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They resemble neither the baying of

honorable and for aught we know he

concert troup under the garden wall

The assignment of all the fusion

members of the state senate to the

committee on mines and mining may

be intended as a practical joke, but

with the announcement that a rich

placer bed or a heavy vein of coal has

been struck somewhere in Nebraska

Reports from Santiago afford a splen-

did illustration of the contention of

sound money men that the laboring

classes suffer most from bad monetary

conditions. Merchants, whose business

it is to keep posted on the values of the

different kinds of money in circulation

there, protect themselves, but the la-

borer gets the worst of it at every turn.

One of the First Lessons.

Chicago Times-Herald.

There is no purer, more wholesome or

more nutritious food product in the world than American canned beef.

destruction.

volvers in the charge.

Zogbaum can handle his shadows.

the committee might find itself in po-

sition to turn the joke.

we should some morning wake up

but whatever the time of its duration make are not only loud, but unusual,

It would seem that all intelligent a donkey, the barking of a dog, the

labor must understand this. The his- hooting of the owl, the purring of tom

couple.

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The principal business of every legislature is to repeal or amend laws enacted by its predecessor.

While the present legislature is mak ing a record for new bills the man with the printing contract smiles complacently.

pected American protection as a tem-Projectors of the St. Louis exposition porary expedient, on the same lines as can come to Omaha and learn just how those which might be instituted therea big show of that kind is successfully after in Cuba. He had a clearly-defined scheme for an independent govconducted.

The jangle over rules in the lower house of the legislature reminds us of the adage that it is a poor rule that won't work both ways.

It would be something out of the ordinary should not some member of the legislature introduce at least one bill to prevent bulls from running at large.

At first blush Senator Van Dusen's ance, more or less valuable, to the primary election bill will commend Americans, cannot be fairly denied. itself to men of all parties who desire Their slege of Manila, pending the arto purge our political system of corrival of American troops, undoubtedly rupt methods at the source. rendered the capture of the city much book trust, the insurance companies,

THE CLAIMS OF THE FILIPINOS. The Filipinos claim that in the opera tions against the Spanish forces at Manila they held the relation of allies to the Americans. In his manifesto issued last week Aguinaldo asserts that be never agreed to recognize American sovereignty; that he returned to the Philippines on an American war ship solely to conquer the Spanish and win independence, his proclamations in May and June declaring this purpose. He further declares that the American forces recognized the Filipinos as belilzerents and asserts that he can produce proofs that he was taken to Manila on the understanding that the Americaus promised him their co-operation to attain independence. Senator Mason asked in the course of his speech in the senate Tuesday, "Did not the natives who have been our

pression that our operations at Manila

were not to help Spain to put down the

rebellion and then take possession for

ourselves, but were only to cripple the

Spanish power as an incident of war

forces and that service was given in the

belief that it would bring them inde-

Whoever has read the statements of

the American consuls at Singapore and

Hong Kong of their conferences with

Aguinaldo must admit that the im-

portance of having Aguinaldo go to Ma-

nila was fully recognized by these

representatives of our government, nor

can there be a reasonable doubt that it

was appreciated also by Dewey. Un-

questionably they believed that Aguin-

aldo could be of very great assistance.

Perhaps there was no such understand

ing with him as he claims. It is not

at all probable, at least, that he re-

ceived from Dewey any promise of co-

operation to attain independence. But

none the less it was known then that

Aguinaldo's policy embraced the inde-

pendence of the Philippines. He ex-

ernment in the Philippines and it is

not for an instant to be doubted that

to be secured by American co-opera-

tion he could not have been persuaded

to return to the islands. He went there

in the full faith, unquestionably, that if

the Philippine people would be per-

That the insurgents did render assist-

an interview while in Omaha Mr. Alt-

geld said: "Free coinage of silver

means that the expansion of money

volume shall begin at the bottom with

the labor which digs the metal out of

the ground." Others, whom he char-

thousand, would be the first benefi-

mitted to establish self-government.

had he not fully believed that this was

pendence.

