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t total sales ... Motary Public in and for Douglas County, Neb.

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 increasing at a wonderful rate since the announcement that a paymaster is in sight.

The hold-up business has become so 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 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 dilatory tactics on the part of the railroads.

The government is now said to be pre-

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.

While the owners of town and farm a heterogeneous collection of votes unfication at the decision of this governproperty are constantly increasing the der the party banner advocating many ment to maintain an attitude of neuearnings and value of the railway proptrality in respect to China. The deerties the owners of the railway propclared policy of the United States not to erty benefited by local improvements

follow the example of European nations. and the settlement of the state contribin acquiring Chinese territory the minisute little or nothing to the cost of town, ter said would be regarded by his government as strong evidence of good will city and county governments. In the city of Omaha, for example, property and is not only another bond between owners are taxed \$2,000,000 a year by the two countries, but has a special significance at this time, as contrasting city, school, county and state levies, but of this colossal burden an insignificant with the spirit of rapacity prevailing share is borne by the railway corporaamong the old world powers. We have tions, whose property at the same valsaid to the nations of Europe that we uation applied to other taxable property have no desire for the acquisition of

Chinese territory and that we will not would aggregate several millions. It is this rank discrimination against be drawn into any project that involves 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 taxation of other property should be its dismemberment. If European nareduced by equalizing the burdens. In tions go on seeking ports and territory every town and city of Nebraska the in China we shall not interfere, only demanding that whatever interests and railroads enjoy the benefit of all the services rendered by local governments rights we have there shall be respected. and it is certainly not unreasonable to This is the wise and safe position. It demand from them their due shares of is consistent with our traditional policy.

the cost. CUBAN ANNEXATIONISTS.

sult of the expansion policy in the far The sentiment in Cuba favorable to east, the time may not come when it annexation would seem to be growing. will be deemed expedient to acquire Advices from Santiago report that the Chinese territory. The expansionists business men say it is impossible to inurge that we need the Philippines in the duce people to invest large sums of interest of trade with China. We remoney in Cuba until some permanent 70 quire those islands, it is said, in order form of government is established, but 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 Italy is the latest manifestation it is be annihilated. It is pointed out that white stars, but Montijo's fleet saw more possible that after a time we shall have with sugar from Porto Rico and Hawaii 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 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 fastudents of the far eastern situation vor annexation.

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 about that of Cuba. The beet sugar interest of the United States is growing United States should acquire territory rapidly and if protected will in a few 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 licy 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 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-

lic carriers from local taxation, which ing a vote-getting issue regardless of BEE LINES.

cratic principles. The result has been

together. The clerk of the district court for Douglas county is reputed to have an ncome from the fees of the office aggregating from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a source of corruption and demoralization no matter which man or which party controls it. The time has come and making the district court clerkship

salaried office.

Legislative junkets, or, to preserve : legislative fiction, visits to state institutions, have been so universally condemned in the past that members are 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

aid the dowager empress with his counsel and advice. But, from all indications, not even the majesty of the yellow stay the process of benevolent assimilation now in progress.

> How the Situation Improves. Philadelphia Ledger.

vertise."

The situation in the Philippines continues turns out to be merely variola.

Star Gasing. Philadelphia Times,

Admiral Dewey's flag is blue with four stars than that in connection with his ships some time ago.

> Upward Trend of Wages. Cleveland Plain Dealer,

There is no better reading matter in the daily journals than the announcements that wages are being raised in many places. This

The officers of the volunteer regiments still in the service are much more eager to continue their military life than the privates. It is estimated that fully 75 per cent of these officers are using all the political pulls they possess to secure commis

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

Clogged Wheels of Justice.

We do not protect life and property, particularly life in this country as we should. Indeed the saying might be more drastic. and be truthful, altered to read that in no civilized country is life held as cheaply as in this one, where the people are all powerful. Doubtless it springs from the abuse of liberty. Whatever it be, 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."

Philadelphia Record. Owing to the development of gold in the OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Japan is making a bold push for at least One of the most novel cases on record was that of Mrs. Mary Epps, tried at Fort a share of the carrying trade of the Pacific. Mrs. Epps is a Though she now has but about 500,000 tons Scott, Kan., this week. clairvoyant and she brought suit against of modern steam tonnage, the significant 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

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, 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 Japanese shipbuilding company at Nagafused to take an oath unless in the manner prescribed by the customs of his coun- saki launched a 6,000-ton steamer. Th cear. 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 perdipping it into the fowl'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 and then announced that he was ready to quick-witted and industrious people. Nor is for abolishing the pernicious 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 troubles. 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 visits 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 un the 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 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

o 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 The new viceroy of India, Lord Curzon

can't sell us any more stale goods, we have 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 manne for a poet to possess when, as in this case, in which Mussulmans had been crowded to improve. 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 poetry turned out. 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 profescultivative habitat of the ungodly and the sions. Intellectual attainments took the situation is not without hope that it may place of prescriptive claims and within a single generation the Bengal Mussulmans yet equal Chicago.

