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Senator Thurston's appointments have for the most part been dis-appointments.

March this year apparently does not care to take the trouble to separate its lamb-like and its lion-like propensities.

The muster roll of the Cuban army is announcement that a paymaster is in sight.

The hold up business has become so students of the far eastern situation vor annexation. safe and profitable in Missouri that the generally take this view, particularly bandits have tried to work the scheme those who believe that the dissolution on a whole town.

When that straight democratic organization is in working order the triple not a score of intelligent American citialliance will have to work out another fusion agreement with four parties to sideration to a suggestion that the terest of the United States is growing the compact.

That new Sixteenth street viaduct should be completed during the coming season. To do so, however, requires an immediate end to all further dila-

The government is now said to be premagazines had not sufficiently punished see with certainty where the policy that cial arrangement with the United States,

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA. The Chinese minister at Washington constitutes by far the heaviest share of past platforms of the party and demohas in an interview expressed his grati- government expenses. fication at the decision of this govern-

trality in respect to China. The de- earnings and value of the rallway prop- isms which not even success could hold a negro to recover a fee of \$100 for driving fact is that this is nearly all new and up to clared policy of the United States not to jerties the owners of the railway prop- together. follow the example of European nations arty benefited by local improvements in acquiring Chinese territory the minis- and the settlement of the state contribter said would be regarded by his gov- ute little or nothing to the cost of town. ernment as strong ovidence of good will city and county governments. In the and is not only another bond between vity of Omaha, for example, property the two countries, but has a special sig- owners are taxed \$2,000,000 a year by nificance at this time, as contrasting city, school, county and state levies, but with the spirit of rapacity prevailing of this colossal burden an insignificant among the old world powers. We have share is borne by the railway corporasaid to the nations of Europe that we tions, whose property at the same valhave no desire for the acquisition of untion applied to other taxable property Chinese territory and that we will not would aggregate several millions.

be drawn into any project that involves It is this rank discrimination against the partitioning of that territory. In all other classes of taxpayers which the taking this position we inform the world | legislature should endeavor to correct. that this nation has a just regard for No fair-minded person desires to cripple the autonomy of the Chinese empire the railways by excessive taxation, but and will engage in no efforts aimed at it is only fair and just that the excessive its dismemberment. If European na. taxation of other property should be tions go on seeking ports and territory reduced by equalizing the burdens. In in China we shall not interfere, only every town and city of Nebraska the demanding that whatever interests and railroads enjoy the benefit of all the rights we have there shall be respected, | services rendered by local governments This is the wise and safe position. It and it is certainly not unreasonable to is consistent with our traditional policy, demand from them their due shares of 24,490 It should be strictly adhered to. But

the cost. CUBAN ANNEXATIONISTS.

sult of the expansion policy in the far east, the time may not come when it annexation would seem to be growing. 24.559 will be deemed expedient to acquire 24,440 Chinese territory. The expansionists business men say it is impossible to in- stay the process of benevolent assimilaurge that we need the Philippines in the duce people to invest large sums of tion now in progress. interest of trade with China. We remoney in Cuba until some permanent quire those islands, it is said, in order form of government is established, but 25,010 to develop our commerce in that quarter that for Cuba to be an independent reof the world and especially with China, public would mean the utter ruin of the where it is already, according to Lord island, even supposing that the Cubans Beresford, growing by leaps and bounds. were better able to govern themselves If the European powers continue to purthan any other people in the world, for sue the policy of which the demand of at one blow the sugar industry would possible that after a time we shall have with sugar from Porto Rico and Hawaii stars than that in connection with his ships to consider whether the protection of coming into the United States free of our Chinese commerce does not require duty even on the best terms the the acquisition of Chinese territory. In sugar of Cuba, unless the island were the opinion of some this is the logical annexed, would have to pay some duty outcome of the expansion policy. A and would be unable to compete with writer in one of the magazines on the that of the other islands. The future dissolution of the Chinese empire says prosperity of Cuba of course depends that the American conquest of the Philvery largely upon the restoration of the