ought to convince all workingmen of the utter folly of the free silverite pretense that they would be benefited by a may be aiming to do away with the policy which would give them a dollar loud and unusual noises of a charivari of reduced purchasing power. They should need no other experience to show them this than was furnished by the paper money period in our own country. Then, as in all previous experiences of the same nature in the world's history, the price of labor was the last thing to rise and it did not rise as fast or as far as the prices of commodities. While from 1860 to 1865 the prices of all necessaries multiplied two and one-

labor as a whole would suffer.

cure an equitable advance in wages

half times, the average of all wages allies drive the Spaniards out?" and exwas increased only by one-half and this Senator Edmunds, in the letter to the was brought about by many hard strug-New York World discussing the Philipgles. pine question, says: "It appears to be The wage earner wants sound money true that the rebels co-operated with He wants a dollar of the highest purour forces in the overthrow of the chasing power-a dollar whose ex-Spanish rule at Manila under the im-

changeable value has some stability and not one that will continually cheat him. The ingenious theory of Mr. Altgeld does not appeal to the interests of labor.

eminent position as a lawyer and he is

Court of St. James the high standard of

excellence made by his predecessors.

He will go to the British court at a most

important time in the relations of the

two countries and it is safe to predict

that his influence will be exerted in the

English-speaking nations.

supposed to be vulnerable.

in bringing Spain to renounce its con-CHOATE FOR AMBASSADOR. Joseph H. Choate of New York will be trol of Cuba, which congress had said the next ambassador of the United in its declaration in respect to Cuba was its sole purpose." Herein is distin-States to Great Britain. Very few inguished acknowledgment that the Filltelligent people need to be told who Mr. Choate is. For years he has held an pinos were of service to the American

as a polished wit.

Let It Go at That. Kansas City World.

one of the highest authorities in the It is the intention of the captain general country on international law. He is of Cuba to introduce a few American policealso distinguished as an orator, his rank men into Havana to teach the native policein this respect being perhaps second to men their duties. How to find the side door will be the first lesson. none, while he enjoys no little celebrity

Admiral Dewey's Politics.

Mr. Choate has never been in public Admiral Dewey's two brothers and his life, nor has he taken a very prominent nephew at Montpelier confirm the statement part in political affairs, but he is well that he is a republican. The admiral himequipped in all respects but diplomatic self said so in an interview published in had got what he stopped for." experience for the duties of ambassador former years. Mr. Bryan need fear no rivalry and will undoubtedly maintain at the from Dewey in a democratic convention.

> Havana's Private Slaughter Pen. with them these lines: Detroit Free Press

The frightful discovery has been made that Zogbaum draws with a pencil, And I do things with a pen, But you sit up in a conning tower, Bossing eight hundred men. the room adjoining the dining room of the Spanish military governor in Havana was

used as an execution and torture chamber. Zogbaum takes care of his business, There is no telling how many miserable And I take care of mine. But you take care of ten thousand tons, Sky-hooting through the brine. spring chickens and innocent quail met their

Humanity with Lead Trimmings.

And I can handle my style. But you can handle a ten-inch gun To carry seven mile. It will be unfortunate if the sequel of our war with Spain ends in our fighting and To him that hath shall be given, defeating those whom Spanish tyranny drove into insurrection, and yet present conditions are such that, if this alternative is pre-

though we may regret that some other means of adjusting difficulties has not been tury, denies that "Remember the Maine!

General Miles lays down the axiom, which Americans. He savs: the administration would follow, that there should be at least one soldier to every 1,000 of population in the greater United States. If England followed that rule she would now have 300,000 soldiers to police her 300,-000,000 of dependent subjects, outside the United Kingdom. If America needs one soldier to every 1,000, how is it that the British empire can get along with a much the Maine,' used as a war cry would not smaller ratio?"

