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With ex-Senator Ingalls among the distinguished people down with the grip it is plain that the fashionable malady is playing no favorites.

Senor Agoncillo is rapidly gaining an efficiency as a letter writer which threatens fairly to eclipse the best efforts of Mr. Micawber in his most dole-

will have to take a back seat while charges has the floor.

martial as a plea in abatement that he tion. thought he was talking on the floor of congress instead of before a simple in- mistake to assume that the Filipinos vestigating committee.

delivered the goods, Senator W. M. may be willing to accept our protection, Stewart and the "crime of seventy- but they will fight against our rule. three" will go right on as though nothing had ever happened.

The most considerate thief on record is the fellow who stole \$300,000 from Parr's bank in London and returned \$200,000 of it by mall. Evidently he was laying the foundation for a plea of

Kearney authorities are of the opinion that fourteen hours is the limit of sion fully defined, but one of them is sleep for an individual in a live town and peremptorily ordered a hypnotist to revive his subject at the expiration the secretary of war. Possibly it is exof that time.

It is now in order for the new county attorney to write letters to all parties in Omaha suspected of committing the granting of franchises in the islands burglary or possessing burglars' tools warning them to stop if they are violating the law.

That Pennsylvania preacher who has heresy of asserting that rainbows existed before Noah now probably agrees learning is a dangerous thing.

An Indiana man has invented a machine called an ergograph, to register the delicate manifestations of muscular activity. It can be used on the brain and when applied to one strongly infected with asinine vacuosity it is equal to a state legislature in demonstrating making a study of South American

Another railroad is said to be headed for Omaha, this time a direct line between Omaha and St. Paul and Minneapolis to be built by the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad. The railroads are just beginning to appreciate what a good field an entry into Omaha assures them.

Congressman Mercer has been responding to a toast at a Baltimore banquet on "The West as an Exporter." Just give the west a chance and it will soon be exporting enough products to pay twice over for all the goods now imported from abroad by the whole United States.

organ of the gamblers' gang that ing only one fourth the amount sold by "Am I myself, or am I somebody else, Omaha will not, during Mr. Shields' Mr. Shields, however, that he will sup- porting to Europe, at prices no conpress gambling of all kinds would tinental country can duplicate, the live stock convention at Denver John carry much more weight.

People of Omaha watch with regret here will be maintained and strengthments and men.

tivity on the part of the Filipinos and we would charge for a good one. of the apparent determination of the ingly, especially in view of the fact out for it. that the latest advices from General Otis to the War department indicate no change in the situation. It would seem that if such threatening action

The belief is quite general in this they are making. It is thought that son for ceasing their criticism. the stand for a recognition of their inpino leaders.

government. The tone and spirit of expenditure of government funds. military authorities. But there is no The War Investigating commission evidence of anything of the kind. So far as appears the government is perthe committee appointed by the Omaha forming all its functions smoothly and school board to look into corruption the man at its head has the confidence ments to be presented to the legislaof the people. Every member of the recently appointed cabinet is said to be General Eagan might offer the court- strongly opposed to American occupa-

In view of these facts it is obviously a are not in earnest and that they will not make all the resistance in their The Nevada legislature, having duly power to American domination. They

A COLONIAL COMMISSION.

among the nations in the matter of commissions. The latest to be appointed is a commission of three which it is understood will have control of matters pertaining to the government of Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. We have not seen the duties of this commissaid to be to look after the granting of franchises, subject to the approval of pedient that the United States expend a few thousand dollars annually for this purpose. Perhaps, as a contemporary suggests, there will be opportunities in under our control, for public and semipublic enterprises, for much corruption and that a commission is necessary to see that there is strict honesty and square dealing in the granting of such been dismissed by his flock for the franchises. But the question naturally presents itself as to where this appointing of commissions is to end and whether with Mr. Alexander Pope that a little there is not danger that it will become an onerous burden upon the country, for these commissions must be paid for and paid liberally out of the public treasury. A popular protest against commissions would seem to be in order.

