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A Texas admirer of Mr. Bailey notes

that while he continues to lead, he ap-

pears to be constantly short of trumps.

Although the American correspondents have all left Havana that is no reason why Havana should disappear from the

According to latest advices the seat of

at Washington.

Isn't it about time for Buffalo Bill to with glass balls?

Why should a congressman enlist in all the fighting he wants by staying right in the national capitol?

It will be observed that most of the virulent critics of President McKinley have been in the business ever since McKinley became prominent in national

Just to vindicate the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la, Governor Holcomb seems to have renewed his harmless practice of throwing beautiful bouquets at himself.

In it not a little premature for the Commercial club, or any other club for that matter, to figure on what they are going to do with the dividends declared on exposition stock?

A viaduct along Twenty-fourth street near future. A new vinduct to replace the tottering bridge on Sixteenth street is one of the necessities of the immediate present.

According to the popocratic organs the popocrat who expresses aversion to war will have to defend himself from the charge of surrender to Wall street. Nothing but the free shedding of blood will comply with the 16 to 1 platform.

Not all of the preparations for in creased business on the railroads have been made in the west. One eastern railroad alone will spend a million dollars for new cars made especially heavy to accommodate the coal and iron traffic. Eastward the star of prosperity.

The fact that bountles are being paid for enlistments in the navy recalls that when Oklahoma territory was organized among the laws adopted bodily from the code of another state was one providing for a navy and a naval militia. Where are the Oklahoma seamen?

Governor Holcomb says there is no good reason just now for the populists giving up the rule against third term nominations, but that it would be ception for the place on the ticket to be Brooklyn and New York, the swift prooccupied by the gubernatorial candi-

That Iowa prisoner who lost the sheriff while being taken to the penitentiary thing that Spain can present. and tried in vain to induce somebody to arrest him as a fugitive from justice is now in a position to endorse the assertion that the voters are not always duly careful as to whom they elect to offices of responsibility.

charges preferred against his reform pogovernors either.

When the next legislature of Wisconain meets it will have before it a com- has been made up for aggressive action, prehensive report on prison labor in that for the greater part of the fleet consists state and elsewhere made by a commisgion appointed by the governor for that would not attempt to bring over, since purpose. The prison labor problem is these boats are not designed for a long to workingmen, and legislatures more easily be destroyed if they ventured anxious for full information on the subject before acting.

York in vetoing three-fourths of the bills ble, though by no means invincible. Anwhich came to him from the legislature besides killing many others by his in- which will be fully as strong and perfinence is generally commended. Both haps stronger than the one at Cape governor and legislature are republican, Verde Islands, but as it could not reach bills that are useless or worse than month if war should come in the meanuseless that there is always room for while this flotilla would probably not

FOR POLITICAL CAPITAL

The effort of the democrats in congress to make political capital out of the Spanish-American issue will be condemned by all fair-minded men. The attacks on the president by Bailey, Lentz indefensible. No man whose mind is nestly desires the independence of Cuba as any man, but as a conscientious executive he must have regard for the past course of the government and respect the principles of public law recognized by the civilized world. There is no warrant in our history for the deence of Cuba, but on the contrary there are abundant precedents, as the presi-dent pointed out in his message, against recognition. Even if it be admitted that the insurgents have a government, as they claim, we do not know that it is not want to be in a position which would compel it, in pursuance of its own act, to be subject to the direction of the Cubans. If we recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent nation we shall be bound to treat it as such and not undertake to control it.

President McKinley's policy is in complete accord with the past policy of this government and in line with the well known principles of public law, which as one of the great family of nations paign handbook in which \$500 of money the United States must consider and respect.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS.

The Spanish government has determined to make no more concessions. It will wait for action by the United States is very plainly implied in the official man whom his own party representatives have accused of fraud upon the before taking any decisive step, but it the government's intention to accept war if there is armed intervention by this country in Cuba. It has been thought not impossible that at the last moment war has been transferred from Cuba to Spain would yield and withdraw its the floor of the house of representatives military and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters. The German minister of foreign affairs has been reported as having expressed this view. There is offer the president the services of a nothing in the latest advices from Maflotilla of prairie schooners munitioned drid to warrant a doubt as to the fixed purpose of the Spanish government to resist with all the power it can command the policy proposed by the presithe army to go to war when he can have dent and which will probably be authorized by congress.

