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Now that Herr Raffael has left Samoa Chief Justice Chambers will probably no longer go to bed with his boots on.

(Seal.) H. I. PLUMB, Notary Public.

21st day of January, 1899.

Members of the legislature who have bills in an embryonic state are reminded that the forty-day limit is rapidly approaching.

Perhaps the consuming hunger of the popocrats may account for the republicans laying so many things on the legislative table for them.

The next Omaha man who wants to get away with a typewriter will avoid police court complications if he devotes his attention to the operator rather than to the machine.

Some scientist more potent even than Schenck must be at work in the land to entitle Dr. Horace Fletcher and Prof. G. Stanley Hall to membership in the Mothers' congress.

The Missouri editor who has had his head punched by a returned captain covered with glory and thirsting for gore can hereafter testify to the grave dangers of a large military establish-

Now that John Wanamaker has purchased a paper the marked copies that will hereafter adorn the mail of Senator Matthew Stanley Quay ought to pay postage enough to make up the postal deficit.

Missourians must have in contemplation the abandonment of "long green" and the adoption of "store terbacker," since its attorney general has commenced an action to break up the Tobacco trust.

The only explanation so far made of the hold-up charges against the insurance department of the state auditor's office is contained in a countercharge that the ex-insurance deputy also wrote questionable letters.

The local popocratic organ wants to put the Nebraska volunteer on the same plane with the sugar beet grower in his claim for bounty out of the state treasury. It is doubtful, however, whether the soldier boys will appreciate the compliment.

The old adage that few die and none resign is again aptly illustrated in the squabble at the Kearney Industrial school. Governor Poynter is also learning by experience that the only way to job is to do it by removal.

The congressman from the Second Ne braska district and the congressman from the Sixth Nebraska district have had a little tilt on the floor of the house but as the contest was ended by the principals shaking hands no great damage can have been done.

State Treasurer Meserve announces publicly that he rides on railroad passes and does not care who knows it. Slowly, but surely, the populist who regards the free railroad pass as a bribe is discovering that he has been buncoed by the men who secured his support for office on pledges to uphold populist principles.

An effort is being made to expel a member of the Louisville city council for ing investments in the island, Cuba can trying to secure \$100 from the local telephone company. The report does not state whether the offense consisted in porting three or four times the present passed for Hawaii and Alaska. Bifls for attempting to secure the money or in population, a large and fertile portion both purposes are before the house, but putting the price of councilmanic influence at so small a figure.

The captains of Spanish war ships are to be called upon to explain why they lost all the naval battles in the late war. A committee to examine the sunken

section was the better drilled the police haps, in imports.

candor of statement, its high ideals, its able to see. It is assumed that produc- affairs goes without saying. patriotic tone and its evident sincerity. tion in the Philippines will be enor-It is not to be doubted that Mr. McKin- mously increased under American domiment the extension of its authority over pansion is as yet not very promising. the islands ceded by Spain and that we must do this at whatever sacrifice to ourselves and regardless of the Wishes give peace and order to the Philippines to the differences that distinguish the and to lead the peoples there forward to choice of a president in France from that better political, moral and social coudi- of a president in the United States. The treasury to the ex-police officers who ward to the time when they shall have ecutive derives his authority. become a people "redeemed from savage" Under the French constitution the elecindolence and habits, devoted to the arts | tion of a president is vested in a joint | attorneys is said to have been the payof peace, in touch with the commerce session of the senate and deputies under ment of 40 per cent of the proceeds as and trade of all nations, enjoying the the presidency of the president of the their fees. Of course neither the exblessings of freedom, of civil and religisenate. To constitute an election a mai policemen nor the lawyers did anything lous liberty, of education and of homes," jority of the whole legal number of mem. to earn this money, which is a palpable American republic because it emanci- makes no further provision as to the pro-

