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Omaha keeps right near the top in its weekly exhibit of bank clearings. This means that Omaha is keeping right near the top in every line of general busi-

The enterprising citizens of Leesburg, Ga., have again taken up the white front of the jail.

It is unnecessary to say that the New York newspaper man who worried him-Paris took the French duel far more

From the fact that Senator J. K. Jones blind when confronted by an unpleasant | nexation. party vision.

After so much mysterious silence ne out in transformation so that its own persons, wrote this correspondent, exframers will not know it.

The Nebraska legislature has passed resolutions of sympathy with France in the loss of its president. There are several former citizens of the French republic in the legislature, which makes this action all the more appropriate.

The German scientist who has discovered that he can arrest the progress of age by shocking electrically the back of the head is in a fair way to surpass Carlyle's benefactor by making two blades of hair grow where none grew before.

The city tax levy has been made and the proceeds it will put at the disposal of the city government are known. The question is, How long will it take the different city departments to learn that straitened resources demand closest

Hereafter the little "snide" insurance companies will do well to remember that is not now any doubt regarding the senthe word "holdup" when emanating timent and the purpose of the people from the pen of a Nebraska examiner means nothing but a pleasant, if somewhat suggestive, figure of speech, to be than they had for Spaniards and they taken entirely in a Pickwickian sense.

If all that is necessary for the keepers of a disorderly resort to get a renewed be it is impossible to say. But at all liquor license is to annex a judge on the district bench the dive keepers and liquor dealers will in the future exhibit more interest in the district bench than they have heretofore in the police board.

It is warm in more respects than one for the American soldiers at Manila. With the thermometer in the neighborhood of 100 in the shade in the daytime, a daily skirmish with the Filipinos and a constant battle with mosquitoes at night the pleasures of soldier life are not what they might be.

The Omaha postoffice needs not only additional letter carriers, but additional office force. More letter carriers will be of comparatively little advantage so deputy to be known as the insurance long as the cierks are unable to sort and commissioner. The other contemplates distribute the mail promptly. Prompt the entire separation of the insurance and rapid handling of incoming and outcarrier delivery.

Omaha does not object that the railroads have realized the importance of affording the city better freight facilities by the erection of a commodious freight depot conveniently located. It ance business from the auditor's office has waited a long time for evidence of has become an almost imperative neappreciation of the great amount of cessity. All the scandals that have ever freight business which it has given the attached to the auditor's office have railroads, but is evidently to be rewarded with full measure.

Another use has been found for cornstalks. The pith of the west's staple of value in the construction of battlesmokeless powders. By the time sciensummer breeze.

NOTHING WHATEVER IN IT. There is nothing whatever in the talk that the fallure of the legislature to ballot for United States senator in joint convention Saturday will cloud the title of whomsoever may be elected to represent Nebraska in the senate as the successor of Senator Allen. While the law relating to the election of senator requires at least one ballot to be taken for senator every day the legislature is in session, the law contemplates a bailot only on days when both houses of

the legislature are in session The constitution of Nebraska permits either house to adjourn for not more than three days without the concurrence of the other. When one house stands adjourned under this provision Business letters and remittances should be addressed to The Bee Publishing Company, Omaha, Drafts, checks, express and postoffice money orders to be made payable to the order of the company. the legislature is not in session and

No joint convention of the two houses can hold a legal election of senator unless a quorum of each house has been recorded present on roll call and their names entered upon the respective journals. The exact number required for a legal election of senator is, therefore, seventeen members of the senate and so lifty-one members of the house. If sixty-50 eight members of the house alone were present and less than seventeen senatons, the election would be void, alo though all of them should east their bal-50 lots for the same person. After the joint convention composed of the legal majority of each house as recorded on the journals has assembled, a majority of 50 the votes cast will elect, although they may all be cast by members of the house, even though the members of the senate should refuse to vote or absent them-52 selves, because they are recorded present, and failure to vote will not vitiate .......732,333 23,623 the election.

