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Two American war correspondents are lying in a Havana prison and several are doing the same thing outside of Havana.

Close observers insist that it is not the price of wheat alone, but of other products as well, that is making the farmers happy.

A Byron revival in literature is promised. It might as well begin with a reading of the story of Don Juan's travels in Spain.

Omaha is rapidly approaching Exposition day, the biggest day in all its mstory, and then there will be nothing but big days to follow in rapid succession.

Twenty Harvard men are going to Cuba with Roosevelt's rough riders, and thus the credit of the educational institutions of the country for patriotism is kept intact.

union want that organization to have the respect of the people they will keep hands off. The time for advice from a peace union has passed. The soldiers who go to the Philippines

If the members of the Universal Peace

will do well to take hammocks and leave their blankets in San Francisco Hammocks are the proper things beds in the tropical islands.

This year the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration will be in style as usual and there will be a great display of bunting and fireworks. But that kind of a celebration has always been fashionable.

Out in the short grass country a wet spring is a blessing and this year the kinds of French goods. The tendency blessing has been unusually strong. Grass and all small grain crops are said to look well, and there is time yet for the planting of corn.

According to latest reports Kansas is short of school teachers because so many of them have gone on a journey to Cuba to teach the Spaniards a few lessons. The summer school will soon open at Matanzas or Hayana.

Kansas City is getting ready for the next census by amalgamating more suburban towns. The intention may be good, but Omaha is satisfied that its enumeration will show up right if it includes only those who belong in the city

From the fuss they are making about it one would think the people in the eastern states consider it a great novelty to do business with gold and silver coin as the medium of exchange. Out west the people are familiar with

Iowa bankers propose to have a fund to pay for the arrest and conviction of forgers and defaulters. Bankers suffer about as much from one as from the other, and no honest banker will object to a movement to decrease the number of both classes of criminals.

Information freshly gathered by the state labor commissioner shows that the various manufacturing and mining industries and all in which large numbers of men are employed in Iowa are in a flourishing condition and there is much less idleness and half-time employment in Iowa than in recent years. Similar cheerful reports might be had from other

western states.

July to the republicans who are dele- numbers or for any great length of time those directly benefited by the demands gates to the national meeting of the League of Republican Clubs. It will congressional elections are coming on next fall and republicans in every state propriation for an exhibit of American are active and earnest in their determination that the next congress shall be tion where pretty much all the rest of one that will support the prest tent and the world will be represented would be h's policies. At the convention in an act of national resentment unworthy Omaha in July preparation will be made of a generous-minded people. Moreover, for the campaign and thousands of from a practical point of view 't would effects of diminished employment and republicans will receive fresh inspira- be a mistake. We want to extend our restricted trade. Reduced income means necessary or possible.

THE MILITARY POWER.

to the military power of the government possesses peculiar interest. The fact Paris exposition will be highly valuable. that we were unprepared for the war with Spain, having neither soldiers nor tipathy of a few elements of the French saying that the war has had no injurious munitions of war for entering at once people as to act against our own interupon a vigorous presecution of hostilities, has raised the question whether in future it will not be wise to make bet ter provision than we have hitherto made for maintaining a military establishment ample in all respects for any emergency that may arise. There are advocates of a larger standing army, while the opinion is very general among those who have given any attention to the subject that there must be a de cided improvement in the organization of the militia force of the country, whether the regular army be increased or not. There will probably be no dissent to the proposition that the government should never again be so unpre pared in munitions of war and the sup-

plies for equipping an army as it was

when existing hostilities were declared. Undoubtedly this is a question that will command the serious consideration of the country when the war is ended and meanwhile every intelligent discussion of it should receive attention. An article by Captain Parker of the United States army in the North American Review presents the matter from a military viewpoint. He argues that the Amer ican people are becoming aggressive and prowess, to do which there must be a proper method of raising and training armies. At the close of the civil war this was a formidable military nation, with a million and a half of men trained in the profession of arms. Thirty-three years of peace has, in the opinion of talent of the nation. Referring to the plans for a permanent enlargement of Less returns and unsold copies ..... 17,426 the regular army and for the reorganization and increase of the national guard, Captain Parker says they are llusory because inadequate. Reviewing the intricate system by which the union armies were recruited during the civil war-a very costly system-Captain Parker suggests a plan which he thinks would promptly provide, in time of war a large army at once available for active service. This plan contemplates building up the regular army by recruitment in each of the states. Without going into details it is to be said that the suggestions of Captain Parker appear to be generally good, but the infer ence conveyed that the United States must be prepared with a military establishment to rival the great powers of Europe will not be favorably regarded

