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The late corgress introduced 18,463 bills. That goes the Nebraska legislature several times better. The auditorium project seems to be

gradually taking shape. Omaha has been ripe for an auditorium for some

Winter is undoubtedly lingering in the lap of spring, and if she does not quit it before long there is going to be talk about it.

Obltuary-Sacred to the memory of revenue law revision-killed in the Nebraska senate, March 23, 1899, by parties to the jury unknown. We fear the proposition to reduce the

pay of the city councilmen back from \$900 to \$600 per year will not be exactly popular in city council circles. If the motion to exclude lobbyists

from the floor of the house is faithfully enforced it might prove embarrassing to a few members of that body.

The king of Corea, having duly clipped off his pigtail and donned a business suit of clothes, is undoubtedly at that stage of civilization which calls for a walking cane and monocle.

Those who are trying to boom Roosevelt for vice president should take a reef in their enthusiasm and remember that the Rough Rider is not ready for political embalmment just yet.

From the way Secretary Walsh of the democratic executive committee is wandering around in the Klondike there is grave danger that he may fall under the influence of the money devil.

The Bee begs to remind the legisla tive onhangers that the two houses have fixed upon March 31 for final adjournment and that The Bee want ads offer best returns to statesmen out of a job.

Correspondent Bonsall thinks General Wheeler a better blacksmith than a commander, but the amusing part of it is that the little general has taken it It is stated that these representatives so seriously as to answer the absurd statements.

An eminent British economist is out in a defense of the trust system as this kind which had been made having practiced in this country. Distance may lend enchantment to the view, but groundless. This statement should and from this side of the water its beauties doubtless will have a reassuring effect are not apparent.

between Bryan, Teller and Belmont is not being observed and that the practice altogether about as interesting as Miss of secret rebates was in operation on Primrose's account of the famous con- all the roads. It will be gratifying to troversy between Robinson Crusoe and the smaller shippers to learn that there his man Friday.

The people of Little River county, Arkansas, are making a poor start toward booming that section in the next sire on the part of the railway reprecensus report. At the present rate it will be pretty well depopulated by the rates and if they are sincere in this time the enumerator gets around next there is no good reason why the desire year.

Attorney General Smyth is to have another chance at the Bartley bondsmen. It is to be hoped he will meet with greater success on behalf of the taxpayers than on the two previous occasions in which the state got the worst of it.

The recent fatal fire should remind buildings erected within the fire limits last year on the express condition that to life and adjacent property.

By making a mountain out of a molestench keeps on rising.

events. At this game the corporation as permanent. They will held only lobby seems to be far more adept than while conditions are favorable—that is, all the Spanish officers and men! the representatives of the people. | while the business of the roads is so

A DECISIVE RATTLE IMMINENT. The Fillpines are concentrating their and are actively engaged in the con- officials. The existing law is inadesible to the American advance, for it is lation, not at all probable that the enemy will venture to attack our forces. The experience the Filipinos have had must have taught them that they have no chance of accomplishing anything by an aggressive movement and that to attack our army would simply be to invite disaster. The American forces have been reorganized and it is said that General Otis has about completed the plau of campaign, which contemplates operations both by land and water and if successful will, it is believed, result in the destruction of the enemy. The plan

their desire to strike a decisive blow. While the strength of the enemy is not accurately known, and may prove to be larger than is commonly supposed it is not doubted that General Otis has an 24.390 ample force, with the co-operation of the 16..... 24,540 war ships, so far as these can be made available, to successfully prosecute an aggressive campaign of the character be 24,630 Is said to have planned. Admiral Dewey 24,639 is understood to favor a vigorous movement and doubtless has given valuable counsel in preparing for it.