This has been the decision of the United States senate in previous coutested elections and would so be held again under similar circumstances,

HOW THEY FEEL TOWARD US. The letter of Mr. Towl to Congressman Mercer, printed in yesterday's Bee, furhow the Filipinos feel toward Americans. This letter was written at the end of December and the writer then man's burden, which at latest accounts foresaw that the clash which has since was suspended to a tree by a rope in come was inevitable. He found the natives generally to be bitterly hostile to rather discreditable to our side. It is tracted that political habit of going utterly repudiate the suggestion of un-

> This testimony is corroborated by that pected that as soon as the natives understood the free government and personal liberty the Americans would give they would be glad to have them stay, but such was not the case. "Their habits and traditions," says the correspondent, "are too different from our own for Americans to get along well with them. Those Americans who, holding positions of trust, had the most to do with the insurgents and natives and who were at first eager in their declarations that the insurgents might be more aged with patience and diplomacy, now take a hopeless view of the case and declare that if we hold these islands it will be necessary to do so by force." The correspondent said further that as soon as American business enterprise moves into the interior of the country it will require protection.

These statements us to the feeling and disposition of the Filipinos, written nearly two months ago, have been fully verified by subsequent events. There whom it is proposed to subjugate. They have no more respect for Americans intend to resist our efforts to extend our rule over them by force as long as they are able to do so. How long that will events, it is certain that if military operations are continued the task of subjugating these people will cost many more American lives and when they at last yield there will still have to be maintained in the islands a large military force to keep them in order.""

# CENTER THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Two bills are pending before the leg slature having for their object the cre ation of an insurance bureau charged with the supervision of life and fire insurance companies doing business within this state. One bill proposes to continue the bureau as part of the auditor's office, with the auditor as its head, performing his duties through a special bureau from the auditor's office by emgoing mails in the postoffice is just powering the governor to appoint a depas important as prompt and efficient uty to act as insurance commissioner in the same manner as the deputy labor commissioner and oil inspector have

> been created. In the interest of good government we believe in the concentration of responsibility. The divorce of the insursprung from the insurance department.

The opportunities for favoritism and blackmail afford too great a temptation when the power is exercised as it has been without check and safeguards approduct is not only demonstrated to be plied through other officers. Thousands and thousands of dollars have been lost ships, but recent experiments have dem- to the treasury through crocked or loose onstrated it to be the best body for methods of the auditors and their subordinates. So long as the insurance tists get through experimenting there commissioner remains an employe of the will be nothing allowed to go to waste auditor, connivance, if not collusion, in except the rustle of the blades in the hold-up practices will continue to vigor and it will doubtless continue to

norant and unsuspecting.

With an independent insurance bureau subject, however, to constant inspection and audit by the auditor the most pernicious abuses will be abolished. In centering responsibility with the chief. bureau officials and in the firm but lin-

NO RADICAL CURRENCY EXPERIMENTS. currency question, Mr. Dawes, comproller of the currency, said in reference. want radical or revolutionary experiments. He declared that nothing would more unfavorably affect the credits of the country, now in a healthy state, than radical currency legislation. He urged that we should build up the foundation of our present monetary system by the enactment into law of the president's recommendation in regard to the legal tender notes, rather than tear down the system by complex and radical legislation which would be in the highest degree experimental. The country is emerging from a great industrial depression and nothing must be done that might impair or destroy confidence, which is the foundation of prosperity. "The recommendation of the president," said Mr. Dawes, "when enacted into law does not involve a change in the currency now in circulation, in which the people have full confidence, but it provides for its safety so that if a panic does come again it will not be because of mistrust in government currency, nor can such a panic materially injure the credit of that currency." Whatever reforms are made in the currency system ne said, must be such as will not involve the risk of commercial disaster, We believe this reflects general public make an essentially revolutionary experiment, do not represent the great nishes a trustworthy statement as to public and only a very small part of the business interests of the nation. We venture to say that seven business men out of ten, if asked what they think of proposed currency reform, would reply the currency as it is and can see no Americans and he gives several reasons | sound reason for such reform as is being in explanation of this some of which are urged. There are many practical financiers and bankers in the country who do self to death on receiving a challenge in very evident from what he states that not favor the plans which have been American treatment of the Filipinos has submitted to congress, founded upon seriously than it was ever intended to be. not been altogether of such a character that evolved by the monetary commisas to win their confidence and to con- sion. The agricultural producers and ciliate them. Mr. Towl also found the the workingmen of the country have legal principle of protecting the powers of can see no signs of prosperity just now desire for independence very general no complaint concerning the currency. it is greatly to be feared he has con- and very strong among the natives, who They know that every dollar of it is sound and they have no fear that it will not continue to be. The reformers of the correspondent at Manila of the among other things, that our currency outrage, but legally the governor's power of The charter bill seems to be a light New York Evening Post, who also writ- system was an obstacle to industrial and appointment must be upheld. This special hiding under a bushel down at Lincoln. ing more than a month before hostilities commercial progress and prosperity. session question was the difference between ere begun noted the growing dislike of | Conditions have confuted this. The exone need be surprised to see it break the natives for the Americans. Hopeful perience of the last year has conclusively demonstrated that the currency system is not a barrier to business progress and prosperity. The incontrovertible logic of existing conditions is very strongly against the theories and assumptions of