NEGLECTED TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

Frank G. Carpenter, who has been trade, calls the attention of this country to a state of affairs there well worth the consideration of those seeking new markets for manufactured products. From his statements it appears that we that country eagerly seized by other competitors, with the result that our exbe peculiarly our own.

the greatest iron markets in the world. death, burst the "ponderous and marble England alone sells annually on that jaws" of the genuine tomb, and once We are glad to be assured by the significant proportions of \$204,000, be- might well exclaim with that worthy: little Belgium. The significance of and if I am not myself, who in the term of office as county attorney, be a these facts is apparent when it is redevil am I anyway?" wide-open town. An assurance from membered that this country is now ex-

What is true of iron is equally true

than it costs to manufacture them for home consumption. This is the case landling clother

We cannot say how much credence business in those countries and receives mated that all of the forests of New should be given to the reports of ac- for an inferior shoe a higher price than Hampshire, New York and Connecticut

These are but instances among hun-

SECRETARY ALGER'S TESTIMONY. The testimony of Secretary Alger before the War Investigating commission had been taken by the Philippine con- will command greater and more general gress the American commander, of interest taan perhaps any other testiwhose vigilance there is no doubt, would mony thus far presented to the commis-

war will be well satisfied with it, while

expressed the opinion that peace in the be disposed to accept. In regard to allished by the distribution of a few hun- tices in contracting for supplies, Gen- been made, dred thousand dollars among the Fili- eral Alger said that no report of the kind had come to him and he stated We can see nothing to warrant belief most explicitly that he had had no inthat the Filipinos are not in earnest in terest, directly or indirectly, in the seasserting their independence and de- lection of camps, in contracts for mamanding that it be recognized by this terials and no personal interest in the

the communication to Secretary of State | The answers given by Secretary Alger Hay from the representative of the Fili- to the questions propounded to him were pino government, characterized on the straightforward and unequivocal. He floor of the house of representatives a admitted that there were deficiencies, few days ago as most statesmanlike, but these were remedied as rapidly as show absolute sincerity. No such ap- possible under the circumstances. It is the society of an actress-the motive of peal could come from men not entirely unquestionable that there were mistakes self-preservation. in earnest and most thoroughly de- and shortcomings due to lack of knowltermined to maintain, if possible, at edge and inefficiency on the part of War whatever hazard the position they have department officials, but we have never taken. Nor is there any reason to doubt been able to see the justice of loading that complete unity exists among the the whole responsibility for this upon Filipinos who are outside of American the secretary of war. The task devolved jurisdiction in opposition to American upon him was very great and we believe rule. There have been reports of dis- he gave to it faithful and conscientious sension, of dissatisfaction with Agul- effort. So much at least, in our judgnaldo, of conflict between the civil and ment, it is just to say of General Alger.

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES.

The charter revision committee has finally agreed upon the charter amendture. Most of the changes will be unanimously endorsed by citizens and taxpayers, although two or three will doubtless encounter a division of sentiment as to propriety or advisability.

The abolition of the exemption of railroad property within the city limits along without help, on the prestige of last same manner as other property is demanded by every consideration of justice and fair play. The same is true with reference to removing the obstruction to public improvements by empowering the council to order repay- of the American republic, but regrets that ing subject to protest by interested a previous proclamation of revolution and property owners and also facilitating a independence precludes the possibility of his cash basis for the city treasury by authorizing the sale of low-rate certificates in anticipation of taxes. Whether the limit of certificates should be as high as 90 per cent of the levy may be open to question.

The power of the council to issu licenses for revenue should be affirmed. The Bee has maintained that this power now exists, but complications can be avoided by making it more ex-

Several proposals will meet with ob jections from certain quarters. A poll tax has been tried frequently, but with questionable success, and another at tempt must be in the nature of experiment. The increase in salary for certain city officers will doubtless raise opposition, as will also the plan to abolish the separate municipal election by extending the terms of present officeholders. The question of annexation, furthermore, has not been thoroughly worked out.