A WISE DECISION

The decision of a portion of the people Less unsold and returned copies 11,031 government, pledging fidelity to the American flag and favoring American principles in civil government, is wise. Porto Rico has become American territory and the sooner the inhabitants realize that they must respect the policy and submit to the authority of the United States the better it will be for all concerned. There are politicians in the island who want a political status for Porto Rico which it is not expedient this government should give it at this time and these men are responsible for whatever agitation and whatever spirit of re volt or resistance may exist there. They constitute a small minority, however, and while they can make some trouble they are not particularly dangerous. There is good reason to believe that a party with a distinctively American platform-a party advocating free suffrage, public education and other sound principles, with loyalty to the United States as a cardinal condition, would have the support of nearly all the people. It would prove, there can be no doubt, a most valuable influence for the maintenance of law and order and a means of promoting the material interests and welfare of the island.

Congress will undoubtedly at the proper time give the people of Porto Rico such measure of self-government as shall be deemed expedient and as they shall show themselves qualified for. eptance of American principles.

FOR STABILITY IN RAILWAY RATES. The Interstate Commerce commission having admitted its inability to enforce the law in respect to railway rates has undertaken to secure a voluntary agreement among the managers of trunk lines for the abandonment of rate cutting, it appears with favorable promise of success. Early in January the commission invited the presidents of the eastern trunk lines to a friendly conference over ways and means of maintaining pub-Mshed rate schedules and suppressing the secret rebate. This conference had results so satisfactory to the commission that a second conference was held later in the month and all the railway presidents agreed to make carnest of

forts to abide by the law. On Thursday last representatives of western rallways held a conference with the commission and this is reported to have also resulted very satisfactorily. reported that the published schedules were being absolutely maintained and that no road had any definite complaint of secret practices, the complaints of been found, upon investigation, to be upon the business public, with which the impression has undoubtedly pre-The tripartite argument now raging vailed that the published schedules were has been no discrimination against them and the public generally will regard the information with no little satisfaction. The conference disclosed a general desentatives to secure stability in freight cannot be realized. The report of the conference says that the general sentiment as to the result was to the effect that each road will make a consistent effort to act fairly with the others and

with shippers. It is to be hoped this will be done. Experience, however, does not warrant absolute faith in such promises. The fact that every agreement in rethe city authorities that several firetrap gard to rates that has been entered into by railway officials has been violated by some of the parties to it naturally they would be removed within twelve begets doubt whether such an undermonths are still standing as a menace standing as the Interstate Commerce commission has promoted will for any great length of time be respected by the parties to it generally. Doubtless hill in the investigation of the supreme so long as the business of the roads court the popocratic organ hopes to continues so heavy as to fully tax their cover up the rottenness in the auditor's capacity rates will be maintained, but office. This is only another case where if traffic should materially decline rethe carcass may be bidden, but the sumption of rate cutting would be very likely to happen. However meritorious, therefore, the efforts The Bee's reference to the manipula- of the commission to secure stabiltion of the Pollard and Van Dusen rev- ity in rates, by means of a volunenue bills as a game of shuttlecock and tary agreement among railway manabattledore has been corroborated by gers, present results cannot be regarded

heavy that there is no incentive to cut The latest advices from Manila Indi- rates. A permanent remedy for rate cate the imminence of a decisive battle, cutting and secret rebates must be found in something stronger and more forces at the strongest points for defense binding than the agreements of railway struction of intrenchments, intending to quate, but it cannot be admitted that make the most stubborn resistance pos- the matter is beyond the reach of legis-

HURRY UP THAT VIADUCT. The deadlock between the city and the railroads over the plans for the proposed Sixteenth street viaduct threatens be utilized in letting contracts and preparing for the work. No one wants to impose an unjust burden on the rallronds, but the long-resisted popular debridge on Sixteeenth street by a substantial viaduct should not be trifled with. The rallroads have saved enough by patching up the dangerous structure just debts to pay the difference between the cost under the city's plans and those American troops are eager to go on, the drawn by their own engineers.

volunteers vieing with the regulars in With a viaduct, as with a pavement. the best is the cheapest in the long run. If the railroads are allowed to construct a viaduct upon cheap plans at the smallest possible outlay, which will be constantly subject to repairs, the public will be periodically deprived of its use just as has been the case with the present wooden bridge.