> In respect to this question of future military power of course a great deal will depend upon the policy that shall be adopted when the present war is ended. If the American people should decide to permanently hold conquered territory it will be necessary to maintain a large military establishment, as well as a large navy. In any event a very considerable increase in our sea power is certain to be made. There is a demonstrated necessity for that. But if we do not adopt the policy of territorial expansion there appears to be no good reason why we should materially, if at all, increase the military establishment, though this does not exclude the 'dea of making provision for rapidly mobilizing an army in the event of war. In a conflict with Europe it would be a big payy and not a big army that we should

outside of military circles.

need. THE SPIRIT OF RETALIATION.

the sympathy with Spain shown by a portion of the French people by a course of retaliation. Much opposition has been shown to the proposed appropriation by congress for an American exhibit at the Paris exposition in 1900. Fashionable women in some of the eastern cities have started a movement for boycotting all is widespread to treat France as a hostile country, with which we should have

as little intercourse as possible.

There is unquestionably some warrant for this. French newspapers and Frenchmen of prominence have said severe things about the United States. Americans in Paris have been insolently treated. There have been many incidents which plainly showed a feeling of hostility toward this country. But may it not be that the anti-American sentiment in France has been somewhat exaggerated? The Springfield Republican recently printed an extract from a letter of a resident of Cambridge, Mass., lately in Paris, in which the writer stated that our ambassador to France. General Porter, had said that he was overrun with offers from French military men who wanted to enter the service of the United States. In regard to the Spanish sympathizers the ambassador said they are of three classes-the small set of aristocratic bourbons who are inimical to the'r own republic, those who are influenced by religion and the French holders of Spanish bonds, who aithough most frequent there. Only last will lose heavily from the defeat of Spain. But General Porter, who it must by a genuine tornado, defying the rare be presumed has taken some care to investigate, was convinced that people though the tornado belt is often regenerally were on the side of the United ferred to in jest, a sjudy of the history States and the government certainly was. It was using every effort to main- any one that there is no tornado belt in tain strict neutrality. The American this country, people must accept such testimony of their diplomatic representative as far more trustworthy than that of persons who are in a position to observe only

the surface of things. Unquestionably the attitude of a por tion of the French press and people is perity have not been justified by events. irritating, but we can afford to take a At the outset a sharp check in the freecharitable view of it as a nation. If dom of investments was felt. The unour fashlonable women should earnestly decide to stop buying French fineries-Omaha will give a hearty welcome in as they are not likely to do in any great -that is simply an individual matter, of war. That feeling has passed away. which would possibly result in some be a notable gathering of men. The benefit to American manufacturers and lines of business have adapted them-American labor. But to refuse an apmanufactures and products at an exposi-

At this time all discussion relating a medium for supplying such informa- fest itself in the business of building

A RARE COMPLIMENT.

The compliment bestowed upon David H. Mercer by the republicans of Nebraska's metropolis and the counties constituting the Second congressional district is something that any public ma i might well be proud of.

For the first time in the history of this state a fourth consecutive nomination for a seat in congress has been given and this distinguished honor is conferred by the unanimous vote of the nominating convention. This expression of high appreciation must be the more gratifying since it is conceded to be equivalent to a re-election.

Without disparaging the services of any of his colleagues or predecessors, it can be truly said that Congressman Mercer has accomplished more for his constituents than any other man who ever represented a Nebraska district at Washington. It is because of his usefulness and growing influence as a member of the house and his popularity with all classes of citizens that his selection has been made without opposition by his party from among many able and anxious to assert themselves and their active republicans who would do credit to the office.

It goes without saying that Mr. Mercer is in position to render more efficient and valuable service in the future than he has rendered in the past and with the assurance of another term he will be able to command support for all Captain Parker, impaired the military measures in which this district and state are vitally concerned.

A "PHILIPPINE LOBBY," The report that a lobby has already made its appearance in Washington, having for its object the fostering of sentiment in favor of the permanent retention of the Philippines by the United States, is not incredible. The Boston Transcript says that promoters of land companies, electric light companies and various other companies to operate and speculate in the Philippines in the event of their retention by us as "colonies" are already haunting and hunting congress and it would not be passing strange, that paper remarks, if the lingo sentiment reflected in recent debates received some of its stimulus from this source. "The argument that the Philippines produce great quantities of hemp, sugar and tobacco and would produce so much more under American administration as to give us, in affilia tion with Cuba, command of the world' markets for these commodities, has already become familiar to us as present d in behalf of a policy of colonial extension."