world's best civilization." All Americans who believe in the bewilling to accept them, the results which lege, it holds its sessions at Versailles. city tax commissioner, by accusing him the president eloquently portrayed would In its choice of a president it is unreundoubtedly be attained. But the Filistricted so far as the constitution is conlitical system, to make their own instilization use our military power to coerce government temporarily. them and force upon them our rule and which in declaring its independence prothat governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed? Mr. McKinley says that we cannot now

ask the consent of the people upon whom we are attempting to force our rule, that this cannot be done until there is peace and order. To what purpose, then, has he sent a commission to these people? In disclaiming imperial designs President McKinley said that they are alien questionable that the policy which is be ing pursued is distinctly imperialistic in its tendency. It is useless to deny that much of American thought in regard to this matter has undergone a radical change since the victory of Dewey and we are constrained to think

NOT UP TO EXPECTATION.

imperialistic ideal.

that the president's speech in Boston

will not diminish the influence of the

It is noted that the number of steamship lines between this country and Cuba and Porto Rico has increased and that on old lines the service has been improved by the addition of new vessels, but the expected trade with those islands is not yet being realized. So far as Cuba is concerned it is perhaps too soon to look for any considerable increase of trade with that island, but Porto Rico was not devastated by war as Cuba was and it is distinctly disappointing to find that since American occupation of the former there has been no considerable increase of our commerce with it.

Recently a New York paper inter viewed a number of shipping firms in regard to this West Indian trade and the opinions expressed were not altogether encouraging. One steamship man remarked that it is no use telling separate a popocrat from a paying public people that the islands afford golden opportunities now and another said in reference to Porto Rico that he saw no great opportunities on the island now for money making and really nothing to justify prediction of a remarkable business growth. A lot of Americans who have gone there are begging their passage back. It is also a fact that the annexation of Hawaii has not materially if at all increased our trade with that island, while the Americans who went there looking for opportunities found nothing.

> There is no doubt that in time there will be a large commerce between the United States and Cuba. When that island shall have been fully pacified. which as now indicated should be soon accomplished, and the conditions are such that capital will feel safe in makhardly fail to experience rapid devel-

have kept out long enough to allow a give us a greatly enlarged trade there. rights are so dim and shadowy in that settlement of this momentous question. | but how this is to be obtained with the country as to be a prolific source of | fellow.

ELECTING A FRENCH PRESIDENT. The summons issued for a meeting to-

and set them in the pathway of the has determined it largely for itself. The periodically in the same manner. precedents established are no debate and immediate transmission of the result of neficent influence of American institu- an election to the newly elected presitions will agree that If these could be dent by the ministers of his predecessor, peaceably extended over the Philippines. While the legislature usually meets at that if the people of the Islands were Paris, when sitting as an electoral colpines do not desire our rule and are re- cerned, with the exception that all memsisting the effort to establish it. They bers of the former royal families of demand the right to create their own po- France are disqualified for the position. Ordinarily the term of a French presitutions and to govern themselves. What | dent is seven years, yet few presidents is the reply we are making to this? of the republic have served the full That they are not capable of self-gov- term. In case of a vacancy the execuernment, that they do not really know | tive power during the interregnum pend- | his faith by taking up a collection for what they want, that they are savages ing the choice of the electoral college is the purpose of furnishing a free paper who must not be left to themselves, lest vested in the council of ministers who to every resident of the city not althey fall into anarchy and become the happen to be in office. Their power, ready a subscriber. In this laudable prey of others. Therefore we must in however, extends only to convening the work it is unnecessary, of course, to the name of humanity, liberty and civi- senate and deputies and maintaining the say that he has the enthusiastic sup-

The election of a French president is policy. We must "whip them to death," therefore even further removed from the ity to the people, the intention being to doubts on that point. create an executive substantially irresponsible, leaving the responsible government to his ministry, which changes according to the varying political comself has no such designs, yet it is un- even though it was last exercised only ically administered.

> four years ago. POINTS NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. In discussing proposed measures to raise revenue by taxing insurance companies, the substantial points of difference between life and fire companies are too apt to be overlooked. As the only income of an insurance company is that derived from its policy holders, the question presented by every insurance bill is whether it imposes burdens on the companies or on their patrons.