The people along Sixteenth street, after all this patient forbearance, are certainly entitled to more liberal treatment at the hands of the railroads, who persistently fail to appreciate the generous favors they have been enjoying.

The Cuban assembly gives every reaof Porto Rico to organize a party on a son to believe that consideration of platform endorsing the policy of this flagpoles and other momentous subjects will soon be a thing of the past. Of course, as it represents nothing and nobody, its continued existence is a matter of indifference to every one, even the Cubans, but for its own sake adjournment is the wisest step that i could take. As Gomez will remain master of the situation and continue to be consulted in matters affecting the policies of the island, it is entirely improbable the assembly will interpose any objection to that arrangement.

The bill abolishing the \$25,000 prize package in the office of the clerk of the district court for Douglas county and putting that official on a salary has reached the state senate, having been passed almost without opposition in the house. If the senate wants to earn a big credit mark it will take up this bill promptly and send it to the governor for his approval.

Judging from the correspondence captured near Manila Aguinaldo's treasurer is not under the necessity of giving a very heavy bond. The principal part of his receipts consists of letters from subordinates stating they have no money to send him. Being a patriot without revenue is decidedly rough from the Spanish way of thinking.

It is reported from Pekin that Li Hung eather are to be restored to him. Politi cal favors have been bestowed and taken away so often of late years that the great oriental statesman has been compelled to keep a change of raiment in stock at all times.

The presidents of all the great railcoads meet in Washington and solemnly give out to the public the announcement that tariff rates on freight have been strictly maintained. The laugh which this provokes in the inner office of the favored large shipping concerns is loud enough to be audible out on the pave-

Members of the Third Nebraska are to have their wishes gratified by an order for their return and muster out within another month. The First Nebraska will prefer to remain in Manila as long as business there continues at the brisk pace of the last few weeks,

A Wisconsin scientist has succeeded in making a photograph of sound waves. He ought now to be able to satisfy the great curiosity extant to see a picture of the atmospheric disturbance promised by the next democratic national convention.

Miracle of the First Class. Kansas City Star.

The raising of Lazarus from the dead will ing the democratic party.

A Republican Duty. Indianapolis Journal If the republican party in the next congress is wise, it will make a determined Hamed's empire. effort to break up the numerous trusts re-

business. Money in Nebraska Land J. Sterling Morton's Conservative. Any man of good judgment who can command and bring into Nebraska \$1,000,000 for investment in 1899 will have \$2,000,000 in 1909, if he buys only raw prairie, at present

> Warm Talk from the South. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

For a republic like America, that has justly earned the admiration of the civilized world for its magnificent and cessful form of government, and which fitting comparison, to unite on terms of equality with any monarchical government of the old world, indelibly as they are with the cruelty and wrongs of centuries, would truly be a union of the

That Salute at Gibraltar.

eagle and the vulture.

War cannot please everybody; but not the sincere mutual admiration society on decidedly grand scale. Spain and the marine mines. United States are now at peace. The fighters of both countries have learned to respect each other. The honors of the first salute to the Spaniards at the close of the war belong to the Raleigh, one of the best gunners at Manila, and the prompt return which large amounts are habitually carried shows the full appreciation on his part of in the air. Trusts are formed daily and their the relations which now, happly, exist be- stock is as eagerly taken by outsiders as it tween the United States and Spain. Let us hope that the day may not be too cluding old-time copper properties long supdistant when all the veterans of the Spanish-American war may present to the world the noble example of foes made friends. Meanwhile we salute Camara, Cervera and