> asking experimental legislation. We agree with Comptroller Dawes that it would be well for congress to adopt the recommendation of the president in regard to the United States legal tender notes, but we do not regard that as urgent. It can safely wait for the next congress, from which it is very likely to receive favorable considera-

> the radical currency reformers who are

If the Cuban assembly would devote itself with the same zealous industry to the work of correcting existing evils that it does to criticising the labors of the United States in that island there would be much less to complain of than is now unfortunately the case. The very attitude of this so-called legislative body, which is actually composed of disappointed professional agitators and revolutionists, is the greatest menace to the that we are now trying to perform in Cuba. By impugning our motives and prophesying evil it creates a spirit of ple that can only retard our efforts and thereby prolong the necessity of our occupation of the island. What the Cuban people most need at this juncture is not a plentiful crop of prophets, but leaders of their own race possessed of equipoise, judgment and patriotism who can see matters as they are and who are willing to give us earnest and patient co-operation in our work of reconstruction, and if they possess any, such the quicker they supplant their boodle-inspired Jeremiahs with them the better will it be and the sooner will the idea of an independent republic be realized.

No promotion made for services rendered during and since the war with Spain is more deserved or will please the public more than that of General Miller. Entering the army at the beginning of the civil war, he has served his country faithfully and well. Being a quiet and unobtrusive man he was no doubt many times overlooked for less worthy men, and notwithstanding his long service his actual rank is only that of colonel. His promotion to be a brigadier general comes just in time, as he will reach the retiring age next month. but that it has come will gratify the people who love to honor modest merit no less than it will General Miller him-

The increase in cotton goods exports during the last few months has been in line with other American productions, As compared with a similar period of last year, that showed exports from New York of \$828.985, this year's figures are \$1,603,257. This is a most gratifying increase, when the fact is considered that exports of cotton goods have been stagnant or on the decrease since 1801. Affeeted by the era of general confidence and prosperity which we enjoy this industry has taken on a renewed lease of greater or less extent and "snide" com- increase as it shares with our other pro- possible results that may arise from it,

panies chartered to prey upon the ig- ductions the new markets opened up by NO WHITEWASHES IN ORDER, OPEN BALLOT VS. SECRET BALLOT, SUGGESTIONS FOR LEGISLATORS. American pluck and enterprise in the various countries of the world.

The bill restoring to the voters of the their county commissioners and abolish executive he also will be forced to in- ing election by commissions; estricts terest himself in preventing misuse of ought to pass. There was never any authority on the part of the insurance good reason for establishing commissioner districts for the election of mempartial enforcement of the laws enacted | bers of the county board, who have the to the people of the whole county. The In his latest deliverance regarding the larger the area from which the candidate must draw his votes the stronger. too, will be the tendency for all parties to the proposed reform that we do not to nominate men who will command the confidence and support of the people.

