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in a Spanish-American war. The loss

of Cuba to Spain would not be a matter

of material importance to any European

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OMAHA AS A GRAIN MARKET.

in Omaha has been a problem whose

Iowa roads could pool or combine in

haul, the bulk of all grain shipments

from this section were bound to go di-

rect to Chicago. With a formidable

north and south line as competitor, the

upon, but the north and south roads will

from being 500 miles nearer the ocean

Having overcome the greatest obstacle

to becoming a center for grain redis-

tribution and milling, Omaha is now in

position to offer an inviting field to in-

vestors who will build mammoth ele-

vators and establish great flouring mills.

With mills and elevators to handle and

other in the west will be a natural se-

of Kansas City and approach the mill-

can make up in the saving in trans-

portation cost from the farms. While

Minneapolis will always have a mo-

nopoly of the wheat grown in Minne-

raised in South Dakota, Nebraska and

western Iowa when milled in Omaha

could find their way abroad at a great

saving over what it now costs to export

South Dakota, and that connection is

only a question of a short time. With

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running in all directions, the extra-

ordinary inducements which Omaha

by way of Minneapolis or Chicago.

steamers than the east and west roads.

ence for the Cubans.

grain and cattle.

affect their possessions or vital interests,

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my pres-ence this 1st day of April, 1898. N. P. FEIL, (Seal.) Notary Public. Recent dispatches from Waco show that unlike French duels Texas duels strict neutrality, regardless of their sym- States will insist that no European counare of the fatal variety.

daily average GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

The way shipments of corn continue utmost vigilance and there is not one of to go to Europe it would appear that the them that can afford to weaken itself by corn propaganda started is making head-

Great Britain, France, Germany and Another railroad train has just been Russia are strengthening themselves on added to Omaha's time table. As a the sea with a view to their several derailroad center Omaha recognizes no signs in the eastern hemisphere and superior west of the Mississippi. they are not concerned as to affairs in

New York and Ohlo are the latest states to make exposition appropriations. Yet there are still some small-bore persons who insist on calling it a local Omaha show.

A real live European prince is making a tour of the United States, but the gossipers have found nothing unusual in his life to talk about in whispers. Will wonders never cease?

With a new spring bonnet and a fresh coat of paint Omaha will be ready to receive and entertain all its exposition guests without fear as to the impression it will make upon them.

Another thief has been caught by another barber. The abolition of the police force and the enlistment of a barbers' brigade for the protection of the city cannot come too soon.

Whatever merit there may be in the Chicago ordinance limiting the height of the view that hostilities between those buildings in the World's fair city is countries would be at all likely to have neutralized by the fact that it seems to the far-reaching effect which some aphave been passed at least ten years too prehend.

So long as substitutes can be employed to do the work of governors there can Pittsburg & Gulf railroad between police draw the salary for work done by substitute. This is a reform govern-

The people of Tacoma are not clamoring for the naming of a war ship after their enterprising city, since there are already nine vessels in the merchant marine carrying the American flag each facilities. The effect of the construcnamed Tacoma.

held the legality of the indeterminate sentence law in that state. In some other states similar laws have been invalidated by the courts. But the principle is right and in operation the effect is sal-

The publication by the organ of the gamblers' gang of that Talmage sermon denouncing gambling in such severe terms must have been an oversight. It would never have seen the light of day had the responsible editor handled the

The United States has a very long Common minimum rates may be agreed coast line which will require watching in case of international troubles. The Atlantic coast line is 2,349 miles long. the Gulf stretches along for 1,556 miles and the Pacific line is 1,810 miles long, a total of 5,715 miles.

Now we know what is keeping people away from church in Omaha. It is the fear that while attending devotional exercises their homes will be ransacked by the burglars who seem to have a special license from the police to ply their trade with immunity Sundays and week days.

Chief of Police Gallagher asserted under oath the other day that the numerous holdups of citizens of Omaha since he ing facilities of Minneapolis. The millcame into office are only a fad. Does ing process no longer depends entirely the chief insist, too, that burglaries of upon cheap water power. What Omaha the homes of preachers while delivering may lack in the way of cheap power, it the holy scriptures. It is only natural, sermons in church must also be classed among the fads?