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Apart from the personality of Mr. Rhodes, which doubtless resembles that of most other successful emptre builders, there can be no question of the magnificence or of humane beneficence of the work in which he is now engaged; to-wit, the "Cape-to-Cairo" railroad. Nor can there be much The word "railroad" may for a time be a today. a waste of valuable time which ought to first this will be a chain of separate rail- violating the supreme court's order of 1892 wayo, and it is being steadily extended with torney Goff. mand for the replacement of the wooden the purpose of crossing the Zambesi river and reaching Abercorn, at the southern end in the case brought by Attorney General Lake Nyassa, but will pass midway between in the supreme court?" asked Mr. Goff. It and Lake Bangweolo, an easy country to build in, and well provided with coal. The Kline. from year to year and staving off their total stretch from Cape Town to Lake Tanganyika will be close to 2,200 miles, or almost as much as from New York to San Francisco. Then will come 400 miles on the partly by rail down to the Mediterranean, modification of the decree.

spect the constitution of Finland has been once, through the trustees, in order to reationalizing a peaceably disposed and in- amount of the capitalization. mally. In this manner the czar has pro- order." seeded to crush the national aspirations of Attorney General Monett asked that Me. ervitude of immeasurable shame and suf- motion.

M. Etlenne, one of the leading colonial uthorities of France, delivered an importint speech in the chamber the other day in onnection with the colonial estimates. He was loudly applauded, especially for his alusions to the relations between France and England. He said: "One must be really audacious to say that now for twenty-eight ears we have ever tried to throw obstacle n England's way or to obtain from her conessions which would not have been legitimate. Even after Fashoda France displayed spirit of conciliation above suspicion, but there are limits to everything, and, if we ire bent on asserting French interests only when they are menaced, it should not from that be concluded that claims can with impunity be put in against us which are not based on strict right." He then went on Chang is about to return to power and ever grave events were occurring in China, for reparation and indemnity in the case of the United States and Spain, but while the They can hasten this by a course of that his yellow shirt and peacock and France should be on the alert." He the American, Pears, who was killed by a the United States and Spain, but while the Filipino insurrection under Rizal was in referring to the moment when on the emo pieces. All these dangers of conflict justified and explained, he said, the policy of France. As to Madagascar, he declared that French colonists there were entitled to special tariff. They were not colonizing, he emarked, for the benefit of other nations. He then preceded to advocate the granting of large concessions in the colonies to com panies, and the speedy construction of railcoads, in accordance with the example so everywhere by England. He maintained that sooner or later French colonies, alhough expensive luxuries just now, would

> The Athens papers recently gave consid erable space to a description of the vist which Prince Nicholas of Greece paid to his eather Prince George commissioner gen eral of Crete. Prince Nicholas express een satisfaction with the state of affairs in the island and admiration for the good ense and moderation of the Cretans, whom ie declares to be worthy of the liberty the rave obtained. The patriotism of the Cre and has he says made the mission of Prince George relatively easy and likely e attended by the happlest results to th opulation. Advices direct from Canea arthat the news that the draft constitution now under discussion in the national assembly is to be examined in Rome by the epresentatives of the four powers has been eceived with a mixed feeling in Crete, the Moslems expressing great satisfaction, while some of the Christian deputies canno sonceal their disappointment. The assertion is made that the Moslems have all been or cease to be regarded as a miracle if J. dered, through their priests, to migrate Sterling Morton shall succeed in resurrect- Turkey, and that there is a stendy stream of them from the island, especially from Candia and Retimo, notwithstanding the terrible stories of the hardships being born by those who have already reached Abdu

ecome abundantly profitable.

The British war office has let out several cently formed in almost every branch of contracts in connection with its scheme for the defense of Bristol channel. The plan comprises the rebuilding of the Lavernock fort and the mounting of 6-inch rapidfire guns and the placing of heavy breech loading guns on Brean Down and on Sleet Holm, and a two-gun rapid-firing battery at Barrey. The work on the Glamorgan shire side of the channel has already been begun. Some royal engineers from Devonport having dismantled the ald fortification at Lavernock, the fort is to be ready before the end of the present year, and it is probable that by the following spring the whole scheme will be complete with the exception challenges the history of all time for a perhaps, of the searchlight station, which will be situated at Lower Pennarth, high on the cliff, to the north of Lavernock stained Point. The buildings, on which about £4,000 will be expended, will be some distance from the edge of the cliff, and will be sunk below the crest of the cliff so as not to be conspicuous. It is proposed to sink the shaft at this station, and from the bottom to form a tunnel seaward, thus rendering east of its surprises is the conversion of it possible for those in the station to watch soldiers and sailors, once enemies, into proceedings in the Bristol channel. The United States from Canada. This is because scheme also includes the laying of sub- of the fact that the new Canadian tariff

Ruling Boom in Stocks.

