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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION ste of Nebraska, Douglas county, selected I. Tzschuck, secretary of The Rec Publing company, being duly sworn, says that in und number of full and complete copies of The Ily. Morning, Evening and Sunday Bee printeding the month of March, 1898, was as follows

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Governor Holcomb should have super wised that settlement with Bartley by substitute.

Plant trees. Arbor day is coming, but there is nothing to compel tree planters to wait for the arrival of Arbor day.

We fear that several high officials in Washington and Madrid omitted their patronage may be later gathered by the customary devotional exercises yester-

The lively municipal campaign in progress in South Omaha is only another proof that it is one of the liveliest of the soil and giving preference to lawtowns in the country.

The fact should not escape notice that when the agents of the United States offer dollars for defense ships the other party to the deal does not ask what kind

The admissions made by the police board outlaws of their own violation of law and disregard of duty should be sufficient cause for their removal by any honest and conscientious governor.

The only time a governor can delegate his powers to a substitute or perform his duties by proxy is when he is out of the state, incapacitated for service or suspended by legislative impeachment.

The United States will never engage in a war of conquest. It is inconsistent with the principles upon which the great republic was founded to yield to acquisitiveness and the desire for territorial enlargement.

The man who returns penniless from the Klondike finds it impossible to get his hard luck story given the same prominence in the Pacific coast newspapers as the fairy tales of those who have gathered gold.

A larger number of entries on mineral lands were made in the United States in the eight months previous to March 1 than in the entire fiscal year of 1897. The Yukon is not the only glittering attraction in North America.

Governor Holcomb has not yet explained how he came to try to justify his acceptance of pieces of paper in lieu of cash in the Bartley settlement by citing a supreme court decision that was not handed down until a year after the gigar box episode.

Farming the county poor farm claimants has proved to be the most profitable farming in which Omaha lawyers ever engaged. The next best thing to being on the payroll of a billion-dollar corporation is to be in partnership with claimants to poor farm relief.

turned over to the police a thief caught peachment. in the act of robbing his shop. Why not do away with the police force and enlist a barbers' brigade? They could out of the dilemma into which he had certainly do no less toward suppressing crime than the local police are doing.

The Bee is a newspaper that prints all the news from day to day, but does not try to impose upon patrons by manufacturing fakes or setting affoat baseless sensations just to sell a few hundred extra papers. This is why the people prefer to pay a fair price for The Bee rather than buy a fake sheet at a give- strance was promptly filed with the govaway price.

The people of Montana submit cheerfully to taxation that the state may pay annually more than \$85,000 in bounties for wolf scalps. Since they hold the sheep growing industry so dear they ought to be willing to vote for it as well as pay a bounty to prevent its destruction. Free trade is worse than wolves in a flock of sheep.

The inauguration of the exposition promises to be a gorgeous affair. With the governors of thirty states surrounded by their military staffs arrayed in superb uniforms at the head of the procession and the fantastic orientals of the Midway bringing up the rear, the show will beat anything ever witnessed west of the Mississippi.

Chief of Police Gallagher denies that there is more crime in Omaha than usual. If so, why is the chief asking for an enlarged force on the ground that the present department is unable to cope with the ever-increasing number of crooks attracted to Omaha by the assurance of immunity offered by incompetent and inefficient police officers?

WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT. When congress adjourned last Friday

it was with the expectation that President McKinley would communicate with that body today in regard to the Cuban question, but the message of the president will probably not be transmitted and short man and all the crooks, thugs before tomorrow. In dealing with so momentous a matter the executive very properly desires to give it the most careful deliberation and the better judgment of the country will commend him for not being in undue haste to present his views to congress. With the issue of peace or war in the balance, there is a ating under their wing. It will also give to the consideration of that issue Holcomb's action in reappointing Herdhis most careful and conscientious thought, so that when his judgment of national duty shall have been declared none can doubt that it has been reached through an enlightened, patriotic and dispassionate conviction of what the