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 co-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

decay of the Bengal Mussulmans was due, strange indifference to the whole affair. 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 exverely 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 religious training at home, found no difficulty parties concerned, except Spain. in accepting the purely secular teaching o

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the government schools, and thereby cured 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 days of Lord Mayo onwards to relieve it of conquest or aggression, but it can far and urged that the duty of the government less afford to refuse to take its share in a combination of the civilized powers to was not to create exemptions or privileges in favor of any particular race, but to adapt protect a weak power from spoliation and support it in a policy of equal justice and its educational system to the needs and equal rights to all the nations. sentiments of all classes of its subjects. Minneapolis Times: The advancement of When the matter of the three new Ger-

our trade in China is of the utmost importance, but it is not necessary to mingle in the European game of grab to foster it With our advantages of position, resources, skill, wealth and production we are already beginning to compete successfully with all Europe in the trade of the Orient and we will continue to sell goods in China in ever increasing quantities, even though Italy be admitted to the great international China trust.

been before them when the vote for the increase of the artillery had been taken he Chicago Record: Whatever may be our rights and our duties in the Philippines,

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

.... Having conquered Kharloum, the English are going about civilizing it in the most approved and expeditious manner. Already the railway has been extended half way from Atbara 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 will be used for Lord Kitchener's office when it is completed. The whole region is rapidly 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 upposed 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 revenue

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 misslonary of that gospel." He is, and he will w busily preaching it throughout this fair land for many years to come.

POINTED REMARKS.

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

ie hissed The other man was livid with a rage, "You are no gentleman!" he shouted, ou were you'd say coals, not coal!" "If

Indianapolis Journal: "This man," said the attendant, "has an idea that he can compose popular songs," "And can he!" asked the visitor.

"haps," said the visitor, "he is not wally insane."

"They say marriage is a Judge: "There's great difference." "Why?

"In marriage the wife takes the hus-band's name, and in a failure the husband takes the wife's name."

Detroit Free Press: "It is hinted that Miss Tenspot is indebted to the druggist man army corps came up for discussion the "O, 1 can't credit that, for 1 know her well," repiled Miss Ricketts, "In fact, I am her dearest friend." "Then she doesn't use cosmetics at all?" "O, yes, but she pays cash." other day before the budget committee of General von Gossler, had very little difficulty in securing full approval of his plans. The confidential information which he gave must

Philadelphia Record: Novice-Say much as a leading clerical deputy-Herr friend, can you tell me whether Slugger, the puglilst, is a heavyweight or a light-weight? Old Sport-Neither; he's a paperweight, Muller-announced that if the facts had

Novice-Paperweight? Old Sport-Yes; does all his scrapping in

Washington Star

is the best proof of the good times pudding. Rush for Army Jobs. Springfield Republican,

sions under the army bill passed by the last

Indianapolis News.

Canada as a Gold Producer.

by the jury on its merits. the purpose of having a good time,

Li Hung Chang has been recalled from his job in the Yellow river bottoms to jacket and one-eyed pencock feather can

magazines had not sufficiently punished the public in that behalf.

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 return 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-Broatch-Moores case indicates a painful as well as tired feeling among members of the gang.

The report of the Oklahoma legislative committee would seem to indicate that the government of that territory lations. had been conducted on the profit-sharing plan, with the public getting but a 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 tion, emphasizing upon all occasions the Von Moltke's legions crossed the boundand efficient a clerk of the district just and beneficent intentions of the gov- ary and made Sedan inevitable. Concourt as has ever filled the position.

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 men realize that fact and beat their 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 encourage hope that the present commistwo years.

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 Malleton 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 to be a political factor when civil service laws were put in force to protect person and corporation shall pay a tax postal employes from partisan interference. The only thing the office is now its property. In other words, the burgood for is to pay off senatorial debts.

It is now discovered that the suspiclous Toulon cartridges were loaded with cement, but the war office will isfy the managers of the properties nevertheless make an exhaustive exhe "buncoed" out of a revolution by any such shameful methods.

see with certainty where the policy that | cial arrangement with the United States, has been entered upon will end. No though we shall protect our own interone can say what future complications, ests and especially the sugar industry. difficulties and dangers this policy will bring the country.

zens would have given a moment's con-

of China is inevitable.