Boston Transcript The present juncture is particularly favorable to rocketlike rises in stocks, of courtesy by the Spanish admiral for speculative purposes. There is a "boom is sold by insiders. Everything goes, inposed to have been abandoned as next to Augusta. worthless. Of course an end must come to this period of stock expansion, but it will be some time before the public realizes that the more it buys of some stocks the more it

NOT GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

Oil Trust Pleads that Court Intimated that Dissolution Would Not He Pressed.

OLEVELAND, O., March 24 -The taking of testlmony in the investigation of the doubt of its entire practicability, or of Standard Oil trust before Master Commisits practical completion in the near future, sloner Allen T. Brinsmade was completed The only witness examined was misnomer. It will not at first be an un- Virgil P. Kline, one of the attorneys of the broken line of rails, like our Pacific roads, Standard Oil company, who took the stand or that which Russia is building across Asia. in defense of his client to show that the That will doubtless come in time. But at company had not been guilty of contempt for roads linked together by stretches of steam- ordering the trust to be dissolved. Attorney boat navigation. At present the southern- Kline asked to be ewern when Colonel most link is an unbroken line of ralls nearly Brinsmade called upon him to produce wit-1,400 miles long, from Cape Town to Bulu- nesses in defense, and was examined by At-

"Were you the attorney for the defendant Lake Tanganyika. It will not go to Watson against the Standard Oil company "I was one of the them," replied Mr.

"When wer that decree issued?" "On March 2, 1892,

"What was done to modify the decree?" "On March 3 I received a copy of the ake, where the British flag has the same decree. On March 7 I went to New York. rights as on the high seas. For nearly 200 and on that date I wrote to Hop. W. L. miles north of the lake the railroad will Speer, one of the supreme judges, saying traverse German territory, or else, as is less that attempts would be made at once to likely, the Congo State. Then it will reach dissolve the trust, but that there were some Uganda and the upper reaches of the Nile, difficulties in the way which I desired to has been set aside and \$4,000,000 is now and so proceed, partly by river steamer and explain to the court and would ask for a required to continue the work. Philadel-

The entire chain will be not far from 5,000 "On March 16 I met the supreme court judges in chambers with J. K. Richards, pride demands a higher class for the state who had become attorney general and ex- capitol. The rending of Poland is an old tale of Attorney General Watson, who had instiwoe, and the shame of it is in no degree tuted the proceedings against the Standard essened by the atroclously cruel administra- Oil trust. I stated to the court that I wanted chades of Medicine Lodge. His voice comes tion of the affairs of that unhappy country a temporary recognition of the trustees in by pitiless representatives of Nicholas II. order to comply with the order of the court Now comes a wall of distress and protesta- to dissolve the trust. I said that it was tion from Finland, which is being Russian- impossible to find the certificate holders ex- laments is simply this-16 to 1 is a back ized in the most approved manner. The cept through the trustees, and that the eath taken by the czar and his father to re- company wanted to make a distribution at conveniently forgotten, and the task of de- duce the outstanding certificates to the

elligent nation is being carried out with "I requested that the court make a modiferoclous thoroughness. The Finnish soldier fication of its order. The court declined to to longer may take the sacred oath of alle- grant my request, but later in the day Judge clance to his fatherland, but to Russia: the Speer handed me a letter, saying that the empulsory collistments have been raised court was not disposed to change its order, com 10 per cent to 35 per cont of the but that as long as those in control of the oung men, whose term of service has been Standard Oil trust appeared to be trying to grended to twelve years; and Russia has dissolve it, the court would not feel dislemanded a tribute of 10,000,000 marks and posed to require the strict enforcement of its

he Finns, to heap upon them monstrous tax Kline's testimony in regard to the modifiexactions, to remove the last vestiges of cation of the decree be stricken from the personal liberty and to drive them into a record, but Master Brinsmade overruled the

On cross-examination by Mr. Monett, Attorney Kline said that he asked the supreme court to suspend the carrying out of its deree for four mouths.