ippines is only the first step; that the sugar industry and this cannot be done increasing at a wonderful rate since the possession of the islands will not merely if that product must pay a duty in the entitle, but will even oblige the Amer-American market. Hence the sugar inicans to participate actively in the setterest in the island and with it many tlement of Chinese affairs. European property owners and business men fa-It is probable that this feeling will

continue to develop as the matter is discussed and it is likely to receive more or How long will it be before this view less American encouragement, but we may find acceptance here? A year ago shall need to consider our own sugar industry before concerning ourselves zens would have given a moment's con- about that of Cuba. The beet sugar in-

United States should acquire territory rapidly and if protected will in a few civilized country is life held as cheaply as in the far east, even to the extent of a years become a highly valuable induscoaling station. Why may it not rea- try. It would not be good business polsonably be apprehended that within a ley to destroy this industry by admitting year or two, or when the Philippine Cuban sugar free of duty, which of problem shall have been disposed of, course would have to be done if the tory tactics on the part of the railroads. the spirit of expansion will reach out island were annexed. Therefore we do for Chinese territory, on the ground not think the annexationists are at all

of commercial necessity? This is a likely to realize their hope. Cuba will paring to publish a pictorial history of danger of the situation that has been have an independent government and the Spanish war, just as though the too little thought of. No one can fore- it will be able to make a good commer-

The carriers from local taxation, which ing a vote-getting issue regardless of crutic principles. The result has been

The clerk of the district court for income from the fees of the office agtion no matter which man or which and making the district court clerkship troubles. a salarled office

Legislative junkets, or, to preserve a egislative fiction, visits to state institutions, have been so universally condemned in the past that members are by the jury on its merits. not manifesting any great desire to engage in them. It is a hopeful sign when legislators evince a knowledge of the fact that they are elected to transact the business of the state and not for the purpose of having a good time.

Li Hung Chang has been recalled from his job in the Yellow river bottoms to aid the dowager empress with his coun-The sentiment in Cuba favorable to sel and advice. But, from all indications, not even the majesty of the vellow Advices from Santiago report that the jacket and one-eyed peacock feather can

vertise.

China trust.

How the Situation Improves.

Philadelphia Ledge The situation in the Philippines continues for a poet to possess when, as in this case, in which Mussulmans had been crowded poetry turned out. urns out to be merely variola.

Star Gazing.

Philadelphia Times, Italy is the latest manifestation it is be annihilated. It is pointed out that white stars, but Montijo's fleet saw more situation is not without hope that it may place of prescriptive claims and within a Admiral Dewey's flag is blue with four yet equal Chicago. some time ago.

Upward Trend of Wages. Cleveland Flain Dealer.

There is no better reading matter in the daily journals than the announcements that wages are being raised in many places. This is the best proof of the good times pudding

Rush for Army Jobs.

Springfield Republican. The officers of the volunteer regiments still in the service are much more eager continue their military life than the

privates. It is estimated that fully 75 per ent of these officers are using all the po litical pulls they possess to secure commissions under the army bill passed by the last

ongress. A long line of congressmen at Secretary Alger's door is the result.

Clogged Wheels of Justice. Indianapolis News.

We do not protect life and property, parcularly life in this country as we should equal rights to all the nations. Indeed the saying might be more drastic, and be truthful, altered to read that in no in this one, where the people are all powerful. Doubtless it springs from the abuse of liberty. Whatever it he, it is not wholesome. It is not an attribute of saving force. It is not a characteristic of a strong and surviving people. We need, above all peoples in the world, to have justice, "speedily and without delay."

Canada as a Gold Producer. Philadelphia Record.

Owing to the development of gold in the Yukon region Canada now takes its place fifth on the list of the gold-producing the affairs of China. It is necessary, of though we shall protect our own intercountries. Its contribution for 1898 was nearly \$14,000,000, its total mineral out- property of our citizens in China, as well put footing up nearly \$38,000,000. All the probabilities point to a largely increasing production of the Yukon mines during 1899, and the Canadians are seriously discussing the necessity of opening up an all-Canadian route as a means of securing a more

BEE LIVES.