It should be strictly adhered to. But

the question arises whether, as the re-

The speech of M. de Freycinet, in The present attitude of the govern- which 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 fairs. cherishes the delusion of regaining Al-

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

suade them to accept its authority. 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 its judgment is desirable to be done

with a view to establishing peaceful re-The president said in the instructions

to the commissioners: "It is my desire fers 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 Leipsic, it de-

ernment of the United States." If the Filipinos can be made to understand and

hope to win in an armed conflict with Germany. The sooner French statesswords into ploughshares and adopt the sentiments of peace for the bombastic utterances of war the better.

sion will succeed in its object. It is said that the Filipino leaders realize that they made a disastrous mistake. Possibly some of them do, but there is nothing to indicate that this feeling is general or that the people as a whole are not still determined to resist to the last American rule.

EQUITABLE TAXATION.

this evasion of the law a bill was pending in the house prohibiting the inser-The Michigan legislature has passed a bill whereby the property of railroad, tion of any condition in any policy of telegraph and telephone companies is to insurance that compelled the insured to carry a given per cent of insurance. be taxed the same as the property of other corporations and private individ- The indefinite postponement of this bill in the house will enable fire insurance uals. Such a law virtually enacts the companies to whip the devil around the provisions of the constitution of Nelonger a bone of contention. It ceased 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

the morale of the French army the day

ditions have not changed and, were

France stronger than it is, it could not

After considerable talk to the effect in proportion to the value of his, her or that all Iowa democrats would be invited to participate in the next state den of taxation, to be equitable, should convention, regardless of their opinion be imposed without discrimination or

on the silver question, the state comfavoritism upon all classes of property. mittee has proceeded to lay the ground-This, however, does not appear to satwork for fusion. It evidently came to the conclusion there were more

owned by corporations whether they are Our pressing duty is to curtail the free amination, for it might have been dyna- in Michigan or in Nebraska. Under the votes in fusion than could be pulled lunch arrangement in Cuba as rapidly as mite, and France does not propose to system of taxation that prevails in this back into the party from the ranks of possible by furnishing work on public imstate the assessment machinery is so the gold democrats. The record of provements whereby the poor may become arranged as practically to exempt pub- lowa democracy has been one of seekself-supporting.

Yukon region Canada now takes its place there can be no excuse for meddling with as fifth on the list of the gold-producing the affairs of China. It is necessary, of course, that we protect the persons and countries. Its contribution for 1898 was nearly \$14,000,000, its total mineral outproperty of our citizens in China, as well put footing up nearly \$38,000,000. All the as in other parts of the world, but the

probabilities point to a largely increasing United States should carefully avoid interproduction of the Yukon mines during 1899 fering in either the internal or the international difficulties with which China is now and the Canadians are seriously discussing struggling. It has been hinted in England the necessity of opening up an all-Canadian route as a means of securing a more that if the United States wanted a coaling complete control of the trade incident to station on the Chinese coast Great Britain

further exploration and development.

THE INCOMING TIDE.

Advance Ripples of the Wave of Land. seekers Headed for Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative, sace and Lorraine and only bides the

Bounteous crops and a new place for Ne braska in the confidence of the home-making people of the United States guarantee an immediate advance in population, prosperity of the wave of a coming immigration of landseekers and farmers are already fel before the disappearance of the frosts of a

long and severe winter. This influx is charged with making all practicable ef- does not lie in numerical strength or evidently to be one of the largest in volume ocratic contemporary to reverse the de- forts to acquaint the natives with the equipment, but in the moral fibre of the which, since the homestead era, this state R. Carter. Hurrah for Carter. cision of the supreme court in the intentions of this government and to per-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 is enough for any full grown patriot. unite in saying that there can be no mistake

All of which means a new advance of the state in growing strength, in population, conditions. The reverse is true of Gerwealth and power, in the face of prediction many. Under defeat the German solof political demagogues and chronic pesdier retires in good order if he can. If simists of the Arkansas Jones brand, who he cannot, he holds his ground and sufinsist that a prosperity which is giving the

country volumes of business never be fore known in its history is not prosperity; that raw products in unexampled abundance with ready markets at fair prices, with exports of manufactured products exceeding stroyed him at Waterloo. It destroyed 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 The fire insurance lobby has got in total population, and the number appears to its work with the legislature as usual. increase rather than diminish. From 20,000 Since the enactment of the valued polto 25,000, or 10 per cent of the city's inicy law, which requires insurance comhabitants, are fed in Havana alone on army panies to pay the full amount for which rations.

property is insured, policies have been As soon as it became known that supplies issued that practically nullify the law by amount of rations daily distributed rose \$3,000 and fees. forcing the policy-holder to carry part from 10,000 per day to 20,000, and even 25,000. of the loss as a co-insurer. To prevent Under such an unregulated system there could be no just discrimination between the deserving and idlers and vagabonds.