Denver has a bank in which the individual deposits aggregate \$8,139,851, and sota and North Dakota, the hundreds the Denver newspapers boast that this is of millions of bushels of wheat and corn every suffered wrong. the largest amount of deposits in any single bank west of the Mississippi river. Denver is in a state where the people seem to be slow in accepting as a reality the fact of prosperity's return, but the figures prove it.

No wonder the Nebraska railroad managers crowed so lustily when the supreme court handed down its decision in e maximum freight rate cases. They half a dozen great railway systems comevidently knew all the time that the decree as affirmed bound the state hand and foot, not only from putting into force the schedules of the maximum rate law, but also from enforcing any rate reductions whatever.

OF POSSIBLE WORLD-WIDE EFFECT. fered to capital seeking investment in American and European statesmet great slaughtering and meat packing eshave expressed the opinion that a war tablishments. between the United States and Spain might have a world-wide effect; that it might be the beginning of a far-reaching

NO PAPAL MEDIATION. The report from Madrid, that the pope conflict involving many nations and hav- had been asked by this government to ing consequences which it is impossible | mediate between it and Spain, has been to foresee. That such a result of hostiliofficially denied at Washington, where ties between this republic and a Euro- it seems to have been regarded as of pean power is possible may be admitted. sufficient importance to require denial. It is conceivable that one or more of the It is to be presumed that no intelligent powers of Europe might be induced, in person regarded it in this light, but it the event of a prolonged war between is perhaps well to have the report thus Spain and the United States, to take the disposed of, since it was calculated to side of the former and give it active as- produce wrong impressions. Its obvious sistance. Let it be supposed that France absurdity will appear when it is underand Austria, the one for financial and the stood that the pope does not represent other from dynastic considerations, any government and certainly the should do this and that the United States United States, if it desired mediation, should appeal to Great Britain for sup- would appeal only to a government havport and obtain it. It is not difficult to ing international political relations and see how this might lead to grave Euro- not to the head of a church. That Pope pean complications. Perhaps Germany, Leo may have made representations to sympathizing with Austria, would be- the Spanish government is not improbacome involved and so one by one the na- bie, but he is too wise in the methods tions of Europe, through sympathy or of diplomacy not to understand that interest, be arrayed on one side or the under no circumstances could be be acother. Active aid by any country of ceptable to the United States as a me-Europe to either Spain or the United diator. States in a war would undoubtedly be

There is a statement in this connection very likely to lead to a widespread con- that bears out what we have heretofore flict, with consequences of vast import said. This is that the United States does not desire mediation from any source. But admitting the possibility of this, The issue with Spain is regarded as disthere does not appear to be any substan- tinctively American, to be dealt with by life from Spain. this country alone and while this govern-The fact which every European govern- ment might not resent any proffer of mement must realize, that the gravest pos- diation, but treat it as an evidence of sible complications among themselves friendly feeling, there can be no doubt would inevitably result from any inter- that it would be declined, from whatmeddling in a conflict between this coun- ever source it should come. Faithfully observing the principle of noninterferthem aloof and lead them to observe ence in European affairs the United try shall interfere in this American are today watching each other with the affair.

DO NOT WANT AN ARMISTICE.

The statement of the representative of the Cubans in Washington, that they will never consent to an armistice until independence is recognized, can be accepted as conclusive. There has never been the slightest reason to suppose that the insurgents would consent to an armistice, because they could gain nothing from it. Whatever advantage there would be in such an arrangement would accrue to Spain. By an armistice Spain would save several million dollars a month during its continuance and would gain valuable time in which to recoup for renewing hostilities if no agreement for terminating the conflict should be island. It might be different if this reached, as in all probability there would not be. Besides the wet season in Cuba is not far off and it is during this period that the Cubans can carry on their operations most advantageously-so that they would be throwing away a most valuable opportunity to now agree to a sus-United States will not go to war with pension of hostility. Moreover, the Cubans are fully aequainted with the situation between Spain and the United States and of course hope that war will result. It is absurd, therefore, to supfined to those countries. Spain, as all pose that they would enter into an arrangement which would defeat this hope

