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That legislative pot will soon begin to boll

No cigar box should be needed this time to facilitate the accounting and perhaps such a course would have good turning over of the state treasurer from first term to second.

The role of cattle king does not appear | congress behind it could accomplish more to be very promising, especially in Kan- than the military authorities toward satgas, where abdications are more frequent isfying the insurgents as to the good inthan cabinet changes in Europe.

The pottery combination is reported broken. One of the leading manufacturers kicked and the whole collection of crockery came down with a crash.

It almost begins to look as if the office of president of the state senate may our military occupation of Cuba and perhave to seek the man. This will be unusual, to say the least, for Nebraska.

Omaha is not only keeping up its record-breaking pace as a hog packing center, but each succeeding weekly report shows it has let out another notch and is rapidly gaining on the leaders.

pice may be reached the out is not likely to exert a decisive influence upon the battle royal for the senatorship.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1898.

OUTLOOK FOR RATIFICATION. sented a like opportunity to demonstrate, almost any sacrifice. Past experience The prevailing opinion at Washington the difference between Spanish and however, doesn't encourage the belief appears to be that the treaty of peace, American rule. The cost of government that any considerable portion of the which it is expected will be sent to the in these islands cannot now be esti- uniformed Cuban ration-grabbers have and are being put in proper form for naval senate within a few days after the re- mated with any approach to accuracy. an overpowering desire to work. The assembling of congress next week, will It may safely be assumed that it will time is fast approaching when they must be ratified without much delay and be relatively much more than in Cuba. demonstrate whether they are worthy without amendment. The well-informed But at all events the people will realize, the sympathy which has been bestowed correspondent of the Philadelphia Led- as rapidly as American regulations can

be put into operation, a reduction of the

burden of taxation imposed upon them

by the Spaniards. They will be re-

will learn that the money they pay for

Such a change cannot fail to be ap-

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA.

A prominent citizen of Stella, Neb., is

merchants of that town to take ad-

Grant that Kansas City jobbers have

as much right to compete for Nebraska

for Nebraska products and as a com-

mercial distributing point.

action will be taken on it by the senate lieved of the more onerous and oppres-

exhibited a few weeks ago. He states the support of government is honestly

the Philippines and their incorporation else could so certainly render acceptable

as a part of the American union. The to them the authority of the United

question of dealing with the islands is States. This is already being mani-

entirely apart from that of formally fested in Porto Rico and it is reasonable

terminating hostilities with Spain and to expect a similar result in the other

found to be a correct forecast. The sov. quoted by a Kansas City paper as urging

pines can be determined and it is not at Nebraska at the expense of Omaha.

islands.

of affairs.

upon them. The Wrong Color.

to be yellow.

Philadelphia Times. It's certainly carrying financial prejudice too far if Bryan were annoyed at that sive features of this burden and they Japanese visitor simply because he happened

How We Grow.

expended, instead of going to enrich Cincinnati Tribune. officials charged with the administration Locomotives for England and steel rails for its colonies. Think of it, and then remember that a few years ago, when our Southern railroad was built, we bought lots preciated by the people of these taxof English steel rails, because they could be ridden islands and certainly nothing had cheaper, in spite of a big duty.

> General Confidence in the Saddle. Springfield Republican. the vessel to the government at Norfolk.

Eighty per cent of the customs duties collected at New York so far this month has been in gold coin. Two years ago not a and temper than Captain Sigsbee's "Per dollar of this revenue was paid in gold. Confidence in the gold stability of the government was what was needed, rather than statute laws, to bring about a resumption of gold payments at the seats of customs.