Whether or not Spain would declare war is problematical. That government might regard armed intervention by the United States as tantamount to a declaration of war on our part and simply meet force with force. The probability is, however, that war would be declared and that in doing so Spain would appeal | the rind or peel of any orange, banana, apple to the European powers, urging that she or other fruit; persons violating these was not responsible for war and asking provisions shall, on conviction, be fined not the sympathy and moral support of the powers. But in any event it is assured that armed intervention in Cuba will mean war. Spain will fight, not with any expectation of retaining Cuba, but for the reason that it is necessary to maintain the present dynasty. To surnasty, but war would firmly unite the people and the loss of Cuba would then perhaps not seriously affect the dynasty. The queen regent has earnestly endeavored to avert war. She has eagerly besought the courts of Europe to exert their influence to prevent hostilities. But undoubtedly as between war and the surrender of Cuba without a conflict, she will favor war. This, at all events, is the attitude of the Spanish cabinet and their decision will be final.

COMPARATIVE SEA POWER.

If in a war between the United States and Spain, which would of course be chiefly a naval conflict, the decisive fighting would be done by battleships and first-class armored cruisers, this country has a large advantage.

The United States has now on the At lantic ready for action the first-class battleships Iowa, Indiana and Massachusetts and one of the second class, the Texas. Spain has but two battleships. the Vitoria and Pelayo, the former old and the latter not now ready for service. Spain has one very large cruiser, the Carlos V, now undergoing repairs, and eight other cruisers, armored and unarmored, most of them at Cadiz at last accounts, and two at Porto Rico. Against mighty nice to prove the rule by an ex- these the United States has the armored tected Columbia and Minneapolis, all of her husband the official documents ready for service. There are smaller emanating from her office will bear a cruisers, monitors and gunboats which make an auxiliary force superior to any-

The New York Times says that if our that of Spain in West Indian waters or near our coast, or if it should blockade change of name and the superintendent the port of Havana and await attack the battleships and supporting cruisers of the first-class would have little to fear office. It will be noticed that Governor Hol- from the Spanish cruisers, even if all comb's apologists do not pretend that that are available should be brought tothe governor has not defied the law in gether. The battleships would only be refusing to hear the impeachment vulnerable to torpedoes, if these insidious engines of attack could get at them. lice commissioners, but set up as a de- and it is likely that our force of monifense that he is above the law. in this tors, small cruisers and armored tugs, free country there is no such thing rec. and such torpedo boat destroyers as we ognized as the divine right of kings or may have at command, would be able to defend them.

Spain must rely mainly upon her tor

pedo fleet, or that portion of it which of small boats that probably Spain becoming of great importance, especially sea voyage and besides they could across the ocean. The flotilla at Cape Verde Islands, consisting of three large torpedo boat destroyers and three first-The action of Governor Black of New class torpedo boats, is really formidaother flotilla is being made up at Cadiz it every legislature passes so many the West Indies in much less than a

safe to assume that it would be inter

There is no doubt as to the naval superiority of the United States over Spain except in the matter of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers-a very imand others are wholly unwarranted and portant matter, certainly, but even with this difference the advantage is still not controlled by partisan prejudice can with this country. There is another redoubt that President McKinley as ear- spect in which we are probably superior and that is in the qualifications of our seamen, who have been selected with great care. Perhaps there is no better discipline in our navy than in that of of loss. Spain, but it would undoubtedly be demonstrated that in the handling of ships, in marksmanship and in most mand that we recognize the independ- other respects American seamen are superior to the Spanish.

WHAT WILL THE GOVERNOR DUT In order to give a semblance of nonpartisanship to its report, the legislative investigating committee organized to such a government as this country ought absorb \$10,000 of the taxpayers' money to recognize. Moreover, if there is to has sandwiched into its findings an item be intervention, this government does of \$160 illegally drawn from the state treasury by James C. Dahlman while acting as sheriff of Dawes county. In other words the charge is made that James C. Dahlman, chairman of the democratic state committee and now drawing \$2,000 a year as one of the secretaries of the state railroad commission, has collected \$160 from the state on a fraudulent claim.