at least for a time. Spain has not proposed an armistice and is not expected to, the view of that government being that a proposal for suspending hostilities should come from the insurgents, perhaps with a perfect understanding that that is out of the question. It ought by this time to be The completion of the Kansas City, fully understood that the Cubans are struggling for independence and that be nothing wrong in having a chief of Omaha and Kansas City gives this city they will listen to nothing that does not a direct line to the gulf ports 500 miles involve independence, whether proposed shorter than any route to the Atlantic by Spain or the United States. This has seaboard. It goes without saying that been repeatedly and unqualifiedly dethe bulk of all farm products exported clared by their leaders and there can be from the Missouri and Platte valleys will no doubt about its sincerity. As one of seek an outlet to both European and the leaders recently said, the Cuban South American countries by the route motto is "independence or death" and that offers the cheapest rates and best they will stand on that platform until the last Spaniard is driven from the istion of the Port Arthur line is already land or the last insurgent is killed. After felt in the reduction of export freight fighting for three years under adverse The supreme court of Indiana has up- rates and the consequent increase in circumstances the Cubans do not propose the price paid Kansas, Nebraska and to surrender any advantage they have western Iowa farmers for their surplus gained or place themselves in a position from which Spain would get all the ben-The creation of a great grain market

efit. They intend to retain their hold upon what they have got and to continue solution depended upon the facilities for the contest in which they have already competitive distribution. So long as the

made such great sacrifice. order to enjoy the advantage of the long It is probable that hereafter many of the steamships that ply the ocean will carry pigeons for use in sending messages when accidents happen. The French liner La Bretagne sent a message combination against Omaha can no by carrier pigeon announcing a delay on longer be maintained on the old basis. account of stopping to succor a wrecked merchantman, and thus the owners and the friends of passengers were relieved not forego the advantage they derive of considerable anxlety. The mysteries of the deep may become less mysterious when all the ships carry pigeons.

The earthquake in California last week afforded opportunity for a test of the stability of the tall office buildings that have been built in San Francisco in recent years. Not one of these modern buildings was injured in the least by the condense the wheat and corn product, a shaking of the earth, although many market equal, if not superior, to any small buildings were damaged in the city and vicinity. The modern office quence. There is no reason why Omaha building promises to stand the test as a should not match the elevator capacity marvel of engineering skill.

> Thirty-five years ago there were preach ers who justified the perpetuation of human slavery by passionate appeals to therefore, that there should be today ordained ministers preaching the gospel of war instead of the gospel of peace, urging men not to forgive their enemies, but to insist on blood atonement for

The habitat of the so-called "money power" would be hard to locate just now. A box of gold from Australia due at San Francisco will bring the total of Omaha now has ample direct railroad this year's gold importations up to declaration by the jury the claimant was racillities with every section within a \$18,500,000 and the yellow stream flow. facilities with every section within a \$18,500,000 and the yellow stream flowradius of 500 miles, except alone eastern | ing in the direction of the United States continues large and steady from several this charge lasted seven months, ending in the conviction and a sentence of fourteer other quarters of the earth.

The demand for sugar beet seed is un precedentedly active in almost every part of the western country. The farmers are holds out to capital invested in mills thoroughly alive to the importance of and elevators cannot long be withstood | the beet sugar industry and desirous of any more than could the inducement of showing what can be done in raising the other.

good beets. It may take time to build up a profitable sugar beet culture, but sure progress is being made in that

direction. Jenis No Warrant for Haste. Do not be excited. If war is to come it will come sooff shough, and until it does come there is atways hope for peace.

Philadelphia Press.
The United States in 1897 made exactly three times as much Bessemer steel as Great Britain. The product there was 1,884,155 tons and here 5,475,345 tons. The British output is the usual annual average. Ours in 1897 was 39 per cent over 1896, and 1898 will show

Skyserapers in a Quake.