One of the most novel cases on record Japan is making a bold push for at least While the owners of town and farm a heterogeneous collection of votes un-Scott, Kan., this week. Mrs. Epps is a Though she now has but about 500,000 was that of Mrs. Mary Epps, tried at Fort a share of the carrying trade of the Pacific, ment to maintain an attitude of hell- property are constantly increasing the der the party banner advocating many clairvoyant and she brought suit against of modern steam tonnage, the significant away a ghost that infested his house. The date. The vessels constituting the new

jury impaneled to try the case consisted steamer lines under the Japanese flag were of six crippled negroes and a Chinaman mainly built in British and German yards, Douglas county is reputed to have an and the trouble commenced when the clerk but their owners are far too shrewd to detried to swear him in as a juror. He re- pend entirely on foreigners. Last year a used to take an oath unless in the man- Japanese shipbuilding company at Nagagregating from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a ner prescribed by the customs of his coun- saki isunched a 6,000-ton steamer. year. Any public office that yields such try, and, accordingly, a chicken was brought materials for this vessel were, it is true, an enormous income is sure to become in and killed. Taking a tailfeather and imported, but the labor was entirely pera source of corruption and demoraliza- dipping it into the fawl's blood he tickled formed by Japanese, and from putting his nose with it, rubbed his chin three times together a steamer to planning and builddown its back, walked around it seven times ing one will be an easy step for these party controls it. The time has come and then announced that he was ready to quick-witted and industrious people. Nor is for abolishing the permicious fee system get down to a settlement of the spook it likely that Japan will continue many years The evidence clearly developed longer to depend as she now does on foreign

the presence of the "haunts" on the ne- yards for her war ships. Heretofore all gro's premises, but he vigorously resisted the Japanese war ships have been built payment on the ground that while Mrs. abroad. Japan has been in a great hurry to Epps had modified the frequency of their build up a powerful navy, one superior in vieits they were, so to speak, still in the vessels and armament to that with which ring. Unfortunately the case was dismissed she defeated China. The fear of being on a technicality instead of being decided caught napping by Russia has stimulated Japan to place her orders at once without

waiting to build up at home plants capable As spring draws nearer the output of of constructing battleships and heavy cruipoetry in the Nebraska papers gradually sers. Now that she has got a good "first increases, but is not yet nearly up to the line" in vessels built in England, Germany demand. A noticeable feature about it is and the United States, she may not unthe total absence of the soft sentiment naturally try her hand at constructing at that usually clings to the spring pattern. least her auxiliaries and even more power-The Otce County Grit is the latest contrib. ful vessels. Japan is growing rapidly both revenue. utor and the following practical effusion as a naval and mercantile power and in a

appears in its last issue: "We don't want few years it will be dangerous for other to trade at your place, we don't want to powers to try to rob her of her conquests trade there any more; you'll be sorry when as she was robbed after the Chinese war. you see us going to some other store-you ... can't sell us any more stale goods, we have The new viceroy of India, Lord Curzon,

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

opened wide our eyes; we don't want to is gaining a good deal of credit for the tact trade at your store, because you don't ad- courage and good sense displayed in his public addresses. He furnished an illustra-This is equally as fine as anything Editor tion of these qualities in the reply which Leedom ever wrote and displays the busi- he made to the Central Mohammedan asness acumen, which is an excellent thing sociation, which complained of the manner

mprove. Even the reported smallpox it does not detract from the quality of the out of official life and the learned professions. The creation of a system of Indian public instruction on a large scale in 1854 From the latest information Tacoma led to the establishment of new tests for seems to have distanced Dawson City as a the public service and the learned professingle generation the Bengal Mussulmans found themselves ousted from their heredit-