Some of these questions will, therefore, demand more careful consideration by the public and justify further discussion in the press and before the

Coincident with the arrival of the recomes the story that a collector of brica-brae in Washington has the body in his possession. Santo Domingo equally sure that the only genuine and authentic ashes of the great discoverer have blindly neglected opportunities in repose in the vaults of one of her churches, while half a dozen other places put forth more or less plausible ports are merely nominal while the less claims that the only true body is to be favored European countries are reaping found within their precincts. From this a golden harvest in fields that should and the further fact that Columbus has

had no less than six public interments The western coast of South America by the government of Spain, the for over two thousand miles is almost chances are that if the old gentleman devoid of timber, which makes it one of could throw off the cerements of coast \$350,000,000 worth of galvanized more "revisit the glimpses of the moon," fron and structural steel. Our sales he would find himself in even a greater there for the last year reached the in- quandary than was Rip Van Winkle and

In a paper read before the National same grades of manufactured iron that | C. Mackay takes issue with the Amerithey are furnishing to South America. | can Forestry association on the ques tion as to whether the demolition of the departure of the Twenty-second in of other commodities. Great Britain forests affects the water supply. The fantry, which has come to be regarded has, practically, a monopoly of the Forestry association contends that the almost in the light of a Nebraska regi- South American coal trade. Last year rapid destruction of our forests has ment by reason of being stationed in she sold to Brazil and the Argentine operated to dry up rivers and even to the excess of imports of gold over exports this state and in whose brilliant record 10,000,000 of tons at prices ranging lower the level of the great lakes, while was only \$46,600,000. in Cuba all have taken just pride. At from \$10 to \$15 per ton. Our sales Mr. Mackay is equally confident that the same time they extend cordial amounted in the same period to less the forest has nothing whatever to do greeting to the incoming officers and than a half million tons and this with the water supply, which, if anysoldiers of the Sixteenth infantry who in the face of the fact that we could thing, is increased by cutting the timwill garrison Fort Crook from now on. have supplied as good, if not a better, ber. However that may be, the most It is to be hoped the friendly relations grade of coal at a lower price and still serious dangers from destruction of forof Omaha and the regulars stationed have realized a handsome profit on it. ests lie in the fact that if continued at American shoes and leather goods the present rate many states will soon ened regardless of transfers of regi- can be sold in Chili and Peru for less be without a sufficient supply of timber

there. Germany does the bulk of that now with Vermont, while it is estiwill disappear in less than ten years. Pulp mills are consuming in four states government of which Aguinaldo is the dreds of others that might be cited, all 1,700 square miles of timber each year, head to force an issue with the United demonstrating the fact that we have while lumber industries are responsible States. The statement that the con- allowed Germany and England to fore- for the destruction of a vast deal more. gress at Malolos has empowered Agui- stall us in a field where we should have But apart from the commercial side of naldo to declare war on the Americans been supreme and to divert to the cof- the question there is little doubt but whenever he shall deem it advisable fers of the European merchants a that the scenic and climatic results incomes from a Filipino source and is princely revenue that we could have volved in the rapid denudation of our perhaps not to be received unquestion- had, and still may have, by reaching forests are sufficient to cause grave concern over the rapid destruction that will leave us without forests, if continued as now conducted, in less than two generations

From the annual statement of County Treasurer Heimrod the taxpavers can gain a general idea of the importance have promptly notified this government, sion. The friends of the secretary of of this office and its economical administration. The county treasurer last country that the Filipinos are not in those who have been assailing him will year handled \$1,168,666 at an expense earnest in the declarations and demands probably not find in it sufficient reat to the public in salaries of less than \$11,000. There was paid over to the Secretary Alger stated that he was state as Douglas county's share of the dependence is not taken with a sincere during the continuance of the war in state revenues \$153,000, which is condetermination to resist American rule, constant communication with the heads siderably more than was ever paid in but is the play of a few leaders with a of bureaus and that none of them had the same period of time. The sale of view to personal gain. Agulnaldo and been guilty of failure to discharge his bonds, moreover, brought into the some of his colleagues were bought off duty. There were defects in the early county treasury some \$207,000 as an look with favor on the suggestion, although the month of December, 1898, was as fol- by Spain in the last insurrection. Why, days of the war, for the reason that it extraordinary income, involving a corit is urged, may it not now be their was impossible to handle properly so responding increase of work and regame to get something from the United large a body of men as was called into sponsibility upon the county treasurer. States as the price of submission. A service on such short notice, an explana- With such large interests dependent former American consul at Manila has tion which all fair-minded persons will upon the office, the taxpayers of Douglas county have reason to be more than Philippines could be speedily estab. leged irregularities and fraudulent prac- satisfied with the showing that has

> It is now asserted that members of New York's "four hundred" have suddenly ceased to visit a certain fashionable gymnasium, presumably because disport herself in the swimming tank. However this may be, those who have seen Miss Dressler on the stage and imagined what she might be in a swimming tank can readily impute to these women a higher motive than shunning

Bill Gurley has responded promptly for a laudatory endorsement of one of its double-shotted editorials. Now trot out the letters received from Frank Ransom, Charlie Fanning and the rest

The Coming Power.