The argonauts of '49 were airaid to erect two-story buildings in California because of the frequent earthquakes. Exemption from them of late years has led to the erection of ekyscrapers in San Francisco. These big buildings have just passed through their first experience in a genuine shake and from all accounts they have passed through it

Spain has now a population of about 19,000,000 people, and of these, according to a recent report of the Spanish government, nearly 8,000,000 profess no occupation. nearly 8,000,000 profess no occupation. Grandees and beggars alike disclaim the plebian virtue of daily toil. There are nearly 100,000 registered beggars, half of males, in this poor little land, and one-third e entire population is entirely unlet. The "ancient social canker" of conof the entire tempt for work and workers has eaten the

> The "Yellow" Plaque. Cheago Post.

Whatever the yellow press does it does for revenue and advertisement only. Its patriotism is of the sham variety. It goes to war, it clamors for arbitration, it builds monuments, it turns detective, for no other purpose than to increase the sale of extras an occasional good act done from a selfish and low motive is no compensation for systematic falsehood, vice and corruption of he public morals and character. The yellow press should be shunned, scorned and de-nounced by every man jealous of public virtue and honor.

A Diplomatic Trick

Washington Star. Weyler's concentration edict has been revoked again, according to late disclosures from the Spanish legation in this city. This is a periodical performance. For several months past whenever the Cuban question has approached an acute crisis and American intervention has seemed inevitably at hand the cruel edict of concentration has been revoked—from the Spanish legation. It used to be one of De Lome's strongest liplomatic cards to produce a cablegram from the captain general announcing that the process of pacification had progresse that the people were being turned back to their normal pursuits.

Wanted, a Battle Song

Washington Post. Why does not this great country have a national air? Not something borrowed or wn-original, characteristic, stirring, full of life, and motion. What we want is some-thing simple, beld, a swing, a dash, a clear shrill, penetrating clarion note that rings pale with fervor. Why can we not have a battle song of our own? Why must we content ourselves with tepld messes borrowed from abroad, with dressed-up, plous lamenta-tions, with dismal chants and dirges? We are young, we are strong, we are full of virility and fire. Give us something that

Good Advice to Follow.

There is sense as well as sarcasm in ex-President Harrison's declaration that he can serve his country beat by keeping ellent now, and that perhaps some others might help silence the others of whom he speaks. They belong to the class who never read that silence is golden—or perhaps may dislike it on that account—and they haven't sense enough to realize the value of a still tongue. Mr. Harrison's promise to keep silence him tion of silence to others will fall on deafened with the clamor of their owners' tongues.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

Passing of the Bogus Heir to Tichborne Estate.

Chicago Caronicle.

The recent death of Arthur Orton in Lonrecalls to mind the most consummate don recairs to mind the most consummate judicial conspiracy in history. He was an Australian butcher who claimed to be heir to the title and estates of the distinguished Tichborne family in England. He brought a suit to establish his claim, which proved to be one of the most sensational civil trials ever held before an English court. The story of the case is full of interest even at this

Roger Charles Tichborne, born in 1829, was the legal heir to the Tichborne estates in Hampshire and Dorsetshire, which yielded an income of \$120,000 a year. He was highly educated and entered the army. His cousin Kate refuced his offer of marriage in 1852 and, resigning from the army, he went to sea. He was at Valparaiso, Chili, in 1853 and in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, the next year. In April, 1854, he sailed on the ship Bella, bound from Rio to New York. The vessel was lost at sea, as was supposed, with all

Rumors were heard, however, that Roger Tichborne had escaped from the wreck or did not sail on the vestel, as had been reported. In 1866 a man calling himself Thomas Castro (later identified as Arthur Octon), a butcher in Wagga Wagga, Australia, set up the claim that he was Roger Charles Tichborne and had escaped from the wreck of the Bella twelve years before. After some correspondence with the Tichborne family the arrived in England and in 1867 formally asserted his claim as heir.