George Cannon, the mouthplece of God ary employments by the quick-witted Hinand of the Mormon church, has secured the dus whom their fathers had despised. A o-operation of the latter in his senatorial widespread. Mussulman unrest led to a race, but the former seems to manifest a searching inquiry. It was found that the strange indifference to the whole affair. decay of the Bengal Mussulmans was due

not to a lack of ability or to want of in-Vice Admiral Colomb of the English navy, struction, but to the fact that their religious in a lecture before a London audience, se- and domestic obligations rendered it ex-

verely criticised our naval strategy, but tremely difficult for them to accept the admitted that our conduct was "terribly purely secular system of education offered businesslike" and results satisfactory to all by the state. The Hindus, with their reparties concerned, except Spain. ligious training at home, found no difficulty

in accepting the purely secular teaching of the government schools, and thereby secured an enormous advantage over their St. Paul Pioneer Press: The United Mussulman compatriots. Lord Curzon, while States could not afford to enter into any

sympathizing with the Mussulman position, alliance with other nations in any policy pointed out what had been done from the of conquest or aggression, but it can far days of Lord Mayo onwards to relieve less afford to refuse to take its share in and urged that the duty of the government combination of the civilized powers to was not to create exemptions or privileges protect a weak power from spoliation and in favor of any particular race, but to adapt support it in a policy of equal justice and its educational system to the needs and sentiments of all classes of its subjects. Minneapolis Times: The advancement o

... our trade in China is of the utmost im-When the matter of the three new Ger portance, but it is not necessary to mingle man army corps came up for discussion the in the European game of grab to foster it. other day before the budget committee of With our advantages of position, resources, the Reichstag the Prussian war minister, skill, wealth and production we are al-General von Gossler, had very little difficulty ready beginning to compete successfully in securing full approval of his plans. The with all Europe in the trade of the Orient confidential information which he gave must have been of an important character, inas-

Some figures read the other day at the an-

nual congress of the German Agrarian

league in Berlin give some idea of the size

and influence of that organization. Accord-

ng to the annual report submitted by the

secretary the membership now amounts to

188,000. Of these 97,000 have their homes to

the west of the Elbe and 91,000 east of that

river. Among them are 158,600 small pro-

prietors, 28,000 proprietors of estates of

moderate extent and 1,400 great landed pro-

prietors. About 4,000,000 leaflets were dis-

tributed at the general election for the

Reichstag last summer. Two thousand

throughout Germany during the last twelve

was 541,700 marks. The co-operative so-

congratulated itself upon the alleged re-

turn of the government to the commercial

policy of the late Prince Bismarck and its

adoption of the principles which the league

tion further declared that the league not

only expected from the government the pro-

as against foreign competition, but also de-

sired that the producing classes of the pop-

ulation should be protected against the in-

fluence at home of dear money speculation

and those great enterprises of capitalists

which menaced the existence of the artisan

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A Kaffir university, industrial and re-

igious, is to be established at Queenstown,

South Africa, under the auspices of the

stead of sending missionaries to the Kaffirs

e crowned with a success in the future

In-

African Methodist Episcopal church.

and shopkeeper class.

and we will continue to sell goods in China in ever increasing quantities, even though much as a loading clerical deputy-Herr Italy be admitted to the great international Muller-announced that if the facts had been before them when the vote for the

Chicago Record: Whatever may be our increase of the artillery had been taken he rights and our duties in the Philippines, would have given it his support. He could there can be no excuse for meddling with ow only express the hope that the demands

and more especially when the negro himself puts his own shoulder to the work.

Having conquered Khartoum, the English are going about civilizing it in the most approved and expeditious manner. Already the railway has been extended half way from Atbars to Khartoum, and considerable tracts of country have been put under cultivation. A number of public buildings are being built in the city, among them Gordon's palace, which is being reconstructed over the original foundations and The will be used for Lord Kitcheper's office when it is completed. The whole region is ranidly settling down under the British rule, one important factor of which is the excellent police arrangements that have already made life and property perfectly secure in both Omdurman and Khartoum.

FRUITS OF IMPERIALISM.