situation demands. There is no intimation as to what the nature of the presidential message will be, but it is safe to expect that it will relegate the Cuban question wholly to congress, with the assurance that whatever action that body may take will receive executive approval. The president can very properly do this, after baving exhausted the resources of diplomacy in a vain effort to bring about the only results that would be just to the Cubans and satisfactory to the American peo ple. He has done all that he can do The final decision is with congress and it is not to be doubted that when that decision is reached President McKinley will be found in accord with it. Until then, let calmness and patience continue to prevail.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BET Spring planting has just been begun by the political farmers who never turn a spade or guide a plow. In the offices of corporation lawyers and political hucksters the seed is being pat into packages and the directions prepared which the real farmer is expected to follow so that the crop of offices and

hand at harvest time. When the republican party was firmly entrenched in power in Nebraska it was justly denounced for ignoring the tillers yers and professional politicians, Since the advent of the bogus reform combination into control the political farmers have appeared in the popocratic garb and practice their smooth work upon the well-meaning but too credulous populist or democrat.

When the populists broke away from the old parties in the hope of achieving reforms which they believed could not be secured in any other way, they organized themselves into the people's ind-pendent party. In the new organization every member was to be independent. No ring rule and no caucus domination were to be countenanced. It was to be a party of the people and by the people.

Whatever may have been the situation in the beginning the party could hardly have gotten further from its original moorings than it is today. Not only has it been brought under the arbitrary rule of the most dictatorial close-corporation ring that has ever been formed in the state's history, but its rulers have joined with the satraps of the democratic and so-called silver republican parties to form a political trust that holds the reins for all three and appropriates for itself the entire political harvest. Instead of an independent party carrying out the popular will, it registers the commands of a self-constituted machine and that machine manned not by members of its own party but by the confederated spoilsmen and corporation cappers of

three parties. What can the harvest be under such conditions? How can the farmers and producers who were led to expect reform from the populist party look for relief from corporate domination from political machine more securely dominated by the corporations than any that has gone before? It is well to remember that figs do not grow from

A TRIUMPHANT VINDICATION.

Grave charges were preferred before Governor Holcomb against three members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on Monday, March 28, and the governor respectfully requested to set a time and place for a hearing An Italian barber has arrested and of the testimony in support of the im-

The governor took three days to concoet a plan by which he could crawl been drawn by his law-defying imbecile appointees.

On Thursday, March 31, he notified the complainant by telegraph that he had selected a substitute to make the investigation which the law expressly requires him to make personally, and gave him less than eighteen hours to prepare his case and bring his witnesses. Against this illegal proceeding a remon-

Instead of giving this protest due con sideration the governor wired a night message, declaring that he would ignore the remonstrance and that the substitute would appear at Omaha in the morning to proceed with an investigation that was foreordained to be a rip-roaring farce. The substitute who was commissioned to act as impartial judge for the governor had no sooner arrived in Omaha than he put himself in full communion with the accused commissioners and their disreputable satellites. The next chapter of the farce was enacted when the so-called referee started on his white-washing job. With impressive dignity and pompousness he declared to the assembled spectators that the governor could not be expected to conduct personally an investigation that would take at least one week to complete. And then the substitute governor finished the week's work of in-

vestigation in three hours by the watch.

the part of our citizens for better police

We violate no confidence in assuring the people of Omaha, including the long and gamblers who have congregated here out of respect for the reform police commission, that the report of the governor's substitute will be a complete exoneration of the Herdman-Peabody-Gregory police board triplets, the chief of police, and all the hold-up gang opersolemn obligation upon the president to be a triumphant vindication of Governor man while the most serious charges impeaching his official integrity were pend-

> And the organ which Judge Gregory has repudiated will continue to play the same old tune at the same old stand.

BAD BANK DIRECTORSHIP. A short time ago one of the principal national banks of Philadelphia failed. made by the bank examiner having diseashier is that he falsified the reports to the comptroller of the currency and his examination has brought out some facts that are of general interest. It quainted with its unsafe condition fully made to the comptroller of the currency and allowed matters to drift along without any earnest effort to correct them. Although their attention was repeatedly called to the bank's condition and they were threatened that they would be held responsible, it appears that this had little or no effect with them. They allowed disaster to overtake the institution and while provision has been made to pay the depositors in course of time, no credit for this is due the direcpolitical spoilsmen who are always at

