers of New England will prob is given as the political prize to inexperiably have no practical result, but it is a matter that is certain to command misconduct has deserved only summary public attention. The chief argument and ignominious dismissal is rewarded of those who are urging a repeal of the with a premium of retention in idleness duty is that the law affords no benefit at captain's pay, what reason is there to the cattle raisers, while it is a direct benefit to the buyers of cattle and that the consumers-that is, the buyers of shoes-are compelled to pay the duty. The advocates of a repeal of the duty present figures to show how the conwho takes his cue from his superiors? sumers are victimized, but we are unable to see that these figures are at all the emergency. It must be preceded by conclusive, the fact being that shoes are a thorough reorganization of the depart at present as cheap, if not cheaper, than ment through the replacement of the when hides were admitted free of duty, incompetents now in charge with men Of course the advocates of a repeal of

of tried experience and ascertained rethe duty claim that by reason of it shoes liability. A first-class man as chief are higher, but the market quotations of police would be worth forty policemen to the citizens and taxpayers. that shoes were never on the whole cheaper than they are today. With their eyes firmly fixed upon the

The placing of a duty on hides was cotton mills of New England, where the done at the instigation of the cattle prooperatives and workmen are unable to ducers of the country. It is possible agree on wages, the popocrats of the that they have not reaped the full benecountry are absolutely blind to the fact fit from it they expected, but it can be that 200,000 coal miners have received asserted with absolute certainty that the an increase of wages in pursuance of an agreement reached last January, that

there was a 20 per cent advance it FORESTRY IN TWO STATES. wages in a large number of woolen mills not long ago, that there has been an advance of 15 per cent in wages to men in

year the forest preserve board will have continue the purchases. Not only this, but a bill has been introduced in the leg islature on suggestion of the governor providing that 25,000 acres of forest be

twenty-five years for purposes of experiment in forest preservation and culture. The governor, it is stated, desires to convince the people of the state that with proper care the forests can be made promises and the extravagance of their a source of profit to the state, and that political predictions. It is understood the state will be able to keep its grand they were thrown upon the rocks by forests and at the same time sell wood a rough political sea. and lumber each year sufficient to pay

more than the cost of keeping. The There is great hurrying and scurrysuccess of such an experiment would uning of the feet of leaders of the fusionon all sorts of flimsy pretexts should be questionably be of incalculable value to ist wing of the populist party in order the cause of American forestry. that they may keep up appearances in In Colorado the forestry problem is their sham "union of reform forces." still to be d-alt with in its primary Bryan, Butler, Dubois and Hariman stages. The state association is on record have gone to Minnesota to tell the Minnesota populists what they must do, and ests, with military protection for the that, too, with Ignatius Donnelly still a to be bored!

as recently locomotives. that city and was surprised at the amoun Finn-de-siecle

of work that had been accomplished, and he beauty of the buildings. Whatever the success of the fair financially, from an ar-latic and architectural standpoint, it will take rank among the great expositions of the day. To my mind, the arrangements of the grounds and the designs of the buildings are superior to the Chicago exposition though, of course, not on so grand a scale. of a conflict with Spain admonish thieves and reign of unsuppressed law-The buildings are prettier, more attractive, and artistic than the structures of the White lessness and licentiousness is due almost wholly to the imbecility of the City, and that is saying a great deal. The Agriculture building is finished, the skeleton framework of the Government building is officers in control and the examples of outlawry set by the members of the poup, the Fine Arts building is quite well long, and Mines and Mining practically inished. There is a tremendous demand fo space from people who want to exhibit from every section of the country, and over ten ence and an ex-chief whose official

times the space at the disposal of the au-thorities could easily be apportioned." Morton's Borrowed Poem.

A poem entitled "Plant Trees," purportto look for faithfulness from subordihave been written by Hon, J. Sternates? When the police board itself ing Morton, has recently had an extensive elrculation, likewise a charge laid at Mr. Morton's door that he had purloined the condones lawbreaking and openly assures law-defiers of police protection, oem and passed it off as his own. Th harge was an unjust one, as is shown by what can be expected of the policeman the following letter from Mr. Morton him

'ARBOR LODGE, NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. Enlarging the police force cannot meet , 1898 .-- Charles J. Brown, Rochester, N. Y. -My Dear Sir: I have received your letter ontaining a copy of a tree-planting poem, which seems to have been sworn on to me. But the fact is, I do not know who the author of those verses may have been, but know that I have not the right to claim their paternity, although I had them struck off on cardboard, and circulated quite gen-

erally among school teachers for use at Arbor day plantings throughout the United States. As the originator of Arbor day, I death. have of course endeavored to utilize every-thing which would encourage tree-planting in this country, either on that anniversary

or at may other time. "J. STERLING MORTON." The poem in question was written several years ago by Mr. Henry Abbey of Kingston, N. Y., for the use of the school children of that city on the occasion of their first baervance of Arbor day.

# AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE MAN. Nausen's Dislike for Lecturing

the Money in It. Thiston Transcri

Money and motoriety-the almighty dollar and popular personal descriptions in the public prints-are so highly regarded in this free land of ours that Dr. Namen's attitude toward us is scarcely understood His self-respecting boredom in lecturing is considered affectation, and his every-day manly homesickness is looked upon by many people as a lack of appreciation of his op-portunities. It is as impossible for many of our citizens to understand how a man

could joyously dispense with thousands of dollars which he might have gained by going on talking in public, as it is how any-body, except for this very purpose of making a lecture tour afterward, should try to reac the north pole while acknowledging, as Dr. Nansen has done, that no commercial use could be made of his explorations in the arctic

Yet, as a matter of fact, Nansen has done us a good turn by going home. He has set up once more before Americans the ideal of a man who likes something class even better than the heaping up of money. Nan sen's preference for icebergs to our steam-heated houses and trains is genuine. Thousands of Americans find themselves ously delighted on returning to their own native shores, and who will begrudge Napsen his pleasure of shaking the dust of this, to him, foreign country from his shoes, and returning to his own native land. It is customary to gird at foreigners who come over here and carry away too many thousands of our dollars for singing, acting or lecturing. Then why not, merely on a cash basis, admire Dr. Nansen for leaving some behind which he might have carried home in his chequebook if he had consented longer

which stamps them as A bill to tax bachelors \$2 a year, intro-

luced in the New Jersey house, was referred to the committee on lunatic asylum. The re-election of Paul Kruger indicates hat the voters of the Transvaal place a higher value on horse sense than on conentional whiskers.

Walter Ralston, who travels for the Smith nian fustitution, has made a special study of poisonous insects and reptiles and has en funged over 200 times.

Poughkeepsle, N. Y., has a girl phenom who, at the age of 2 years, played the plano. No wonder the New York rush to the Klonlike has become menacing.

In Atlanta a policeman hereafter must b presentable person. The rule has been laid lown that the guardians of the public peace nust shave three times a week or lose their

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has riticism. warded to Herman C. Mueller, the artist of anesville, O., the John Scott premiunand medal "to the most deserving" for his process for manufacturing modules.

John E. Pannier of Chippewa Falls, Wis., cently elected county judge, is the young-st judge in the United States. He is only 21 years old, and is the first republican to cupy that particular office in sixteen years. Major Curtis of Boston, who has just passed way, was among the few adherents to the Vebsterian blue swallow-tail coat with brass uttons. It was a garb that belonged to the pratorical period in the history of the republic. It was identified with the statesman's сга.

John S. Fudge of Albany chewed tobacc for fifty years and then decided to quit. The much of their time in England, and who, ro lack of the narcotle caused nervous pros tration and the doctors say Mr. Fudge will Caine and Allen have not yet percented, we die, if he does not resume the habit. It is need say nothing. But even the poor snobs novel situation-a chew of tobacco o

When a young hunter of Cumberland, Me. failed to come home at night a searching party set out and found his body lying beside a big tree that had failen. It was sup-posed that he had stumbled in climbing over the log and in some way caused the accidental discharge of his gun. EUs two dog stood beside the body. It was their howi

ng that guided the searchers to the spot. The kaiser's example is infectious. The burgomaster of Schkenditz has recently is sued an order requiring the townspeople to wear their best clothes on Sunday. A sta-bleman has been fined for violation of the order, although he proved that he had been grooming and feeding his master's horse and was cen his way home. Instead of dressing up, it looks as though there should be a general dressing-down in the Vaterland.