Mr. Monett repeated the request he made luring the hearing in New York that he be permitted to offer evidence in rebuttal, but Master Brinsmade refused to grant the request without further order of the court. The hearing then adjourned.

REPARATION FROM HONDURAS That Country Must Make Amends for

the Wanton Shooting of American Citizen.

WASHINGTON, March 24 .- Dr. Hunter, the United States minister to Honduras and Guatemala, had a long talk with Secretary to remark that if "for twentw-eight years Hay today preparatory to starting for his France had been bent on avoiding a con- post. The most important matter with which pinos that will be startling to most Ameri-France had been bent on avoiding a conpost. In most important matter with which
can readers. The author is Senor Juan
flict at all costs, it was because she had had the new minister is charged is the presentaare object. The general situation of the tion to the government of Honduras of a an object. The general situation of the tion to the government of Honduras of a ext spoke of the Balkans and of Austria, sentry during a revolutionary disturbance in Honduras. It has been extremely difficult peror's death that great empire would fall for the State department to obtain a full statement of the facts in this case. The Henduras authorities could not be depended upon to secure any information; so the department was obliged to fall back upon its wn resources.

First, a war ship, the Machias, was sent o Puerto Cortez, the nearest port to the cene of the killing, and Commander Logan nade as thorough an investigation as could be had at that point. His report indicated that the killing had been an entirely unlustifiable one. But there were some matters f detail to be developed and to that end United States Consular Agent Mitchell was alled upon to supplement the investigation.

He was obliged to make a long journey n horseback across an almost trackless ountry, so that his report has been greatly The document, however, has ielayed. eached the State department, and it was oday placed in the hands of Dr. Hunter for his information. It fully confirms Commander' Logan's estimate of the character of the killing and it will be upon these two reports that the demand for reparation will

The consular agent shows that Pears was hallenged at a considerable distance by a entry. Unfamiliar with the Spanish language, he yet comprehended the nature of the call and stopped instantly, but was shot down by the sentry from what appears to be more wantonness. In his dying moments Pears said that he might have escaped around the corner to the nearest house when challenged, but he did not care to fice in hat fashion and thus justify a suspicion that he was doing anything wrong. Rear Admiral Sampson looked in at Puerto

Cortez about ten days ago with the New York and Brooklyn of his squadron, but he has so far made no special report to the Navy department on this subject.

GOOD MAIL SERVICE IN CUBA. Island Will Be Equipped with System

Similar to United States. WASHINGTON, March 24 .- Chief George W. Beavers of the salary and allowance division of the Postoffice department, who people whom we profess to desire ccompanied Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith to Cuba, returned here today. He reports as the result of the investigation made by the postmaster general that the postal service in Cuba is closely folowing the lines of the service in the United states in every respect except in the regis tration of mail matter. The department is Cuba is being organized on the basis of the Postoffice department here as to bureaus and The postmaster general, with Director of

for the letter carriers have been designated. Special stamps for the Cuban service are being furnished, together with stamped envelenes with designs symbolical of Cuba. Binding Twine Goes in Free. WASHINGTON, March 24 .- The secretary f the treasury has issued an order for the free admission of binding twine to the puts binding twine on the free list when

article dutiable Regulars Ordered to Cuba WASHINGTON, March 24.- The Second United States infantry is under orders to go from Anniston, Ala., to Cuba. Before sailing eight companies and headquarters will go to Savannah and four companies to

Fletcher in a Critical Condition WASHINGTON, March 24 .- Ex-Governor Fletcher of Missouri continues in a critical POLITICAL DRIFT.