Singularly enough, Lady Tichborne, the mother of the true heir, alleged that she recognized Castro (or Orion) and said that he was her son. Nearly every other member of the family denied that he was the miss resemblence. But "the claimant," as he was called, had in some way acquired an accurate knowledge of much relating to the Tie borne family and to Charles Roger, the set son. In some respects his asseverations were etactling, especially as to the courtship of the real Tichborne with Kate, his cousin

who rejected him,

The claimant was unlike the real heir in
all ways. He was illiterate, was grossly
fat, was taller than the man whom he personated and lacked the tattoo marks which appeared on the arm of the absent heir. The case did not come to trial until 1868, owing to delay in procuring testimony from South America and Australia. Many prominen-persons and a considerable portion of the public took the side of the claimant. nealy became his aggressive champion. A large amount of money was raised by the sale of bonds payable when he should com-

into possession of the estates.

After the trial had proceeded 103 days the jury advised the court that they did not desire to hear any more testimony; that their minds were made up on what they had heard already, and that they wished to render charge of perjury based on the mony that he had produced. His trial on

years' penal servitude.

He served out his term, which ended in 1888. After his release he lived in London until his death a few days ago. He wroth and published a confession of his share in the sensational conspiracy, but the book at-tracted little attention, as its statements, aside from the main admission of fraud, were either tame on the one hand or incredible on THE CRISE

Chicago Times-Herald: The hour has struck, and whether peace comes or war the Cuban question will be settled. If it s peace, it will be peace with honor. If it is war, it will be war for humanity and not evenge.

New York Tribune: If it is to be decreed that this nation shall go to war, may it enter upon the appointed task soberly, purely and in the fear of God. The brief interval cultivation of a temper appropriate to the ful-fillment of a rightcous purpose.

Louisville Courier-Journal: With the issue thus clearly reached, there is nothing for us to do now but to leave Spain out of further consideration; to act for ourselves; to recognize the Cuban republic, and to support tha recognition whenever and wherever necessary with all the forces of our navy and

Indianapolis Journal: If war comes the tactical as well as moral point of view, and it should be delivered with all the force the United States can put into it. Let the world enduring and peace-loving nation can do when

New York Independent: The moral postare not asking for Cuba for ourselves; we have no desire to annex the island; we are not clamoring for any material advantage other scores; we have no desire to fight for glory, or to fight at all, unless driven to it; our sole desire is that the awful struggle in Cuba, with all its attendant horrors of death by starvation and disease among the innocent non-combatants, shall cease. The appeal is to our humanity and our humanity

New York Herald: Deplore this as we may, our duty now is not with the causes but with the conduct and the consequences of war. It is no longer the time for debate, but for action. It is a war for which Spain is to blame. There has been no time when Spain, by looking truth in the face and taking advice as to Cuban rule, could not have made this war impossible. She has been headstrong, even as Pharaoh, and would not let the people go. Cuban misrule makes this a war of humanity. Every ceighborly suggestion to Spain, the advice of Grant and such a crisis as the present, when the dan-Cleveland and McKinley, has been spurned ger is that hasty impulse may direct action, until patience was mistaken for weakness and friendship threatened to become the condonement of crime. It must not be a mercenary war. The sword must not be darwn in the interest of syndicates, banking houses and the holders of Spanish or Cubau

Philadelphia Ledger: If war should unhappily ensue the people who now talk lightly upon the subject as though it were to be a mere picnic will be brought to a sudden realization of its gravity, if not its horrors Spake's ultimate resources are far inferior to ours, but at the outset her fleet would be at least equal to our own, and might do an enormous amount of damage before it could be checked. The expenses of the contest would be very great, and war would bring serrow and suffering to countless homes here and in Spain. No thinking mad can view the possibility without a fervent desire for peace with honor But If war should come there should be no half-hearted support of the goevrnment, no attempt to tem

Philadelphia Press: Does it mean interven tion? Yes; to separate combatants, to restore non-combatants, to stop a strife which is highly injurious to all our own interests and to the peace and security of the whole neighborhood. The question of form is important. We do not want to be the aggresspeaks for our splendid, palpitating nationality—something that jumps with our free stride and passionate ambition!