> We say the matter is one of general interest because such an instance of dereliction on the part of bank directors not only suggests the question whether this is an exceptional case, whether there may not be many similar cases of bad and dishonest bank directorship, but also suggests the question whether the law relating to bank directors is sufficiently stringent and is enforced as it should be. A Philadelphia paper makes the remarkable statement that it has come to pass that in some banks of that city, in order to insure an attendance at board meetings, a gold coin is placed in front of each seat at the directors' table and the paper remarks that "this is a sad commentary." Perhaps this is peculiar to Philadelphia. but there can be no doubt that there are other cities where the indifference of national bank directors to their duties and sworn obligations as such is very nearly as great as among some of them in the Quaker city, who must have a financial consideration in hand in order to induce them to discharge the re-

sponsibilities they have assumed. The law provides that bank directors the affairs of the association with which they are connected. Doubtless a great majority of them do so, but every bank failure evidences the fact that there are some who do not. Such instances of furnish a forceful argument for more stringent legislation in regard to national bank directors, as has been repeatedly urged upon congress by every comptroller of the currency for a number of years.

A SETBACK FOR REMONETIZATION. The British government has hit silver another blow and perhaps a final one. Last week the secretary of state for India made a statement showing the impossibility of reopening the India mints to silver, under present conditions, whereupon the House of Commons appointed a committee, with practically all the powers of a royal commission, to inquire into the practicability of the Indian government's proposal for a gold basis. There is every reason to expect, in view of what was said by Lord Hamilton, secretary of state for India, that the commission will report in favor of a gold basis for that country. Lord Hamilton said that it would be impossible to reopen the India mints without some international agreement and he did not think such an agreement possible for the reason that France would not accept a less ratio than 151/2 to 1, which could not be secured. In his opinion no nation could rehabilitate silver unaided. He contended that the policy introduced in India in 1893 had fully justified itself and that no attempt should now be

made to reverse it. The attitude of the India government in favor of establishing the gold stand ard in the only portion of the British dominions in which that standard does not exist will undoubtedly bring about that result at no very remote time, thus making the whole empire monometallic and its gold policy probably unchange able. There appears to be no reason to doubt the ability of India to carry out the proposed new departure to its legitimate consummation. There is a larg. amount of gold in British India, estimated by the director of the United States mint at over \$700,000,000. It is trae that very little of this is in the form of money, but when the gold comes to be in demand for monetary purposes and can be converted into a regular purchasing power, the banks and money a gold basis the cause of international bimetallism would be rendered well nigh hopeless, if it be not already so.

Somebody ought to keep a sharp eye on Germany while the United States and Spain are busy. The report from Liberia is to the effect that the officer of a Ger-Not only did he complete taking the man gunboat tried to collect a bill from testimony, which had been all devoted the Liberian government, and, failing in to proving our police government the this, offered to cancel the bill if the most efficient Omaha has ever enjoyed, president would recognize the German but he also established to his own satistight to a protectorate over the country. faction and the satisfaction of the gov- It is not the especial province of the Ridpath has spoken.

ernor's chief of police that there is ab-solutely no ground for any demand on the part of our citizens for better police conduct of Germany is rot in keeping with German professions of good in-

tentions.

As the people have had time to think over since the rejection of the treaty of annexation, became a certainty the sentiment in favor of acquiring Hawaii, which was quite strong in California at the outset, appears to be on the decline. Those who favor annexation have not been able to point out any material advantages that will come to California by extending the western boundary of the United States out into the middle of the Pacific ocean, while a great many good reasons have been urged against the scheme.

The proposal that wheat flour with which corn starch has been mixed shall be sold only under some name indicating that it is a mixture cannot do harm to any legitimate business interest, but there can be no excuse for requiring that a special tax shall be paid for the priv-Recently the cashier of the institution ilege of using such mixed flour. There has been arrested, the investigation is no agreement as to whether mixed flour is better or worse than pure flour. closed a condition of affairs justifying Until it is shown that corn starch is this course. The charge against the poisonous it should not be made a crime to sell it for food

There is no such thing as an anti-pass law prohibiting city officials from acwas shown that the entire board of cepting free privileges from street raildirectors of the bank were fully ac- ways. The only legislation on that subject is a section of the new city charter a year and a half before the failure and which makes it an offense for city offiyet they permitted false reports to be cials or employes to accept any valuable favor from the franchised corporations. It hardly becomes one of the popocratic sponsors of the charter to undertake to nullify the provisions incorporated into it for the purpose of stopping bribery and corruption.