Cost of Imperialism

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Chicago Times-Herald: The few hundreds One of the thrilling stories of individual bravery during the Santiago blockade was or few thousands of idle fellows who are that detailing how Ensign Gillis jumped into waiting about for federal jobs may make tory of the struggles of labor under a cats or any sound that usually ema- the sea and headed off a torpedo that was some politicians think they are the whole system of depreciated currency to se- nates in the night time from man or driven perilously close to the torpedo boat people, but as a matter of fact they are a beast. It is proper to remark that Mr. Porter. The ensign unscrewed the war nose very small and uninfluential part of the Weaver's intentions are doubtless of the torpedo and had the missile hauled people. A party that is bound to have them aboard. That torpedo contained another may get them easy enough, but it will lose story, which has just leaked out from the overything else. ordnance department at Washington. When

Chicago Post: It is sheer nonsense to the torpedo was opened on the deck of the talk about the appointing power of the Porter a card was found in it on which was president having been "throttled." Honest of the house occupied by a bridal written the name of the German makersand faithful executives welcome this as a Schwartzkopf-and the names of the men deliverance, instead of an invasion of their who filled it, together with a request that prerogatives. And the people are as satis-If the torpedo failed to work such informafied as their chief magistrates. The question tion be sent to the firm. The ordnance offiis settled and the spoils champions should

ATTACKS ON CIVIL SERVICE.

cers at Washington could not resist the cease wasting their energies. temptation to have a little fun at the ex-Indianapolis Journal: The action of the pense of the German firm and so forwarded national house of representatives in strikthe card to its address with the request that ing out the civil service appropriation is the makers be more careful in preparing open to the suspicion of being for their missiles in the future. The Schwartzpolitical effect, as everybody knows the kopfs were not to be beaten by the Amerisenate will restore the appropriation and incans, however, and in a letter to the secre sist upon it. If the house action should pretary of the navy they insinuated that even a vail the political effect might be very torpedo couldn't be expected to explode different from what some of the anti-civilwhen it did not hit anything. They also service men imagine. intimated that they did not calculate to

Indianapolis Journal: By all means let us furnish marksmen with their implements of rid ourselves of the odious merit system before we fill the colonial offices in order that

we may make the same brilliant success of In his war camp stories in Leslie's imperialism as Spain has made, instead of Weekly Cleveland Moffett tells of the exfollowing Great Britain's sad example. And perience of Walter S. Beebe, of the Rough let us be thankful that we have statesmen Riders, at Santiago. "It's only a couple of in congress who are shrewd enough to see weeks," said Beebe, "since they got that the danger which lies concealed in the bullet out of me. They located it at last deadly merit system, and who are brave with the X-rays. Here it is. See! It's enough to attack it, even though the people my opinion that bullet came from one of our misguided creatures, who do not know own six-shooters. It was all foolishness, the what is good for the country, are strongly reckless way the boys shot off their rein favor of sticking to a plan that makes "a public office a public trust."

"To show you the queer things some of Indianapolis News: These gentlemen will those bullets did I'll tell you a thing I saw find when the question comes before the in the Las Guasimas fight. There was house that the friends of the law will have man near me as we went along who stopped little difficulty in defeating this petty asto break off a stick in the shrub. I guess sault on it. There never has been a time he wanted to make a ramrod of it. If he when the feeling in favor of the merit syshadn't stopped he might never have been tem was as strong as it is now. The nekilled, but just as he had broken the stick cessity for maintaining at least a temporary and was twisting the last fibers apart a government in distant islands has made th Mauser bullet went straight through his people realize the importance of choosing head, and he dropped to his knees. His hands still clutched the branch he was men for fitness rather than for their supposed "claims." To think that with the new and complicated problems pressing on breaking, and, as he knelt there, another bullet came and cut through the broken

us we are going to do anything to revive wood, so that he held his ramrod free. He the old spoils system is to do scant credit to the good sense of the American people. The law will stand, and congress will, as it Rudyard Kipling sent Captain Robley D Evans of the Iowa a set of his works and has been doing for years, vote the appropriation for the civil service commission

THOSE "IMPUDENT REBELS."