Military Doctors Disagree. Chicago News.

vantage of the ill-feeling created by the Transmississippi Exposition among Ne-General Merritt agrees with General Miles They remained "cordial to the last." that 25,000 men are sufficient for service in braska country merchants. While the Cuba. Considering that all told less that merchants in the southern tier of 25,000 men took the Island for Uncle Sam counties of Nebraska have always made it certainly seems that General Corbin's their purchases in St. Joseph and estimate that the army of occupation should Kansas City, it is almost incredible that consist of 50,000 men is vastly too great. If vessel. He asked if the dynamo boilers had shall have been ratified the question as any Nebraskan should seek to build up not exploded. I told him we had no dynamo it requires twice as large an army now a boilers. He said that the plans of the it did when the Spaniards were in full pos-Kansas City or any other town out of session peace would seem to be more vessel, as published, showed that the gundangerous than war. cotton store-room, or magazine, was for-

History Unchangeable. Chicago Tribu

ment will undoubtedly be maintained trade as Omaha jobbers have to compete A southern paper suggests that the presithere until the next congress shall de- for the trade of Missouri, Kansas or dent follow his expressions of friendship other territory naturally tributary to during his southern tour by an order strik-Kansas City, every loyal Nebraskan is ing out the word "rebellion" from the in honor if not in duty bound at least to printed records of the civil war. A simple stand up for his own state. All other order of the president cannot change the stand up for his own state. All other facts of history, however. Besides, some of things being equal, Omaha is by rights the most conspicuous actors in the civil entitled to preference both as a market

war were rather proud of the term "rebs." and claimed that they were merely following the magazines. This again was met with the example of George Washington and his the remark that for three months no boiler

compatriots. The Mail Train Race.

Philadelphia Ledger. A United States mail contract is a great

stimulus to expedition in railroad movements, as is seen in the rivalry of two Chicago roads to secure a big contract for blacklisted because of their annual carrying western mails out of that city. Both have put on fast trains, which, whethe dents showing the freak effect of Mausei they secure the mail privilege or not, will bullets. "Several particular wounds made by be of great benefit to the traveling public.

This is not "government control of railroads," but it is government influence over them and tends in that direction. It is a not contribute a dollar toward defraying form of government control that nobody will object to, however, least of all, the rail-

Conquering the World's Markets. Kansas City Star.

Two million dollars' worth of water pipes it now is and can easily be felt. He is now for Australia and \$1,000,000 worth of in the toils of a dentist getting the damage remachinery for a steel factory in Russia are paired. The only mark he bears is a pretty the latest big foreign orders to be placed little dimple at the right corner of the

with American manufacturers. Such huge mouth, simply intensifying his former pleasorders are becoming more numerous every ant expression. Another was shot through month, yet it is not the large transaction both thighs, and I found the bullet in his that are swelling this country's exports so trousers pocket. When told of the fact he rapidly. Small shipments of goods are simply remarked: 'That's a mighty smart constantly made to nearly every country in bullet, to stop in my pocket after plugging The first battle of the legislature is existed when the war was declared. If the over the speakership, but whatme. I wouldn't lose it for a farm.' Another lad-he was merely a boy, in fact-was car-

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ENGLAND'S COLONIAL MODEL.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

vessels are now flying the stars and stripes

A round dozen of former Spanish war

Samples of the Policy Uncle Sam Un-dertakes to Follow. Boston Transcript. There is small chance to compare the con-

operations. Two of the twelve, the Alditions of the Philippines with those of the varado and the Sandoval, have arrived at West Indian islands. We compare their comthe Norfolk navy yard for fumigation and mercial, educational, industrial and moral repair. The two gunboats have interestcharacteristics with England, Spain, America ing histories The Alvarado was surrendered with Santiago and her disposition -with everything, in fact, but the only just caused trouble between General Shafter and thing to compare them with, namely, other colonies far away from their home govern-Admiral Sampson. The Sandoval was disment, and likely, like them, to fall prey to masted and sunk by her own commander. debasing commercial influences. It is devoid of guns now, they having been A recent Barbados newspaper contained rendered useless. Seven of the Spanish

the following item: "There is an astoundcraft have already been added to Dewey's ing assertion in the annual report on the fleet and three have been sent to Hong West Indian island of Barbados, just issued Kong for repairs. Three of the twelve from the colonial office, and the quiet matterare steel gunboats, three protected cruisof-fact way in which it is put, without a ers, two iron gunboats, two tugs, one tor word of qualification, makes it all the more

pedo boat and one wooden gunboat. Beremarkable. It will be found on page 8 and sides these the government expects to raise reads thus: 'The total number of registered the Mercedes, sunk at the mouth of the births in 1897 was 7,197, of which 3,300 were Santiago harbor. A contract has been exlegitimate and 3.897 were illegitimate, showocuted with the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking a percentage of legitimate births of 45.85 ing company of New York for this work. and of Illegitimate births 54.15.' It is to be the company to receive \$75,000 if it delivers