Baltimore American: The most startling thing in British politics is the discovery of a deficit in the budget of considerable proportions, which must be met by extra taxes. This comes, too, after the institution of taxes of a somewhat exceptional character by the present government, which it was supposed would meet all demands. The increases in the army and navy have been too much for the budget, and, as it is generally conceded that there will be no decrease in these expenditures, the government will be put to its trumps to raise the necessary

New York Evening Post: It is an essential part of the imperialistic gospel that salvation for subject races comes high for those who do the saving. The English imperialists are

beginning to worry about this. They find their expenses for the empire growing uncomfortably large. This year, for the first time in history, the expenses of the English army on a peace footing exceed \$100,000 000 We can give our cousins odds in this game and beat them easily, as our army appropriations, including pensions, will easily be upward of \$200,000,000. In England, however, they are nervous over the smaller sum. One troubled member of the government said the other day, in a speech to a tory club, that they ought to go about among the people explaining that "imperialism could not be run on the cheap." But, as Mr. Morley retorted, this is entirely unnecessary, as "the tax collector is a more telling missionary of that gospel." He is, and he will be busily preaching it throughout this fair land for many years to come.

POINTED REMARKS.

Detroit Journal: The tall, dark man was "You have been stealing coal from me!" in hissos

Indianapolis Journal: "This man," said the attendant, "has an idea that he can compose popular songs,"

"Perhaps," said the visitor, "he is not

Judge: "They say marriage is a

'In marriage the wife takes the hus-

Detroit Free Press: "It is hinted that Miss Tenspot is indebted to the druggist for her complex'on." said Miss Gazzam. "O, I can't credit that, for I know her well," replied Miss Ricketts, "In fact, I am her drarest friend." "Than she doesn't use cosmetics at all?" "O, yes, but she pays cash."

Philadelphia Record: Novice-Say, friend, can you tell me whether Slugger, the pugilist, is a heavyweight or a light-weight?

Veight? Old Sport-Neither; he's a paperweight. Novice-Paperweight? Old Sport-Yes; does all his scrapping in the papers.

other man was livid with a rage,

"You are no gentleman!" he shouted. you were you'd say coals, not coal!"

'No." asked the visitor.

wally insane.

"There's great difference." "Why?"

band's name, and in a failure the husband takes the wife's name."

It is a reminder of old times to see immigrants coming into Nebraska by the trainload. The state at large is now reaping the lasting benefits of the Transmississippi Exposition.

It looks very much as if the Omaha charter bill were again to become the foot ball of the log-rollers and boodlers who try to pull through various jobs in the closing days of the legislative session.

The arrival at the Hub of the last re gurn load of teaspoons, toothpicks and other family treasure from the interior country would indicate that the Spanish fleet has permanently withdrawn from Boston bay.

The labored effort of our amiable pop- charged with making all practicable ef- does not lie in numerical strength or ocratic contemporary to reverse the decision of the supreme court in the intentions of this government and to per-Broatch-Moores case indicates a pain- suade them to accept its authority. It ful as well as tired feeling among members of the gang.

The report of the Oklahoma legisla- its judgment is desirable to be done tive committee would seem to indicate with a view to establishing peaceful rethat the government of that territory lations had been conducted on the profit-sharing plan, with the public getting but a to the commissioners: "It is my desire small percentage of the profits.

Nobody in Nebraska is big enough to earn \$25,000 a year from a political customs and institutions of the tribes office. A salary of \$5,000 a year will and races which compose the populagive Douglas county just as competent and efficient a clerk of the district just and beneficent intentions of the govcourt as has ever filled the position.

Filipinos can be made to understand and It is suggested that the bill pending appreciate this there will be a chance of in the legislature providing a penalty for accomplishing something, but the failadulterating food products might apply ure of the commission appointed by to fusion. There are a large number General Otis in January to convince of people in Nebraska who have had no them that the purpose of the United other means of sustenance for the last States is in their interest does not entwo years. courage hope that the present commis-

The Ohio man who dreamed of a Montana mountain of gold awaiting him and is going to give up a good job to go after it would do well to delay his departure until the snow has sufficiently melted to make walking good on the return trip.

