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The new 16 to 1 is the policy of providing sixteen new war ships for one navy already sufficiently formidable to cause Spain to hesitate.

The Nebraska Exposition commission seems to be greatly exercised lest too much of their appropriation runs away before the campaign of 1898 sets in.

That Indian supply depot may be a trifle slow in coming, but when it arrives our business men should clinch its location so that it will not even try to get away.

Licensed liquor_dealers bave a just grievance against the drug store saloon and they will have popular approval in any move they may make for its suppression.

"Coin" Harvey, who is now sure that much larger than it is and Spain may there will be war, was also sure that at any time put a stop to this aid. Senthe country would have a panic unless his theories of finance were acted upon promptly. Cuba have described the terrible scenes

The recent snowstorm which covered the northwest nipped the croakers who had been sure all along that there would not be enough water in the ground this spring to start the crops.

Massachusetts may not have secured many miles of good roads by its system of forcing the tramps to work on the roads, but there are fewer tramps and less complaint about the roads.

The fusion managers of Union county, Oregon, asked the populists for a vote

UPON HOMANITARIAN GROUNDS. In his annual message President Mcwith the view expressed by Senator Gal-Kinley said that intervention in Cuba linger, that human life purposely taken upon humanitarian grounds had been cannot be paid for in gold or silver; that frequently suggested and had not falled there is a question of national honor to receive his most anxious and earnest involved that cannot be disposed of for consideration, but he thought it was not a financial consideration. Unquestion- making them? reduce rates of freight then timely to take such a step. The ably this is the general feeling, yet if shipments within the state. These comnew government in Spain had given as- we cannot conclusively establish connec- missioners have been in office nearly a surance that reforms would be insti- tion of the Spanish authorities at tuted in accordance with the needs and Havana with the disaster how shall we circumstances of the time and a new justify making it a cause of war? military commander in Cuba had prof-But there is no profit in indulging fered a broad elemency to the people of conjectures as to what may happen the island in arms against Spanish rule. pending official announcement of the

The president urged that it was honestly findings of the naval board. The redue to Spain and to our friendly rela- port is expected in Washington today tions with that country that she should or tomorrow and it will be communibe given a reasonable chance to realize cated by the president to congress and her expectations and to prove the as- the country as soon after its arrival as he serted efficacy of the new order of things shall deem expedient. Meanwhile the to which she stands irrevocably com- public must remain patient, paying no mitted and he expressed the opinion that heed to sensational reports and mainthe near future would demonstrate taining confidence in the wisdom,

whether the indispensable condition of prudence and patriotism of those in aua righteous peace, just alike to all conthority. cerned, is likely to be attained. "If

FOR A STATE CORN PROPAGANDA. not," said the president, "the exigency of further and other action by the As the great corn state, Nebraska United States will remain to be taken. ought to take special interest in every When that time comes that action will movement to enlarge the market for its be determined in the line of indisputable staple farm product and to popularize right and duty. It will be faced, with- its use. The recently organized Ameriout misgiving or hesitancy, in the light can Maize Propaganda with Hon. Clark of the obligation this government owes E. Carr of Galesburg as president and public has ceased to manifest any curito itself, to the people who have con- B. W. Snow of Chicago as secretary fided to it the protection of their in appeals to the support and co-operation terests and honor, and to humanity." of every farmer in the corn belt. This Further the president declared: "If it organization, which has taken the name shall hereafter appear to be a duty im- maize instead of corn, because the forposed by our obligations to ourselves, to mer is the one familiar in Europe, aims civilization and humanity to intervene to propagate the use of the cereal as with force, it shall be without fault on food in both its raw and manufactured

our part and only because the necessity state in foreign lands. In doing this it for such action will be so clear as to will incidentally help to build up those command the support and approval of great industrial interests of the home the civilized world." country, such as glucose works, corn-

Has the time come when our obligastalk fiber factories and corn flour mills. tions to civilization and humanity de- that utilize the maize as raw material mand that our government shall take and create a home market for the golden steps to terminate the work of death and ears.