One of the wonders of the dawn of the twentieth century promises to be the supplanting of both electrical motors and steam motors with compressed air, even before electricity has succeeded in taking the place

Milwaukse Wisconsi

Omaha will get no government aid for her continued exposition, but she can get from assessment and taxation in the year's success. The attempt to get an appropriation was part of the general round-

A Trine Too Late. Detroit Free Press. The president of the Visayan federation presents his compliments to the president recognizing Mr. McKinley's proclamation of

Silly Talk About Alliances.

The worst balderdash of the times is his silly talk about alliances with other The United States of America sounds plural, but it is very much of a unit, and it will continue to stand by itself, asking the friendship of all, courting the enmity of none, and thoroughly prepared to take care of itself under any and all circum-

Government Snaps for Indians. Kansas City Star.

The government is about to build frame houses for each family on the San Carlos Indian reservation. It is to be hoped that the noble red men have a better idea of houses than in former years, when the Kaw Indians, on their reservation in Kansas, stabled their ponies in their government houses, sold the doors and windows for whisky and lived outside in their palatial

Heavily Watered Trusts.

Senator-elect Depew sounds a warning against the danger of inflated industrials. "I know of a concern," he says, "which was organized last week with \$10,000,000 capitalization. Only \$3,000,000 of that is actual capital; the rest is water, based on the amount of business the concern expects to do. Here is the danger." Even if the trust principle were economically sound the unputed remains of Columbus in Spain sound basis on which many of these combinations have been organized would be enough to establish their status as enemies of the public welfare.

MARCH OF PROGRESS.

Cheering Condition of Our Relations with the Business World. Baltimore American,

The returns of the export and import business done last year show that it was the most temarkable year in our history. The \$1,250,000,000. In 1896 and 1897 the exports these bave been the only years which they exports being in December nearly \$138,000,-000, against \$130,000,000, in round numbers, for the month preceding.

A sharp contrast is furnished by the imports for the year, which were the shallest since 1885, although the population has inimports last year amounted, in round numbers, to \$634,000,000, against \$743,000,000 in 1897. The decrease in imports has, therefore, been more than \$100,000,000, while the increase in exports has been more than \$150,000,000. In 1897 the total exports of merchandise amounted to \$357,000,000; last year the total was \$621,000,000.

The movement in gold is worth noting. Last year we imported \$158,000,000 in gold, and exported \$16,000,000. In 1896, when more gold was imported than in any previous year, the amount of gold brought in

Development is going on in this country at a tremendous pace. The formation of large companies, with capitals running high into the millions, is announced nearly every day. The money is being applied to industrial purposes of nearly all kinds. We are sending goods to nearly all the peoples of the earth, and in iron and steel and other manufactures we are underselling in their own markets the nations that supplied the POLITICAL DRIFT.

Senator Stewart's reelection to the senate proves that his terminal facilities are in

good order. There are four Donovans, three Smiths two Browns, one Jones and one Murphy in the Massachusetts legislature.

The utter failure of fifty-year franchises in the Chicago city council forced an alderman to seek relief in bankruptcy proceed-Another eminent political farmer has secured recognition at last. Ex-Governor

Flower is president of the New York State Agricultural society. Some members of the Indiana legislature urge a reduction of mileage from 20 to 10 cents a mile. Actual cost is 3 cents a mile. To give up all of the mileage perquisite at once would be too severe a wrench of legis-

lative conscience.

There was a unique celebration of a republican victory in New Mexico recently It was a grand ball given in the court house. The managers of the function bore such striking names as Perfecto Esquibel, Tomaz and great party. Gonzales, Manuel Garcia, Antonio Lopez, W. J. Sargent, T. D. Burns and Frank Gil-

None of Arthur P. Gorman's friends appears to know what the Maryland man has planned to do after his retirement from the senate March 4. He has been urged by Richard Croker and Tammany hall to locate in New York City, but so far he does not he has been assured that in a few years he could be elected to the senate from the Empire state.