Much effort has been made since Dewey's victory to learn something about the resources of the Philippines and such information as has been obtained is well calculated to appeal to the commercial spirit. There is no doubt that the islands are rich in resources. and that under an administration of affairs that would encourage enterprise and stimulate their development they would attain a much more important place in the world's trade than they have held. It is to be expected that the greatest influence in favor of the United States holding permanent possession of the Philippines will be commercial, but this must not be permitted to overcome the weightier political considerations There is a strong disposition to resent against the permanent occupation of the islands.

THE TORNADO BELT While it still remains the fashion with a large number of persons occasionally to twit the residents of this or that section of the country with living in the tornado belt, evidence accumulates year by year that practically no portion of the United States is entirely compt from danger of tornadoes, cyclones, hurricanes or wintry blizzards. The elements are impartial. In proport on to the extent of its territory the United States is as free from destructive storing as any part of the world, but a number of them are sure to be heard from every year, and now that every township of the country contains inhabitants there is sure to be more or less less of life and

Of the tornadoes in the M'ss'ssippi valley the one which struck St. Louis two years ago was most disastrous, but Louisville, Chicago and other cities have felt the wrath of the wind within recent years. Two or three of the worst ternadoes have struck Iowa, those at Camanche, Grinnell and Pomeroy being best known. One of the worst storms ever known swept over the low islands along the gulf coast near New Orleans a few years ago, and a cyclone of gi gantic proportions that passed over the southeastern states a short time back proved most destructive at Charleston. The storms are not in the valleys alone, week Cripple Creek, Colo., was visited atmosphere of the mountain region. Alof cyclonic disturbances soon convinces

DISCREDITED PROPHECIES. The fears very generally expressed preceding and following the declaration of war that it would check if not postpone indefinitely the advance of proscertainties of so critical a situation very naturally caused a practical suspension of business enlargements, excepting Uncertainty is felt no longer and all selves to prevailing conditions.

No better evidence of this fact is to be had than the prosperous condition of building and loan associations. Their membership is composed of wage earners to the extent of 80 per cent. No extertionist, often a rogue, and always a class of people as quickly feel the ill. tion for their political faith if that is trade and one means of doing that is to not only greater economy but frequent a good thing for the government as well as who are always in danger of making indisacquaint the world more fully with what drafts on their savings. If war had the for the soldiers.

we produce and with our resources. As effect predicted it would certainly manition there can be no question that the and loan associations. Newspapers devoted to the interests of these associa-Let us not take so seriously the an- tions, as well as the managers, unite in tions report marked increase in business, the first substantial evidence of ger.

prosperity enjoyed by them in five years. This gratifying condition is particularly noticeable in the mid-west. Prior If a man's words taint the air, he has to last fall western associations were at a standstill. Comparatively few increased their assets Withdrawals were greater in amount than loans, and membership home. decreased in consequence. In less than nine months that condition has been reversed. Not the least significant feature of their prosperity is the fact that loans for new homes constitute a goodly proportion of the total.

These semi-banking institutions are a fairly accurate barometer of the condition of wage earners. In round numbers there are 6,000 associations, with an aggregate membership of 2,000,000. They have undergone extraordinary trials stronger than ever in public confidence. Their improved condition is one of the many gratifying evidences of prosperity unchecked by war.

THE WANING OF TITLE WORSHIP. In the eventful history of Westminster Abbey there has been nothing more impressive than the scene of the past week when thousands of men and women of his ecclesiastical duties. high and low station dropped tears of affection and regret on the bier of the greatest statesman of his age. All the world knows that Gladstone might have been admitted to the select circle of the old nobility, yet he died a commoner. It has been said of the people who sincerity of their manifestations of grief or that they would have been less moved had the man who was greater than any the mass of English people.