> The answer is not necessarily the same for all insurance concerns. While life companies are compelled to charge uniform rates to all policy holders in the same class, whether they live in Nebraska or New England, fire companies can usually recoup themselves at once by raising their rates on Nebraska busiess without in any way affecting their business in other states.

> Increased rates for fire risks may be xpected to produce two effects. In the first place, it would reduce the total of fire insurance policies taken out on Nebraska risks on the same principle that an enhanced price for any article lessens the demand for it. This tendency, however, could not operate in full force because fire policies must be carried in many instances as the condition of other obligations by which merchants discount their bills or loans are negotiated on real property. Secondly, higher rates would multiply the incentive to insurers to procure policies through agencies outside of Nebraska not subject to our laws, thus transferring the whole business to

> other states. The need of care in legislating on insurance matters is therefore plain. Whatever special fees or taxes are prescribed should be so arranged that they cannot be arbitrarily shifted from the companies to the policy holders, who are already sufficiently taxed in this state without additional loads to carry. Haphazard hit-or-miss legislation may be relied on to work more injury than good upon Nebraska policy holders without any adequate compensatory benefits in the way of new income for the state

treasury. As the closing days of congress apopment. The island is capable of sup-greater that no legislation may be of it is not now under cultivation, it so many measures of the greatest inbas large mineral resources and in due portance remain to be acted upon and time capital will undoubtedly flow in the time is so limited that the chances there in great volume for investment for legislation in this direction are bein all sorts of improvements. When coming poorer every day. That this is this takes place our commerce with the unfortunate is attested by the fact that island will begin to grow and this coun- in Hawaii the Chinese labor question Spanish wrecks could very readily fur- try will of course get the bulk of the and many others of equal importance nish an explanation. It would find them trade, which in the course of the next are in a chaotic condition, while our decorated with the choicest collection of | ten years may be expected to attain | neglect of Alaska will leave matters holes that ever adorned a fighting craft. Very large proportions. But as to Porto there little better. It is not to be under-Rico and Hawaii there does not appear stood from this that anarchy will pre-When the old and new members of to be any very good reason to anticipate vail in Alaska from such failure, for the Chicago Naval reserve indulged in any very great increase in our com- the American's genius for regulation and a free fight to settle the question which | merce with either island, except, per- order is such that he will maintain the essential principles of justice wherever interfered before either side had scored | As to the Philippines, it is still arged | he may be placed, even without writa knockout and declared the fight off. by the expansionists that possession of ten codes for his guidance. But at It is a pity the authorities could not those islands by the United States will present mining and other property

THE PRESIDENT'S BOSTON SPEECH. open door policy, under which the trouble, preventing that development The speech of President McKinley at United States will have no advantage which would otherwise naturally folthe annual banquet of the Home Market over commercial competitors for the low. That we owe these territories an club of Boston is characteristic in its market of the islands, we are quite un- intelligent and just regulation of their

ley profoundly believes all that he said nation and possibly it would be, but it and prospective, are said to be moving in regard to the responsibility and the is not shown how this would materially against any proposal to eliminate the duty of the United States respecting the | benefit the United States, which is not | spoils by consolidating Omaha and South Philippines. He is conscientiously con- in pressing need of Philippine products Omaha into one municipal corporation. the diminishing sun in quest of the vinced, unquestionably, that humanity in exchange for those of the United Those who have a personal interest in golden fleece that at that time was supand civilization require of this govern- States. The commercial phase of ex- continuing the present expensive system may be depended on to put up a lively opposition to every plan for retrenchment and economy. The great body of people who are not only concerned in of the people of those islands. To him it day of the two houses of the French leg- having Omaha maintain its relative po- Horse rapids, where they stopped for rest is perfectly plain that we should not re- islature in joint session for the purpose sition among other progressive cities, but and refreshments. In dipping up the water cede in the least from the position we of electing a new president to succeed to also pay the taxes to run both govern- he discovered that it contained millions of have taken, that we are bound by a the vacancy created by the death of ments, will have to assert themselves if moral obligation to keep the course, to President Faure draws attention again they want the public interests subserved.