This is a more serious charge than was embodied in the last populist camsaid to have been stolen by Eugene Moore was traced into the hands of Frank Ransom, chairman of the silver republican state committee.

The question is, What will Governor Holcomb do about this? Will he ignore the report because it implicates one of the chosen reformers? Will be allow a of the fittest." state to continue to hold a lucrative office of honor and trust under his administration?

Has the governor the moral courage to rebuke dishonesty among his own political followers and associates?

SOME NEGLECTED ORDINANCES. While there is a legal fiction that everyone is presumed to know the law, the truth is that not one person in one hundred has even a fair comprehension of what the law allows or forbids. This is particularly true with reference to the ordinances of the city relative to street nuisances and similar offenses. To bring these provisions of the city ordinances to the attention of the public the city improvement committee of the Woman's club has prepared the following compilation:

Sec. 25. Misdemeanor ordinances. No person shall throw, cast, lay or drop on any sidewalk or crossing in the city of Omaha, to exceed \$10.

Sec. 36. Defacing buildings and trees. No person shall cut, injure, mark or deface any public building, tree or any shrub growing upon any street, alley, public square or park under a penalty not exceeding \$100. Sec. 38. Injuring fences, lamp posts

etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to render Cuba without being compelled to purposely mar, injure, deface, remove or dedo so would undoubtedly bring about the stroy any fence, gate, lamp post or sign overthrow by revolution of the reigning board or awning in any street or public board or awning in any street or public bave been tumbling down the seep sides of place, or in front of any private premises the Chilkoot pass for ages, just as that one within the city under a penalty not exceeding | did which overwhelmed so many gold seek-

Ordinance 3,415. Prohibits the circulating or distributing of hand bills or circulars upon streets by fine not less than \$2 nor

Ordinance 4,072. Prohibits the putting, weeping, dropping or placing on any street or alley of any glass, chica, crockery, nails, wire, steel or other metal under penalty of not less than \$1 nor more than \$10. Ordinance 4,073. Prohibits the sweepin or throwing of litter on paved streets, alleys or sidewalks under penalty not to exceed

Ordinance 4.266. Provides against spitting upon steps and corridors of public buildings or on the platforms or in the cars of street railways with penalty from \$1 to \$10. It is plain that it is not from lack of salutary legislation that the streets of Omaha are not kept in the best possible

condition of cleanliness, but rather from ignorance and neglect of the authorities to enforce the penalties. The work undertaken by the city improvement committee with the children of the public schools ought therefore not only to be encouraged, but extended to the adults. who are in reality the more chronic of-

The marriage of the woman superintendent of public instruction for Colorado to an army officer is causing the wise ones of the Centennial state a great deal of worry. If she takes the name name not known to the records of the state and if he should change his name it would be a question whether he could continue to draw pay on his commission navy should have an encounter with in the army. As a compromise it is stated neither one will submit to a will continue to sign papers with the name under which she was elected to

It is to be hoped the county commissioners are through with the applicants for salaried sinecures who persist in denanding special exposition exhibits by Douglas county. The exposition bonds were voted as aid to the exposition ensquander any large part of this fund advertise Douglas county by an exhibit of farm products at an international exposition, which is the biggest advertisement Omaha and Douglas county could possibly have, is simply inexcusable.

The charter vests in the mayor the exclusive power to appoint special policemen subject to the approval only of the police board. The police reform outlaws, however, pretend to appoint and commission special policemen without reference to the requirements of the law. No such bogus policeman has any authority to make arrests, but is himself subject to arrest for personating an of-

How to Be Happy Without Tidles.

month if war should come in the meanwhile this flotilla would probably not be permitted to cross the ocean. It is decorated in pleasing fashion to show that

one can be happy, though without tidles ribbons tied to the turniture. The discove of this possibility will create a social recolution in New England.

Homak Life for Gold.

No Great Loss. Mr. Willie Jennings Bryan denies that h

The model of the Maine is to be removed from the Naval department at Washington and exhibited at the Omaha Exposition. About the same time we ought also to be able to exhibit a model Cuban republic to the

The Spanish minister of marine says: "N Spanish ship should strike her colors to an American man-of-war. She should blow up her own magazine first." If there is no objection from any source—and we hear none that proposition will be accepted without de

Like Davy Crockett's Coon.