The Canadian roads appear to reap a much larger profit than those on this side of the border from the provision allowing the transportation of goods in bond, the ratio being approximately 27 to 1. Yet the Canadlans persistently assert that this country always gets the best of it in arrangements for trade exchanges.

Fashion Item. Philadelphia Times. Sackcloth is now in demand for the making of habits of self-denial.

Know a Good Thing. Washington Post Shades of John P. St. John! The Kansa troops captured the Manila brewery.

Just the Place for Them. The supreme duty of the United States in the Philippines on the suppression of the rebellious outbreak there will be to guard against the creation in the archipelago of a refuge for the chronic office holder and political spoilsman.

Deserves the Honor.

In promptly passing the bill to create the office of admiral in the federal navy the senate has responded to a unanimous popular demand. The nation is fortunate, in sentiment and especially the sentiment | deed, to have a Dewey at this time to match of the conservative business interests the Farraguts and Bainbridges and Decaturs of the country. The reformers who would of earlier generations. None will grudge institute radical currency changes and him the honor that is the sea-fighter's highest reward,

Foreign Debtors Unload.

Our speculators have overdone their business. They have boosted the price of securities until our foreign debtors are beginning to pay their indebtedness by sending us American shares instead of gold rethat they are perfectly satisfied with mittances. This will probably have the excellent result of cooling the exuberant spirit of the share market by making investors a trifle more cautious.

Executive Discretion. The decision of the supreme court of Kansas that the Leedy extra session is valid was to be expected. The justice of the act in itself is a different thing from the broader the executive. Thus, while the governor's act was not reasonable, in itself, the principle of the discretion of the executive in calling a special session cannot be overturned by the courts. The appointment of begun their agitation with the assertion, a bad man to an office may be morally an wrong judgment and a right to judge

American Farmers' Lond.

J. Sterling Morton's Conservative That Lexington speech made by Colone Bryan August 29, 1896, in which he so truthfully and eloquently said, "the load of the American farmer grows every year," when taken out of the can cold and immediately served with warm facts has a very peculiar flavor. Among farmers living near Nebraska City the "loads" grown in 1898 have been gigantic and burdensome. The number of bucolic brothers overwhelmed with "loads" grown in the last twelve months can hardly be counted. The Conservative names however: George Prather, who has 12,000; Talbot Mead, who has 18,000; H. W. Frakes, who has 9,000, and Miller M. Payne, who has 50,000 bushels of corn to sell. Their 'loads'' grow every year. At 30 cents i bushel-fifty bushels shelled corn to the "load"—each load is a burden of \$15. Worse than all the dollars is gold or its equiva-

# FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE.

January Continues the Remarkable

Kansas City Star. Foreign trade returns for January show a continuation of the remarkable record of recent months. Exports were \$7,000,000 greater than in January, 1898, and imports \$7,500,000 greater. The exports, amounting successful accomplishment of the work to \$115,500,000, were almost double the im ports. For a year and a half the exports have averaged \$50,000,000 a month more than the imports, making a trade balance of \$600,000,000 a year to pay for securities re apprehension and unrest among the peo- turned to America for investments by citizens of this country in foreign lands, for expenses of American travelers abroad, for interest due on foreign capital invested here and for the country's immense ocean freight bill, besides drawing millions of dollars of gold to this country from abroad.

Such an excess of exports over imports in entirely beyond precedent. The fact that there have been eighteen months of it seems to indicate that the country's foreign trade has been permanently placed on a new basis It is hardly conceivable that the country can continue indefinitely to export twice as much as it imports; that it can maintain ar excess of exports over imports amounting o such an enormous total of \$600,000,000 r year, for it would result ultimately in such a drain of foreign capital to this country as would cripple the banks of Europe. It will require only a few years of such eign trade to cancel every dollar of indebtedness which this country owes to Europe and then would come a movement of gold to this country so large that it would cause financial alarm abroad and check the foreign demand for American products.