Philadelphia Record: It may be, indeed, that the Spanish have ceded to us not only an archipelago but also an ulcerous and burning quarrel with the natives, although there is no evidence of this save in the strained situation on the Island of Panay, If conquest of guerilla insurgents must follow the defeat and overthrow of Spanish power in the Philippines the future of the archipelago will become a grave question And that's why these books are sent To the man who has lived more stories Than Zogbaum or I could invent. in federal finance as well as in American politics.

Buffalo Express: If at any time while Captain Sigsbee, writing of the destruc the Philippines were Spanish territory the tion of his battleship in the January Cen-Filipinos had captured the town of Hoilo, we Americans would have clapped our hands was used as a motto by the navy in the late in approbation. We should have had no war with Spain. He also indicates a perdoubt then as to the capacity of the Filipfectly proper use of the phrase by patriotic inos to govern the place. Very likely the

same members of congress who used to in-"We have heard much of the motto, 'Retroduce and argue for the resolutions recognember the Maine.' If we are satisfied that nizing the independence of the Cubans would the Maine was blown up from the outside have been offering resolutions for the independence of the Filipinos. we have a right to remember her with in-

dignation: but without more conclusive evi Cleveland Plain Dealer: The situation is dence than we now have, we are not right far from reassuring, but the administration if we charge criminality to persons. Thereat Washington professes to be confident all fore. I conceive that the motto, 'Remember will be well. Nevertheless, preparations are making for asserting the authority of the have been justifiable. I should like to make United States at Iloilo as well as elsewhere the point here, as I have made it elsewhere, in the Philippines if the Filipinos persist in

the height of the highest mountain in the world-Mount Everest, in the Himalayas. If the same number of stamps was plied up in the form of the ordinary sheets of 100 each, it follows that the stack would be over a fifth of a mile high.

During the year 1898 the number of sne cial delivery stamps sold was about 5,250,-000. It is only reasonable to suppose that the average journey of the special delivery messenger is half a mile. Indeed, that is an absurd underestimate; but let it go at that. On this assumption the total distance traveled for special delivery in 1898 was about 2,625,000 miles. That is a very considerable space to traverse, as may be realized when it is considered that a messenger boy, in order to accomplish that total distance, would have to go about 1,100 times around the world, or five times to the moon and back.

It appears, from figures furnished by the Postoffice department, that the average person in Massachusetts, including men, women and children, spends \$2.30 on postage per annum. New York comes second with an expenditure of \$2.27. The District of Columbia third with \$2.16. Colorado is fourth with \$1.93, and Connecticut is fifth with \$1.80. The states ranking lowest in this regard are South Carolina, with 25 cents per capita; Mississippi, with 34 cents; Alabama, with 35 cents; Arkansas, with 37 cents, and North Carolina, with 41 cents.

LIGHT AND BREEZY.

Detroit Journal: "Do you understand the motive of Mendelssohn's songs without words?" "Well, I suppose nobody was writing

"Well, I suppose nobody was writing coon dialect in Mendelssohn's time."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "You really don't mean to tell me you don't consider Ritem a genius?" asked the office loafer. "That is just what I mean to tell you." said the proofreader, stoutly. "You ought to see his stuff as it comes in-sometimes with as many as three words misspelled in one poem."

Cleveland Piain Dealer: "Bigsbee is a terribly melodramatic fellow, isn't he? He said he'd drain his heart's blood for the woman he loved. Do you think he meant

"Why, I guess so. Bigsby is agent for a drain and sewer pipe concern."

Somerville Journal: When a young woman can describe to you the necktle that a young man wore the week before that young man is in peril.

Indianapolis Journal: "And when I pro-posed to her she turned all the colors of the rainbow at once." "How can you make such a ridiculous assertion?" sertion

"All the colors at once, if you have not forgotten your high school lessons, you ought to know make white."

Chicago Tribune: "My wife told me to buy a parrot. How much is this one worth?"

"Five dollars." "Great Scott! That's simply robbery. Can he talk?" "No, sir." "Til take him."