The promptnes with which Spain agreed to pay 450,000 pasetas (\$90,000) for damage to German property and the killing of some German citizens in Cuba shows that she knows a war ship when she sees it headed

China's Loss to Mankind's Gain.

What is the Chinaman's loss is mankind's gain. It is a good thing for the world that the vast area known as the Chinese empire in gradually pessing into foreign hands. Its resources are immense and must be devel-oped. The Mongolian has held out against the onward sweep of progress as long as he can. He must stand aside for those who are more capable. It is rather sad to see his country taken away from him; but sympathetic considerations do not influence the workings of that law known as "the survival

Britain's Commander on the Nile.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. General Sir Herbert Kitchener, who has won fame by his campaigns in the Soudan and especially by the completeness of his victory at the battle of Atbara, is about 47 years of age. He entered the Egyptian serv-ice in 1874 and has participated in nearly all the fighting against the dervish power since the fanatical horde of the mahdi first became formidable. In this campaign he has had as his chief adviser that remarkable man. Slatin Pasha, who was with Gordon at Khartoum and who was held a captive in the Soudan for thirteen years. Slatin Pasha's intimate knowledge of all the Soudanese tribes, their language and ways, has renlered him invaluable to the British general

Malicious "Yellow" Fake. Philadelphia Record.

It will be recalled by those whose men ories are even moderately retentive that Captain Sigsbee in his testimony before the senate committee on foreign relations, which declined to express any opinion when asked who was responsible for the destruction of his ship. The story widely published yesterday and "vouched for by a member of the committee," to the effect that Captain Sigs-bee had sworn that the Maine was blown up "by a mine connected by a wire either from the shore or from the Alfonso XII" was, there fore, a monstrous and malignant falschood. The fellow who started this mischievous and designedly inflammatory rumor ought to be publicly whipped.

Chilcost Pass Disaster.

Philadelphia Ledger.
There are few fatal avalanches in the European Alps nowadays, because many casualties of the kind in the past have taught the people caution and they no longer venture rashly in the paths which the terrible snow-slides may be expected to take. There have been few such oatsstrophes in the Alaskan Alps heretofore, because there were no victims within reach. Doubtless the avalanches have been tumbling down the seep sides of did which overwhelmed so many gold seekers a few days ago and their traces must
have been visible to those who chose to look
for them, but the hundreds of men and
women who sorambled across the pass were
thinking only of reaching their destination
and if a thought of the impending danger
crossed their minds at all they trusted to
get eafely by before it fell. In the course of
natural events there will be other avalanches
on this trail and they will beye many more on this trail and they will have many more

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Business Methods in the Managemen of lowe State Institutions.

The governor of Iowa, although a repul The governor of Iowa, although a republican of the straitest sect, seems to be a pretty good sort of civil service reformer. The Iowa legislature recently passed a law placing the control of the charitable and penal institutions of the state in a governing board of three men, who are to be paid reasonable salaries for their services and one of whom at least shall be a member of the

of whom at least shall be a member of the minority party.

Immediately upon the passage of the law a swarm of second and third rate applicants for membership in the board appeared at Deu Moines with their grip-sacks full to bursting of political indorsements and recommendations. Governor Shaw rejected every applicant of this class and appointed three men, not one of whom was seeking the place, and every one of whom was eminently fit for it. The Des Moines Leader, a democratic organ, thus sums up the qualifications of the appointees:

appointees:

"William Larrabee of Clermont, state senator for eighteen years, governor for four
years, successful business and public man.
L. G. Kinne of Des Moines, twice democratic canci ate or governor, justice of the supreme court until January 1 last, lawyer and jurist and one of the recognized leaders of Iowa democracy for many years. John Cownil of South Amana, farmer and extensive business man, president of the State Agricultural so-

It doesn't require a prophet to foretell that the asylums and prisons of the state will be well managed under the supervision of such a board. The great wonder will be how it is possible for a man like Governor Shaw to get elected to the chief magistracy in Iowa. AN UNEQUALLED OPPORTUNITY.

Why Every Western State Should Participate in the Exposition.