hoped that Barbados is the only part of the British empire in which such figures as these are possible." Nothing could be written in better taste A little further on in the report it appears that "the overcrowding in rooms is terribly

sonal Narrative of the 'Maine,'" the third great and the feeding of the poor often instalment of which appears in the January barely sufficient, while the large infantile Century. "The Wrecking and the Inquiry mortality is greatly due to the injudicious are the special subjects of this concluding feeding of infants under one year." Says paper. The captain's personal relations the paper we quote, the Barbados Advocate: with General Blanco and Admiral Manterola "From this it would appear that a portion of were, he says, undisturbed by the explosion. the large dole voted by the House of Commons on the motion of Mr. Chamberlain for after the catastrophe, the admiral called upon the relief of the West Indies ought to be Captain Sigsbee, and a conversation occurred devoted to the erection of decent tenements which is tersely summarized in the words for the poor people in such islands as Bar-"The admiral assumed from the first that bados. But it is more likely that the money the explosion was from the interior of the

will go almost entirely into the pockets of the sugar planters." Barbados is a colony under the sole juris-

diction of England and a fair field for the spread of the English spirit. What excuse is there to offer for its immorality that will not excuse the Philippines, Hayti, Cuba or what you will? Though this should prove the only spot of English land under the sun where such a report can be furnished, who can accuse the Spanish colonies of neglect diction of England and a fair field for the ward near the zone of the explosion. He was informed that those plans had been changed, and that the guncotton was stowed aft, under the captain's cabin, where the vessel was virtually intact. He pointed out can accuse the Spanish colonies of neglect that modern gunpowders were sometimes very unstable. This was met by the remark without adding with shame that the nation that our powder was of the old and stable we most rely on has also failed? What our brown prismatic kind and that we had no tropical colonies may become under the fancy powder. He referred to the probable henchmen of our Quays, Platts and Crokers presence of bollers, lighted, near the formay be imagined. The prize fights in our ward coal-bunkers, which were adjacent to cities and lynchings and even burnings in our south, the scandals of our Indian affairs, the condition of the halfbreeds of Alaska. in the forward boiler-compartment had are object lessons enough of our treatment been lighted; that while in port the two of degraded and dependent populations.

LET CHINA ALONE.

American Meddling in Its Affairs Uncalled For.

the Third Infantry, who had charge of the Baltimore American (rep.) dressing station at Bloody Bend, San Juan Word comes from Pekin that the United Heights, relates in Harper's Weekly incl-States minister there has entered a protest against the proposed extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghal. The dispatch them," he writes, "I remember very dis-"This, added to the vigorous further said: tinctly on account of their peculiar nature. British protest on the same subject, will One young cavalry officer was shot through undoubtedly stiffen Chinese resistance to the mouth, the bullet entering on the right the French demand; but, unless the Chinese side of the face, sadly battered a beautiful are sustained, they will eventually be com set of teeth, splintering eleven of them, was pelled to yield." It is to be hoped that deflected and turned downward by one of the this news is incorrect, but if it is not, the molars on the left side, and lodged in the act of the minister should be promptly disavowed. The United States has nothing to muscles on the left side of the neck, where do with the partition of China. The European powers are engaged in that business and unless we propose to take sides, and also take the consequences, which are certain to be serious, we should abstain from interference of any sort. One of the most effective arguments used by the anti-expansionists is that the pos-

session of the Philippines will involve this country in the entanglements of Europe. There is nothing in the argument so long as we mind our own business. The United ried in by two comrades, and evidently did States has quite as much right to property ('Twas fit for kings.) Too bad you come, not know how hadly he was hurt. While in the Pacific islands as any European power, and the Philippines are 700 miles from the scene of any European dispute; but, if the minister of the United State is to commit this government to an active powers in Asia whenever he thinks proper the Philippines must recede altogether as an element of danger. It is this very question, now pending at Shanghai, which threatens to involve France and England in war. The great naval preparations which are still going on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, in England are not on account of any Fashoda affair, but because of France's attitude in China. Lord Salisbury concluded that it would not be safe to fight Russia so he has left that power to work her will in China, and is preparing to fight France if he can get any other power to help him This is about the status of the case now and unless the United States proposes to go in and help England, the American minister at Pekin should be promptly rebuked always providing he has taken such action We have neither the army nor navy for forcible interference in European affairs, and any other sort of interference is im