desolation in Cuba? Are the circum-It is the design of the American Maize stances such as justify action on the Propaganda to carry on its operations in part of the United States to this end? part through sub-organizations of the It is well known that there has been various states. The work of state orlittle if any improvement in the situaganization is already under way, the tion in Cuba under the present adminis-Illinois State Maize Propaganda having tration of affairs. Blanco has kept the been completed and the Iowa State reconcentrados where his predecessor Maize Propaganda being in formation.

placed them and tens of thousands of Nebraska ought to put itself in the front them have died since he succeeded to of this movement by promptly falling in the command, the Spanish government with this plan of state organization. As doing practically nothing for them. But the corn state par excellence it has as for American charity the record of death much and more to gain as any of its from starvation and disease would be neighbors, since anything that will in-

crease or even steady the price of its annual corn product means millions of ators of the United States who have dollars for the farmers of this state. personally investigated the conditions in The state and county agricultural socletles can not exert themselves to any of suffering they witnessed there and more useful purpose than to bring Ne-

Transmississippi Exposition-Dear Sir: Don't

you think the reputation Omaha is getting

will scare away a great many who would like

to attend the exposition? I would suggest

confidence in the safety of the city, so that

it can be advertised before the opening of

the exposition that Omaha is a safe place

by day or night for strangers or anyone else.

And get the public to understand that the

police is efficient. Something of this kind

The exposition with its attendant

throngs will impose a task upon the po-

lice which would tax the resources of

C. N. STODDARD.

have declared that Spanish policy is one braska in line with the American Maize of extermination. The statements of Propaganda. these reputable and trustworthy witnesses have made a profound impres-CONFIDENCE MUST BE RESTORED. sion upon the country. It is not to be The following letter, addressed to the president of the exposition, should serve

doubted that many who have thought our government should stand aloof and to impress the citizens of Omaha with let Spain and the Cubans settle their the necessity of prompt reorganization ocnflict have become convinced that the of their police department under an ex-United States, as a duty to civilization perienced and competent chief, who will and humanity, should take action for restore confidence in the ability and inending the deplorable conditions in tention of the city to protect visitors

Cuba, even at the cost of war. from crooks and lawless characters: A message from the president to con-VILLISCA, Ia., March 22, 1898 .- President

jority of the American people will agree this seems to be the misfortune of Iowa under its present system.

The \$6,000-alyear do-nothing state rall-

way commission announces its intention to go after the railroads with a view to year and a half without the railroads encountering any opposition or inconvenience from that source, and it is safe to say that the rallway managers are not now apprehensive. It is notorious

There will be no trouble about hall accommodations for the conventions and congresses of ordinary size that meet here during the exposition. Omaha has plenty of halls of moderate dimensions. The big gatherings with thousands of delegates, however, will need a big convention hall, if not the Coliseum one of approximately similar capacity. The hall proposition, furthermore, should not be relegated to an eleventh-hour position.

that the railroads pull the strings and

the commissioners do the rest.

It is some consolation to know that even if ex-Minister Hannis Taylor suc-Alabama district it will be after the osity about that inside information in regard to the Spanish court he is supposed to be saving for an opportunity to use as a sensation maker.

Patent Office Surplus. Globe-Democrat.

The patent office came out \$252,000 ahead ast year and has more than paid expenses in the past by nearly \$5,000,000. With proper deficit of nanagement the annual postal \$11,000,000 could be easily renedled.

Work for Two Hands. Indianapolis Journal.

On Thursday last nineteen steamships were chartered to load grain at eastern cities for European ports, their aggregate cargoes beng 3,000,000 bushels. The United States can whip Spain with one hand and feed the rest of Europe with the other.

Pointer for "Divine Righters." Vashington Sta

Prominent Europeans who have declared that a republican form of government is a failure will no doubt be surprised to note, by the plans for securing pleasant inauguration weather, that the country looks for-ward to electing presidents as usual.

Benefits of a War Scare.

The factories of the country are working turn on swords, guns and bombs, and the war scare is thus putting bread an butter into many thousands of mouths. There may be a drop in the agricultural implement may be a drop in the agricultural implement market when the swords shall come to be a forced draft of \$255,000 more. A hot enboaten into ploughshares; but it is early yet gagement of an hour's duration, then, would for solicitude on that point.