The case of Gladstone but confirms other testimony showing that title worship is not as common as it once was The popular men of England today are not of the nobility. Chamberlain, Balfour, Harcourt, John Morley, Curzon, who have influence on their merits and not because of titles conferred. Any membered as Disraeli, and we forget that there was a "lord" connected with not Lord Tennyson, and Lord Kelvin is that this curious resolution was tabled. no more loved by students of science as William Thomson. For an active, aggressive, ambitious young man, having confidence in himself and well formed plans, the peerage has no special attrac-

The passing of title worship is one sign of the progress of democratic sentiment throughout the world. Men are respected for their worth more than ever before, class d'stinctions are being broken down and there is equality in many places where before there was none. It is possible and even probable the next century may witness the abelition in all the Anglo-Saxon countries of all titles not conferred because of individual merit.

Some of the name changing due to stance, in San Francisco, the name of during the exposition season Balboa boulevard has been changed to Dewey boulevard, against the protest of many prominent members of the Society of Native Sons. It is true Balboa was of Spanish birth, and on discover ing the Pacific ocean he took possession of it in the name of the king of Spain. But he was later a rebel and suffered death for his defiance of the tyranny of the Spanish crown. Balbon was the kind of a Spaniard who if alive would appland a feat like that which made Dewey famous.

Now it is proposed that a party of scientists be sent from the Smithsonian Institution with the army to Mandia to make observations and gather speci A fine collection of snakes, v. pers and vermin ought to be easily ob tained there if all accounts are true.

#### A Timely Tip for Tourists. Indianapolis Journal.

Now that the professional tourists of th east will not find it pleasant to spend the summer in Europe, they can spend a sea son profitably in the to them unknown por tions of their country west of the Missis sippi river, taking in the Omaha exposition Coin of the Realm.

### Springfield Republican

Just about three-fourths of the customs receipts at New York so far this month have been paid in gold. Eight months ago gold constituted less than 1 per cent of these payments. This is the coin of the realm today as never before since the civil

### Knockout for Machines.

Philadelphia Record The New York court of appeals has enocked the value out of the patented voting machines. It decides that the use of the machine limits the choice of the voter by confining him to the nominees. Either the machines will level to be modified so as to permit unrestricted choice of names or go to the scrap heap. This is to be regretted. The machines insured an honest count.

### Abbreviating Railroad Titles.

The Chicago, Etclington & Quincy railroad corporation is to have its name changed to "Burlington" simply. Its passenger cars are now being resettered with that on word alone, after the style of the Pennsylvania railroad system, whose cars bear the title of "Pennsylvania," Greater brevity in railway nomenclature is in order at all times. It will be particularly acceptable in the case of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road.

### Shutting Out the Sutler.

The order issued by the War departmen announcing that no sutlers will be permitted to accompany the army of invasion into Cuba is altogether commendable. The army sutler, as the civil war proved, is generally an nuisance. To dispense with him by enlarg ing the variety of commissary supplies and

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

Light and purity never blush.

Pride is the bloom of perdition. An aimless life insures a homeless even Pigs do not squeal when they are feed

The man above counsel is always in dan-Oily tongues and mute dogs are danger-

cesspool in his heart: Beware of infection. Don't let your hurrahs for your brother

One of the questions that will be asked at the judgment day is this:: "How did you vote?

in Cuba drown the plea of your brother at

Scientists have never explained why it at ways rains harder on prayer meeting night than at other times.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chicago Chronicle: -Preachers are encouraging young men to go to war: even young married men, who mayhan have war enough at home. Do not the ministers know that it is written that when a man during the last five years and are today hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with

Buffalo Express: Bishop John P. Newman of the Methodist Episcopal church asserts emphatically that there is no truth in the report recently circulated to the effect that he was about to retire from the episcopate. He has been in rather poor health lately, but not seriously ill. During the last twelve months he has crossed the continent five times in the performance of

St. Louis Republic: The Southern Methodist church is just now wrestling with the evangelist question. There appears to be a strong undercurrent in the conference at Baltimore in favor of strict rules for dealing with evangelists. During the discus sion Saturday, Sam Jones and some of the regular ministers engaged in a warm debate. mourn his passing that they "dearly His remarks gave decided offense to some love a lord," and yet no one doubts the one bishop declaring that his language was "unfit for a conference floor." Some rather heated statements were made, and it became evident that a strong sentiment for restriction existed. The probabilities are, therelord accepted for himself any one of fore, that the Methodist body will introduce the titles supposed to be coveted by in the future a more searching supervision of the irregular preachers.