The payment of \$1,712 out of the city tions. He has absolute faith that under French legislature possesses not only secured reinstatement after dismissal American protection and guidance the legislative but electoral powers and is by order of the court represents a neat Filipinos will advance and he looks for- therefore the body from which the ex- nest egg for the hold-up lawyers who instigated and managed this raid upon the taxpayers. The agreement with the who will in future generations "bless the bers is requisite. While the constitution robbery of the people, but as long as the courts can be used for such purpated and redeemed their fatherland, cedure within the electoral college it poses the taxpayers may expect to suffer

The man who sawed off the limb on which he was sitting in the county court house is out again in public print, this time trying to stick pins into his former benefactor and employer, the present of favoritism in fixing the assessments of property in the city tax list. The city assessment is not all that could be desired, but the source of this attack will discredit it with intelligent people.

The mayor of Macon, Ga., is a firm believer in the educational influence of the newspaper, and is demonstrating port of every paper in Macon.

Popocratic opposition to trusts is conas a United States senator declared, if popular choice than the election of a fined to those which do not affect them. they will not otherwise accept our au- president of the United States by the The voting trust formed by the trithority. Is this the proper course for American electoral college. The French partite amalgamation of two parties the foremost republic of the world, president is practically dependent upon and a name behind which is no organithe legislature instead of being inde- zation is certified as all right. Like claimed the doctrine, eternally right, pendent of it as in this country. In fact all other combinations this voting trust the French coastitution guards against is heralded as being for the benefit of the presidency claiming any responsibilithe public, but there are some who have

The school board can certainly get along comfortably upon its revenues supplemented with the 3-mill school levy. plexion of the majority in the house of The way to do it, however, is by setting deputies. The infrequent use of this its face firmly against fads and foibles delicate machinery will, therefore, in- and keeping the expenses in each deto American sentiment, thought and pur- vest today's election of a president of partment down to the actual necessities pose and we have no doubt that he him- France almost with an air of novelty, of an efficient school system econom-

Some Opportunities Left.

The McEnery resolution, barring the Filipinos from citizenship, has been passed by This deprives the United States senate. Aguinaldo of the opportunity to make himself eligible for a fourth-class postmastership, but the laundry business will remain open to him.

Disappointing His Enemies.

Governor Roosevelt is a great disappoint ment to his enemies. He is neither going back on his pledges nor doing impracticable things. He is making excellent appointments, securing to the state good governnent, and strengthening himself and his party. He is playing the best and highest kind of politics by not playing politics at all.

> An Invitation to Cervera. Brooklyn Eagle,

They are going to persecute and prose cute Admiral Cervera. This is one of the ew Spaniards who secured the liking of the American people by his courage and his humanity. If he is cashiered in Spain, for what he could not help, perhaps we can find some sort of an odd job for him over here. We are constantly making places for worse.

The Pace That Cripples.

No wonder some of the representatives n congress who look a little beyond their noses are beginning to feel apprehension of he weight of the load they are piling on the back of the taxpayer. A footing of the appropriations of congress already pracically agreed upon shows a total of over \$600,000,000. This leaves out of consideration the Nicaragua canal bill, the shipping subsidy bill, Cuban claims, Pacific cable and other treasury-bleeding schemes which would call for between \$200,000,000 and \$300.-00,000 of eventual expenditures. It is proposed to spend \$2 for every \$1 of the federal The richest nation could not travel far at that financial gait without being overtaken by disaster.

Must Not Be Overworked. Chicago Post It is a pleasure to see that the United States army takes the right view of industry. Unrestricted industry is most injurious. If permitted, things will be done in five minutes to which ten or fifteen might be just as well devoted. Therefore t is well that the sentence of a Seventh cavalry trooper who was tried by courtmartial should be set aside on the ground hat the members of the court worked overtime, actually considering the fter 3 o'clock in the afternoon without first securing the consent of the War de-Otis at Manila wants to look partment. out that he doesn't let his men fight except luring recognized union hours or the first thing he knows Aguinaldo will file a protest and he will have to begin all over

Some Burdens Nearer Home.