San, Francisco Call. The nearer comes the opening day of the ransmississippi Exposition the more evident is the fact that, in not having provided for an exhibit there California has made a mistake. Perhaps to is even now not too late. Much could be done between this time and the lat of June, when the doors are to open. The exposition at Omaka is to be more exterprise, which involves an outlay of tensive than there has been held in this hundreds of thousands of dollars. To country, with the single exception of the Columbian affair. This buildings now approachsquander any large part of this fund ing completion are large and artistic and are under pretense that it is necessary to to house products of science, art and indus try from all over the world. It is worth re mark that the affair was originated at a Transmississippi Congress at which a Califor-nian presided, and that there was present a strong and enthus astic Californian delega-

the preliminary work the people of In the preliminary work the people of Omaha have shown remarkable zest and generosity, and their spirit has infected all the states with the exception of the one capable of making the finest display of any. There are two things to be considered. It is necessary to have a domestic market as a foreign one, and visitors from every part of the country will be in Omaha by the thousands during the six months the expension is to be during the six months the exposition is to be under way. Furthermore, California intends soon to have an exposition on a magnificent scale. The merest recognition of the ben-ofits of reciprocity ought to cause liberal treatment of Nebraska. The money expended and the good will shown would bring rich

The managers desire that if nothing more be done commissioners be appointed from this state and private exhibits be forwarded. It certainly seems strange that among the states invited to participate California should be the only one to refuse.

COMMENT ON THE CRISIS.

McKinley supports his position on recogni-tion and intervention by quoting from Jack-son, Grant and Cleveland, which ought to party sense.

Kansas City Star (ind.): It seems that An Kansas City Star (ind.): It seems that Andrew Jackson pursued the same sort of policy in regard to the independence of Texas that President McKinley has resolutely maintained respecting Cuban independence. Those who are crying, "Oh, for on Andrew Jackson in the White House now," will do well to read President McKinley's citations from Jackson's comments on the status of Texas sixty years are: sixty years ago.

Philadelphia Record (dem.): "War." said Speaker Reed in a letter written to a Massachusetts reform club member. "Is not to be gayly indulged in as a festival, but entered upon cautiously after every expedient has been tried." This sound and shrewd observation, albeit a mere commonplace of New England caution furnishes. New England caution, furnishes a master key to the prudent and sagacious policy of the leaders at the federal capital who must soon solve the complex problem of an un-precedented international situation.

New York Sun (rep.): Possibly Spain may respect one reason for submission to the American demand that she retire from Cuba. If she refuses, her troops in Cuba are liable to extermination. When once Cuba realises that Havana is blockaded by the ships of the United States, the Spanish sol-

New York Tribune (rep.): The woes of the Cuban people must be abated, but the Maine must be remembered. The age-long maine must be remembered. The age-long menace to American peace and welfare must at last be ended, but the Maine must be remembered. The outrage upon humanity must be abolished, but the Maine must be must be abolished, but the Maine must be remembered. There can be no settlement of the Cuban question until that part of it is settled. "Remember the Alamo!" was the cry of the Texans in their war for independence, more than half a century ago. Spain will have no one to blame but her-self if her flag is forced to vanish from the western hemisphere to the cry of "Remem

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.): attacks upon the president as that made by Lentz of Ohio, in the house Thursday, can do the democrats no good. Wild assaults upon the president's integrity will be resented by the people just now, who, how-ever they may differ about the wisdom of some points of his Spanish policy, believe in his purposes and back him in his efforts first for honorable peace, and, that failing his determination for honorable warfare Raying about his having sold out to Wal carlot and Benedict Arnold, and all the other cheap rhodomontade which we have been accustomed to hear so much lately, can injure only those guilty of it. Men who essay to speak for the democrats now ought to remember that in times of war in this coun try patriotism always rises superior to party end the surest way for any party to bring directer upon itself is to array itself in factious hostility to the war admiristration.