Blanco's "Human Trochn." Philadelphia Ledge

Captain General Blanco's new device for clearing Cuba of rebels, by forming a line f troops across the island and driving every.

thing before it, sounds very much like Wey er's great scheme of forming a human "trocha," which should sweep away every rebel as it moved in serried column across the island Weyler's plan failed because the insurgents manifested an invincible repugnance to being swept, but, perhaps, Blance has a later patent on the device.

Polo, Not Bernabe.

When the new Spanish minister was born his name was Polo, for the very primary

SIGNS OF THE TIMES. The trade of the United States with Cuba decreased from \$96,000,000 in 1894 to \$25,-500,000 in 1897.

The two Brazilian cruisers transferred to the American navy have been named New Orleans and Albany

For the moment the Spacish treasury is The queen regent relieved the tional stringency by contributing \$8,000,000 from her private purse. Missouri horses and mules are stepping

high these days. Uncle Sam wants the horses for cavalry service, and the mules are going to Cuba for like use. A subscription list for a fund to erect monument to the dead sailors of the Maine

has been opened at the City of Mexico. Cubon women headed the paper with \$25. Boston reports thirty-nine stearships of

American register in readiness to mount either six-pounders, 2-inch rapid-fire guns or torpedo tubes, and the owners say they can be turned over for immediate service.

The volanta, used by ex-President Cleveland while in Havona some years ago, has just been destroyed by a company of volun-teers. They broke into the stable in which the enterprising owner of the volanta was exhibiting it and with rocks and clubs smashed the carriage to smithereens. Because, they said, the passenger who made it famous was a "pig." "P designation of L'Americano. "Pig" is now the

An old Georgia moonshiner thus explains why he is in favor of a foreign war: 'You

see, the government's been makin' war on us poor fellers ever sence Lee surrendered. The infernal revenue troops have been in even if ex-Minister Hannis Taylor suc-ceeds in breaking into congress from an yit! Now, ef the government would jest git into a foreign war, it would call off the revenue troops, mebbe, an' give us a chance ter make a livin'. I'm fer war, fust an last

> The New York World expert calculates that an hour's battle between such war ships as the Mastachusetts of the United States and the Palayo of Spain would cost \$1,000,000 in powder and ball. In an hour's time the Massachusetts might fire her four 13-inch guns twenty times. That would mean eighty projectiles weighing \$5,000 pounds, forty-four tons of shot and shell hurled toward her opponent. Her eight 8-inch guns might boom their fierce greetings half as often again. That would mean nearly thirtysix tons more. Powder costs 25 cents :

pound, averaging the different sorts used on a battleship. The quantity of powder used to eject these 120 tons of projectiles from the main battery only would amount to sixty tons, or \$30,000 worth. The fuses for these projectiles cost from \$4 to \$18 each. Th number used would approximate 100, and probably more. That would mean \$1,500 more of money burned. The projectiles, however, are the most expensive part of the whole fusillade. They would make a hole in the \$50,000,000 defense fund of \$240,000. The very tiniest shot from the Massachusetts' gatlings would cost 50 cents and the larger ones \$3 each. At ten shots a minute from the twenty six-pounders, twelve shots from the four one-pounders, and 200 a minute from each of the quartet of gatilyings on a con-servative basis the secondary battery would hurl \$10,000 worth of projectiles and burn

\$6,500 worth of powder. Thus, as nearly as can be calculated, the Massachusetts would expend a tortune of \$295,000 in an hour. Then, consider hcr opponent. If the Spaniards worked their guns as rapidly as w did ours and just as long, the already mean more that half a million dollars worth of powder and shell expended. The damage done would be at least twice as much, dollar for dollar, or \$1,000,000.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Onions are cheaper than they have been for years. A great deal of fragrance can be procured with little money.

It seems to be settled that the office register of the treasury is still to be held by an Afro-American. It is a way Uncle San has of showing the color of his money. The marquis of Salisbury, who is at pres

ent III, has been in public life since 1854 when, at the age of 24, he first entered Par liament. His lordship's full name is Rober Arthur Talbot Gascogne Cecil.