The story that Admiral Kautz goes to Samoa to restore Malletoa as king is a fine tribute to the enterprise and imagination of the fakir who originated it, but until further details the public must regard it as in the same category with the sea serpent and the airship.

The Omaha postmastership is no tonger a hone of contention. It ceased to be a piditioni factor when civil servive is we were put in force to protect mathi semployes from partisan interfer-The only thing the office is now is to pay off senatorial debts.

> discovered that the susplsarinidges were loaded but the war office will aks an exhaustive exmight have been dynaof a revolution by any

has been entered upon will end. No one can say what future complications. ests and especially the sugar industry. difficulties and dangers this policy will bring the country

of China is inevitable.

fairs.

American rule,

EQUITABLE TAXATION.

The speech of M. de Freycinet, in The present attitude of the governwhich he declared that from a military ment in respect to China is wise. Our standpoint France is more than a match immediate duty and interest is to ob- for Germany, recalls the confident utserve strict neutrality. But there is terances before the Franco-Prussian no assurance that in the not remote war. Such sentiments coming from so future, if the spirit of expansion is not high an official as the secretary of war checked, we shall not take an active can but impress Germany and the part in the settlement of Chinese af- world, for that matter, that France yet

cherishes the delusion of regaining Alsace and Lorraine and only bides the DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. time to make the attempt by force of The Philippine commission, which

arms. But whatever may be the belief should enter upon its work within the of the French people, military critics next few days, is charged with duties will not endorse M. de Freycinet's views and wealth for every part of it. The ripples not confined to an investigation of the on that point. The disparity between condition of affairs in the Islands. In the real military powers of France and addition to this the commission is Germany is as great today as ever. It

the best soldiers in the world so long will plainly define the policy which it is as they are driving the enemy, but deproposed to pursue and it will report to feat brings demoralization and no troops about it. Washington from time to time what in are so utterly worthless under those

many. Under defeat the German soldier retires in good order if he can. If The president said in the instructions he cannot, he holds his ground and suffers extermination. That quality of that in all their relations with the indetermination and steadiness is the habitants of the islands the commismost valuable in war. It broke the sioners exercise respect for all the ideals, power of Napoleon at Leipsle, it destroyed him at Waterloo. It destroyed the morale of the French army the day tion, emphasizing upon all occasions the Von Moltke's legions crossed the boundary and made Sedan inevitable. Conernment of the United States." If the

ditions have not changed and, were France stronger than it is, it could not hope to win in an armed conflict with Germany. The sooner French statesmen realize that fact and beat their swords into ploughshares and adopt the sentiments of pence for the bombastic utterances of war the better.

sion will succeed in its object. It is said The fire insurance lobby has got in that the Filipino leaders realize that they its work with the legislature as usual. made a disastrous mistake. Possibly Since the enactment of the valued polsome of them do, but there is nothing ley law, which requires insurance comto indicate that this feeling is general panies to pay the full amount for which or that the people as a whole are not property is insured, policies have been still determined to resist to the inst issued that practically nullify the law by forcing the policy-holder to carry part

of the loss as a co-insurer. To prevent this evasion of the law a bill was pend-The Michigan legislature has passed a ing in the house prohibiting the inserbill whereby the property of railroad, tion of any condition in any policy of telegraph and telephone companies is to insurance that compelled the insured be taxed the same as the property of to carry a given per cent of insurance.

other corporations and private individ- The indefinite postponement of this bill uals. Such a law virtually enacts the in the house will enable fire insurance provisions of the constitution of Necompanies to whip the devil around the braska, which expressly requires the stump for two years more and make the valued policy law a farce. levy of taxes by valuation so that every

person and corporation shall pay a tax in proportion to the value of his, her or After considerable talk to the effect its property. In other words, the burthat all Iowa democrats would be inden of taxation, to be equitable, should vited to participate in the next state be imposed without discrimination or convention, regardless of their opinion favoritism upon all classes of property. on the silver question, the state com-This, however, does not appear to satmittee has proceeded to lay the groundisfy the managers of the properties work for fusion. It evidently came owned by corporations whether they are to the conclusion there were more in Michigan or in Nebraska. Under the votes in fusion than could be pulled does not propose to system of taxation that prevails in this back into the party from the ranks of state the assessment machinery is so the gold democrats. The record of arranged as practically to exempt pub- lowa democracy has been one of seek- self-supporting.