Has our own treatment of a native population at home been of a kind to encourage us in the belief that we will effectively do much for the hybrids in the Philippines; that we can aid them except as we have aided the Indians where we had the opportunity at home? For every Indian that has een civilized by all the methods employed by education, by grants of land and by intermingling of blood the rifle has removed ten from that field of effort, and there are reasons to believe that this proportion is too small. What, then, is the white man's burden? Let him not forget it is his own and that it is heavy, and while he bears it to the Orient let him also remember on to whose shoulders he has shifted it when the negro slave and the Indian was the other

A story comes from San Francisco of an

Iowa man that marks the Klondike as pos-

sessing wonders equal to any experienced by

second in his line to Baron Munchausen or than a year ago this lowa Jason, arming himself with stern resolutions and a bount! ful grubstake, after exploring the wilds of Seattle, set his face toward the land of posed to be so plentiful in the Klondike that the Chilcoot boys played marbles with pure nuggets. Of the wanderings of the adventurer the historian is silent until he arrives with his friends one fine afternoon beside a rapid stream beyond the White grains of a yellow substance, which upon a closer examination proved to be pure gold Here was wealth compared to which the golden sands of the old Pactolus were as limbs returned to our Jason and at the end ficult one. of several hours he had entirely recovered. The perspiration was then reduced and was found to have yielded been reached between France and England

of that far-away Pactolian stream. The Hastings Tribune, in discussing the

and says: The only reason that some of the popu lists in Adams county don't pay off their mortgages is because they are afraid they won't have anything to how! about in the next presidential campaign. That is certainly heroic devotion to the 'lost cause," but it is to be doubted that

even if the mortgages were released gratuitously that the calamity howler would quit the evil of his ways. To paraphrase the nursery rhyme calamity howler howleth long because it is his nature so to do.

The flourishing town of Bradshaw has, among other prosperous and progressive institutions a debating society that is helping by a mutually amicable arrangement. to train the young idea how to shoot and in that way is undoubtedly helping to make history. It has, in the course of its eventful career, decided that intemperance is a greater evil than war and vice versa. that the pen is mightier than the sword, also both ways, and several other burning gives the following:

The question before the debating society ast Friday night was ably debated. women were chosen as judges, and the question was decided in favor of the affirmative. If that was not a case of a packed jury impossible not to feel that the arguments

stand as constituted at the last meeting it different results.

WHY DISTRUST EXISTS.

The Spoils System Applied to Colonial Government. Detroit Journal (rep.)

Whitelaw Reid said at the Marquette club banquet that hesitation to confirm the treaty with Spain was due to distrust in our own people, distrust in the methods of administration we may employ in the government of distant possessions. This is true, and confirmation of the treaty has not wholly removed that distrust. The thoughtful citizen awaits with anxiety the first nominations from civil life that may be made by this administration or its successor or the latter's successor to represent us in the Philippines

There is now before the senate for conirmation or rejection a judge nominated for the federal bench whose record, proven be fore the judiciary committee, is so rank that his party associates have found it impossible to recommend the appointment. But the argument is gravely advanced in secret seasion that it is impossible that his character should be so bad since he has petition signed by hundreds of worthy men of both parties. Now the question is, Are we going to select men for the government of the Philippines in the same spirit that this judge was put forth-the spirit of carelessly signed petitions, without investigation or conscientious withholding of approval where approval may seat an unworthy servant? And point, would Whitelaw Reid refuse his signature to a good party man regardless, or partly regardless, of his qualifications for resident members in the United States senan important post in Porto Rico? The foundation for the distrust he mentions is therefore not far to seek, nor is it to be wondered at that it exists. We have yet to prove our good intentions with respect to government, not military, in our new colonies. Nor can we turn to neglected Alaska as a sample to be approved. We can, in short, bring infinite discredit on ourselves and infinite misery on subject colonies by the application of the methods of partisan politics to their government. The question is, How are we to avoid that abuse? Mr. Reid did not tell us, and we can only wait to see the new seed planted and judge of the tree by its fruits.