Leslio's Weekly (ind.): In all the history

of mankind there never was a national character so wonderfully patient as Uncle portrayed as a high-strung, nervous, excitable, sensational person apt to stumble into dengerous troubles unduly, and almost sure to behave himself awkwardly after he gets in. He is charged with having upset the traditions and precedents of centuries by speaking the truth even in di-plomacy, and he is supposed to be the sort of a blunderer who eats with a knife and carries a chip on his shoulder. When foreign carlexture forsakes this view of the amiable old gentleman, it pictures him as a pork-packer or a mercenary pursuer of the scalid packer or a mercenary pursuer of the sordid packer or a mercenary pursuer of the sordid dollar. A man of peace who has never sought hostilities of any kind, he has uniformly counted a hundred—or more—before saying an augry word, and he grows more conservative with age. We are daily seeing his immense patience used, and through it all he looms superbly as the kindest, most just and most powerful force or human. ration. It is gratifying, therefore, to read saying about him. They do not yet fully grasp his unparalleled magnanimity, but they do begin to appreciate the great fact that behind all his patience lies an uncon-querable spirit, and behind all his purposes rosts the grim determination to do what is right in the kindest and most merciful way

FOREST RESERVES IN PERIL.

Move to Abrogate the Orders Creating Them.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. Interpolated among the provisions of the aur dry civil appropriation bill now pending be-fore congress, and which we believe has al-ready passed the senate, is the following "Provided, further, That the executive or

ders and proclamations dated February 22, 1897, setting apart and reserving certain lands in the states of Wyoming, Utah, Mon-tana, Washington, Idaho and South Dakots as forest reservations, be and they are hereby suspended and the lands embraced therein restored to the public domain the same as though said orders and proclamations had not been issued."

If this provise is accepted by the house of

If this provise is accepted by the house of representatives it will have the effect of annulling all that has been done by national authority for the protection of the country's remaining forests during the past ten years. It will render nugatory all the efforts of the American Forestry association so far as they have affected congressional action. It will the creative techniques for a second secon kill the excellent schemes for an improvesystem of forestry under national super-vision, which have well nigh reached maturity through the co-operation of the executive branch of the government with the forestry associations and with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In the passage of that provise the nation will have taken an immense backward step, plac-ing all the country's forest domain practically at the mercy of a few mercenary

The plea that is put forward now-to strengthen previous pleas that the establish-ment of forest reservations hinders the ment of forest reservations indices the growth of the states where they exist and that "legitimate" lumbering operations are interfered with—is that the reservation policy interferes also with the mining industries. As well might it be said that the reservations interfere with the telegraph or the photographing business. They interfere the photographing business. They interfere with no business whatever that will build up the future greatness of the states containing them. On the contrary, they are designed to assist those states to a grander future, to greater wealth, to finer avenues of industry than can be possible to a community robbed of its God-given heritage of trees. The men who have taken advantage of the present excitement in congress to sneak a wholly irrelevant clause into an appropriation bill, a division in congress upon the passage of which would be impoportune, and

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which President McKinley would, perhaps, feel compelled to sign to avoid further friction at a moment when unity is so desirable,—these men belong to the same order of patriots as those who have been cornering the market for army supplies and the like to force the country to pay higher prices. The axmen would "hold up" the country by a trick and rob it of its forests while it is engaged in preparing freedom for Cuba and punishment for the wreckers of the Maine.

The St. Paul chamber of commerce yesterday adopted a vigorous resolution against any such "backward step in the movement for a mational forest policy." Other chambers of commerce, agricultural societies, forestry associations and citizens everywhere should forward their prompt and emphatic protests to their senators and representatives against the passage of a proviso so potent which President McKinley would, perhaps against the passage of a proviso so potent with disaster.

Finishing Touches on the Exposition as Viewed at National Capital.

pushed with characteristic energy, as well as with good taste and practical business sense. Although some of the states west of the Mississippi have not manifested a high appreciation of the value of this enterprise, and have, therefore, declined or neglected to give it such assistance as was expected, others bave come forward in the most liberal spirit. Many states on this side of the great advantages eaggerly tendered, them by indistingtions and the world can match them. In every branch and can match them. In every branch and training to the officers, no service in the world can match them. In every branch and training to the officers, no service in the world can match them. In every branch and training to the officers of any other services, and have, therefore, declined or neglected to give it such assistance as was expected, others are sought in many directions. Many officers, indeed, have resigned their commissions for the higher pay and greater civil advantages eaggerly tendered, there were the compact of the states west of training to the officers, no service in the world can match them. In every branch and training to the officers of any other services are sought in many directions. Many officers, indeed, have resigned their commissions for the higher pay and greater civil advantages. the spirit. Many states on this side of the great sol- river have availed themselves of so eplendid diers will not long be able to withstand the an opportunity to advertise their resources accounts of the revolutionary forces. They will be cooped up in helpless exclusion from the rest of the world, and their fate may be imagined. The rescue of the Spaniards in sanction and aid to the exposition. It will imagined. The rescue of the Spaniards in sanction and aid to the exposition. It will cuba under the circumstances should be an undoubtedly be a magnificent show. Some achievement sufficient to enable Spain to of its promoters and sponsors promise that