The Massachusetts Historical society validy reason that his father's name was Polo. It happened that the patronymic of his lady mother was Bernabe, and hence he is called We do hope that end. Luis Polo y Bernabe. Americana-it should be preserved un that the Philistine press of Washington and roken. other places will not insist upon calling him Verdi, the Italian composer, charges on Senor Bernabe, as some have begun to do pound English sterling for an autograph or a Let us reiterate; even now. signed photograph; when the request come shall make an exhibition at Omaha, name, and Bernabe only indicates what was from a wealthy admirer he asks double that that of his mother's family. His godfathers there is fear that the space allotted sum. He does not keep the money, but distributes it among the poor. Missouri is too small. This ought to be remedied. Missouri can make a great disand godmothers knew what they were about when they called him Polo. The big gilded dome of the Massachusetts play and must insist upon room accordstate house in Boston, which Dr. Holmes ing to her ability. Missouri cannot afford March of Prosperity. was "a little above the common. to indulge in any partial or restricted ex-Globe-Den to be illuminated by 500 incandescent lights. hibitions of her resources. There have been too many such exhibitions in the past. compliance with what seems to be an Henceforward the fifth state in the Ameriextremely popular desire at the Hub. Prominent Germans of Cincinnati tave arcan union should take no lower place than ranged for an elaborate celebration of Bis fifth in any competition. marck's 83d birthday, April 1. Many civic and military organizations will participate unique feature will be the planting of We must give the managers of the Omaha Exposition credit for an exhibit of great an oak tree, which is being imported from the famous Saxony woods for the occasion. Exposition credit for an exhibit of great advertising ability under difficulties. That One of Mr. Gladstone's peculiar ideas, row about the reproduction of the Bryan and which he has followed for fifteen years, is to go to bed the instant he finds that he McKinley cottages is a stroke of genius. caught cold and to remain there until he is sure he has recovered. In this way, he Whe laims, he has frequently cut short what A practicable plan for representing Oregon worthily at Omaha has been evolved. It

INTEREST IN THE EXPOSITION. Georgia Atlanta Constitution

While recent events have militated in tory that shall be open to the eyes of this open to the eyes of this provide and of the world for all time to come Omaha commission, our people should not No human speech can add anything to the lose sight of the importance which atlaches silent gratitude, the speechless reverence, to the proper display of Georgia's resources already given by a great and grateful nation at the approaching exposition. Every wide to its dead defenders and to their living kin. No act of congress providing for their needs state should feel it incumbent upon him to ald the work of the commission in every way Human nature does, in human ways, its best possible. and still feels deep in debt.

Georgia cannot afford to miss the opat every country and from every clime; and of advertising her resources the Omaha exposition. Other states in this every nerve of steel and ocean cable has immediate neighborhood have already ad carried on electric breath the sweetest, tendressed themselves to the task of collecting derest words of sympathy for that gallant suitable exhibits, and H Georgia fails to come crew who manned the Maine. But no human ing the example of these states, she must and time remain their everlasting debt have been endeavories for consequences. We be prepared to accept the consequences. We ors. It was a brave and strong and splendid have been endeavoring for years to encourage crew. They were a part of the blood and immigration from the northwest; and now, bone end sinew of our land. Two of them with the add of this rest induction from the set of the with the aid of this great industrial enter-prise, we can succeed in attracting thousands were from my native state of Iowa. Some were only received at the naval academy, of people into this state, if we only choose to avail ourselves of the opportunity which where they had so often heard the morning and evening salutation to the flag-that flag is offered us. We can never convince the world of the superior advantages which we is offered us. which had been interwoven with the deares memories of their lives-that had colored all possess so long as we keep them concealed within our own borders. Expressed in a nutsfiell, the question with which we are now their friendships with lasting blue of true Expressed in a fidelity. But whether they came from naval school But whether they came state or another confronted is this: Shall we exhibit our or civil life-from one state or another-they called each other comrade-that gom esources at the Omaha exposition and reap the benefits which are bound to accrue thereof human language which sometimes means but a little less than love and a little more

from, or shall we keep our resources at thome and allow other states to reap benefits which properly belong to us? Since the constitution of the state forbids the appropriation of money from the the treasury to meet the expenses incident to such an enterprise it is necessary to appeal and dream, through song and toil and batdirectly to the people for assistance. The members of the state commission appointed world can never know how brave they were. They never knew defeat; they never shall. While at their posts of duty sleep lured them into the abyss; then death unlocked by the governor for this purpose have de-voted themselves without reserve or compensation to the task of enlisting popular