The man who showed up the boodle gambling bill scandal in which Herdman was irreparably scorched and Howell and Ransom burned their fingers is not running away from the impeachment charges he has preferred against Herdman and his police board pals. When the governor gets to the point of investigating these charges personally, as required by the law, he will run against more testimony of crooked pofind.

Bryan is exerting himself to the utmost just now trying to keep the Colorado democrats in line for fusion, even at the cost of dividing the spoils with populist and republican allies. This is a sign that Colorado is by rights a republican state, because the democratic program is for fusion in republican states only. If Colorado were safely democratic the democrats would no more tolerate fusion there than they would in Georgia or Alabama.

Speaker Gaffin is reported as being busy putting in a crop of wheat and expressing the opinion that there is more money in a crop of wheat than in a crop of politics. That depends entirely upon how the farming is done. William Jennings Bryan, for example, between royalties on books and percentages on tickets shall diligently and honestly administer of admission, seems to be making politics now that a reargument

profession. It is true that there has been business of importance in Washington for every dereliction as the one here referred to congressman the past few weeks, but that fact has not prevented the democratic senator from California from be ing the central figure in numerous political conferences in Utah, Colorado and other states where fusion plans were talked over.

The Shouting Patriot.

The man whose voice is for war right of show his patriotism by staying at home and sternly refusing to smoke Havana cigara. Where Are the Spouters?

While this great wave of patriotism is sweeping over the country it is curious that the government is still so short of men to

man its war ships that it has been compelled to sponge out the offenses of deserters and offer to re-enlist them without prejudice. Westward Trend of Traffic.

Westward the trend of traffic takes its The Pacific coast railroads reported an increase of 33 per cent in easings for the mouth of February. The Alaskan gold there is fast developing the solid foundation of mighty state, on the Pacific coast compared with the volume of whose industrial production the gold of the Yukon region will be insignificant.

Small Prey for Privateers.

Excluding our coastwise trade with North merica, the total number of American ves se's cagaged in foreign trade that cleared sels and 458 steam. During the same time 2,171 foreign oailing vessels and 5,511 foreign steamships called from American ports, carrying 89 per cent of our knmense foreign Even if the done should prove to be most elect as privateersmen, there will still be a month or so from readiness be small pickings for them in the way of new conservatism in the army the

External Explosion in Prospect. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

of an exhaustion of his power. It is no longer question of suppressing isolated congress-men, each possessed of a single speech, but of internal origin and due to gross negligence

Tumultuons | Bear of Ridpath.

New York Sun. For several days the deepest thinkers in dealers will find little difficulty in col-lecting it for coinage purposes as the demand may call for it. With India on jubilation echo through the chambers of their souls. The Hon. John Clark Ridgath hadn't stridden into the arena and silkneed the Hone stridden into the arena and silkneed the Hone of monopoly and money-changing by his louder coar. Now he has stridden, and the lions are trying to have themselves sold for lion. No interests except the national intercent will survive the fermentation that has large. n 1896 shall rise into a tumult of patriotism and fire, and chall sweep all before it our part we can imagine no louder and hotter John Clark Ridpath is. Thought thinks again.

COMMENT ON BARTLEY REFERENCE, NEBRASKA CAMPAIGN OF

Crete Vidette (rep.): We were in hopes that the Bartley came was cettled, but it ap-pears to be otherwise. There is a rule in the supreme court that whenever any member is devirous of a rehearing the court accedes is desirous of a rehearing the court accedes
to his wish and a rehearing is granted. Judge
Sullivan does not seem to be satisfied with
the action of the court and hos asked for a
rehearing of the case. If it is proposed to
let Bartley go seot free there is no use in
expending any more money in a trial. Let
Bartley and Moore be united, make them each a present of a new suit of clothes and before they are turned loose let the court make due apology and humbly crave their pardon for having put them to so much trouble and in-