Within the last hundred years or so the British people have learned some valuable lessons in the art of governing colonies, Sinbad the Saller or the narrator as only the most important of which is to let them alone when the colonists think they are South Omaha officeholders, present Colonel Tom Ochiltree. It appears that more able to govern themselves. Whether the Australian federation shall now or in the near future dissolve all political relations with Great Britain, the Inhabitants of Australia will remain attached to the mother ountry by strong ties of interest and blood. The heavily indebted colonies will be long ependent on Great Britain for financial and industrial aid. The British will continue to buy agricultural products from the colonists, and to seek in the vast undeveloped regions of Australia new opporunities of enterprise and investment. With the British people these are the main considerations; and it is a matter of minor concern whether or not a governor general shall still be sent there as a merely nominal representative of the crown.

One has only to compare a map of Central Asia of thirty years ago with the latest the gaudy sheen of a stage diamond to the Russian military chart to be astonished at luminous sheen of the Kohinoor and it the vast changes wrought in striving for the is unnecessary to say that this argonautic mastery of the east. There is no longer expedition set stakes and prepared to stay any pretense of concealment of Russia's with it. Bailing utensils were called into designs to exercise a predominating inrequisition and while some boiled the water fluence over China and to appropriate the down the others, and among them Jason, largest share of the yast empire that is dragged the bottom for nuggets. As the toppling to its fall. While Russia has been days went by a stiffness seized upon his steadily developing her power in China the limbs which in his enthusiasm he failed Russian outposts in Central Asia have been o heed, until waking one morning he found pushed forward until they are within hearhimself unable to walk or move. Appar- ing of the drum beats of British garrisons ently he was rapidly entering that state- in India. To the silent advance of Russia petrefaction-which the saffron Sunday pa- in China Great Britain responds by crying pers occasionally discover some gentleman for an "open door" to trade in the east. who lived in aboriginal days to have been So far as China is concerned, however, the of a proposition for the holding of a conafflicted with, and this induces his com- door will not be kept open by idle threats stitutional convention intended radically to panions to hire some Indians to sled him against Russian military power. Russia's ack to Skagway. Finally arriving at San vast policy of territorial aggrandizement, establishment of an educational qualification Francisco, eminent physicians were called which makes necessary a constant increase in consultation, who, as doctors will some- of military strength, seems utterly incomtimes do, thought some, talked more and patible with the Czar's philanthropic propfinally disagreed, each one holding that only osition that the nations shall diminish their a donkey could prescribe the treatment warlike expenditures in preparing for unirecommended by any of the others. Finally, versal peace. But when the peace congress however, one old physician decided to try shall meet at The Hague next May it will Turkish baths on the strange case, and the be incumbent on the representatives of the living petrified man was placed in the hot | czar to convince the world that there is no air chair. After a time the perspiration incompatibility between his proposition and began to flow and with a view to analysis Russia's continuous preparations for war was saved. Gradually the use of his and conquest. The task will be a dif-If it is true that an arrangement has

just \$242.18 in gold. That is probably the with regard to the claims of the latter to richest gold field in all the Klondike, but a commercial outlet in the Bahr-el-Gazel strange to say the historian is silent as to district on the White Nile, the source of a the fate of the companions left on the shores very dangerous and irritating controversy between the two countries has been removed in a manner which does credit and should afford satisfaction to them both. England general prosperity now prevailing in Adams has a moral and a legal right by virtue of ounty, takes the position that most of conquest and of her Egyptian protectorate the farm indebtedness has been cleared up to exercise an exclusive jurisdiction over the watershed and basin of the Nile, and the firm stand she took upon the question of Fashoda had both equity and policy to commend it. But France also has some rights in the premises. The extension and development of her African possessions are from east to west. She possesses important territories upon both coasts, and she can reasonably seek a line of uninterrupted communication between them. Such a line must unavoidably bisect the British sphere of influence which stretches from north to south from Cairo to the cape, so that a collision between the two contrary movements of expansion could only be avoided