Detroit Journal: "It beats all," remarked the Human Ostrich, "how people stare at hat India Rubber Man. Rubber, forsooth! The rubber is all in their eye!" The Sutheriand Sister had sold but one shotograph tonight; but her spirits were as upyant as ever

"No, some of it must be in their necks!" she replied, naively,

ON WITH THE NEW.

As the old year sinks down in time's ocean, Stand ready to launch with the new, And waste no regret nor emotions As the masts and the spars pass from

As the masts and the spars pass from view. Weep not if some treasures go under, And sink in the rotten ship's hold. That white, bonny bargue salling yonder. May bring you more wealth than the old. For the world is forever improving, All the past is not worth one Today, And whatever deserves our true loving Is stronger than death or decay. Old love, was it wasted devotion? Old friends, were they weak or untrue? Well, let them sink these in midocean, And gaily sail on with the new. Throw overboard toll misdirected, Throw overboard toll misdirected, Have self as their center and scope; Throw overboard usless regreting For deeds which you cannot undo, And learn the great art of forsetting

direction of making stronger and more cordial the friendship between the great dismal fate there. Boston Herald. **XILL OFF ALL HOLD-UP BILLS.** During every session of the legislature bills are introduced by request and by collusion to attack interests sented, we must courageously face it, even In many instances the avowed object of such bills is blackmail and extortion. Sometimes the introducers of presented.

hold-up bills do not comprehend their Why An Increased Army? import, being imposed upon by profes-Springfield Republican. sional hold-ups that make legislative Spanish sovereignty should be destroyed boodling a fine art. In other instances

members of former legislatures have gone into partnership with boodlers in the lobby and deliberately used their power to levy forced contributions upon various corporations and individuals whose business was threatened. Thus bills are proposed to touch the school

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The fruit and produce commission men of the United States are having a convention. They are reminded that the objections to expansion have no reference to the size of berry boxes.

An Iowa man has been declared legally dead because nothing has been heard from him for seven years. If this is the correct rule the country must be full of politicians who are dead and do not know it.

The United States senate has kindly consented to make the peace treaty public. With no intention to hurt the

feelings of the senators it may be stated the newspapers accomplished that task valiantly to secure it. sometime ago. The Biscuit trust has promised to be

good if the attorney general of Ohlo will only let it transact business in the state. This simply demonstrates what a real live attorney general can do if he. has the disposition.

Strange the little fistic encounter between Messrs. Sharkey and McCoy should create such a furore when European legislative bodies are furnishing almost daily larger and more animated spectacles of the same kind.

acterized as financial quacks, "would Carter Harrison came out flatfooted have the expansion of the money volfor free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 ume begin at the top, so that the without the aid or consent of any added quantity would have to go other nation on earth, but that does not through all the capitalistic channels reconcile Altgeld to Carter Harrison's before a dollar of it would reach labor." candidacy for re-election as mayor of According to this the workers in the Chicago. silver mines, who number only a few

What is left of the Spanish fleet in clarles of the free coinage of silver and the West Indies, a few small gunboats which remained in the fortified harbors, is now on its way home. It should be by the expansion. carefully preserved as a relic of that sad but glorious past of which the Spanish profess to be so proud.

There is danger that the state will be flooded with too many mutual insurance companies organized principally to give soft berths to schemers who have nothing to lose and everything to gain from organized benevolence at other people's expense.

The farmers in the legislature ought to keep their eyes peeled to catch on to bills introduced by lawyers whose main object to get into the legislature was to change the laws to suit interests of clients whose cases promise them a heavy contingent fee.

Governor Leedy has a duel on his hands as a result of questioning the veracity of an ex-member of the legislature. The ex-legislator had referred to the ex-governor in equally uncomplimentary terms. Nothing short of a duel will vindicate disrupted reputations.