Trade between countries must be equally balanced in some way, or it cannot exist and as long as Europe holds millions of American securities, so long will it be possible to continue such an enormous excess of exports, for the securities will come back to settle the balance. It would be impossible for Europe to pay it all in gold. available American securities held abroad are returned American investments abroad will have to increase rapidly or else this country must import more and export less merchandise. But there is no reason to expect a material change in the volume of either exports or imports in the near future The United States is manufacturing every year more and more of the classes of goods which it has been buying in Europe and foreigners cannot get along with much less grain and meat and cotton than they have been buying here in the last two Everything indicates that the United States will continue to export increasing quantities of manufactured articles as well as to send abroad enormous quantities of farm prodthe huge trade balances. How, then, will trade conditions be readjusted? Only the are not such as to cause anyone in this country to be disturbed. But the financiers

Stanton Register (pop.): A public office le a public trust and a breach of that trust whole county the right to choose all of honest officials and if not honest put them

not afford to uphold Cornell if he has done wrong simply because he is a populist. We kicked the rascals out of the state house only a short time ago, but if the men whom we have elected to fill their places have also for the protection of the policy holders, control of the affairs of the whole county | become rascals this soon we should not wait and should represent and be responsible to have them kicked out by the vanquished foe, but the law should be speedily and rigidly enforced regardless of who the guilty

deputy, but it was generally understood to hands of an official was a bribe, his refusal while a horny-handed farmer, likewise denounced the free pass business, forgot all about it when he got into office.

Oakland Independent (pop.): State Auditor Cornell has had trouble with his deputy in surance man, Samuel Lichty, and has fired him. Mr. Lichty was about the only credit able man in the state auditor's office-he was one of the few men in the state house who force and influence are manifested at so did business strictly according to law and practiced the doctrines of his party platform by refusing to ride on free railway passes. He has brought the insurance department up to a business point and Mr Lichty's dismissal is to be regretted.

Tekamah Burtonian (pop.): The legislature has been called upon by the governor to investigate the charges preferred against Auditor Cornell by his deputy, Samuel Lichty, whom he discharged. A most searching investigation should be made and if found true he should at once be relieved were not dependent in the least on the from office. The fusion party will not tolerate a traitor in the party, neither will it of any particularly amiable characteristics is guilty he must be dealt with accordingly. If innocent he should be experated to the their class or schoolmates. The incident fullest extent.

O'Neill Independent (pop.): The Holt County Independent calls upon every fusion member of the legislature to vote for the mmediate impeachment of State Auditor John F. Cornell if the charges preferred against him by his ex-insurance deputy Samuel Lichty, are sustained. As the republicans have a majority of the committee of investigation they will be held responsible if its work is not thorough. We don't want any whitewashing of anybody. If there is anything crooked in the auditor's office, or with that gentleman's administra tion of his office, we want the truth and nothing but the truth to be known. Give us the facts.

Humboldt Enterprise (pop.): The bickerings and jealousies that have been fermenting for some time in the state auditor's office culminated in a volcanic eruption last week that tends to make every good citizen unite with the poet in exclaiming: plague on both your houses." The Enterprise would not convict a black cat on one sided testimony, and until John Cornell tells his side of the story we shall continue to believe him an honest man; but whether guilty or innocent it is our firm conviction that he is the victim of "damphool friends." and he cannot reorganize his household too soon. In the meantime it is the duty of particular that is good, while perhaps some good citizens to reserve judgment until the of them are positively bad. There would be facts are cleared up by the investigating no more reason to suppose that these percommittee, which may be depended upon to sons are indebted to the influence of eduprobe to the bottom all the charges, as cation for this power than that the chilit is well understood that a republican ma- dren came by it in the same way, but on jority-while it may be fair-can hardly be the other hand both cases seem referable

lisposed to shield a populist lawbreaker. we rejoice, that Governor Poynter acted as promptly as he did in calling for a thorough investigation into the affairs of the office of the state auditor. Where there is so much that they, perhaps, constitute the fountain smoke there must be some fire. Let no guilty man escape whether he be a populist or democrat. If there are grounds for impeachment then let impeachment come by all means, and we trust no free silver senator or representative will follow in the footstens of the republican party of 1893. by attempting to screen the guilty, or condone any wrongdoing. We do not condemn in advance the auditor. We hope he will be able to clear his skirts of all wrong doing. But he surely has made some very bad appointments-if the letter of O. Palm is authentic. A \$25 or even a \$10 a da man is too rich for populistic blood and we are glad he did not come from the por

# PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Rudyard Kipling involuntarily takes up white man's burden in the shape of damage suit instituted by his brother-inlaw.