Henry Watterson spread himself over three columns to show what the democratic party should do to be saved. Henry forgets that he is in the Perry Belmont class-no longer in "de push."

Colonel Jack Chinn, the fire-eater and sword swallower of Kentucky, has been in dicted for making a gun play. It has been noticed for some time that the colonel's mouth goes off half-cocked.

There has been a tremendous increase in registration in Chicago and the three candidates for mayor-Harrison, Carter and Alfgeld-each feel their election assured However, they will await the official count before taking the oath

The state tax of Maryland this year is 17.75 cents on each \$100 of assessed property It is levied for the purposes following Schools, 10.5; free books, 2; public debt interest and sinking fund), 5% cents. The rate of tax levy in Maryland has been practically the same for twenty years.

Considerable of a row has been kicked up in Oklah ma legislative circles by the presence of money to influence legislation. Several large rolls have been located, but as there was not enough to go around a vigorous roasting of the bribers will adorn the legislative record, as a warning against discrimination.

The original limit of \$500,000 in the cost of the new capitol building of Pennsylvania phia's city hall cost \$22,000,000 to date; the capitol building commission feels that state Jerry Simpson, ex-M. C., is diligently ex-

ercising his megaphone in the melancholy unimpaired over the prairie grass, bearing cold comfort to the already chilled occupants of the Chicago platform. What Jeremiah number. He ought to know, the is in that class. The warmest political event of the coming

month is the rival Jeffersonian banquets in New York City. Croker's band of goldbugs will put up \$10 a plate, while the silver crowd will rustle for a fill at \$1 each Croker will pull off his feast on the 13th the Bryanites on the 15th. The former will be a silk hat affair, the latter a symposium in leans. Croker will shine at the former. Bryan at the latter. This rivalry is interesting chiefly as showing that the Jeffersonian ratio is 10 to 1. Pennsylvania derives its revenues wholly

from indirect taxes. It has had a commisdon at work to devise further measures to raise revenue, the income not being ade juate to the spending capacity of the legislature. The commission has reported a tax bill that, with some amendments, will be enacted. It levies a 1-mill tax on manuacturing corporations. The tax on foreign isurance companies is increased from 2 to 4 er cent of their premiums. It puts a 5-mill ax upon the capital stock of artificial gas companies. An independent measure is sending in the house, with favorable chances, taxing the product of breweries nalf a cent a gallon, which is expected to rield \$500,000 annually.

EDUCATION AMONG FILIPINOS. Remarkable Facts Presented by Spanish Authority. Buffalo Express.

The Review of Reviews translates from Spanish book some information in regard to the extent of education among the Filiworld had dictated prudence. Now, how- request from the United States government tor of a Spanish newspaper in Manila. His progress. It was intended for the enlightenment of the Spanish people, the evident purpose being to show that the native Filipinos were worthy of a more generous system of government than the arbitrary rule by which Spain had goaded them to revolt. Senor Caro y Mora says:

"The indigenous Filipino possesses fundamental, rudimentary instruction (what we agree in calling primary instruction) in, perhaps, as much or greater perfection than any other people in the world. He shows himself desirous of learning, and the imnease majority of the natives can read, write and figure. He knows the rudiments of religion and morality, and shows a happy disposition to acquire that general tint of superficial culture which is all that the great mass of laboring people can aspire to anywhere in the world. On this point stalistics furnish us eloquent and irrefutable lata. The number who cannot write is very small, including the women, and the number is much less of those who have no earned to read, while those who lack as east the most fundamental and necessary eligious and moral instruction are very rare indeed. The correctness of this ob ervation may be proved if the first naive one meets, even in the most remote ections, should be questioned; or, what would be still easier, by examining recruits the army, who are drawn usually from he poorest masses of the people. Much the same statement was made by