Senator Farrell and his committee on mines and mining may have some work to do before the session is over. There are always more or less mines laid during every session and if he can prevent his populist brothers from being blown up by some of them he will be fortunate. affairs would continue no one can say, fiends in the Midway. The noises they feit song.

than it would otherwise have the cigarette manufacturers, the liquot dealers, the telephone and telegraph been. In a reported interview with Admiral Dewey a short time ago he was companies, stock yards and last but not least the railroads. said to have expressed the opinion that There is a wide difference between

there ought to be some recognition by an honest attempt to regulate and reour government of the services of the Filipinos. But there seems to be little strain monopolies or abolish abuses in the interest of the public and the drasdisposition to accord them any credit tic bills purposely framed as radical as for the assistance they gave. On the possible with no intention of enactcontrary, because they still desire inment, but solely to bleed the interests dependence they are called "rebels," who must be relentlessly punished if aimed at. While the inexperienced good business is it good politics? they do not abandon their aspiration for lawmaker is not always able to detect

self-government and quietly and una hold-up bill at sight, most of them questioningly submit to our rule. It is a can be uncovered in short order. As a most deplorable attitude for a free general thing men behind hold-up bills do not want them pushed. They prepeople toward a people seeking freedom and who have fought persistently and fer to turn the screws on slowly until

the victim comes to time and then they engineer to have the bill pigeon-holed or made harmless in committee. LABOR WANTS SOUND MONEY. It is the duty as well as the interest of all reputable members of the legis-There is no more ingenious exponent lature irrespective of party to have all of the free silver question than exhold-up bills killed off as soon as their Governor Altgeld, as there is probably nature is disclosed. Such a course will no one more sincere than he in advothin out the lobby and save the legiscating the free coinage of silver. In

lature from scandal more effectively than anything that could be done. Senator Crow's bill to empower

boards of education absolutely to fix the amount of school tax to be levied without the aid or consent of the council will draw heavy fire from Omaha taxpayers. While the friends of the public schools, and for that matter all the people, are deeply interested in maintaining the public school system on a high plane, it is a very serious question whether the Board of Education shall have the sole power to fix the school levy regardless of conditions. Such power conferred upon the

gradually as more silver was added to school board would be an incentive to the currency other labor would profit reckless extravagance and the introduction of frills and novelties in the It is possible that free coinage would public schools that should form no somewhat enhance the price of labor part of a public school system. With employed in silver mining, but if it no check upon its expenditures and no should have the effect upon the price responsibility to the people beyond of products which the silverites claim possible retirement at the end of their it would, the mine workers would get term, the school board would be no benefit from the advance in the tempted to venture into schemes that value of their labor. They would rewould not be dreamed of so long as the ceive more dollars for their work, but

board must depend upon the concurin purchasing power their increased rence of another branch of muuicipal earnings would enable them to obtain government. no more of the necessaries of life than their present wages, if so much. As to Fusion members of the legislature are other labor, its price would not be imevidently bent on doing away with the

mediately enhanced by silver expan-State Board of Transportation and its sion, but the purchasing power of its secretaries. In this they will find reearnings would at once decrease to the publicans willing to assist. The motives extent of the rise in the price of combehind the two parties, however, seem modities measured by silver. Besides, to differ. The republicans consider it a free silver coinage, while it would worse than useless adjunct of state govdoubtless have the effect to stimulate ernment which can well be dispensed mining, would so disturb and unsettle with without loss. The fusionists wish the general business of the country that to abolish the board in order to unload much of the labor now employed would a job lot of politicians who have fasbecome idle. Thus while a few thoutened themselves on the party and for sand workers in silver mines would be whose action or inaction they do not

well employed at perhaps some increase desire longer to be held responsible. in wages, a many times greater number of other workers would be with-Representative Weaver's bill for the out employment, while those who conpunishment of persons making loud tinued at work would find their earnand unusual noises in the vicinity of ings worth less in exchange for comany private residence in the night seamodities. How long this condition of son is a direct stab at the megaphone

Boston Transcript. Senator Hoar's searching question in his

Boston Merchants' association letter: "Have but not to revenge. Improperly applied, the you ever reflected that a permanent increase in our expenditure of \$150,000,000 a year, which we cannot withdraw, is precisely the same thing as adding to our national debt sense. \$5,000,000,000 at 3 per cent?" has done the business for "imperialism" with many who listened to it. Five billion dollars for a the United States navy. Only fifteen were trade less than Santo Domingo's is not such killed. On board the Maine 254 men were a bargain as business men sanction. If not