which has either gone into circulation, by means of certificates, or has released other forms of currency in reserve-has had the effect of a natural and safe expansion of the currency and has saved the treasury, for the time being, from the peril to which its diminished revenues would otherwise have exposed it. For with a revenue system based mainly on customs duties, decreased imports must mean decreased recelpts and it is a fact that the Dingley tariff has proved a deficit producer and everything indicates that the deficit will continue to increase. That this has not caused a panic is because of the extraordinarily favorable commercial conditions, but to rely upon these indefinitely is to count too much upon luck.

CHEERY CHAFF.

Indianapolis Journal: "Don't you think a woman shows good sense in wearing short skirts?" It depends on the size of her "H'm. feet."

Chicago Tribune: "I suppose," mused Miss Wellalong, gazing at herself in the mirror, as she applied the first coat of putty to the creases in her cheeks, "this is what might be called prime my faceeh?-evidence of an intent to deceive

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Christmas at our home was quite a humdrum affair." "Was it?" "Yes. I gave one of my boys a top and the other a drum!"

Yonkers Statesman: Crimsonbeak-Let me see; didn't they send a New York man down to see about cleaning the streets of Tavana?

Havana? Yeast-Yes; I believe they did. Crimsonbeak-Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea if they sent a man up from Havana, just now, to see about cleaning the streets of New York just now, to see of New York.

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Speaking of the hospital," said Asbury Peppers. "Who was?" asked the impudent boarder.

"I was. I was just about to remark that though perhaps it is the best place for a homeless man to be ill in, he would rather be well out of it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The facetious man ambled gingerly over the icy pave. "These are the times that try men's soles," he called to a passing friend. He threw a heavy emphasis on the "soles" and the friend smiled. At that moment the pun-ster's feet flew from under him and he came down with a resounding thwack. "I wee," said the passing friend with much gravity, "that the exact seat of the soul is still a matter of doubt."

COMPANY AT HOME.

Farm and Fireside. The letter read: "My dearest Sue, Next Thursday I will spend with you. I won't enjoy my visit, though, If any trouble I bestow."

"Oh! I'm so glad," cried Mrs. White, "For company is such delight!" But, looking round her in dismay, "I must get ready right away."

Armed with a dustpan and a broom, She went to work in every room, She olled and polished, cleaned and rubbed, Mended, scoured, washed and scr

Then in the kitchen she began, While perspiration down her ran, At ples and puddings, cakes and bread, As if an army must be fed.

She tolled and fratted, cooked and baked She hurried, worried, stewed and ached. When Thursday came she, nearly dead, Just managed to crawl out of bed.

And Mrs. Company came, too, They kissed and hugged like women do, And then began tired Mrs. White To make excuses, never right:

"Oh, dear, my house (then waxen clean) Is just too dirty to be seen, Bo shut your eyes! You're looking stout. Take off your things. I'm just worn out.

"You must excuse my cooking, too; TIM Just when I'm upside down at hon And thus she welcomed and distressed And spoiled the visit of her guest, Who wished she hadn't come to be A tired woman's "company."

The mere fact that Omaha has profited by the large influx of people from rural sections of this state, attracted by the exposition of 1898, should not deprive a commission having the authority of Omaha of its legitimate trade any more than Kansas City or St. Louis are to be festivals and fairs that draw every sea-

son hundreds of thousands of pleasureseekers who take advantage of low railway fares. At any rate, Nebraskans should remember that Kansas City does

while Omaha has in ten years contributed more than \$1,500,000 to the

ment. It is perfectly obvious now what the state. would be the result of turning the island Of the many enterprises projected and over to the people under existing condicarried out with Omaha capital for the tions. Murder and pillage would spread benefit of Nebraska none has been more throughout the island and an infinitely effective and far-reaching in influence worse state of affairs would ensue than than the great exposition held in the world and from every, important port

settlers and many investors and will

attract many thousands more who have

in discussion? A franchise voted by

the council has no value whatever until

In dealing with the proposed grant of

state.

jority.

the cost of government in this state,

state treasury in taxes, apart from the vast amount of energy and capital contributed by its citizens to the advertis-

themselves, after the Spanish evacuation, to establish an independent governing and development of the resources of

roads affected by it.