THE INCOMING TIDE.

complete control of the trade incident to

further exploration and development.

Advance Ripples of the Wave of Landseekers Headed for Nebraska.

J. Sterling Morton's Conservative, Bounteous crops and a new place for Nebraska in the confidence of the home-making people of the United States guarantee an amediate advance in population, prosperity of the wave of a coming immigration landseekers and farmers are already felt before the disappearance of the frosts of a

long and severe winter. This influx is evidently to be one of the largest in volume forts to acquaint the natives with the equipment, but in the moral fibre of the which, since the homestead era, this state people. The French now, as always, are has ever known. Managers of our great railways, whose direct, immediate and ultimate interests in the new invasion are prodigious unite in saying that there can be no mistake

All of which means a new advance of the conditions. The reverse is true of Ger- state in growing strength, in population, wealth and power, in the face of predictions of political demagogues and chronic pessimists of the Arkansas Jones brand, who insist that a prosperity which is giving the country volumes of business never before known in its history is not prosperity; that raw products in unexampled abundance with ready markets at fair prices, with ex- owners of two-thirds of the stock of a ports of manufactured products exceeding any previous record, and increasing at a rapid rate upon legitimate demand, mean price. nothing but proverty and distress; and that everything that is good is actually bad in

this great country of ours.

CUBA'S LUNCH COUNTER.

Extent of the Drain on Uncle Sam's Larder. Boston Globe

Few things are more demoralizing than the promiscuous free lunching of great masses of people. That seems to be what we are largely engaged in in Cuba, where Uncle Sam is today feeding 5 per cent of the total population, and the number appears to increase rather than diminish. From 20,000 to 25,000, or 10 per cent of the city's inhabitants, are fed in Havana alone on army

As soon as it became known that supplies were being furnished practically on call the amount of rations daily distributed rose from 10,000 per day to 20,000, and even 25,000

sould be no just discrimination between the It is of course argued that it is better the unworthy should receive rations than that one deserving person should go without. The trouble is that without proper discrimination the tendency is for the unworthy to more and more crowd out the sylvania, which elects a treasurer, and worthy, while the disinclination to work. Rhode Island, which adheres to annual eleceven where work can be obtained, grows tions. New York will vote for members of

We are confronted with some serious and delicate problems in Cuba. In a country where the climate and conditions are favorable to idleness, charity finds its chief excuse in that it is merely a makeshift, pending a supply of employment. When dispensed under army rules and without the care and discrimination which are found in organized benevolent societies, it may soon generate alarming evils.

Our preasing duty is to curtail the free lunch arrangement in Cuba as rapidly as possible by furnishing work on public improvements whereby the poor may become

for the artillery would be voted in the course, that we protect the persons and House itself by a large majority. General von Gossler said that the French army "had as in other parts of the world, but the made real progress and was quite on the United States should carefully avoid intersame level as the German." One of the fering in either the internal or the internadeputies directed attention to the imposing tional difficulties with which China is now strength of the forces which Russia mainstruggling. It has been hinted in England tained on her western frontier. There were that if the United States wanted a coaling fifteen crack Russian regiments there and station on the Chinese coast Great Britain further reinforcements were contemplated. would use its influence to induce China to

Reference was also made to the reorganizacede to us the harbor of Chusan, on which tion of the troops in Finland. The organthe British government has a sort of prior ization of the new army corps was put to the vote and carried by 20 votes to 8, the option. If this cession could be made as China's free-will offering, unaccompanied whole of the committee taking part in the by any entangling agreements, either exdivision. The majority consisted of all the creased or implied, it would be a highly onservative, national liberal, moderate desirable acquisition on the part of this radical and clerical members of the comcountry, but it might be a very costly gift nittee.