livan asked for a rehearing in the Joe Bartley case he exceeded no privilege not lawfully
his, yet why he should want it recalled if
he was honest in his decision which, with
that of the other two judges, confirmed the
sentence of the lower court is not readily
understood, if we are to view him as the unflinching dispenser of justice that it has been
claimed by the press of his kind that he is.
What wails and howls of condemnation
would have gone up from the pepceratic would have gone up from the popocratic press had the case been recalled at the motion of one of the two republican judges. If the decision is reversed Sullivan alone will be to thank or blame for it, as the justice teresting to note that one action of the supreme court out of harmony with the general popocratic idea is being received without averse comment by the fusion press. Still, it is not wonderful or surprising in connection with their endorsement of the recounting of relating to the supreme court and later the opening of the scaled ballots contrary to all law and precedent by their model secretary of state. Modern reform is such that anything done by a reformer in the name of reform is accepted as reform by other reform-ers. Great is popocratic reform, but not

Papillion Times (dem-pop.): It may be that Judge Sullivan joined the other supreme judges in granting a new hearing in the Bartley case. If he did do so, then he did wrong. It is often wise for a court to grant rehearings, and, indeed, it would be unwise not to do so in a case where there was ever the faintest suspicion that full justice had not been done to all concerned. However, not make it discover any new point for the court to cover in this Bartley matter. The decision touched upon and disposed of every Either the supreme court did not consider all phases of the case in its former decision, or positively averred by the court, or else this grapting of a rehearing is nothing short of judicial juggling. Let the court take either horn of the proposition and it must still stand in a very bad light. We say this without regard to the effect it may have on Judge Sullivan, the popocratic member of that court. We do not believe he has thus poration sirens. We do not believe he had case and shall not believe it until forced to against more testimony of crooked po- do so. But if time shall show that he had lice commission work than he wants to a hand in the deal then he will have to make a better showing than we believe is possible in order to satisfy the public that his course was just and right.

Hebron Republican (rep.): Judge Sullivan equested it and the supreme court has granted Bartley a rehearing, notwithstanding that the supreme court had glready affirmed the judgment of the lower court, wherein Bartley was convicted. In the opinion of a number of leading attorneys, who have exrecord against Bartley in this case and the posted on popocratic tactics, are too anxious to wipe Partley off the political siate, to be beat wheat raising as a money making just to please a populist judge, the rehearing profession. would better bury the remains the instant the court has reviewed them. They have kept them above ground too long now fo exhibition purposes and are morally responsi-ble for maintaining a stinking political nui-

THE UNITED PEOPLE.

Reason Reigns at Washington-Are We Ready for the Fray? Brooklyn Eagle (ind. dem.)

Not since our civil war has the country been in such a condition of potential in-sugency. It would take little to break through the forms and practices of state through the forms and practices of state and if the enemy—as we think him—were within striking distance, it is certain that unauthorized blows would have been struck ere this and bloody retaliations attempted. That the failure of the report of the Maine board of inquiry to explode a declaration of war on the instant was regretted by thousands of our people, there is no doubt. A certain element in congress is clamoring for fight; the army and navy are expressing virtual willingness for hostilities, the un-bashful portion of the press is hounding the audiorities with challenges, rebukes, false-hood and Billingsgate in the hope that they can be nagged into premature action, and, at the country over, citizens who have nothing at stake and have no present intention of sacrificing their lives on the altar of some other nation's liberties, are ecreeching themselves hoarse in the demand for war. Never more strong and excellent than now, the president stands calm and unmoved by the hreatening and clamor from both sides of the sea. His attitude inspires trust. It is needed that the nation should trust. The people elected him. It made him responsible to them and for them. War is not a thing lightly to be undertaken and for mere policy's sake never to be attempted until the declaring nation is ready for it. Are we ready? The president knows a