With the advent of spring and the opening of the passes in the Balkans it is confidently expected that there will be trouble in Macedonia between the Turks and the Christians, and if an uprising does occur the powers will be unable to prevent Bulquestions of the day. In the report of its garia being drawn into the fight. The Bullast meeting the Republican of that place garian troops are to a large extent officered and recruited among the Macedonian refugees who for years have been pouring over The the border and making Sofia their headquestion was in substance, that man en- quarters. Prince Ferdinand has been more joyed more pleasure in married life than in than cordial to these refugees, and besides a bachelor life. Three charming young allowing the revolutionary committee to organize and conduct its campaign in Bulgarian cities has appointed many of their chief men to places of trust and emolument then it would be hard to find one. There is in his own government. The fact is that little doubt but that these charming young Prince Ferdinand wishes to annex Macewomen would be competent to pass a correct donia and seeks an outlet for Bulgarian judgment on the pen and sword issue as products on the Mediterranean. If the terwould any three judges in the state, but ritory from Sofia to Salonica were under when it comes to the question at issue it is Bulgarian control it would not be long before a railroad tapped the immense grain of the negative were, perhaps, not weighed fields which now have no port of shipment strictly according to their merits. The so- nearer than the Black Sea. Turkey's sulclety is to meet every Friday night during tan is fully aware of the ambitions of his the winter and no doubt great benefits will one-time vassal, and for months the troops be derived from it, but so long as the judges | which served so effectively in Greece have been heavily garrisoned and the Albanians will be useless for the defeated orators to have been turned loose in the interior move for a new trial with the hope of any | where their excesses have been driving ever more and more of the inhabitants from

Of all the powers of Europe Great Britain is most interested in the military prepara tions of Russia; and, naturally enough, the British people are rather skeptical concern ing the good intentions of the Russian autocrat in the plan of disarmament. For many years the British government has watched the silent but resistless march of Russia t the conquest of the east. One prince of Cer tral Asia after another has succumbed t Russian arms or diplomacy, until Bokhara Khiya, Khokand and Mery have been ab sorbed in the Russian Empire without on effective step on the part of Great Britain to alter the course of events. Boundary com missions backed by armies of Cossacks and "scientific expeditions" in which there was no science and an abundance of artillery have added many a strip of land in Centra Asia to Russian territory and it is apparently only a question of a little time when Af ghanistan will become a part of the czar'

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Senator Quay clings involuntarily to his The senate of Kansas passed a bill giving

companies. The estimated expenses of the city of Philadelphia for the year 1899 are \$31,400,000 are we going to treat the Philippines better the chief item of which is for education than we treat ourselves? To come to the the police expenses being \$3,100,000 and the

fire department \$1,000,000. After March 4 New York will have three ate-Depew, Platt and Clark of Montana. Senator Clark's palatial home in New York City is ready for occupancy.

A Misscuri statesman has introduced in the legislature a bill requiring saloon keep ers to establish and maintain a home fo inebriates. He is a wise law maker who makes provision for the "rainy day."

Tom L. Johnson, the wealthy street car agnate of Cleveland, O., and New York, who helped to manage the campaign of Henry George for mayor of New York, has lectared in a public speech that he has withdrawn from all his business enterprises, has disposed of every conflicting interest and of every duty that would interfere with the de-

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votion of his time, his entire energy, his for-OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. une-in fact, his life-to the advancement of the single tax idea. This was said day before yesterday, and the profound sensation

t is expected to create is in course of preparation The youngest member of the next congress will be Martin H. Giynn, editor of the Albany Times-Union, who is 26 years old

and sprung from the same soil in the town of Kinderhook, N. Y., which produced Martin Van Buren and Samuel J. Tilden.

After March 4 the following states, beretofore strongly democratic, will be represented in Washington by two republican United States senators each: West Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey. tucky and Delaware have each one republican senator.