Indianapolls News:: The Presbyterian general assembly showed its good sense in refusing to adopt a resolution urging President McKinley to see that no battles were begun on Sunday. It is said that many of the commissioners were in favor of the resolution, but it was finally laid on the and a score of others might be mentioned table. It is this sort of folly that discredits the whole idea of Sunday. The theory that it is in the power of the president or any other man to prevent a battle, one of these equals Rosebery or Salis or, indeed, to fight one, whenever he pleases bury in power and strength with the is absurd. Our Presbyterian friends would,

people. Lord Benconsfield is best re- we suppose, have stayed Dewey's hand, and have made him wait twenty-four hours before beginning his attack. Men can not choose when they will fight. In war events the name of Randolph Churchill. With control men even more than men control his admirers it is simply Tennyson and events. It is to the credit of the assembly

#### OMAHA'S ART CRUSADE.

Chicago Post: We have given some thought to the case of the Salvation Army girl who used an ax with telling effect on the nude figures used to decorate one of the great arches of the Omaha exposition, and we are inclined to think that the spectacle of a girl climbing a barbed wire fence and scaling a great arch must be quite as distressing from the standpoint of strict propriety as anything in the line of the nude in art that was likely to be exhibited there. Chicago Times-Herald: Until public taste in Origha has been elevated above the avstandard of art criticism we believe it would World's fair, that will not be second to any be well for the exposition managers to provide Apollo with a pair of "Apollo \$4 unid can be patched up perhaps the little Every fellow can manage to escape unpleasant mississippi the appearance of a new popular hero attention by donning knickerbockers. is done with poor judgment. For in- Either do this or lock up the woodsheds

Chicago Chronicle: No doubt the Salvation Army girl who hacked the outdoor Cupids as an offense against morals was sincere, but her act was none the less vandalism of a vicious type. It was the same spirit that caused the Puritans to burn human creatures at the stake in an attempt to exorcise alleged evil spirits. The lassic and her kind might have chopped down all the wealth of statuary at the World's fair, but it would not stop the mission of real art. There will always be more or less nudity in the beautiful, but in its expression we should follow Aristotle and avoid extremes.

Chicago Tribune: There must be some thing radically wrong when a young woman attacks Cupid with an ax. The mere fact that the little fellow is rather negligent about his wardrobe is not sufficient explanation. He must have wrought some special havoc in the bosom of the pretty Salvation Army lieutenant with one of his sharp little arrows. The depth of her resentment is only o be measured by the height of her midnight climb. When a young woman mounts a ladder and climbs on her hands and knees to a position where the burly minions of the law can only prance around below her and beg her to come down and be arrested she must be in deadly earnest. No ideas of dress reform could nerve her to such a desperate venture. The other young woman who waited at the foot of the ladder may have had some such mild motive, but the one who climbed had a wound to avenge. Either the Omaha Cupids must be unusually flerce or the Omaha girls must be unusually hard-hearted. In any case it is not fair for them to fight with an ax.

## The World's Food Supply.

Minneapolis Journal The fortunate position which the United States has occupied during the past year with reference to the world's food supply is shown by some figures compiled by the statistical bureau at Washington. These show that the world's wheat crop in 1897 was only 2,139,549,168, against a yield of 2 430 497,000 in 1896, 2,546,494,000 in 1895, and 2,676,651,000 in 1894. At the same time the wheat crop in the United States last year was greater than in any year since 1893 This accounts for the phenomenal European demand and high prices. Leiter was fortunate enough to take advantage of the European shortage.

#### Whent and Prosperity. Cleveland Leader

Altogether, it may fairly be said that the splendid prospects for a big wheat crop, combined with the strength of the grain markets, both at home and in Europe, go far toward assuring prosperity in this country all through the coming fall and winter, as well as the summer now at hand. If there can be added the restoration of peace, with the help that it would give to some great interests, such as the building trades, that now suffer severely from the conservation of capital, the times will surely be better than any the country has known for several years.

#### Utility of the Philippines. Washington Star

In a lively presidential campaign the Philippine islands would be a good place selling them to men and officers at cost is to which to ship men who are too promia thoroughly wise arrangement. It will be pent to be ignored by their parties, but creet remarks.

Banquet of the Associated Press. Chicago, May 18:

"Mr. Rosewater was enthusiastically rena follows:

"Mr. Tosstmaster and Gentlemen of the In projecting me to the very front of this entertainment, I take it that the tonstmaster has been actuated by about the same motive that prompted the prince of American showmen, P. T. Barnum, always to send his little elephant in the front when he was going to cross a river, in order to test the ice. (Laughter.) And before proceeding, I desire to register a most selemn protest, in the presence of this august assembly, against the slight put upon myself by the "Poet Lariat"-the poet of this association-in omitting any reference whatever to attar of rose or any other perfume, which the toastmaster has referred to, and I most sincerely regret that these winsome, bewitching witches (great laughter) have made not even the faintest allusion to Bees and Honey.