if its acceptance entailed upon us the necessity of supporting the claims of any other nation in its dealings with China.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Two Carters are in the field for mayor of Chicago-Carter H. Harrison and Zina R. Carter, Hurrah for Carter. Texas solons endorse Congressman Bailey's contention that one office at a time

s enough for any full grown patriot. Oregon's legislature met in January and idjourned in February. If there are any surplus medals, pass them up to Oregon. Senator Gorman and the Baltimore Sun are said to have kissed and made up. Arthur Pue is as "smooth as they make 'em' and

may be relied on to kick a hole in his political coffin before long. A law passed by the legislature of Mon-

tana over the governor's veto provides that to 5,022,330 marks. Last year a new section of the co-operative society for the sale corporation can compel the other third to of machinery had been instituted. After relinquish their holding at an appraised some discussion on various matters a resolution was adopted in which the league The famous Allen law, governing street

rallway franchises in Chicago, has been repealed by the Illinois legislature, and Governor Tanner signed the repeal bill. The old law limiting franchises to twenty-five had persistently maintained. The resoluyears was re-enacted. Governor Mount of Indiana appreciates to

nicety the capacity of a legislator to get tection of national industries and interests what he goes after. When a weary war pilgrim applied to the governor for a railroad pass to Chicago the governor endorsed the application to a lawmaker, and the lawmaker honored the requisition.

The salary paid to the insurance commissioner in New York state is \$7,000 a year. New Jersey pays \$4,000, Missouri \$3,000 Maryland, \$2,500, Kansas \$1,800, Maine \$1,500, Connecticut \$3,500, Illinois \$3,500, New Hampshire \$1,500, North Dakota \$2,000, Ohio \$4,000, Wisconsin \$3,000 and Pennsylvania \$2,000 and fees.

from America, it is proposed to train native The states which hold general elections missionaries at the university. The misn November next are ten in number: Iowa, sionaries so trained would have the double which elects a governor; Kentucky, which advantage of understanding the Kaffir elects a governor; Maryland, which elects speech and of being able to endure Kaffir governor; Massachusetts, which has an climate. Civilization is rapidly pushing its annual election; Mississippi, which elects a way from the coasts to the central portions governor (the term of the governor of Misof the dark continent, and missionary efsissippi is four years); New Jersey, New ort, backed by steam and electricity, may York, Ohio, which elects a governor; Pennthat has not attended it in the past. If the African can be reclaimed from his harbarism no effort should be spared to help assembly only.



"Now, I suppose," remarked Mrs. Snaggs, "that the surgeons of the army are at-tached to the medical corps," "Your supposition does you great credit," replied Mr. Snaggs, sarcastically, "It's a wonder you didn't imagine that doctors joined the army for the purpose of building bridges or going up in balloons. Where should army surgeons be except in the medical corps?"

"Well, I thought that they might possibly elong to the Lancers."

SENSE OF BEREAVEMENT. Washington Star.

I'm standin' alone on the Capitol steps A-watchin' the cars go past, An' thinkin' of stories That tell how life's glories Must all go to pieces at last. An' the world seems so holler an' cruel an' As I think of each great empty hall! No more 'propriation; No burnin' oration; No congress; no nothin' at all!

Like the sailor all weary who leaned to the

helm An' trusted a star in the sky, An' found that his beacon An' found that his beacon Was only a weak 'un-A meteor to flicker and die, A meteor to incker and die, l ponder again, with sensations of pain, While the crows in their mockery cally No more jolly friskers; No jokes an' no whiskers; No congress; no nothin' at all.

Good eight hundred and four meetings were held months. The league has twenty-one higher officials and sixty-nine clerks. Its income was 541,700 marks. The co-operative so-clety of the league for supplying manure, seed, etc., had a total turnover amounting Goods Good

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