ing editors. What may seem to be conces sion may be a necessary delay. Imagine our state had war been forced upon us by the hot heads three months ago! Does anyone doubt, in view of the amount of work that has been accomplished in that time, that we were unprepared for fight? Well, we may new conservatism in the army that has American vessels engaged in foreign trade. | forced the public out of the military reser and empiacement show be done in secret pre-vents the obtaining of any acurate knowledge The congresoman "with a speech in his as to the actual strength of our defenses, belly" has been ably suppressed by Speaker while the laying of torpedoes has necessarily Reed for a long time, but there are signs to be carried on without observation which could be convertible into help for the enemy. The amount of ammunition, the supply of small arms, the readiness of food, camp of keeping down, 356 congressmen in whom equipment and so on are not known except spectics are multiplying and expanding as to the authorities, and the citizen is morely equipment and so on are not known except steam expands in a boiler when the free aware that the arsenals and factories are are hot. An explosion is imminent, and working overtime, as if to fill a lack. These working overtime, as if to fill a lack. These when it comes the werdict will be that it was facts ought to be a check to impatience, especially as there is a disposition to accepcan be avoided. There is little actual hatred of Spain. Enmity has not that bitterness which we found on both sides in the war of the rebellion, for until the Maine disaster we had no personal ground for war. If war the domain of thought have felt vaguely that had to be it was on Cuba's account; not on something was wanting to their complete- our own. Rather the present turmoil is the expression of high vitality. We are conscious of our strength, or think we are, and have passed fevered hands over somewhere. A to exhibit his muscle. Feeling against the hands. There was a lesion somewhere. A to exhibit his muscle. Feeling against the authorities that do not feeling against the authorities that do not feeling against the authorities that do not feeling against to war with Spain and this button vas gone, a screw was locse. What feeling against the authorities that do not could the matter be? What was lost, stroyed instantly consent to war with Spain and this or stolen? They know now, and hymns of would look as if division were threatene jubilation esto through the chambers of their among the American people.

But it is not so. The people of this re public will be a unit against any common

Reward of Merit. Chicago Times-Herald.

If General Sherman's idea about war is correct the Spanish undoubtedly deserve to

Ord Times (rep.): Dave Mercer desires to succeed himself in congress and if the peo-ple of his district appreciate him for what he a good representative.

Sutton Advertiser (rep.): Governor comb's recollections of the doings of the last legislature are not likely to aid him in the matter of calling an extra session of that body. His house rent is secure and the maximum rate bill can wait. Tekamah Herald (rep.): What is the matter with the cattlemen in this locality who raved, swore, drafted resolutions and wrote

the governor regarding extertionate rates on

live stock two years ago? They have had a pop board of transportation for more than

Stanton Picket (rep.): When Judge Sula year and they are still paying the same rate on fat cattle and more on stockers than they were when the writer was on the board, drafted and letters written to the governor are not being published. Everything seems to be all right just because they are pops. Ord Times (rep.): There is beginning to be s good deal of speculation throughout the ticket this year. A number of excellent men thave been mentioned, with James Whitehead of Broken Bow and Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City evidently in the lead. The principal thing is to name good, clean men who can command the respect of the people, and success will be ours. The people of the state are sick of being run over by a ring power this fall if good men are nominated the of politicians and they will swap off the party by the republicans.

Tobias Gazette (rep.): With a United States senator to be chosen by the state legis-lature next spring it will be to the best interest of the state that no old ringster is elected as representative or senator whose record savors at all of the political shyster or acrobat. Clean men are demanded by the voters, those who have the interest of our state at heart and who can be relied upon to vote for such measure that will be of benefit to us as a people. Will such men be placed in nomination or will the scheming, designing politician dictate who will be the nomition of honor and trust who are unworthy of

Chadron Recorder (pop.): In the coming congressional campaign in the Sixth district in Nebraska there seems to be a disposition among the voters to make a change. has been apparent for some time and has been produced by a dissatisfaction among the people of the district as to the way in Assuming that a change will be made the question naturally follows as to whom his successor will be and what territory he shall nomination of any kind and it lays claim to he position. No congressman has ever been elected in the district west of Broken Bow. The eastern part of the district has had the representative for years and we are now entitled to it. If we had no material from which to select a candidate the situation would be different. But we have a number of men who could fill the position with credit to themselves and honor to their constituents. The most available man in the northwest and the first, last and all the time choice of the Recorder is Hon. W. H. West over of Rushville, the present judge of the Fifteenth judicial district. He is the natural candidate to succeed Congressman Greene, both in ability and location. He needs no the best known men in this part of the state Papillion Times (demo-pop.): Very serious are the charges laid at the door of Auditor Cornell by Charley McHugh of the O'Neill pressed themselves, the granting of a re-hearing in this case was a proper concession away before the state auditor can claim any