During the recent senatorial contest in Michigan Senator Burrows was approached by a legislator chiefly notable for his bibulous qualities, who complained that Mr. Burrows favored the Spanish war and so increased the national debt. "Well," said the senator, "you're all right. With a tax of \$1.10 a gallon on whisky, no one can accuse you of trying to avoid discharging your share of the obligation."

The only colored man in congress is named White, and he is representative for the Sec-Miss Marie Dressler does there daily ond congressional district of North Carolina. He is described as modest, unassuming and unobtrusive, a leader of his race in his section of the state and a man of considerable learning. He is a graduate of Howard university, Washington, and a lawyer by profession. His skin is a tan color, but he is without the kinky hair so common to the colored race.

Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, who recently retired from office, is one of the happiest mortals that ever dropped the cares of public station. And he sings merrily to the request of the popocratic organ and draws the resined bow artistically over the bowels of his favorite fiddle. "I fly to the heaven of my native mountains," he murmurs, "where I may think and dream in peace, safe from the sickning sting of unjust criticism; safe from the talons of some of the Herdmanites who are all au-old political vulture. How unhappy the thorities on superstition and full pilgrimage is to him who dares to do his duty. There are no boquets except the flowers snatched from the graves of fallen foes; there is no happiness except the transient thrill of cruel triumph, which passes like a shadow across the heart." One reason for Bob's happiness is a juicy deficit in the state treasury, which he cheerfully turned over to his successor without mouthing his remorse.

AMERICANIZE THE TREATY.

Senator Hoar's Challenge to the Imperialists.
Detroit Free Press.

opposition to produce a feasible alternative. for their plan is ably and sufficiently answered by Senator Hoar in the interview the treaty can be amended so as to avoid and complications of an imperial policy, ther by self-reliance allied with ambition treaty, without "reopening a state of war." without making a reassembling of commissioners necessary, without restoring the Philippines to Spain or leaving them to the greed and aggression of foreign landgrabbers. Whereas the growing opposition to the treaty as it now stands means the defeat of the convention. Senator Hoar is unanimous ratification of the treaty.

His plan of amendment provides that the in the interior of the Island for three years third article relating to the Philippines shall conform to the first article covering the hospitable. Every village has a guest house disposition of Cuba, which would have the for reception, lodgings and entertainments effect of the relinquishment of the Pacific archipelago by Spain without specifying that | The earth yields them plenty of food without t shall be ceded to the United States. This would put the distant islands in the way of that they need not wear any clothes. They freedom and independence under American are religious. They attend church regularly guidance and protection and leave the government uncommitted to the colonial policy. Such an amendment would be agreeable to Spain, Mr. Hoar is reasonably certain, and could be accepted by it through the French ambassador.

It is difficult to understand how the friends of the treaty, who have been urging the patriotic duty of prompt ratification, can consistently stand out against the proposed amendment unless they are hopelessly infatuated with the glitter of the imperial program.

DIVERSITY OF PRODUCTS.

Importance of Diversification Crops in Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative.

Nebraska is noted the country over for ts rich and increasing variety of production rom the farm. Agriculture, horticulture, timber culture, in great diversity, constitute the strength of the young commonwealth in material, industrial and commercial resources. In all these respects, from having been condemned by a great and damaging public opinion for many years as being ncapable of successful occupation and settlement for absolute lack of such resources. it has grown by gradual discovery and demonstration to take a front rank among the richest of the distinctively agricultural exports for the year amounted to over states of the union. It is not merely full of fecundity as a corn-producing state. That were over \$1,000,000,000 in each year, and the yellow staple is the chief cornerstone of its power to enrich the homes of the inhave gone beyond that figure, except the telligent, industrious and thrifty with everyyear just closed. Last year rounded out in thing that conduces to the moral and ma a most satisfactory manner, the value of the terial happiness and comfort of man, is admitted, but it has a broader strength which consists in a wide range of diversity in its