> are setting up a clamor "on the assumption that the exposition will be converted into a on draft for every drunkard who seeks to

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Chicago ventures to hope that she has cecured a set of honest aldermen at last. An additional tax on beer will enable every thirsty patriot to help support the war. John Y. McKane will be a free man on release from prison with edgerness. His last the refitting of the warden's office.

Governor Llewellyn Powers thinks it fitting

that the time-honored custom of an annual fast day, which has been observed in Maine ever since it was admitted into the union should still be respected, and he has appointed Thursday, April 28, to be observed

to have at least 25,000 paraders in their pro cession in the Quaker City on May 23, in memory of the men and the deeds of 1798. Later they will erect a monument to the Irish patriots, if their present intentions are

The Postoffico department of Canada does not pay expenses, but the deficia last year was only \$586,539, while in 1896 it was \$781,-152. During the last year 123,830,00 and 26,140,000 postal cards passed through the mails. Of the letters 3,509,500 were reg-istered. The number of newspapers and books mailed in the year was 22,015,000.

A Dutch sculptor living in Rome some time ago received a commission to make a statue of President Kruger. It is now nearly fin-ished, and is unique in its way. Not only is Mr. Kruger represented as wearing a tall hat in bronze, but, in accordance with the wish of Mme. Kruger, the top of the hat is said to have been made concave, so that it may catch and hold rain water, in which little birds may bathe and quench their thirst. Or Herr Krupp of Ersen has given 10,000 marks to the Berlin Geographical solcety for a gold medal to be awarded yearly for geographical discovery. It will be called the Nachtigal medal, after Krupp's friend, Gustay Nachtigal, the African explorer, and, where the merits of the candidates are otherwise equal, will be given in preference first to discoveries on the African continent and next to exploration in Germany's colonies elsewhere.

outburst on the Maine horror, and by dropping a nickel-in-the-slot he had the pleasure of hearing himself talk. Nobody in the store recognized him at first, and with the tubes in his ears he smiled, frowned, chuckled, grew excited and unconsciously began to gesticulate with great vehemence while listening to his own stinging vocilerations.

"GETTING READY AT OMAHA."

Washington Post. Washington Post.

The great work of preparing for the Transmississippi Exposition, to be held at Omaha during the approaching summer, is being pushed with characteristic energy, as well as with good taste and practical business sense. Although some of the states west of the Mississippi have not manifested a high appreciation of the value of this enterprise, and have, therefore, declined or neglected to give it such assistance as were expected with

quench his thirst."

The facts are that the sale of strong drinks, such as whisky, rum, gin, or brandy, is to be absolutely prohibited within the gates; no liquors of any kind will be sold from bars; the only liquors sold will be malt and vinous beverages supplied at res-taurants and served with meals. Only wild fanaticism could demand greater concessions to temperance sentiment than are embraced in those provisions, and they will be en-tirely satisfactory to all reasonable people tirely satisfactory to all reasonable people. In fact the country will be surprised that the management of an exposition in a for western city has gone so far toward meeting the views of the conservative friends of

Mr. John Stewart Crossy, the retired comfor the orphans and a home for the widows of those who perished on the Maine.

The Irish-American organizations of Philadelphia and the surrounding towns expect

Senator William E. Mason found the other day that an enterprising phonograph com-pany had managed to reproduce his elequent outburst on the Maine horror, and by drop-"That's a great machine," mused Mason as he gave place to another man with a nickel.