The next senate will have three members who have given considerable attention to elocution. They are Senators Quarles of Wisconsin, Beveridge of Indiana and Simon of Oregon

Though the season is early for peach crop failures. Michigan is out with one alleging that the recent blizzard belated the buds. That's one instance in which the early bud caught on. One of the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs.

Douglass Shinnifield of Pana, Ill., born in 1896 and named after W. J. Bryan, died last Wednesday from the effect of chewing scraps of newspapers.

Prof. Stanton of the Iowa Agricultural colege has just presented to that institution : chime of bells which he had cast abroad Congress had to pass a special act before the bells could be admitted free of duty.

James Bryant, a sea captain who died it New York recently, was the man who com nanded the vessel in which "Boss" Tweed scaped to Cuba from New York. He was handsomely rewarded for the risk he took and kept the secret for many years.

Sherman Arter of Cleveland, O., suggests m addition to the list of reversible sentences rinted in The Bee recently. It is attributed o Napoleon, and its distinguishing peculiarty is that every word as well as the sentence is reversible. Here it is: "Able was l ere I saw Elba." Another commission to investigate th

Philippines and the Filipines is on the way o Manila on the United States transport Sherman, sailing from New York. members are Adelbert Hay, a son of the secretary of state; James W. Wadsworth, son of Congressman Wadsworth; Eugene Hale, a son of Senator Hale; John M. Daizell, a son of Congressman Dalzell.

The Wilkesbarre (Pa.) Times pays a warm tribute to the boys of the west who fought so bravely in the late battles around Manila, but spoils it all by saying that they fought in response to the call of humanity" and "to open up a grand opportunity for extending the influence of this great republic in the Orient." That is the ideal idea. In reality the boys are clamoring for home.

Rev. George Wright, a full-blooded Chip pewa, was before the house committee of Indian affairs recently and related the grievances of the Indians in these words: 'O men, we come to you because you are the source of all power. You have a mission sitting among us, who take \$13 of our money, and every evening when night ucts. Therefore, no one can see an end of falls \$13 are dead. Abolish the commission and every evening \$13 will be made alive to us. We do not want to be shorn of all future can tell. In the meantime conditions our substance and left sitting naked on the sands of the lake shore." The red brother shows a painful lack of appreciation of pale of Europe cannot view the situation without face philanthrophy in taking up the red feeling considerable uneasiness over the man's burden at the expense of the reman. We are built that way,

Central City Nonparell; Let the vote in should be punished to the full extent of the The members of the legislature should of county officers every four years instead What we want in state and nation is bear in mind that they are not casting their of every two years, as at present. There must entertain fears that he is not properly | wait. carrying out their wishes.

Aurora Republican: The senatorial conwhere with an open ballot caucus a senator no benefit to the people and that never can never be elected; and the sooner all will be enforced, yet every legislator seems parties interested in the election realize to think that he is in Lincoln simply to this fact and are willing to concede this introduce a lot more nonsensical laws, when much the sconer will the agony be over, a what we need more than anything else Auburn Granger (pop.): For a long time party, With an open ballot caucus, and the fool laws already on the statute books. t has been known that perfect harmony did outside pressure at the danger point, every In the name of common sense isn't there not exist between Mr. Cornell and his man who is now and has been voting for a single man at Lincoln big enough to any one of the leading candidates knowing tackle something which will do the people be only on account of Mr. Lichty's outspoken his vote will be made public in open caucus some good? declaration to the effect that a pass in the | will never change his vote from the man | he is now voting for. The only way a change to accept a free pass while Mr. Cornell who, of votes can now be brought around is by which many voters in western Nebraska a secret ballot, so that the member can would like to see pass, namely, the one change and not be held accountable for it, which makes it optional in each county as no one can know how he votes.