sors if we can help it. We can interpose avowedly for humanity and pacification and put the onus of aggression upon the party which resists that high and help work. again, if we explicitly declare war against Spain we capture Cuba and have the whole Cuban problem of the future on our hands. one thing. To stop the existing war and make Cuba independent is another. But whatever the form, we now move forward. Mr. Harrison, who knows by experience the chief executive staggers even in time of peace, practices the silence he recommend chief executive staggers even in time of to her answer and finds the United States peace, practices the silence he recommends, proceeding to the fulfillment of our obligation she will discover both a disposition and a way to re-open the question. But the last word in diplomacy was hers and if Meanwhile the United States accepts the ituation and faces the duty of the hour.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The recruiting offices still note the dearth of the able-minded statesmen who are furious for war. Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower is far

moved from the tumult of war cries. He is in Jerusalem. Lucky cuss! It is rain, rain, rain. Simply because we christened the Kentucky with water it need not be assumed that we want nothing else. One of the big department stores in New

York has a dental annex. But there is a limit to all things, and Governor Black has signed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in dry goods stores. That Wisconsin woman who wants \$1,000 for being kissed by a butcher in an ice box explains that the crime was committed in the presence of "naked calves, decollete

sheep and Kansas City hams in yellow tights." Harrison Grey Fiske, editor of the Dramatic Mirror, who was held to the grand Jury in \$300 bail on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by the so-called syndicate, was promptly discharged by the jury on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Once when Mr. Edison was waited upon by the committee of a church to get his opinion as to the desirability of protecting the building with lightning rods he said to "By all means put on the rods. You

golf the other day while at Lakewood, N. J. The attendant caddy was so disgusted with the Tammany leader's performance that he was impelled to remark: "If that man can't run New York politics better than he plays golf he better quit."

In point of stature and breadth of chest by few, if any, other members of the lower house. In the course of a recent speech he showed that his neck was not enjoying sufficient freedom. Suddenly he raised his hand, tore off his white ministerial tie, threw the ragments on his desk and resumed his remarks in comfort.

An effort is now being made in the British Parliament for the repeal of the obsolete statute against the use of Irish names, so that persons of Irish descent may use the prefix "O" " or "Mac" at pleasure, and with-out feeling that they are violating even a dead-letter law. This bill of rights eman-ated, it should be said, from a Mr. Mac-The Commons took a good-humored view of the case and the bill will doubtless oon become a law.



PROLDING THE PRESIDENT.

New York Mail and Express: Let connew fork mail and Express: Let con-gress unanimously uphold the president's hands in this trying hour. Let the national legislature, standing upon the very brink of war, again declare to the world that these states are united in fact as well as in name And when the verdict is reached, within very few days, the people will rise up and say, "Well done"—whether the issue be honorable peace or equally honorable war.

Baltimore American: Mr. McKinley rest assured that the great body of the American people does not sympathize either with these criticisms or with the disgraceful exhibitions which have taken place during the last few days. His course elicits not only popular approval, but admiration, and its combined statesmanship and patriotism have raised him higher than he ever stood before in public estimation. If war should come, the blatant, loud-mouthed patriots in and out of congress would be the last to go to Cuba to do the fighting for which they be as invisible in war as they have been invincible in peace. The fighting would be left to the quiet people who have been raying nothing all this time. But if it were pos sible to collar some of these talkers send them to fight the Spanjards, the wa would not be entirely without its compensa-

Philadelphia Record: Whatever may be the result, thanks to the president, the country can now move forward with clear conscience and united purpose. If through his efforts more than a million people should find freedom and happiness without further loss of a drop of American blood, there could be no greater achievement for man or nation. Should war follow, however, we would stand before the world as having acted only upon just grounds. Should sacrifices be entailed upon the nation, and should fields be stained with the blood of those nearest and dearest to us, then would the president find his reward. A convinced and conscience whole nation would stand back of him knowing that Its sacrifices and losses had not been heedlessly or possionately incurred. Whilst the glory or excitement of war is uppermost in the public mind no thought is given horrors; when the supreme test shall come, however, the only thing that will make vic-tory worth achieving will be the consciousness that our cause is fust.