By exchanging his residence at Broken world.

Bow for one at Lincoln Governor Holcomb is removing himself on the political map from the group of North by the American military authorities, if Platte statesmen to the group of South Platte statesmen.

One thing is certain, and that is the cruiser Buffalo, which is making a record run for Manila with troops for Admiral Dewey, is not going to imitate Camara and turn back after paying canal tolls.

Kansas City has just adopted a prize label to be attached to all articles manufactured in that burg, the idea being that it will promote the demand for that class of goods. Omaha manufactured products are in demand all the time and speak for themselves with or without the label.

The sensational journals have only a few more days in which to work off stories of terrible things which are to happen when Spanish sovereignty ceases in Havana. Up to date the military officials of the United States have been equal to every emergency and there is no reason to anticipate a failure in the near future.

The Panama canal people profess conroute for the United States to dig a ditch connecting the two oceans and are perfectly willing to allow this country to complete the work in which millions gant or exceedingly corrupt and doubtupon millions of French capital have less there was more of dishonesty than been sunk. The Frenchman, like many others, knows a good thing, but he also knows when to unload it.

The Russian grand duke who is comago that Alexis hunted buffalo under of the Spanish officials. the guidance of Colonel Cody over the plains now cut up into profitable farms and dotted with prosperous towns.

The creation of a state board of tax material reduction from Spanish taxacommissioners, composed of the gov- tion in Cuba is assured. Some of the ernor and various state officers, would simply mean the creation of another sal- appear with the assumption of control aried board of secretaries on the State of the Island by the United States and Board of Transportation plan. Ostensi- others will be lightened as soon as bly the duties of the board and the responsibility for equitable assessments would fall on the state officers, but in safe to say that under American rule at

reality they would devolve on irresponsible secretaries.

Several camps of confederate veterans | There is no doubt that this can be done have sensibly declared their opposition and still afford an ample revenue for to Senator Butler's proposition to place the prudent administration of the govthe ex-confederates on the pension roll. | ernment. It is of course impossible to They point out the fact that the senator say how much of the money annually is not an ex-confederate and is in no paid in taxes by the Cuban people has sense authorized to speak for the south- been diverted to the pockets of the ern veterans, who are satisfied with Spanish officials, but American rule will their present status and not desirous of certainly demonstrate that the amount introducing any new element of discord has been very large. into the now reunited national family. In the Philippines there will be pre-

the people and the presence of American power does not secure order, what would happen were these absent? There would be a civil conflict marked by outrages that would shock the civilized

ger-an anti-expansion paper-says there

is no doubt whatever of the ratification

of the treaty and it is probable final

at a much earlier day than was antici-

pated, in view of the opposition that was

that the senators who are classified as

anti-expansionists will interpose no fac-

tious opposition and a number of them

will undoubtedly vote for ratification, as

the treaty contains nothing which com-

mits this government to the retention of

must be decided after the ratification of

the treaty and the formal declaration of

It is highly probable that this will be

ereignty of Spain in the Philippines

having been surrendered and the United

States being in the exercise of military

domination over a portion of the archi-

pelago, it is most unlikely that any con-

siderable number of senators will be dis-

posed to favor a proposition to restore

Spanish sovereignty. When the treaty

to what shall be done with the Philip-

all probable that this will be settled by

the present congress. Military govern-

termine what other policy shall be

adopted. This is understood to be the

plan of the administration and there is

every reason to believe it will be car-

Meanwhile a commission may be sent

to the Philippines to investigate the sit-

uation there. It is reported that Ad-

miral Dewey thinks this desirable and

results. The present aspect of affairs in

the islands is not reassuring and perhaps

THE HAVANA DISTURBANCES.