> A European Bluff. Philadelphia Times

It is scarcely to be believed that Germany and France will permit this country to go the length of passing retaliatory laws which shall exclude their food products from this country, for when the row is all over and such laws on both sides have been repealed the trade lost during the interim will not be easily regained. It will be hard at first to do without certain sausages, cheeses and wines or to pay higher prices for those already made here and stamped with foreigh labels, but the boom which will ultimated be achieved by the American brand of these goods will create an appetite for them which cannot be eradicated.

HURRAHING FOR EXPANSION.

But the Shouters Unanimously a Cheerfully Stay at Home. Detroit Free Press.

Up rises Mr. Platt of Connecticut and en pands-in the opulent luxury and magnifi cence of the United States senate chambe The consent of those governed is not a ways necessary in extending our sovereignty says he. There is "no limitation on th power of the United States to acquire ter ritory. It is as complete as the power o enthusiasm by the troops. He was severely reprimanded by return message over the Russia. Yes, as complete as poor territory wires."

burdened, military-cursed Russia, now cry ing for the blessings of peace.

Up rises General Wilson and expands-in the warmth and glow and contentment of a banquet to the presidential party in the farm hand. south.

He hopes to see the day when the starry The Heard family of Washington, Ga., flag shall float everywhere, from the frozen preserved unchanged in their old house the north to the sunny clime of Central America. room in which the confederate cabinet held "We are too big and progressive and power- its last meeting.

ful to have neighbors on this continent, Colonel George B. M. Harvey, who is at declares the general, "and I trust that bethe head of a syndicate which has bought fore the next administration of the president the street railway systems of Havana for closes the flag will fly over every foot of the \$1,472,000, is an old journalist. continent from the northern extremity of the Dominion of Canada to the gulf of Tom Watson, the Georgia populist, ex-

congressman and a candidate for the vice Mexico." This is quite a sweep, and it ought to be presidency in the last presidential election decidedly pleasing to ambitions militants Hke General Wilson, though we fancy the Mexicans and Canadians will raise a slight Carey Eggleston pronounces serious and

Mexicans and Canadians will raise a slight murmur when they begin to be squeezed by scholarly, though full of fault as well as attractions. our perpendicular expansion. But these are complacent patriots who During the course of a speech in the sen cry "Expand! Expand!" while continuing ate the other day Mr. Caffery of Louisiana

to find this continent comfortable and read a long extract from a large, clothbound volume. Some of the phrases atagreeable enough for them to tarry in. These eager and lusty imperialists do their tracted the attention of Senator Spooner expanding at home while in the distant who was among Mr. Caffery's auditors, and Philippines are many thousands of their be asked: "From what is the senator read-fellow-citizens whom the recent holiday ng?" "I am reading," replied Mr. Caffery season found homesick, disconsolate and with crushing emphasis, "from the constidisease-smitten amidst the perils and ution of the United States." plagues of an alien clime many months after

the war for humanity in which they took up arms has ended. Expansion, for which the home-staying

statesman and military men clamor so flercely, is keeping these freemen against their will in a distant and dangerous equatorial region, permitting plagues and loneliness to swell the list of the unreturning. all for the sake of conquest and

colonialisn Our suffering, impatient citizens in the Philippines are not expansionists. "America," not "Asia," is their longing, heart-

that this great and free country, with its their unreasonable claim that having driven education, good intention and universal the Spanlards out without outside help they moral influence, may go to war to punish, are entitled to independent rule of the territory freed by themselves. Having holsted motto, 'Remember the Maine,' savors too the flag of Filipino freedom they want to much of revenge, too much of evil for evil; know "who will haul it down?" Any imbut it may be used in an entirely worthy perial expansionist will tell them their position is absurd. We have bought them