#### BEE LINES.

That there is such a thing as original

personality, independent of surroundings

and cultivation, is indisputably true and its

early an age by the child that it is by no means an easy matter to ascertain just when it begins to exert an influence on his companion and friends. A more than ordinarily bright and intelligent teacher in the Omaha schools tells of an instance which confirms this view of the force of what we may term original personality. She says that on St. Valentine's day it was wonderful to see how without any previous understanding or agreement the children centralize their valentine favors on a few of their companions. These favors brightness, class standing or the possession try to shield him or let him down easy. If he of the recipients, who in most cases posessed, apparently, no superior virtues to seems a small matter, but it goes to confirm the idea often advanced that leaders of men and the moulders of influence like poets are born and not made. If the favorite in this school had been a particularly bright, beautiful or amiable boy or girl the circumstance that his or her companions centralized their favor on such a on could have been explained on the grounds that they were tributes to these virtues but when a positively bad boy or rather mischievous girl comes to be overwhelmed by gifts we must look elsewhere for an explanation. From the fact that children of an age when the reasoning faculties are not developed and without any concerted plan in the matter act spontaneously in thus singling out a favorite there must surely be some reason for it. Original per sonality would seem to be the only way to account for it and by this term is meant the possession of that subtle power which, irrespective of our wills, exerts a compelling but unrealized influence over those with whom we may come into contact. All of us can call to mind persons who have exerted such an influence over us and just as in the case of the children we could not explain it if we tried to do so.

Again as in the instance of the school favorite we know that many of these per sons have been remarkable for nothing in for explanation to the same cause which has Wahoo New Era (pop.); We are glad, yea its reasons deeper down into nature than science has yet been able to penetrate. Another thought that is interesting about these favorites of their fellows is the fact from whence the world draws its truest greatness and its most consummate villainy. The differences between the mental capabilities of those two extremes are far less than we like to imagine and while both may be indebted to education-the one false, the other true-for the perfection of their power the original endowments of this nature's compelling force which we are discussing are perhaps pretty nearly equal in the beginning. But be that as nay, nature has her favorites and in setting them apart she has ordained from abyhood almost that her less favored children shall pay to them a cheerful and in coluntary homage and so shall it ever be.

A suit has just been instituted by a New York grocer against a dentist that reveals a sad state of affairs. It appears that the dentist made a mistake and extracted the wrong tooth and in doing so injured the optic nerve so as to cause the grocer's eye to wink involuntarily every moment or so He was compelled to go to Maine on busi ness and while there, being a Baptist deacon he tried to drink soda water, but invariably found it filled with a strange beverage that he knew not of. But this is not the worst of it. When he came back the first day he was in his store he was mercilessly beaten three times by the escorts of women who mistook his infirmity for bold attempts at flirtation. After that the assaults became so frequent that he had to quit business or take up permanent residence in a hospital and he now insists that the dentist must pay him \$50,000 damages.

Cleaning The Beaver Valley Tribune in its las ssue devotes much space to a thorough and omprehensive review of the condition of the ounty as taken from the records and gives much valuable information as to the advantages that are offered in that section of the state to the homesceker. In his editorial reference to this information the editor of the Tribune claims that it is absolutely re liable and deprecates the fact that too much boom advertising has been done in Nebraska in past years. That the Tribune's idea of the matter is correct needs no argument to demonstrate. The natural advan tages of Nebraska are all that any man could ask who is willing to work and, apart from the injustice done the homeseeker by painting a land flowing with milk and honey overdrawn and untruthful advertisements in variably react in other directions, doing more injury than good to the state. Let the world see the picture of Nebraska's resources and opportunities as they are and not as they night be, for it is fair enough to need no re touching.



the senatorial caucus be by open ballot, duced at Lincoln providing for the election votes for senator as individuals but as rep- is little to recommend it. If perchance a esentatives of their constituents and the disreputable official is elected the people member who is afraid to allow his constit- have an opportunity to remedy their misments to know how he votes in the caucus take and four years would be too long to

should bear in mind that the state is alest now on at Lincoln has got to the point | ready burdened with a number of laws of senator elected and quiet restored to the is a wholesale repealing of a number of

North Platte Tribune (rep.): There has een a bill introduced in the legislature to suspend the herd law by a two-chirds vote of the residents. Fifty votes in a ounty can petition the county boards to submit to the voters the proposition to suspend the law in the county and it will e voted on at a special or general election as the board sees fit. This is one of the bills endorsed by the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association.