The formal initiation of Senator-elect Depew into Washington life last Saturday was the warmest thing he went against in forty years. Four hundred members of officialdom were at the "banquet" and every one stood up and took his medicine. scats were provided to rest the loads. Speechmakers were guyed into silence; even Chauncey was not permitted to expose his stories.

The proposed amendments to the constiution of North Carolina provide that all persons claiming the right to vote shall be able to read and write any part of the constitution in the English language. That disfranchises all diliterates. Then it provides that all males who on January 1, 1867, were entitled to vote, and their descendants, shall be exempt from the reading and writing qualification. And that lets in all illiterate

The Alabama legislature has provided for the submission to the voters of that state alter the present system of voting by the such as now exists in South Carolina. Louisiana and Mississippi. The suffrage in Alabama is now practically free, one year's residence in the state, three months in the county and thirty days in the voting precinct being required only.

## TART AND TRIFLING.

Brooklyn Life: "That clairvoyant said he would show me some ghosts of

past."
"Well-what of it?"
"I told her I had come there and planked down good money to find out whether I had a ghost of a future."

Somerville Journal: A good deal of the poetry describing the luxurious delight of an open fire is written by versifiers who never sat up to anything more poetic than a steam radiator or an air-tight stove.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Yes, he had it bad. Went round arguing that there was bad. Went round arguing that there was no such thing as disease, and sneerin' at

"What's he doin' now?"
"The last I seen of him he was drivin' a

Indianapolis Journal: "Do you believe there can be love without confidence?" "I know there can, A couple of fellows worked my wife for \$50 by representing themselves to be detectives on the hunt for

me, but willing to compromise, Chicago Tribune: Irene—Isn't it ridiculous in Fan Billiwink to wear those short skirts to make people think she's still a miss in her teens, when she's 35, if she's a day?
Maud—I don't know. I think she shows good judgment. When she walks out no-body looks at her face.

Chicago Post; "No, str!" he exclaimed proudly, "there isn't a dishonest drop of blood in my veins."
"Is that so?" returned the other, "Well, why don't you try to get an engagement in a dime museum?"
"As a bloodless man. I never heard of one before."

Pittsburg Chronicle: "I don't think that Russia has any diplomatic representatives in the South American republics," said quilding to McSwilligen. 'Don't you?'
"Don't you?"
"No, I don't, or else the revolutionists down there haven't had time to read the

DON'T WORRY A BIT.

Denver Post If your plans should fail and your schemes go wrong, Don't you worry a bit

Don't you worry a bit.
Face every care with defiant song.
Don't you worry a bit.
Don't list to the whisperings of despair,
But have the courage to do and dare.
And you'll distance Ell in getting there—
Don't you worry a bit. If you spring a pep and the girl says no, Don't you worry a bit, Just laugh and say you had reckoned so, Don't you worry a bit. She'll soon relent and will call you back. Your hat will hang on the same old rack,

And your lips will meet in the same old

Don't you worry a bit. If your wife is crabbed and sour and cross,
Don't you worry a bit,
If the even sets herself up as boss,
Don't you worry a bit.
She'll soon be needing a new spring hat,
A new sairt waist and a new dress pat.,
And 'll be demure as a pussy cat—
Don't you worry a bit.

View life with a philosophic eye,
Don't you worry a hit,
If your cards are low try to play them high,
Don't you worry a bit.
Keep your cun of chergy brimming full.
And you'll some day have the old fortune

By the shaggy tall, with a down hill pull-Den't you werry a bit.

## They Are in Our Windows

And our store-Hats we are talking about. All our spring styles are here and ready for your selection. The many new and novel shapes are on display in our hat window.

Look them over and come in and try on any one you may fancy. You don't have to buy unless you want to-all we want is the privilege of proving how good our Hats are and how reasonable the price. We have them at \$1.00 and \$4.00, with plenty of intermediate grades. Our specialty is \$3.00. New caps, as well, for men and boys.