to Judgo Sullivan, the new member, who favors at the hands of the reform forces, was not on the bench when the case was up before. If there is any politics in it it is has been taking complimentary junkets in before. If there is any politics in it it is has been taking complimentary juntous our belief that the popocrats will get the the private car of the superintendent of the worst of it. It has been given out that the B. & M. railroad. That would be all right fusionists favored a rehearing in the hope for John F. Cornell, a private citizen. It is that some one or more republican members all wrong for John F. Cornell, state auditor, that some one or more republican members. of the court might get tengled up in a new to thus place himself under obligations to decision. We hardly believe Judge Sullivan that corporation. As state auditor he has a would lend himself to such a scheme. At voice in assessing railroad property. The any rate a republican supreme court is on trip he took at the expense of the railroad any rate a republican supreme court is on republican members are too well Had Mr. Cornell footed the bills it would have consumed one-fourth his annual salary He used very poor judgment in placing himcaught napping in the new hearing just self in the attitude of the old bilkers, who ordered. He was convicted and sentenced in have so long filled state offices for the benea republican court and its judgment has been fit of the corporations, rather than for the affirmed by a republican supreme court, and benefit of all the people. Perhaps Cornell is now that a reargument has been ordered, innocent. Perhaps he paid his way like a man. We do not know. We do know, how-ever, that there is one little popocratic news-paper in Nebraska that will oppose the re-nomination and the re-election of Mr. Cornell unless he shall fully disprove the charge which has been brought against him. It is a greater crime for a pop or a democrat to play railroad tool than it is for a republican to engage in the same play, because re-publicans do not claim to be free from railroad influences, while our forces do. It is time for the fusion forces to declare, for all, that no man who thinks more of rall-road tips than of his duty to the common people can rightly claim any favor at the hands of the fusion forces in this state. It is hard enough work fighting the corporation enemy in the open field. It is doubly hard to go out against the enemy while cursed with traitors in our own political home. We trust Cornell may be able to prove himself good and true popocrat, and failing so to o, that he may be relegated to the rear in the work of reform in this state, as one un-worthy public confidence.

> EFFICACY OF TORPEDO BOATS. mooth Water Their Chief Depend-

> Calcago Record. The Spanish torpedo flotilla has much anxiety, not to say downright fear, mong government and caval officials. The flest has been described as an agency of death which nothing in our line of defense could stop, or nothing in our belligerent forces could combat. In a measure this fear well founded, but only in a measur The efficacy of a torpedo boat and tor-

pedo-toat destroyer, two classes of vesselves which go to make up the flotilla now approaching the western hemisphere, depends solely and wholly upon one contingent, smooth water. In a harber or in an open successfully withstand an attack from such a fleet. But cuch a perfect condition must exist before these boats can perform the duty for which they were designed.

It is not to be supposed that the com-

mander of an American battleship or cruiser water unless his ship were equipped with all the modern devices for torpedo defenses. Nor would there be any necessity for such

hazard. The guns of a battleship can effective work from six to fifteen miles an objective point, while a torpedo box of use only within a mile on the amount

The fear felt by Washington officials is not The fear felt by Washington officials is not borne out by experiments made by torpedo boats at Newport, the government torpedo station. Up to a few years ago the United States was ahead of all countries in the successful manipulation of torpedoes. It was there that the torpedo was developed into an active agency of war, and there, too, were the net and other defenses against the torpedo perfected to such a degree as to admit of their being counted among the naval assets. Unfortunately, experiments along these lines were not carried on to the point warranted by the progress made in the other arts of war.

arts of war. Sufficient headway was made, however, to vouchsafe the statement that were the Iowa or any other battleship or cruiser pitted against a Spanish torpedo boat fleet on the open sea the chances of victory largely in favor of the battleship.

JANES TO A SMILE.

Detroit Journal: Kind Lady-When pare tempted to drink, think of your wife at nome.

Man-Madam, when the thirst is upon me, I am absolutely devoid of fear.

New York Weekly: Wife-Horrors! Husband, I've just heard there is a case of small pox in the flat above us.

Husband-Yes, I know about it. That's

Detroit Free Press: "Henpeck isn't nearly as enthusiastic about joining the army as as was."