uppport, and much progress has been made in this direction. But the time is near at Land for the exhibit to be sent to Omaha, and every moment counts. In order to make the exhibit worthy of the state, every who has Georgia's welfare at heart should give flow; just when the early sunbeams were their aid to the work which the members falling on the steps of fame, and flooding all of the commission have taken upon themelvea. Within the last few weeks the members of the commission have visited several towns in Georgia and secured their hearty co-operation; within the next few weeks they eyes of young and eager nature-just then, expect to visit the remaining towns and to receive from them the same cordial aswhich they have received from mysterious harbor of Havana, the black-if Georgia is not sufficiently in- winged vulture watches for the belated sistance which they have received from others. terested in the development of her resources dead, while over it and over all there is the to improve the opportunity which is now eagle's piercing eye sternly watching for offered her, she at least owes something to the faithful and patriotic members of the Whether the appropri-

state commission who have devoted themresolution shall be ultimately charged to fate or to some foe shall soon appear. selves with such zeal to the task of secur ing for her a suitable exhibit at the Omaha But Georgia is not blind to her interests nd when the gates of the Omaha exposition are thrown open to the world she will be on

Illinois.

While the press is occupied with "wars and rumors of wars" it should not be forgotten that the gentler arts of peace also are making commendable headway throughher exposition enterprise with all

been wiped off the map, and unless present indications are misleading it states already are represented in the Ne-

It is not a light task to carry through such an undertaking to a successful con-clusion. Money alone will not do it. Push

enterprise, perseverance and unceasing hard work also are necessary, and these essentia features Omaha fortunately possesses. The

Missouri.

Kansas City Star

Montana

Anaconda Standard.

Oregon.

Portland Teleg.am

only remains for the people to carry it out.

lows.

Papers that speak of the Transmississipp

Des Moines Capital.

Exposition as the "Omaha show" can usually be put down as boling the ticket.

IOWA'S TRIBUTE.

It was delivered during the debate

preliminary work, the real foundation of the exposition, has been well cared for, and

It is here necessary to be understood that she was using her money as a bait.

Chicago Tribune: "I ask you for bread and you give me a stone!" cried the beggar. "You are a keen observer," whispered the freeholder. tribute to her should profit by this ex-ample of industrial and commercial enterprise. Illinois will do her full share toward Judge: Brown-Tom Jackson says he is greatly troubled with cold feet. Smith (surprised)-Tom Jackson? Why, I always thought he was a bachele It is decided that the Missourl schools bu

while a patient and patriotic people, enhand with one of the best state exhibits even gathered together.

Chicago Times-Herald.

out the country. Omaha is pushing forward possibl haste, just as if both Cuba and Spain had will be one of the most complete and comprehen-sive exhibitions of its class in the history of this country. No attempt is being made to rival the world's fair, but thirty-five

braska enterprise, and it is destined to assume national proportions beyond any ques-

all that remains to be done is to complet

dust minor details already agreed upon. braska and the entire territory which pays tribute to her should profit by this

lightened by the lessons of our history-re-membering the woes of war, both to the vanquished and victorious-are ready for the truth and ready for their duty. The tumult and the shouting dies. The captains and the kings depart: Still stands thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget-lest we forget.

POINTED OBSERVATIONS.

Chicago Record: "What made you go on about the moon last night? It is the so about the moon last night? It is same old moon." "I know, but I was with a new girl."

propriate and just; but hardly is it mention.

able in contemplation of the great calamity to which it appertains. It will be an inci-

dental legislative footnote to a page of his

Expressions of condolence have come from

friendship-that gentle salutation of

the human heart which lives in all the lan-

guages of man-that winds and turns and

the human race-through deed and thought

their slumbering eyes but for an instant to

behold its dreadful carnival-mest of them

just when life was full of hopes and its tides were at their highest and grandest

life's landscape, far out into the dreamy

the nymphs were making diadems and gar

distant horizon-just at that age when all

when death seemed most unnatural. Hovering above the dark waters of that

Whether the appropriation carried by this

waving laurel wreaths before the

No fee had ever challenged them.

than

tlefield.

lands,

Humanity

Detroit Free Press: "Why does the pro-fessor say that he is just finding out how little he knows?" "His baby is beginning to ask questions."