New York Tribune: The American people have great cause for thankfulness that in such a crisis as the present, when the danand the supreme need is of patience and cool deliberation, we have in the executive chair a man of such patient spirit, clear foresight and undoubted courage as William McKieley. On the morning after the election in November, 1896, the Tribune said the people had reason devoutly to thank God for the triumph of hopesty and law. To-day they may well thank God that the rey may well thank God that the re-that election was to install at the head of affairs not only an honest and lawtient spirit and saving common sense.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: It tries the emper of the thoughtful American citizen when men with more words than sense intimate that the president of the United States is "afraid of war." Lie wasn't afraid of it when he enlisted for the preservation of the union. Nor does he fear it now—as the las resort of an ealightened nation. But h so't in favor of war for war's sake, by any who fought in our great civil conflict. They understand what is involved and are sol-emn about it. If war prove inevitable it will be vigorously prosecuted from start to finish, and not by the Billy Mason style of men. The president, a man who has seen active war, will be our commander-in-chief. William McKinley-he is not the sort of person to be dubbed Billy-is bearing a esponsibilities like a man, and this is fully ecognized by the firesides of the American people, if not proclaimed in the bar rooms. There is a good deal of saving sense and nationce in the White House, and for this the nation may well be thankful. If there had not been the United States might even now be at war with Spain.

Chicago Times-Herald: But, war or peace the president must still be the loader. The country owes it to his wisdom, courage and high sense of responsibility that we were not plunged headlong into war six weeks ago without preparation or defenses. When the ellow journals and Jacobins were shouting 'war exists," and that we must "On to Cuba" Run" if they could. But the president kne the condition of our army and navy better than noisy congressmen and irresponsible newspapers, and firmly and resolutely held self to be the master of the situation. He haustless energy. His wisdom, too, was hown in his taking the leaders of all parties into his confidence and convincing them of he rectitude and patriotism of his purpose Having manifested his skill in leadersh why should we not trust him to the end. He will not lead the nation into any nad or quixotic adventures, but will guide it steadily in paths of duty and of right, which will justify us forever in the eyes of he world and of history. The "Cuban question," which has perplexed our statesmen for more than half a century, has at last reached its crisis. It is the legacy of President Mc-Kinley to solve and end it.

SWOLLEN PENSION ROLL.

All Calculations Exceeded by Latest Statistics. Chicago Times-Herald. The necessity for an appropriation of over

8,000,000 to prevent a deficiency in the pension fund at the end of the fiscal year leads Secretary Bliss to make some interesting disclosures concerning the remarkable growth of the pension roll during the last eight years. It will be remembered that when Secre-

tory Bliss made his annual report last No-vember he asked for \$156,532,419 for his department. Of this amount there was available for the payment of army pensions on July 1, 1897, the sum of \$136,000,000, which it was believed was fully adequate to pay all the pension claims of the fiscal year. That the secretary is now compelled to ask for a deficiency appropriation of \$8,000,000 in order to carry him through the year indi-

year payments would rapidly decline. It k now his opinion that in view of the increas-

The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30, 1897, was 976,014, while on February 28, 1898, there were 989,613, a net in-crease of 13,399. At the close of the current fiscal year the number on the roll will ap-proximate 996,000, an increase of nearly 90 per cent since 1890. In that time the pay ments increased from \$72,052,143 to \$132,000.

Thirty-three years after the cessation of hostilities the pension roll is larger than at any former time, having nearly doubled in ten years of that time. It is not possible to account for this phenomenal increase so long after the war except through the success of fraudulent claimants upon the government's bounty. It is a duty which the present con-gress owes to the real veterans who defended the flag to institute an investigation that will purge the roll of the thousands of imposters who have managed to get there through "political pulls" and through dishonest pension attorneys. The investiga-tion should also be made for the purpose of ascertaining what degislation is needed to

TART TRIFLES.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "My voice is still for war," shouted the impassioned orator, "How about the rest of you?" yelled sarcastic bystander

Detroit Free Press: "Wealth," he re-marked, is sometimes prevented from being a standing menace to our institutions by its own inherent tendency to get languid and sit down."