Beatrice Democrat: The bill now pending in the Nebraska legislature for the extension of the terms of county officers from two to four years is being warmly supported by county officers. The measure not only reaches forward, but extends back so as to make present incumbents beneficiaries of its engayment. It is one of those buncombe measures that has nothing to support it and can never become a law. The egislature might as well introduce and pass a bill extending the terms of its members another two years and if that worked sucessfully make it an indefinite period. The fact is that the people believe in rotation in office. If they have undesirable men in office they want to get rid of them. They would not want to extend the misfortune that befell the state in the election of the present legislature and if they want present county officers to serve longer they can re-elect them.

#### LAUGHING MATTER.

Brooklyn Life: Browne-Boston's streets re cowpaths. Towne-What had the cows been drink-

Chicago Tribune: "Whenever I look at my wife," said the husband of the celebrated Fattest Woman on Earth, "I feel that I have a great deal to be thankful for."

Indianapolis Journal: "Let me dream gain," said the troubadour.
"But they would not, There seemed to be omething the matter with his pipes.

Chicago Record: "Where is that girl who as out lecturing on "There is no Death?"
"An undertaker proposed to her and she

Yonkers Statesman: Mamie-I thought you said you weren't going to the depart-ment store employes' ball?
Katie-Well, I didn't think I could afford it at first, but I understand they've marked down the tickets from \$1 to 97 cents.

Chicago Post: "Never speak in anger," autioned his wife as he began to splutter revious to an outbreak. "As usual," he replied, "you want all the statelers." rivileges." Then for twenty minutes she acted in delance of her own admonition,

Somerville Journal: "Where Are the Boys?" asks Clara B. Heath in the head-line of some verses in one of the maga-zines. If the girls don't know, who does?

A Lovely Trensure.

Denver Post. The bride's fair cheeks were dampened with the tears born in her eyes,
As guzed she on the wreckage of her halfpies, mind reverted to some other And, as her mind reverted to some other things she'd spoiled. The grief within her bosom like a seething

'I make so many blunders," she unto her "That you must almost hate me! Oh, I wish that I were dead!"
And that eccentric husband this sweet consolation spake:
"They are nothing to the blunders that me shand said

#### "They are nothing to the blunders that my mother used to make." THE BLACK MAN'S BURDEN.

Owen Hall in Harper's Weekly. Owen Hall in Market's weekey.
Lift off the black man's burden—
The load of down-trod years,
The memories of suffering.
The weight of unshed tears.
Send forth your sons to help him,
They need not wander far,
Nor cross the distant ocean.

Nor seek the western star, Lift off the black man's burden— Your backs had need be strong— The negro's load of ignorance, The Indian's weight of wrong. Your sons will want their patience, No need to stint their pains,

At other doors than Spain's. Lift off the black man's burden, See that your hearts are bold,
Look that your burden-bearers
Seek other things than gold,
Lift loads that lie beside you,
Any first your strength on these,
Then seek the greater burdens
Record the western accs.

Beyond the western seas. House

with us always provides special advantages to buy some lines of clothing at figures that are really very moderate. We don't carry over old stock, It loses in value whenever it is packed or stored away, and we prefer to sell it the season it is made for, and are willing to stand considerable loss to do so. There are several lines we want to close at once to make room before the winter goods are replaced by the spring goods. There are plain blue and black cheviots and fancy cheviots, in round and straight cut, sack suits, that have sold all season at \$8.50 and \$10, and to sell them now and not be obliged to carry them over, we make a very low price. Your choice for \$5.00. This sale commences

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