The differences in the types of ships and the changed conditions of motive power and guns, have changed the character of the enlisted men in our service. Their habits are better and the skill demanded of them is of a more mechanical arters and white is of a more mechanical order; and white we miss some of the characteristics which made the old mac-of-war's-man so attractive made the old mac-of-war's-man so attractive and interesting, so unique and so superb as a sallor, the new man is imbued with the same loyal devotion to the flag that possessed the souls of our seamen in the colonial and revolutionary days, the war of 7812, and the outburst of civil war in 1861, and may be depended upon to do equally gallant service under whatever stress of circumstances.

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advantages eagerly tendered them by individuals and firms, colleges and corporations, than the governments gives or affords. But many remain in the service; and we have officers today, graduates of our naval academy at Annapolis, and from the civil colleges in the land, who can take the metal from undoubtedly be a magnificent show. Some in the land, who can take the metal from of its promoters and sponsors promise that it shall surpass in extent and magnificence any exposition ever held in the United States, except the Philadelphia Centennial and the incomparable and unapproachable Chicago Columbiap

Of course such an enterprise as this cap
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country. We need have no fear of the out-come. Yet it is never wise to underrate an enemy. The English did that in 1812 to their sore cost. Let us not make such mistakes and all will be well.

POINTED REMARKS.

Chicago Record: "War is norrible!"
"Isn't it? Before a war men tell us what they would do in battle, and after a war they tell us what they did do." Cincinnati Enquirer: Dollie—He promised to send back my lock of hair, and he hasn't done it yet.

Mollie—Tant's the way with these hair restorers—all promise and no performance.

Brooklyn Life: Pryne—So you're a New Yorker, too. What borough? Greene—Well, I burrow in a Manhattan office building by day, and a Brooklyn boarding house after nightfall.

Chicago Tribune: With military salute the chief of the commissary department approached his illustrious commander. "Great Caesar," he began, "I—" "Fellow," sternly interrupted the Roman general, "don't use slang!" Washington Star: "It was very care-

less," exclaimed a member of the Spanishes, "not to say treasonable."
"To what do you refer?"
"Somebody has given the king a red, white and blue Easter egg."

Boston Transcript: Citizen-Unless my eyes deceive me, you are the party I gave 10 cents to yesterday.

Beggar-I am, sir, Did you think a dime would make a new man of me? Indianapolis Journal: "A man may know enough to come in when it rains," said the Cornfed Philosopaer, "but he would not have needed to come in had he known enough to keep his umbrella."

Somerville Journal: Somerville Journal: Arthur-Did the boys in your class all turn out well? Tom-All but one. He was elected a member of the common council.

Truth: "An!" sighed the sad-faced man at the poker table, as his last chip disap-neared. "If we could see ourselves as others

SUMMER PERLINS.

Atlanta Constitut'on. There's a sorter feel o' summer in the lazy, daisy air, An' the hummin' birds air comin' an' the blooms air ever'where;
An' a feller feels like noddin' when thar's
any work ter do,
Or loafn' roun' in medders whar the daisy
drinks the dew.

It's wishin' time an' fishin' time, an' time
fer stayin' still
Whar the song birds in the blossoms als
a-singin' fit ter kill!
Ter feel yer hair a-wavin' in the vi'letscented breeze.
Or slip away ter dreamlan' in the dronin'
o' the bees. It ain't no time for thinkin'; it ain't ne

In the city, when the coolin' shades als callin' you away;
Fer folks up in the city jest git a glimpse When thar's miles of it, unclouded, in the medders, over you! I like the lazy, dalsy, springtime feelin'—
like ter be
Whar the blossoms air a-rainin' all their
richness over me!
That's the time you'll fin' me noddin' when
thar's any work ter do,
Or loafin' roun' in medders, whar the dalsy
drinks the dew!

"Successful and fortunate crime is called virtue."_Seneca.

If a lie "goes," it is a good story. It is always so with a bluff This is the sophistical philosophy of a good many clothiers. We have not been in business for thirty years, however, to come down now to mere tricks of deception. If what you get here is not all that it is represented to be, then it is your privilege to return it. We hope you will.

The dawn of spring makes new raiment and new furnishings, a matter of immediate consideration. We hope you will discuss these matters in our store, where we can show you all the various styles that are entitled to your consideration.