The disturbances that are taking place

at Havana must convince everybody

that our government would have made

the gravest possible mistake had it fol-

lowed the counsel of those who opposed

mitted the Cubans to undertake by

tentions of the United States.

peace.

ried out.

24.241

.24,927

24.855

.24.731

It will be surprising, notwithstanding the precautions which have been taken there are not more serious outbreaks during the next few days than have yet

taken place. Hatred and the spirit of revenge appear to abound everywhere. It is possible that the work of pacification may proceed rapidly after the United States takes full control and its authority can be vigorously and sternly exercised, but there is reason to appre-

hend that the task of getting the Cuban people into condition for self-government will not be an easy one.

SPANISH AND AMERICAN RULE. General Henry, mulitary governor of Porto Rico, estimates the expenses of the government of the island for next year at 1,700,000 pesos. Under Spanish rule

in Porto Rico the annual budget of expenses was about 4,000,000 in a lengthy disquisition which is printed pesos. At 92 cents per peso as an editorial in the World-Herald, inthis would represent a per capita sists that the proposed grant of a rightreduction of taxation on the island from of-way would be the voting of a fran-\$4.10 annually to \$1.70-a practical chise. If this be true why waste time

stroke of administration, remarks the Philadelphia Record, which every worker and property owner in Porto Rico will readily comprehend and appreciate. It is possible, of course, that fidence that they have the most practical General Henry's estimate will be found too low, but undoubtedly it was made with great care. It suggests that either Spanish rule was recklessly extrava-

> of waste in the handling of the public money. This is to be inferred from the general record of Spanish rule in the colonies. Everywhere there was sys-

tematic robbery of the people by the ing across the American continent officials, many of whom grew rich on should carefully observe the Nebraska the plunder. This was especially the prairies and when he arrives home hunt | case in Cuba and the Philippines, the up Grand Duke Alexis and compare latter affording even a better field than notes. It was less than three decades the former for exploiting the rapacity

The cost of government in Cuba will probably be relatively larger than in Porto Rico, because the conditions are less favorable in the former, but a very

The solution of the mystery how Morgan and his raiders got out of the Ohio most burdensome of the taxes will dispenitentiary is promised by the survivors. They solved the problem of getting and there should be little difficulty now practicable. Customs duties, also, will in showing just how it was done. be largely reduced. It is doubtless

Nebraska towns and cities are catchleast one-third and perhaps more of the ing on to the fact that money can now tax burden which has rested so heavily be had at much less than rates formerly upon the Cuban people will be taken off. current. Several of them propose to refund their present indebtedness. Thus is the evidence of more prosperous con-

ditions brought home to the people. If there were the least prospect that he members of the Cuban army would return to work and devote themselves to

rehabilitating the industries of the west of Chicago. The department at Washisland in case they were paid off it

etail dealers in Nebraska towns, it has of continued rogress in this country's conmade Nebraska better and more favorquest of the world's markets. ably known than ever before and it has THE CAMEL'S NOSE. brought to the state thousands of new

> Thrust Under the National Tent by a Precedent in Annexation. New York World.

learned through the exposition the ex-The amendments of the senate foreign tent of Nebraska's resources. What relations committee to the bill providing a was true of the exposition of 1898 would territorial government for Hawaii do not in a great measure be true of another hit the camel's nose that is thrust under successful exposition conducted on lines the national tent by this precedent in an that would attract capital, promote the nexation.

influx of new settlers and stimulate in-The bill as reported still provides for a representative in congress from Hawaii. dustrial activity in every town in the That is, the 1,900 Americans in these dis-

tant islands, with such of the hybrid population as a property qualification and race City Attorney Connell has submitted exclusions will permit to your, are to have an opinion to the council relative to the a representative in congress for which proposed right-of-way through Fournearly 200,000 Americans at home are reteenth street asked for by the East quired.

Omaha Bridge company. Mr. Connell Furthermore, this territorial government advises the council that the grant of a and representation put the islands in the logical and historic line of preparation for railroad right-of-way does not constitute admission to the union, with two seats in a franchise within the meaning of that the senate and three electoral votes. term as employed in the city charter Are the imperialists doing this purposely

and hence would not require ratification to provide a precedent for Porto Rico and by the voters of the city. The attorney the Philippines? of the opposition to the proposed grant

BATTLE OF THE GIANTS.