"Now passing from the ridiculous to the sublime, I want to rivet your attention on this picture (picture of Omaha Exposition held up at his side), and then I want also to rivet your attention on a few salient points.

"It is within the memory of many men ages, and in climbing the granite-ribbed Sierras and leaving between themselves and white men and civilization more than a thousand miles of alkali desert. Now, you will remember, those of you who look back, and not a very long while back either, that the most rapid communication between Chicago and San Francisco was by pony express connecting with the overland stage. The building of the Pacific Telegraph was regarded as a marvelous achievement. That was only four years before Cyrus W. Field had completed communication between America and all Europe through the laying of the Atlantic cable. When the golden spike was driven in 1869, and the iron band was welded which united all the states of this union between the Atlantic and the Pacific coast, this people witnessed the beginning of the most marvelous era of progginning of the most marvelous era of progwell, pray for me while I propose to

"From that progress has sprung an empire west of the Mississippi river. Where there was not a mile of railroad when I crossed the Missouri river today we have miles of railways-we have six transcontinental lines-we have a country that has a greater population than the nation had at the beginning of the civil war. It is for the purpose of illustrating, by a striking object lesson, the great progress be happy with a girl whose engager that has been made by the western half of to me will not induce jewelers to trust striking object lesson, the great progress this continent that the Transmississippi and International Exposition was projected and will be inaugurated on the 1st day of June, two weeks from this date "The Chicago World's fair was a marvel

in itself. It had at its disposal something like \$30,000,000, \$5,000,000 of which were placed to its credit by the national government, and \$5,000,000 more raised right here by loan. We, of the city of Omaha, started out in the face of the most depressing times, in the face of two consecutive drouth years. and organized an association by private capital that has been enabled within the space of eighteen months to produce at least what I would call a miniature Chicago fair that has ever been held in this country. (Applause.) In that exposition, thirtypants"-save the word!-and give Venus a eight states and three territories will be ofbathrobe at least. If the fragments of ficially represented and will participate. state region. from Louisiana and Texas clear to Oregon and Washington, will be there by its representatives and by its products. And while a Chicago American products were overshadowed by the foreign exhibit, at Omaha the American products will be the paramount and most attractive feature. It will illustrate what can be done and what the possibilities of that western country are, when you take the men of pluck and brawn and brain that people the country west of the Mississippi. (Applause.) These people, of course, represent all classes, from Massa-

chusetts and every state in New England, from Pennsylvania Ohio and Indiana ves from every state in the union men have come across the Mississippi river and built up villages and cities and in that great exposition their industry and thrift will be n object lesson to all who may come, "While it is true that the war is de tracting from this exposition more or less and while it is true that the press at the present time at least is monopolized almost exclusively by war news, yet it is to the press that we are largely indebted for what progress we have made up to date, and to the press we must look for whatever success we may achieve. As one of the man agers of that exposition, I desire to express my grateful appreciation to every member of the press here for the recognition that they have given to this great enterprise. It has been of course not a project advertised for money, but just because the press comprehends the magnitude of the

THE PRESS AND THE EXPOSITION. we live in. (Applause.) Permit me to say in a very few words that we desire to ex-Mr. Rosewater's Speech at the Annual tend to the American press and particularly to the members of the Associated Press our Official stenographic report of the annual cordial invitation to attend the opening of banquet of the Associated Press held at the exposition two weeks from this day, and if they cannot individually or collectively be on hand on that day, we desire them to selved as he rose in his place and spoke be there some time during the progress of this fair to satisfy themselves that all we have said about it falls short entirely of the actual facts. Every one who has been to Omaha within the last sixty days has conceded that we have not overdrawn the picture, but that we have in every way excelled every exposition that has ever been held in this country, excepting alone that at Chicago. At Philadelphia in 1876 you did not have thirty-three states represented. The whole south was practically unrepresented. We have today on these grounds a larger aggregation of wealth and industry than any that has ever been seen in this country or any other country ex-

cept at Chicago. (A voice: And Atlanta.) Well, I want to say that the Atlanta exposition was a creditable one, but it represented only in part the section in which it was held, while this exposition represents the entire western half of the continent. (A voice: How about the Midwinter?) "Yes, the Midwinter was an elegant affair,