Agoneillo when he was in this country, but as received with incredulity as the exggeration of an untrustworthy partisan. The statements of this Spaniard, however, nust command more weight. Of course, it pes not follow that the general ability to read proves the capacity of the Filipino natives to organize and maintain an orderly civilized government of their own, although we in this country do not hold ability to read essential to voting. But a people emong whom primary education has made be treated as naked savages, continually n the lookout for opportunities to and murder. We Americans have been amazingly ignorant of the nature of ivilize. That may be excusable, but surely there is no just excuse for shutting our yes and cars now merely that we may no uffer the humiliation of learning the errors into which ignorance, ill-advice and poojudgment have led us!



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MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Detroit Journal: It has been suggested that Nero perhaps fiddled while Rome was burning with the idea of giving the affair the color of a sacred concert, thus fore-stalling police interference.

Yonkers Statesman: "Have you got any mbalmed beat?" asked the loker of his butcher.
"No," replied the dealer, off his guard;
"but we have something just as good."

Indianapolis Journal: "Er-what class is this Black Diamond fighter in?" asked the coal dealer.
"You ought to know by his name," said the unspecified citizen. "He is a light-weight, of course."

Somerville Journal: "I would die for exclaimed her elderly lover passionately, "Oh, don't!" she answered, in alarm, "I like your hair and moustache so much bet-

Chleago Post; "Think of it!" she cried. "Just think of it! Here's an account of how some heathen chased a mis-ionary into the river." "And he wasn't the one who needed baptizing, either," he replied in his unfeeling masculine way.

Detroit Free Press: "Sifflington Smith read a remarkably fine paper at the Shakes-peare club last night." "What was the theme?" "He proved that Hamlet was the orignator of the cake walk."

Cleveland P'ain Dealer: "I saw the strangest thing the other day,"
"What was it?"
"You won't believe it, but it's true, I saw a baldheaded man sitting at a plano."
"A baldheaded plano player?"
"No, not so bad as that. It was an automatic plano, and he was just watching it play."

Detroit Journal: "Enough for one is nough for two!" they exclaim, for they e now one. Weeks lengthen into months, and months into years, just to give a touch of realism to the story, don't you know. "Enough for one is not enough for two!" they now protest, for they are no longer one.
Theory often fails of comfort just when comfort is most needed.

Content. Somerville Journal,
Her heart is mine. How do I know?
True, she has never told me so
By word or look.
And yet I know that I am right,
For I can read her mind at sight
Just Jke a book.

Her heart is mine. I envy not Or prince or king his happy lot, Or noble earl, Content to know that she is mine, As in my clasp her fingers wine— My baby girl!

A NATIONAL PEAN.

Let us recall colonial days, When o'er the seas our fathers came; Let all the people sing in praise Of those who kindled Freedom'e flame. What heroes they who led the call Through dangers dark to liberty,

Behold, amid the wilderness,
An altar reared, a flag unfurled,
A nation's birth, ordefined to bess,
America, the new-found world!
On shields of gold their names engrave,
Their valiant deeds commemorate;
Long live the flag our fathers gave!
Beneath "Old Glory" celebrate.

Though off by mighty foes defied,
Majestic moves our Ship of State;
Lo, Commerce comes across the tide
To eastern mart and Golden Gate;
Our bounty doth the millions feed,
While countless millwheeis swiftly turn,
And labor wins her rightful meed
Of all her willing hands may earn, Throughout our land of liberty

Though off by mighty foes defied,

Throughout our land of liberty
To all men give their equal rights,
Then everywhere Prosperity
Will shed her warm refulgent lights.
The laws of man and laws of God.
Alike should bless both rich and poor;
Let Justice ply her chastening rod
By palace gate or cottage door.

Columbia! the people's land—
The happy and our fathers found!
Thy name adored from strand to strand,
Thy name extends the earth around,
At Freedom's call thy heroes lead—
Such men as framed the Declaration;
Such soldiers as a black race freed,
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