"During the fecent war with Spain about for \$20,000,000 and they must be free under seventy-five men were killed and wounded in our flag only. Chicago Tribune: It would be regrettable from every point of view if the present signs killed outright and others died later-more of hostility among the Philippine natives than seventeen times as many as were killed toward the United States should lead to an in the United States navy by the Spanish open rupture. It would be a mistake on the land and naval forces during the entire war. part of the Filipinos for which they would In the way that the men of the Maine died inevitably have to suffer and it would make and suffered there was enough of the herole the task of the American government hard to provide a sound foundation for the where it ought naturally to be easy and motto, "Remember the Maine." Let me displeasant. The authority of the United miss the prevailing impression that this States must be maintained, however, whatmotto was used in the United States navy, ever Aguinaldo and his rebellious Malays in the recent war, as a battle-signal. No may do. If General Otis manifests the same United States naval vessel has entered into tact and friendly generosity as the presi-

action flying the signal, "Remember the dent has embodied in his proclamation it Maine." I am glad that it can be so stated; ought not to be necessary to use any harsh yet one may excuse many mistaken expresmeans with the natives, but in the case of sions of the heat of action. open rebellion there should be no half way To this the editor of the Century adds: neasures. It may be said on the authority of Cap-MILES OF POSTAGE STAMPS. tain John R. Bartlett, during the war chief intelligence officer of the navy: "The signal Some Idea of the Millions that We Remember the Maine.' has never been displayed on a United States man-of-war or by the army or navy, with one exception. A Uncle Sam printed just a few postage signal quartermaster (an enlisted man) o

stamps during the year 1898. The number the Coast Signal service hoisted the signal of 2-cent stamps issued during the year was from the station at Port Eads, at the mouth of the Mississippi, when a transport loaded viously, is beyond the grasp of the human with troops was passing out to sea. In reporting the passing out of the transport, as more clear by putting it otherwise. was his duty, the quartermaster added to his message to headquarters the fact of display of signal, which was received with great

lation, it is easy to discover that the number 1898, placed end to end, would extend a dis-In other words, they would make a continu-PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. the head of the father of his country, stretch-Robert Knight, the cotton king of Providence, R. I., started life as a penniless

around the equator. Of course, though the 2-cent stamps are those principally used, there are others. New York City, by way of Europe and Asia, one strip. All other stamps, as to producparatively speaking, but it is interesting to stamps were manufactured for the demand

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equivalent to a little more than half a furlong, or about one-fiftcenth of a mile. the United States government in 1898 were placed one on top of another, as neatly as Viots, clays and worsmight be without putting them under pressure, how high do you suppose the pile teds, and a pair of of them would be? There is no use guessing; you would never get it nearly right unless you went to work to calculate it for yourself. The 3,500,000,000 stamps of all de-

ominations printed during the current year-the statement, of course, is approximate-would tower to an elevation of twentyone miles. This is more than three times



which y And learn the great art of forgetting All things which embitter the new. Sing who will of dead years departed, I shroud them and bid them adjeu— And the song that I sing happy hearted Is the song of the glorious new.

Pants Are Down.

Now is the time to pant-it's panting season and we can pant you right. We can do it for \$1.50, for \$2, for \$2.50, for \$3 and for about 2,500,000,000. Such a number, ob- \$3.50. This includes a mind, but perhaps the matter may be made big range of pants, An ordinary 2-cent stamp is exactly one many regular lines, all of stamps of this denomination issued in our odd pants and all tance considerably exceeding 29,000 miles. pants left from suits. ous strip of stamps, each one adorned with There are some splening in a belt more than once and a halt did bargains. You can save from 50c to \$2.00 Enough 1-cent postage stamps have been on every pair of pants to Bombay, India, if similarly arranged in you buy. Our display tion and sales, are of minor importance com. in our windows will know that almost exactly one mile of \$1 show you what they of 1896. Of \$5 stamps the production was are, and the materials Now, if all the postage stamps printed by are of cassimeres, chethese pants either at \$1.50 or \$3.50 will make an old coat and vest look like new.

> Come and get first choice.

Sale now on.