capacit ' to produce, in great abundance, all the important staples of the temperate zone. And it is in this bounty in variety of farm products which enables men who culcreased since that year 33 per cent. The tivate the soils of Nebraska to find the next thing to certainty of fair returns for their labor, if they will but take advantage of it by a constant diversification of the Winter wheat has recently been crops. added to the long list of others upon which our people previously relied. By alternating this crop with corn, and others, it reliable statement from experience to say that land will be the better for the change, and that the farmer can scarcely fail, in any season, of fair returns. One crop failing, he will almost certainly be safeguarded by fair success with the others.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the new leader of the English liberals, is a man of wealth and easy habits. While not an idler n the market place, he has never been an active, aggressive fighter or an indefatigable worker like Gladstone, Harcourt Rosebery. It was distinctination to give up his private habits of ease and comfort able living that caused him to hesitate long before announcing his willingness to accept the post of leader of the liberals in the House of Commons. His announcement the American government and people have practically means his selection, for there is no other candidate who is so well fitted government or the Cubans themselves have to hold the office at this juncture. Under his lead the party cannot expect to do great things nationally, for they are on the wrong given employment, the cities occupied by side of too many burning questions. But the Americans have been protected as far as it will have a chance to reform itself, edu- possible from pestilence and civilization has cate the little Englander up to a higher been nourished in its inciplency. level, get rid of the Irish question per se and develop a policy strong enough to take If it does this the Bannerman leadership will have done a great service to a noble

The publication of the convention between Great Britain and Egypt relating to the future government of the Soudan proves that Lord Cromer's recent speech to the Soudanese shelks at Omdurman was correctly interpreted as a declaration of a British protectorate over the late realm of the kha-The convention completely ignores the sultan's shadowy suzerainty and places the whole of the Soudan (including the territories of Suakin and Wady Halfa) under the autocratic rule of a governor to be appointed by the khedive, with the consent of Great Britain. This is as much as to say that the future governors will to al intents and purposes be nominees of the British crown, subordinate in nothing to the khedive after the latter shall have executed the formal act of appointment at a command from London. The khediviate is recognized as joint sovereign with Great Britain in the Soudan; but this recognition is nominal only, and accorded for the purpose of warding off protests against the arrangement which may be expected to be made by the sultan at the instigation of France. The British conquest of the Soudan has been thinly veiled by a feigned restoration of the conquered territory to its former ruler, the khedive, who is debarred, however, from exercising any con-

The abandonment of the cares of state by

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, under orders from the court physicians, will create in Europe a regret which will be divided with interest in the course of the Crown Prince Gustave, to whom the government of the dual kingdom is provisionally intrusted. The position of King Oscar, while troublous enough at home ever since his coronation in 1873, because of the ancient political conflict between Norway and Sweden, has been peculiarly enviable abroad. A man ripe in years and scholarship, of wide experience in travel, liberal in governmental policy and in patronage of learning, loving the arts of peace and leading to their advancement, his earnest personal labor and influence, and enjoying a high reputation as disputes, his retirement is a matter of no little importance to Europe as a whole, despite the modesty of his rating in the royal circle. It will be remembered, too, that the United States attested its absolute confidence in his ability and integrity when it consented to his selection as judge or umpire in the Venezuela boundary case. This The challenge of the expansionists for the good king retires burdened with years and broken in health. The son who takes his place is, it is reported, quite a different sort in the New York World. He shows how the exercise of force rather than of conciliation, and prepared to bend or breek the the terrible cost, sacrifices, burdens, perils troublesome malcontents of Norway with an and the ardor of youth remains to be seen. But should the amicable relations of Sweden abroad be threatened, it is not unlikely that the provisional government would end and the aged Oscar re-enter the field. even at the risk of hastening his own death.

As a race, the Samoans are tall and handsome, and of a light brown color. They are confident that the simple modification he quiet and kind in disposition, truthful, reproposes will insure the prompt and almost speciful to women and affectionate to children. Mormon missionaries who had lived say that the Samoans are exceedingly of visitors. Food is provided by the village. toil, and the climate is so mild and warm on Sunday, read the bible and sing in concert in church. They have great regard for the Lord's day. No work is done and no fruit is sold to any vessel in the harbor. There is a beautiful coral reef projecting a long way out into the herbor, with surf dashing on it, which gives it a magnificent sight. The bay, on the arrival of steamers, is alive with cances of various sizes. In short, the Samoans are a fine, law-abiding There were some interesting points in the