When woman wills she will. When Papa Spreckels objected to his daughter's choice f a husband the dutiful girl resented paterna advice by deeding back to Spreckels property he had given her. But there was a string to the deed. The husband thinks she acted bastily in giving up a good thing in a huff. and, as he acquired an equity in the propert by marriage and did not sign a walver. I has cited the governor to appear in court and show by what right he holds the property it is feared the proceedings will insinuate nto Papa Spreckels' mind the idea that his son-in-law did not marry the daughter for herself alone.

> WHY is it that the great Missionary Societies supply to their missionaries abroad ROYAL **Baking** Powder exclusively?

Waltz around the pole in pairs elonging to the wealthiest family of the belonging to the wealthiest family of the city. Yet under Mr. Grant Allen's manipula-tion they are put on a rhetorical level with New England peasants and Georgia crack-ers. Even their constant and intimate as-sociation with highly cultivated English Very rarest of parhelia; Very rarest of parhelia; contlemen and ladies avails them nothing They remain hopeless and incurable clodnoppers to the end.

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Gentlemen,

hey only

hey are Philadelphians and are

Trip it, all ye merry dancers, In the alriest of lancers; Slide, ye solemn glaciers, slid One inch farther to the tide, slide

and the rest of them ever imagine what asses they make of themselves in these Know you not what fate awaits you, tupid caricatures. It is safe to say that Or to whom the future mates you? All ye icebergs make salaam-Americans; All ye icebergs make salaam-You belong to Uncle Sam! On tho spot where Eugene Sue Led the wretched Wandering Jew. Stands a form whose features strike Russ and Esquimaux alke. He it is whom Skalds of old In their Runie rhymes foretold; Lean of dask and hak of dom but we should think they would make the English authors blush if they really under tood the facts. We are ready to confess o the American papa and mamma of a cretain class-the class which, unfortunately, is most

obstrusively conspicuous abroad-but even in he worst instances of these it rarely happens Lean of flank and lank of jaw, See the real Northern Thor! See the awful Yankee leering that the daughter can be included in the Rich persons in this country, Just across the Straits of Bering; On the drifted snow, too plain, Sinks his fresh tobacco stain whatever may be their own defects of ulture, invariably give their children the most careful and complete education that money can procure, and those children use just as pure and elegant English in their Just behind the deep inden-Tation of his number 19.

conversation as can be heard in the most exclusive drawing rooms of London or in the Leaning on his ley hammer exclusive drawing rooms of Lendon or in the best country houses throughout the king-fom. Anyone with the smallest knowledge of American life should be aware of this aotorious truth. Certainly, mon who write books and undertake to put American char-icters in them, must be deliberate cads or neonceivable ignoramuses to persist in the aborious misrepresentation which charac-erizes the provisits were advantage. notorious truth. Certainly, mon who write books and undertake to put American characters in them, must be deliberate cads or But the lee crop's pretty sure, And the air is kind o' pure; 'Tain't so very mean a trade, laborious misrepresentation which characrizes the novelists we are discussing. Of the thousands of well born, well bred

Tain't so very mean a trade, When the land is all surveyed and highly cultured Americans who spend There's a right smart chance for fur-chase, along this recent purchase loubt, frequently society into which Measure. unless the stories fail And, unless the stories fail, Every fish, from cod to whale; Rocks, too; mebbe quartz; let's see— 'Twould be strange if there should be-Seems I've heerd such stories told; Eh! Why, bless us; yes, it's gold!' While the blows are failing thick Prove bis Colligents pick and toadies whom these writers have in view, and of whom nothing too contemptious can be said, from our point of view-even

these are entitled to fair dealing in the matter of their children. The latter may From his California pick. natter of their children. The latter may be-probably are if they abase themselves or British notice-the most servile climbers n the world at heart. They speak pure See the real magician's hammer. be-probably are if they abase themselves for British notice-the most servile climbers



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The problem of forest preservation ultimately becomes a question of forest culture. This stage has already been reached in New York, where the state is spending vast sums of money for purchase of the Adirondack forests, Already

the structural iron mills and a substantial increase in the wages paid to the workers in the glass factories. These are a few instances where the return of prosperity has brought substantial benefits to the American workingmen, and one does not need to look far to see many other evidences of the same fact.

While the United States is in the relief

business it might be well to send an exgiven in trust to Cornell university for pedition to relieve the band of popo-

eratic conspirators who moved on Columbus, O., a few weeks ago, where they attracted great attention for a short time by the profusion of their