Chicago Post: "How is it that these war rumors do not seem to disturb the corre-spondents who send them out" "Because they know how much truth there is in them."

Truth: "What is the rest of that quota-tion. 'Art is long, but-"" "Art is long, but artists are usually short."

Detroit Journal: "I am dying for the fa-vor of thine eyes!" sighed the man. "Ha!" muttered the heiress, "He bites the

on the question of fusion and the re turns showed 227 against to 64 for the scheme. They will not ask a referendum in other counties.

Canada may put up barriers to keep Americans from carrying off the gold of the Klondike, but New York brokers seem to know the secret of extracting gold from London coffers and the steady stream across the Atlantic continues.

In burnishing up store fronts and hanging new business signs, artistic work costs no more than tasteless bungling. There is no reason why any one should attempt to attract patrons by hldeous signboards that drive trade away.

The Pacific coast railroads report an increase of 33 per cent in earnings for the month of February over the previous February, while the increase of business on all the railroads of the United States averaged only 13 per cent. This gives some indication of the direction of the present prosperity center of the world.

Now Mr. Bryan denies that he ever international complications thought to said all those good things about the be impending, although there are some president and congress and their attiwho urge that for the reason we may tude toward the Maine disaster for become involved in war we ought to which he has been commended by patrichange our currency system. If we are otic Americans the past ten days. He to have war, however, the work of cursays he has never been interviewed in rency readjustment would better wait regard to the prospective war and prepuntil the war is over. arations for defense. There is nothing very new or striking

in the new measure, but those engaged in national banking will by interested A popocratic contemporary describes in its news columns how Nebraska railin it, since it proposes changes affecting roads are trebling their shipments of the national banks which the subcommittee in its report admits would imfarm machinery and implements and how more men are now employed in pose a heavy burden upon them. It is Omaha freight depots than ever before, a question whether the additional privyet it keeps right on howling calamity ileges given the banks will be generally regarded by them as a sufficient return and asserting that we can never get for what is required of them. There within reach of permanent prosperity are good features in the measure, but until we bring the country down to a monetary basis of 50-cent silver dollars. how it would operate to strengthen the public credit is not quite clear.

The fund available for paving street intersections is limited in amount. For this reason it ought to be appropriated first to the streets that engage the heavjest traffic or constitute the thoroughfares leading to the exposition which will be used most by exposition visitors, It is the duty of the council to see that the intersection paving fund is not exhausted on out-of-the-way streets that tration, but a question involving the can as well wait until more pressing improvements are completed.

A contributor who signs himself a subscriber and reader of The Bee inquires | quiry reporting that the disaster was why, if the gambling dens are being broken up, those that are operating in be submitted to arbitration. alleged cigar shops are allowed to run wide open. That is very much like the nations in advocating arbitration for the question why when the recent raid was settlement of international controversies made did Chief Gallagher feel called that do not involve national honor on to apologize to the gamblers who and dignity, but it may be doubted were caught red-handed, and why did whether popular sentiment here would he protest so vehemently that he had nothing to do with instituting it? The chief of police is the man to answer these questions, although The Bee and Maine if the decision of the naval board the public may have well grounded sus- is that the disaster was not due to accl-Diciona

gress on the Cuban situation is promised at an early day. There is reason to expect that it will recommend an important change of policy in regard to Cuban affairs, based chiefly if not wholly upon that you urge the authorities to begin a war humanitarian grounds. It is upon such on the thugs and wipe them out and restore grounds that intervention, if at all defensible, could be best justified and would be most likely to command the approval of the civilized world.