Contest of Steam and Steel for a Government Prize. Chicago Times-Herald.

Our acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines and the great trade possibilities opened up in the Pacific naturally attract the attenor a pipe. tion of the Postoffice department to the im-

it has been submitted to a vote of the portance of making the transcontinental citizens of Omaha and ratified by a mamail service the fastest and best that modern railway equipment can furnish.

It is on this account that the department is making an effort to save a day in the transportation of mail from Boston and New

right-of-way to the East Omaha Bridge York to the Pacific coast, and in figuring out company the mayor and council are cona plan to accomplish this result the superinfronted with this question: Is it absotendent of the railway mail service decided lutely necessary for the city to vacate that the time between Chicago and Omaha any part of its streets in order to enable must be shortened an hour. The Burlington, which has had the contract for carrying the

the terminal company to connect the mail over this stretch for fourteen years, bridge with terminal facilities in the promptly complied with the request by putbusiness portion of the city, or can it ting on an extra "flyer," although receivacquire all the space needed for tracks ing no additional compensation from the by purchase of private property, either government. through agreement or condemnation Realizing that the increasing importance of

process? While the city should place the Pacific trade is apt to impel the government to avail itself of the fastest railway no obstacle in the way of new railway service west of Chicago, the Northwestern lines seeking an entrance into Omaha, railway will soon enter the field as a rival there is no reason why it should give

claimant for the contract by putting on a away public property without exacting train that will cover the distance between the same compensation that would be Chicago and Omaha in the same or shorter time, if possible, than that of the Burlingexacted were it private property.

ton mail train. The latter road will meet this competition with the fastest train that was ever pulled out of Chicago. It will be a battle of steam and steel. No

matter which road secures the contract for the next four years, the business interests out under more adverse circumstances of the country are assured of the fastest mall service to the coast that modern rail-

of the last fourteen years. In 1884 the bar the other day after having passed a most creditable examination. establishing a fast mail service west of

other roads But the government is entitled to the best and the fastest service that modern rail-

way equipment can produce. It is hardly probable that the government would consent to a division of the mails between the two roads, as that might result in the ultimate impairment of the fast mail service ington merits high commendation for its

would be good business for the people of the country the most perfect mail service Herschell is wedded to the violoncello, which Cuba to raise the necessary money at in the world.

dressing his wounds-there were three of them, any one of which would render him helpless for some time to come-he said to me: 'Fix me quick, doctor. I want to go up and have another crack at them.' Of participation in the quarrels of European course that was out of the question, but it goes to demonstrate the spirit of the men, the kind of material they were made of. One poor lad, mortally wounded, was lying on the sand, staining it with his life-blood, and struggling so hard with death that it made me heart-sick to feel my utter helplessness when face to face with the inevitable. He wanted so much to live, and his look of mute appeal, and the oft-repeated question, 'Will pull through, doctor?' will haunt me for a ong time to come. I am comforted by the knowledge that his death was quiet and painless, just like falling into a deep sleep. Most of the injuries to bone caused by these bullets were clean perforations only, instead of the terrible splintering fractures of previous wars, produced by soft bullets of larger caliber and less velocity. One, instead of penetrating the abdomen, after entering apparently straight, passed around from one side to the other between the muspertinent. It does not win friends, and it cles and escaned from the opposite side to makes very bitter enemies. Nor does in that on which it entered, making only a simcontribute in any way to the development ple flesh wound." of American commercial interests.

aftermost boilers in the ship had been doing

Captain George J. Newgarden, surgeon of

service."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

General Miles can find all the enemy's country he wants without leaving Washington.

Senator Baker of Kansas is a continual smoker and is rarely seen without a cigar General Merritt wears a seal ring which

has been worn by the oldest son of the family for five generations. The economical legislature of Georgia fixed the tax rate at \$5.36 on each \$1,000 for the next two years, a reduction of 85 cents on the \$1,000.

General Wheeler carries a handsome gold watch which he picked up at San Juan. It evidently belonged to a Spaniard, but the owner could never be discovered.