Chicago News: "Her father literally bought her husband for her."
"Well, you know it's the place of the bride's parents to furnish the decorations at the wedding."

Detroit Journal: "Wifn wheat at a dol-lar a bushel," remarked the observer of men and thines, "it is really a wonder that more of these gentlemen are not beating their swords into plowshares,"

Brooklyn Life: Rector's Wife—And what has my dear girl given up during Lent?

Dear Girl-Well, you see, it was so hard for me to make up my mind that I just gave up thinking.

Washington Star: "Why," exclaimed one spanish statesman, "will you insist on Spanish statesman, "will you insist on borrowing trouble?"
"Well," replied the ctner, "that seems to be the only thing we can negotiate for just now."

Jewelers' Weekly: Johnny Hay-What kinds of engagement rings d'ye seli? Polite Jeweler-All kinds. Johnny Hay-Well, I want one a girl can't sneak out of.

Puck: "Dear Charlie, if I marry you, will ing?"
"Darling girl we will get married in the summer. Before winter you will get used to the idea of making the fires yourself."

Judge: "They say a man is always nervous when he proposes."
"And a girl is always nervous when he doesn't."

Calcago Post: He watched the pompous the measurements or some people would go broke paying for one suit."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Great chance to chip in jus' now, Weary, an' buy in Cuby."
"Not fer me, Limpy. Th' way I'm fixed today I couldn't put up th' forfeit fer a whift o' garlie!" Washington Star: "Remember," said the Don, "that our kingdom is centuries old!" "Well," replied the intensely practical citizen, "mebbe it's with you as it is with chickens. When they get older about the only difference you notice is that they're

Detroit Journal: Evelyn's mamma, how-ever, was disposed to be serious. "Can you look me in the face, sir," she asked, very earnestly, "and promise me you will love my daughter when she is old?" Cuthbert cringed.

For girls do have a way of resembling their mothers when they get to their

Chicago Record With star-eyed daisies Nature's plat Is decked in fairest show; But Cella had them in her hat

THE YANKEE SPIRIT.

Joe Lincoln in L. A. W. Bulletin. Joe Lincoln in L. A. W. Bulletin.
Old Uncle Sam he sez, "I guess
I'm glitin' played out," sez he,
"They're growin' so in the big U. S.
That they've got no use for me.
The east and west don't seem ter hitch
And the north and south won't mix,
And all that jibes with their pesky tribes
Is money and politics."

Old Uncle Sam had said his word And he sat him down and sighed,
But a sneakin', mean, little rascal heard,
That lived on the other side.
"Well now." sez he, "I can pay my grudge,
That feller is almost gone,
Here's a chance ter lick." So he fetched kick On old Uncle Sam's pet corn.

Old Uncle Sam he felt the whack,
And riz with a kinder moan,
"My folks hain't standin' behind my back,"
Sez he, "I must fight alone;"
He stopped, fer up from the land behind,
In thunderin' crash and beat,
Rang out the hums of a thousand drums
And the tramp of a million feet.

Old Uncle Sam he turned his head
And looked at a monstrous throng
Who sans radib the starry flags outspread,
The old "Star Spangled" song.
And here wa'n't no north and there wa'n't
no zouth
And there wa'n't no east nor west,
But each was part of a mighty heart
That beat in a Nation's breast.

Old Uncle Sam he heard 'em yell In a voice like the ocean's roar,
"Go in, and we'll back yer up as well
As our fathers done afore.
We'll give yer money, we'll give yer men,
We're with yer heart and hand.
And we'll strew our siain from the guif ter
Maine
For the honor of Yankeeland."

order to carry him through the year indicates an unexpected increase in the number of pensioners.

It is also remembered that the commissioner of pensions in his annual report predicted that after the close of the current year payments would rapidly decline. It is

"If it be right, Do it boldly.

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

If you want a good suit for spring or summer wear, get it of a responsible house, and pay a fair and proper price for it.

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