will have to be done if you want to get a paying crowd. After prolonged deliberation the subcommittee of the house banking and currency committee has formulated a meas ure intended to strengthen the public the most efficient police chief in the credit, relieve the treasury and amend country, and with which inexperienced the national banking law, which has

men will be absolutely unable to cope. been submitted to the full republican Omaha, however, owes it to itself as membership of the committee. The bill well as to its guests to take every reawill doubtless undergo some changes Lesonable precaution against an unbridled fore it is ready to be reported to the reign of vice and crime. If the bogus house and it is questionable whether it reform police commissioners refuse to will receive consideration outside of wake up to the seriousness of the sitcommittee at the present session. There uation the people who are being nightly is probably less disposition now than waylaid and their houses burglarized or earlier in the session to discuss currobbed because of the utter lack of porency measures, in view of the grave

lice protection will have to take some radical action. HABITUAL CRIMINALS IN IOWA.

bill for a law to punish habitual crimiaals more severely brought out some statements suggestive if not startling. The number of convicts at the two lowa penitentiaries has greatly increased in been an SO per cent increase in crime throughout the state. The cost of crimgreat, the total for the state having been \$445,000 in 1890 and \$586,000 in 1895. Investigation shows that there are in the Iowa penitentiaries convicts serving fourth, fifth, sixth and even a high as eleventh terms. Under the present laws these habitual criminals cannot be permanently retired from circulation, but the courts can only sentence and resentence them for short

terms. ate vesterday in regard to the situation In view of the fact that the increase in Cuba, Senator Gallinger said in refof crime in Iowa is greater than in many erence to the Maine disaster that if it other states where other conditions are should appear that the lives of the 259 substantially equal, the conviction is

American sailors were "purposely forced upon Iowa legislators that habittaken" it will not be a question of arbiual criminals from other states flock to Iowa to secure the benefit of lax laws. dignity and honor of this great republic. The bill mentioned proposes that this A Madrid dispatch states that the feelshall no longer continue, but that hereing there outside of official circles is that after a third conviction for a felony in the event of the naval board of inshall be for a term not less than fifteen years and that persons habitually given

from an external force the matter should to petty crimes shall be sentenced to terms of not less than five years. The United States has led all other Habitual criminals in Iowa and elsewhere certainly demand more rigorous treatment. The purpose of punishment for crime is to prevent repetition by reformation or otherwise. When it becomes evident that there is no possibility of permit the government to submit to arbitration the question as to Spanish rehas the unquestioned right to restrain sponsibility for the destruction of the the criminal permanently. Where this

Indications of the country's growth in pros perity appear on every hand. The statis-tician of the Department of Agriculture says the farmers in 1897 got \$130,000,000 more fo their cereals than they did in 1896, and \$80. 000,000 more than in any other year since 1892. The farm animals increased to the extent of \$236,000,000 in 1897, and the gain in the entire agricultural interest of the coun try in 1897 over 1896 is put at \$500,000,000 No such increase as this in twelve month has been scored in many years. This accounts for the large number of farm mort gages in the various states which are re ported to have been paid off in 1897. prosperity begins with the farmers and farm workers it is always substantial, and diffuse tself throughout all occupations and all ele ments of the population. Prosperity this time struck the farmers and farm workers first.

PROGRESS OF ROAD REFORM.

inhstantial Advance Noted in the Eastern States. Philadelphia Times

Good roads are wanted by everybody in every section who has any occasion to use the public highways for any purpose. But The debate in the Iowa legislature on good roads cost money, and just at present there is a great deal of legislative experimenting with a view to the division of the cost of good roads so that nobody will be oppressed with the burden of road taxation. New Jersey's road law divides the cost of its stone roads equally between state, county and the property owners along the rou! recent years and in ten years there has of the highway. Pennsylvania has a new road law in a state of suspended animation for the lack of a state appropriation of \$1 throughout the state. The cost of crim-inal prosecutions is correspondingly now before the New York legislature, having passed the lower house, which divides the cost of permanent roads equally between state and county. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania

pense. are not the only states that have enacted legislation for the construction of permanent highways, but as they are adjoining states bey are disposed to adopt legislation on is subject possessing many points of simi-The agitation which has promoted and a promoting this sort of legislation has been greatly stimulated by the universal use of the bicycle as a highway of clay or sand is practically useless as a bicycle track