speech which the Prussian minister of war. General von Gossler, delivered in the Reichstag in the debate on the first reading of the circulcon of the czar made it certain that Germany would not within a measurable distance of time be attacked from that quarter. This consideration had materially altered the military and political situation. Moreover, the armed strength of Germany had now been developed to such an extent and could, perhaps, shake off nervous apprehen-Yet history taught them that the will of the mightiest monarchs was not able to alter the of its existence. If a nation meant to maintain its independence, it must possess the strength requisite for protecting its interests at any moment. If he looked around him there been a cessation of preparations for war. On the contrary, in view of the additions to the armies and navies of other nations, the present measure might appear to be inadequate. Trusting, however, to the constant improvement in the quality of the army, the government had ventured to confine itself to its present proposals. The wars of recent years had taught the great lesson that everything favored the side which had most carefully prepared for war and kept pace with the developments of modern science in armament. He referred particularly to the wars between China and Japan and between the United States and Spain, and also to the operations of the Anglo Egyptian forces in the Soudan.

The establishment of the Congo Free State under the direct control of Belgium and the guaranty of the European powers was considered a gain for civilization in the dark continent. But thus far the enterprise has been a complete financial failure.

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

white at present the natives are engaged in a violent rebellion, the true details of which are being suppressed by the censor of the Belgian government.

CUBAN INGRATITUDES

Will Shout for the Fing if They Get an Appropriation.

Kansas City Star. The United States is in Cuba for the benefit of the well-disposed people of the country, both Cubans and Spaniards. In a few months done in 400 years. The starving have been fed, the people who will work have been

In return for this kindness a portion of the Cuban press, which owes its existence to the country when Parliament dissolves, to the protection of the United States, and several of the numerous Cuban military chiefs, demand that the United States pay the Cuban army, as it is called, a sum estimated at \$40,000,000; and there are threats that the "army" will take to the mountains, in other words, become professional thieves and cutthroats, and desolate the country if this is not done.

The United States should pay no such demand, and, moreover, should cause it to be understood that neither loafers nor robbers, whether "patriots" or otherwise, will be allowed to dominate over a foot of the soil of

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Detroit Journal: Some families are co Chicago Chronicle: The Apla is again ac-tive. In Samoa this time.

Harlem Life: Mrs. Smallcannonn—I see you are as much of a gallant with the adles as ever. Major Slamjammah—Indade, that was al-

Indianapolis Journal: "Yes, she is what is called a 'woman's woman," All the women just adore her,"
"Is she really so homely as all that?"

Chicago Record: "Wife, what a lot of grammatical errors you make!" "What of it? Aren't they as good as those your mother used to make?"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What a queer snore Swigsby has. Sounds like the moo of a cow."
"Yes, Swigsby's full of embalmed beef."

Detroit Journal: Clerk—But she was no ordinary person, to be fooled with being told that we have something just as good! Druggist—Then you should have told her we have something a great deal better!

Washington Star: "Could you tell me what this prescription calls for?" asked the inquisitive citizen.
"Yes." answered the clerk as he glanced over it rapidly, "fifty cents."

Chicago Tribune: "You are afraid of expansion are you? You think this country can't take care of itself in case of any foreign complications, do you?"
"No. It isn't that. But think of the probability of having continuous sessions of congress! That's what I'm afraid of." An Auxious Inquirer.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Did I hear th' blue bird twitter,
O'er the coze and frosty glitter,
Is old winter now a quitter?

I would really like to know. Tell me if the piney flavor. Such a sweet and gentle favor. Fills the air with springtime savor! For the coal bin's getting low!

DISAPPOINTED. Somerville Journal.

She was a noble-minded maid,
With lofty aspirations.
She frowned upon frivolity
And idle dissipations.
She never filtred in her life,
Or did a thing improper,
To her life was a daily grind,
And Duty filled the hopper.

But, oh, alas! she fell in love,
This maiden idealistic,
And then she found out all at once
That life is realistic.
For kittenish she tried to be,
And found she couldn't do it. The young man married some one else And all her days she'll rue it.

Fancy Shirts.

Two new lines for early Spring wear.

One line in short bosoms 3 \$1.00

The short bosom shirt is an all over colthe army bill. He began by declaring that ored madras—cuff to match, and the long bosom shirt is a Wamit reposed on so secure a basis that they sutta muslin body with sion, and face the future with equanimity. imported madras front, mightlest monarchs was not able to alter the interests of a great nation or the conditions with cuffs to match. These are a very high in the world, he found that nowhere had grade, splendid fitting

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