"No, he has given it up. His wife says that if he enlists, she will go along as a nurse."

Indianapolis Journa): "Love," said the sentimental boarder, "is blind."
"More or less," assented the cheerful idiot, "and his defective vision gives occasion for some extraordinary spectacles."

are to defend that shoplifter?
The Lawyer-My dear, she isn't a shoplifter. She was formerly, but she has
saved so much money in the last ten years
that she cas become a Ricptomaniac.

Toledo Blade: "Bosh!" said the wise Anaconda to the Chameleon. "You taink you know it all, when as a matter of fact you're a regular child as far as knowledge is concerned."
"Oh, I don't know," retorted the Chame-leon, turning pink; "I'm not as green as was.

Chicago Tribune: This is what Mrs. successor will be and what territory he shall come from. The northwestern portion of the district has never yet been favored with a little Wagner musical next Tuesday even-

ing."
Tais is what Rivers said to his friend:
"Brooks, the club my wife belongs to has arranged to have a Wagner disturbance at our house next Tuesday night. Trump up some other engagement, old man, and send

Washington Star: "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "you know you used to say that I had no sense of humor." "That is true: But I must confess you are getting on."
"I am glad to near you say so. And I have a treat in store for you. Pretty soon I am going to ask you for a spring bonnet, and I want you to laugh and be good natured, just as you do when you read of such things."

THE FIGHTING RACE.

J. I. C. Clarke in New York Sun. 'Read out t'ae names!" and Burke sat back,
And Kelly drooped his head,
While Shea—they call him Scholar Jack—
Went down the list of the dead.
Officers, seamen, gunners, marines,
The crews of the gig and yawl.
The bearded man and the lad in his teens,
Carpenters, coal passers—all. Carpenters, coal passers-all. Then, knocking the askes from out his

pipe, Said Burke in an offhand way; "We're all in that dead man's fist, "We're all in that dead man's Ast Cripe!
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's to the Maine, and I'm of spain."
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Wherever there's Kellys there's trouble,"
said Burke.
"Wherever fighting's the game,
Or a spice of danger in grown man's work,"
Said Kelly, "you'll find my name."
"And do we fall short,' said Burke, get-

"And do we fall short, said blink, get-ting mad,
"When it's touch and go for life?"
Said Shea, "It's thirty-odd years, bedad,
Since I charged to drum and fife
Up Mary's Heights, and my old canteer
Stopped a rebel ball on its way.
There were blossoms of blood on our sprigs Kelly and Burke and Shea—
And the dead didn't brag." "Well, here's to the flag!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

'I wish 'twas in Ireland, for there's the place,"
Said Burke, "that we'd die by right,
in the cradle of our soldier race, Said Burke, "that we'd die by right,
In the cradle of our soldier race,
After one good stand-up fight.
My grandfather fell on Vinegar Hill,
And fighting was not his trade;
But his rusty pike's in the cabin still,
With Hessian blood on the blade."
"Aye, aye," said Kel.y, "the pike were
great
When the word was 'Clear the way!"
We were thick on the roll in ninety-eight—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's to the pike and the sword
and the like!"

and the like Sald Kelly and Burke and Shea.

And Shea, the scholar, with rising joy,
Said "We were at Ramillies.
We left our bones at Fontenoy
And up in the Pyrenees.
Before Dunkirk, on Landen's plain,
Cremona, Lilie and Ghent,
We're all over Austria, France and Spain,
Wherever they pitched a tent.
We've died for England from Waterloo
To Egypt and Dargai;
And stil there's enough for a corps of crew,
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here is to good honest fighting blood!"

Sald Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Oh, fae fitting races don't die out, If they seldom die in bed,
For love is first in their hearts, no doubt,"
Said Burke; then Kelly said:
"When Michael, the Irish archangel,
stands,
The angel with the sword,
And fae battle-dead from a hundred lands
Are ranged in one big horde.
Our line, that for Gabriel's trumpet watts,
Will stretch three deep that day,
From Jehoshaphat to the Golden Gates—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's thank God for the race and
the sod!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea. the sod!" Said Kelly and Burke and Shea,

"If it be right, Do it boldly.

> If it be wrong, Leave it undone."_Gilpin.

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