And let me say one more word. At Philatdelphia Forney was one of the main spirits that carried the exhibition to success with the aid of the United States government, still in their prime, when Chicago and and in every instance the press has been St. Louis were outposts of American fron- the chief factor in bringing about these tier civilization. At the Golden Jubilee, colossal enterprises. At Atlanta the men held in San Francisco in January last, there at the head of the press were the chief were men present who had braved the factors in the cetton states exposition. At perils and endured the hardships of a six San Francisco this man over there (indimonths' passage by sailing vessel from New cating Mr. DeYoung) was the exposition York or Boston to San Francisco by the way within himself. (Applause.) He carried of Cape Horn. There was also men pres- it on his shoulders. At Nashville the press ent who had imperiled their lives in cross- exerted a potential influence. And I must ing the great plains on a prairie schooner, say, of course, that were we not assured in when those plains were peopled with sav- advance of the friendly co-operation of the American press, we certainly should have long since abandoned the enterprise I thank you for your attention and trust to meet you in Omaha after the exposition has opened." (Applause.)

### DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Indianapolis Journal: "Walters actually thinks his wife is handsome."
"Walters has a very trained thinker. He is a Christian Scientist."

Yonkers Statesman: She-Julie and Joe are engaged, but they have decided to keep their engagement a secret; Julie told me He-Yes. I know it: Joe told me

Detroit Journal: She was livid with "Wretch!" she cried. "Once you told me I was worth my weight in gold!" His rage was hideous to behold. "Perfidious woman!" hissed he. "You told me you weighed only 110 pounds!"

Jewelers' Weekly: Her Father-I am afraid, sir, that my daughter can never be happy with a man who can be engaged to her a month without giving her a ring. The Aspirant-Sir, I am afraid I can never Somerville Journal: Anxious Lover-Are

daughter Neille? Stern Parent-Willing? Young man, I shall be simply delighted to have you marry Cincinnati Enquirer: "I have my gosh durned doubts," said the tall, steep-shoul-dered man, "whether this heer story about women not knowing how to throw straight

you willing, sir, that I should marry you: laughter Nellie?

Detroit Free Press: "My wife is a great remarked the mar studiously jocoso "Takes care to preserve documents and that sort of thing?"
"Yes. Why, that woman won't even curl her hair unless she has the papers to show for it,"

Chicago Tribune: Mildred-Did know Harold Bingo had proposed to Mabel—No. When I refused him last saturday he told me he was going to do comething desperate, but I supposed he

neant suicide, or enlisting as a soldier comething like that. Poor fellow! I he must have taken it to heart! Cincinnati Enquirer: "While love," said the Cumminsville sage, "may make the young man oblivious of the flight of time during the honeymoon, the monthly gas bills kindly restore his balance in short order."

Philadelphia North American: "Pa," said Petey, "what is a flank movement?" "A flank movement, my son," replied the father, who is a raw recruit, "is when I prepare to go out and make a night of it and your mother secures possession of the latch key."

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felt so much like Dewey as I crept along the hall: didn't dare to strike a match-l felt along the wall;
And then as I in victory to chuckle was inclined, flerce soprano halled me and I knew that I was mined!

### THE PELT OF PEACE.

S. E. Kiser in Cleveland Leader, sat upon the hillside yesterday And saw the fellowship that moved the listened to a bell that, far away, Called striving men to hear the savior's

word, And every bud there bursting whispered

To every blade upon the verdant slope.

task and realizes that we are laboring to promote the development and welfare of the whole United States.

7th is not simply an Omaha affair. It is an exposition that represents American enterprise and industry as broad as the land the prosecution of the many and the real state of the way;

And mingled with the throng that choked the way;

I saw men push their weaker fellows down, and each man's watchward there was:

"Will it pay?"

The peaceful bell that I had heard before was silent in the turmoil and the roar.

# "Custom is almost a second nature."

-Plutarch.

An important spring custom is to get a new hat just as soon as the season is settled. Colored shirts too begin to be in demand about the same time.

When the pearls of perspiration begin to find their way down from under the so-called sweat-band of your spring derby. it is time to think of straw hats. We want you to think of ours.

We have a line of soft hats that will interest you. They are of light weight and will save the straw on a showery day. Hats of all kinds, in a word; and bicycle caps as well.