It is of course argued that it is better even where work can be obtained, grows tions. New York will vote for members of apace.

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.

adjourned in February. If there are any urplus 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 Montana over the governor's veto provides that owners of two-thirds of the stock of a

POLITICAL DRIFT.

corporation can compel the other third to relinquish their holding at an appraised The famous Allen law, governing street

railway 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 years was re-enacted.

Governor Mount of Indiana appreciates to a nicety the capacity of a legislator to get 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.

Hampshire \$1,500, North Dakota \$2,000, Ohio were being furnished practically on call the \$4,000, Wisconsin \$3,000 and Pennsylvania

The states which hold general elections in November next are ten in number: Iowa. which elects a governor; Kentucky, which elects a governor; Maryland, which elects a governor; Massachusetts, which has an that the unworthy should receive rations annual election; Mississippi, which elects a than that one deserving person should go governor (the term of the governor of Miswithout. The trouble is that without proper sissippi is four years); New Jersey, New discrimination the tendency is for the un- York, Ohio, which elects a governor; Pennworthy 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 elec-

assembly only.



would have given it his support. He could now only express the hope that the demands for the artillery would be voted in the "Now, I suppose," remarked Mrs. Snaggs, "that the surgeons of the army are at-tached to the medical corps." House itself by a large majority. General von Gossler said that the French army "had "Your supposition does you great credit," "Your supposition does you great credit," replied Mr. Snags, 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?" made real progress and was quite on the same level as the German." One of the deputies directed attention to the imposing strength of the forces which Russia mainained on her western frontier. There were fifteen crack Russian regiments there and further reinforcements were contemplated.

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the Reichstag the Prussian war minister.

have been of an important character, inas-

toference was also made to the reorganizawould use its influence to induce China to tion of the troops in Finland. The organcede to us the harbor of Chusan, on which ization of the new army corps was put t the British government has a sort of prior the vote and carried by 20 votes to 8, th option. If this cession could be made as whole of the committee taking part in the China's free-will offering, unaccompanied division. The majority consisted of all the by any entangling agreements, either exconservative, national liberal, moderate ressed or implied, it would be a highly radical and clerical members of the comdesirable acquisition on the part of this ountry, but it might be a very costly gift mittee.

if its acceptance entailed upon us the ne-... Some figures read the other day at the ancessity of supporting the claims of any other nation in its dealings with China. nual congress of the German Agrarian league in Berlin give some idea of the size and influence of that organization. According to the annual report submitted by the Two Carters are in the field for mayor secretary the membership now amounts to

of Chicago-Carter H. Harrison and Zina 188,000. Of these 97,000 have their homes to the west of the Elbe and 91,000 east of that Texas solons endorse Congressman river. Among them are 158,600 small pro-Bailey's contention that one office at a time prietors, 28,000 proprietors of estates of moderate extent and 1,400 great landed pro-Oregon's legislature met in January and prietors. About 4,000,000 leaflets were distributed at the general election for the Reichstag last summer. Two thousand eight hundred and four meetings were held throughout Germany during the last twelve months. The league has twenty-one higher officials and sixty-nine clerks. Its incomwas 541,700 marks. The co-operative society of the league for supplying manure. seed, etc., had a total turnover amounting

to 5,022,330 marks. Last year a new section of the co-operative society for the sale of machinery had been instituted. After some discussion on various matters a resolution was adopted in which the league congratulated itself upon the alleged return of the government to the commercial policy of the late Prince Bismarck and its adoption of the principles which the league

had persistently maintained. The resolufurther declared that the league not tion only expected from the government the protection of national industries and interest as against foreign competition, but also de sired that the producing classes of the population 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 and shopkeeper class. ...

A Kaffir university, industrial and reigious, is to be established at Queenstown. South Africa, under the auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal church. stead of sending missionaries to the Kaffirs from America, it is proposed to train native

missionaries at the university. The missionaries so trained would have the double advantage of understanding the Kaffir speech and of being able to endure Kaffir climate. Civilization is rapidly pushing its way from the coasts to the central portions of the dark continent, and missionary effort, backed by steam and electricity, may be crowned with a success in the future that has not attended it in the past. If the African can be reclaimed from his bar harism no effort should be spared to help those who are willing to make the attempt

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An 'frusted a star in the asy, An 'found that his beacon Was only a weak 'un— A meteor to flicker and dle, ponder again, with sensations of pain, While the crows in their mockery call; No more joily friskers; No jokes an' no whiskers; No congress; no nothin' at all,

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