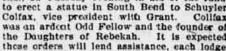
tor the greater part of the time. Apart from the anxiety of the wheelmen to be able to ride everywhere at any season the intelligent portion of the community are learn-ing that good roads are a good investment to any community, as they attract would-be residents and enable the farmers to move their crops and do their marketing much

while it is only equitable to divide the cost of making good roads among all the interests that will be benefited thereby, and this means that the state, the county and the property owners have each a stake in their construction and maintenance, yet remains true that substantial roads are costly in the making, and those who want good roads and expect to profit by them should be willing to contribute their just share toward their maintenance. The great-

est hindrance to road reform is the unwil-lingness of the country people to make a liberal outlay for the construction of good roads, and until there is a change in respect the progress of the present move The agitation which has resulted in some good road legislation in New Jersey and reformation of the individual the state promises good road laws in New York and Pennsylvapla ultimately, is timely and should be persisted in. The stone roads of New Jersey make road reformers of all policy is pursued in one state and ig-nored in another professional crime be-have a few good roads to serve as object dent. Undoubtedly a very large ma- comes more common in the latter, and lessons

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might otherwise have been a serious ill General Lew Wallace spoke at South Bend Ind., on Tuesday evening in aid of the fund



in the country contributing such sums as th members see fit

Speaker Reed has received from a con Beautiful Wreath of Eloquence Laid stituent in his Maine congressional district a letter from a farmer saying that his farm is worth about \$600; that there is a mortgag on the Graves of the Maine's Dead. Congressman Cousins of Iowa, last Mon day, paid an eloquent tribute to the brave soldiers who went down to death on the of \$400 on the property and that he make both ends meet and pay off the in cumbrance. He therefore asks the speake Maine. to see if he can't get the members of con great to subscribe \$1 aplece toward liquidat on the bill for relief of the survivors and the families of the victims, and fully susing the debt. Mr. Reed has passed the hat. tains Mr. Cousins' reputation as an orator. It contains beauty of sentiment and tender Another patriotic monument is threatened sympathy. The gallact fight made by Hon. William single-handed. The speech is as follows: Alde Smith. agains Mr. Speaker, whether this measure shall prevail, either in the form in which it has Spanish army in Havana, when, according to his own account, he routed a squad o impertinent soldiers with his umbrella be come from the committee or in the form as

gueso they made fun of his plug hat and proposed in the amendment, it is both apbug-tailed coat, has excited the greatest ad miration among his colleagues in congress and they propose embalming his heroic deed in a suitable monument-at the hero's ex-

Always Dan Gillett, a mining expert, spends mos of his time in the silent mountains of Ari zona and New Mexico. When he feels that the solitude of that region is becoming oppressive he hits him to New York, hires a room on Broadway and when weather per-mit sits at an open window for hours at a time. The roar of city traffic rests him from the networks string produced by un-**On Deck** from the nervous strain produced by unbroken silence in the mountains. He finds especially reposeful when a truck loaded with building iron passes by his hotel.

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THE NEW ALLIANCE. Chicago Tribune My countries, 'tis of thee, On both sides of the sea, Of thee I sing! Land where John Bunyan d'e', Land of Ben Franklin's pride, Across the ocean wide, Let "Comrades" ring!

My native country, thee. My other country-gee Thy names I love! I love thy chalky cliffs, I love thy Yankee stiffs, Gone are thy little tiffs, Thou'rt hand and glove!

Now let thy cockney slang Be heard with nasal twang, Yank-Englishman! A hundred million throats A nundrea million involts Shall sound triumphant notes From Maine to John O'Groat's, John Bullathan!

A LESSON IN (ASTRONOMY.

Youth's Companion. The solar system puzzled us, Miss Mary said she thought it would, And so she gave us each a name. And made it all into a game, And then we understood.

Theresa, with her golden hair All loose and shining, was the Sun, And round her Mercury and Mars, Venus, and all the other stars Stood waiting, every one

I saw the Earth, with little Nell Beside me for the Moon so round, And Saturn had two hoops for rings, And Mercury a pair of wings, And Jupiter was crowned.

Then when Miss Mary waved her hand, Each slow and stately in our place, We circled round the Sun until A Comet, that was little Will, Came rushing on through space.

He darted straight into our midst. He whirled among us like a flash. The stars went flying, and the Sun. And laughing, breathless, wild with fun, The "system" went to smash.



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AS TO ARBITRATION. In the course of his speech in the sen-