Phrenologists find in Lord Salisbury's head the bumps of self-esteem, cautiousness, imagination, perception and reason Hope and personal strongly developed. ambition are small, but firmness is very large.

Senator Chandler and Senator Tillman, the two "fire eaters" of the senate, are chums. They can usually be found at the same table at luncheon, and many times during the session Senator Chandler walks over to Senato Tillman's seat and they sit together, laughing and talking.

Because of the very depressing effect on business in Vienna of the court mourning the Emperor Franz Josef has ordered that, after January 17, when the period of deepest mourning of the late empress will be over, all the usual public carnival amusements shall be carried out.

Colonel F. W. Bliss, the well known north Missouri millionaire, who owns half the town of Macon and a fancy farm near by, on which \$100,000 is to be expended the coming season, was admitted to the

Senator Vest, since his illness, is hardly more than a shadow of his former self, and when he first came into the senate chamber t few days ago was not recognized by many of his colleagues. He appears as strong and vigorous mentally, however, as formerly, and the edge of his satire is as keen as ever. Sir Richard Webster, the English attorney general, is as proud of his resonant baritone voice as of his forensic success. For many years he sang regularly in a church choir and has donned a surplice more than once since he has been attorney general. Sir Edward efforts to give the business interests of Clarke, too, is an agreeable singer and Lord

he plays with uncommon skill.

A WONDERFUL YEAR

Marked Prosperity in All Branches of American Industry.

Philadelphia Times If ever a country prospered by good for tune rather than good management it is the United States in this year of 1898. The great wheat crops of the last few seasons, with short crops elsewhere, have made the coup ry so rich that the treasury deficit gives nobody concern and the course of trade has given us what is substantially gold currency in the very face of congres sional blundering and inaction. The commercial reports of the year are so wonder. ful that they almost make a thoughtful man afraid, so difficult is it to foretell what may happen when the conditions change

again. Indeed the present conditions are unpre cedented. Not only were the exports of last month greater than in any previous month, but the aggregate value of the exports of the eleven months past exceed that of any entire calendar year in the history of the country. The great excess, of course, is mainly in breadstuffs and pro visions. The exports of cotton are greater in amount, though they have once been exceeded in value. And what is most significant, the exports of manufactures are largely in excess of any previous year.

But this is only a part of the story Usually an increased trade is reciprocal We expect our provisions to be paid for pro portionately in merchandise. But this year the imports have been less than in any year since 1885. For the whole calenda year they will not exceed \$640,000,000, while our exports will amount to not less than \$1,250,000,000-almost twice the imports This commercial balance of \$600,000,000 has not been approached before, though there has been a favorable balance for nine years past, aggregating in that time some \$1,800. 000,000

The most remarkable feature of all this is that while this country has been selling more and more of its products abroad it has been importing less and less. The growing exports of manufactured goods-notably those based on iron and steel-show that in many lines we are making more than we can consume and shall not need to buy elsewhere. In the settlement of exchanges, therefore, large amounts of American securities must have been returned from Europe and in addition the importation of gold has been greater than in any previous year. It is doubtful, indeed, if any country ever recorded a net importation of \$150,000, 000 in gold in a single year and that in addition to a great domestic production. This enormous gain in the stock of gold

Special Clothing Sale,

We take inventory Monday, January 2nd, and we have some broken lines of suits. overcoats and ulsters for men that we would like to sell before that time. We are going to give you a good chance to get something for almost nothing. And you will be foolish not to improve it-if you ever use ready made clothing, and this kind is the very best made.

There are 200 sack and frock suits.

There are 20 overcoats,

There are 60 ulsters. All sizes are represented in the entire lotbut not in any one line. There are 34-in. in some. 36-in in another and so on up to 49, and none of these suits or overcoats sold for less than \$15 and the majority of them sold for \$16.50, \$18, \$20 and \$25-and to close them out as near as possible we have placed them on two tables in the center of our store and will let you take your choice of any suit. overcoat or ulster on them for

\$12.50. Remember Friday or Saturday-but come Friday if you want first choice.



roading can furnish. The western fast mail service from Chicago is a development Burlington road undertook the contract of

Chicago after it had been offered, with a bonus, by Postmaster General Gresham to