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The Missouri river has broken up without the formality of filing a petition in bankruptey.

The lamp chimney makers have gone into a trust. If the new corporation is as fragile as its product it will not last

The weather man should pack up what remains of his winter stock without further effort to unload on a market already oversold.

Iowa at present leads in the number revenue laws is to be looked for beof miles under contract, as shown by March returns. While Nebraska does year. Meanwhile, by reason of the not yet figure in the list it is preparing to get in later in good proportions.

he knows more about what legislation rising tide of prosperity. Omaha needs than the men chosen to represent Omaha in the legislature, he strikes a sledge-hammer argument for home rule by which each city is guaranteed the right to frame and revise its own charter.

The Douglas delegation to the legislature is not entirely blameless for the loss of the charter amendments. Had they acted with reasonable diligence and pushed the charter through before the middle of the session instead of holding off to the last day, the governor would not have dared to veto it.

If there ever was any impediment in Admiral Kautz's speech a radical cure was effected before he went to the Samoan islands. There may be some controversy between the other powers and the United States as to the wisdom of his action, but it will not require the services of an expert in language to interpret what he said.

General Torres of Nicaragua should refresh his memory of past events a little. He collided with a couple of United States war ships a few years ago while pursuing the same tactics as at present with results disastrous to himself. On arrival of those now headed his way he will be again sorely tempted to take to the woods,

The suspicion is broadening that an exploding shell struck Aguinaldo's typewriter. Several days have elapsed since the proclamation of the American commissioners was published, but no counter proclamation has put in an appearance. The cable company should furnish him a new one, as for it the revenue-producing qualities are unexcelled.

Is it not about time for the Omaha clearing house bankers to get together and stop the damaging policy by which tude of opposition to accepting the South Omaha business is excluded from the aggregate bank clearings? While every other city in the country is showing clearing house gains, Omaha continues to register losses, thus creating the false impression that there is a general decline in its business when as a matter of fact the reverse is true.

General Wood is making the bandit business decidedly unprofitable as well as unpleasant in the province of Santiago. The lawless element is being run to earth with a speed and persistence so discouraging to that time-honored Cuban industry that a large number of men may be furnished the first opportunity for steady work they have enjoyed for many years. The new job may be somewhat confining, but there appears to be no way of declining that he of all men would seek to foster the offer.

Governor Poynter's veto of the charter will cost the popocrats thousands of votes in this county. The governor's excuse for this inexcusable interference with purely local legislation on which the entire delegation from Douglas county had agreed will not deceive rational people. It is an open confession that the governor has made his bed with the rotten Herdman gang of political desperadoes, who have never made an honest living and can only subsist upon tribute levied on gamblers, brewers and Equor dealers.

A SATISFACTORY SITUATION.

year would be comparatively small, apprehension after the adjournment of ling a most serious mistake, the troublecongress that the secretary might be some consequences of which, if persisted compelled, or at least deem it wise, to in, it is impossible to foresee. borrow more money on the bonds of the government, but it appears that nothing of the kind has been contemplated. On the contrary Mr. Gage said that he did not see any need for issuing bonds and obviously with the receipts of the government growing and the expenditures decreasing there is no need of borrowing

The statement of the secretary of the treasury was received with great satisfaction in eastern financial and business circles and it will doubtless have a generally good effect. It is an assurance that so far as the national treasury is concerned nothing is contemplated which could in the least degree disturb 30 the money market or unsettle financial conditions, so that capital need not hesitate to invest in productive enterprises and business projects undertaken or proposed need not halt through fear of 65 any disturbing action on the part of the financial department of the government. The national treasury is in an entirely sound and safe condition and there is not the least reason to think that it will not continue to be at least during the term of the present administration. The receipts from customs are increasing and are likely to grow larger. The revenue from internal taxes may reasonably be expected to increase with growing prosperity. Expenditures, on the other hand, should continue to decrease and probably will do so. It is clear. therefore, that the government will not have to borrow, while there appears to be good reason for confidence in the opinion of Secretary Gage that in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, the revenue of the government will at least

equal the expenditures. It is possible that the next congress will find it expedient to reduce taxation, to the extent of abolishing those taxes which are the most onerous and annoying. The stamp and special taxes were intended as a temporary measure and pressure for their removal is to be ex-In the matter of railroad building pected. But no material change in the fore the expiration of the next fiscal greatly improved conditions, the people school board responsible for it. as a whole do not feel existing taxation to be oppressive and it is certainly a

LESSON FOR NICARAGUA

The dispatch of a war ship to Bluefields, Nicaragua, for the protection of American interests there is notice to that government that it will not be permitted to deal unjustly toward the citizens of the United States with impunity. There have been some highhanded proceedings on the part of the Nicaraguan authorities which finally brought an appeal to our government from American citizens for protection. The principal cause of complaint is a demand on the American steamship companies and merchants for the payment a second time of all the customs duties which they had previously paid to the government in existence before the recent revolution. This demand was accompanied by a threat to take military possession of all the American stores in the event of the refusal of the

merchants to accede. The appearance of a cruiser at Bluefields will doubtless have the desired effect and meanwhile the American consul has been instructed to vigorously protest. It is hardly to be supposed that in the face of this General Torres, who is responsible for the situation, will attempt to enforce the demand, but if he should do so it would be well to teach Nicaragua a lesson that it would not soon forget. There are men in authority there and elsewhere in Central America who entertain no friendship for citizens of the United States and they need to be taught that they cannot carry their unfriendliness to the extent of injuring American interests by acts of injustice without paying the penalty.

IN A NEW ROLE

General Gomez has done this government some useful service. He had the good sense to abandon his original attimoney tendered the Cuban soldiers and to agree to the proposal of this government. For this he was deposed from command, but he faithfully adhered to the agreement and exerted his influence to have it carried out. It was naturally expected that Gomez would continue to co-operate with the American authorities in the interest of pacification, that the conservative judgment he had shown in the matter of paying and disbanding the Cuban army would be manifested in other directions and particularly in efforts to induce the people to have faith in the promise of the United States that they shall have an independent government as soon as the conditions are such as to warrant leaving them to govern themselves. It was reasonably hoped among the Cuban people a friendly feeling toward this country and thereby help the American authorities to an

early completion of their work. It appears, however, that Gomez does not propose to do this. On the contrary the political role which it is said he intends to play would tend to retard rather than advance the accomplishment of the American task. The policy he is credited with could have no other effect than to create distrust of this government and to raise up opposition to its exercise of authority in Cuba. There is already some opposition and it may easily be increased by Gomez, whose in-

New York a few days ago that the treas- most earnestly desires the independence | by election. ury situation is entirely satisfactory and of Cuba there can be no doubt and that the financial outlook, so far as the | doubtless he is entirely unselfish in this, government is concerned, is most favor. His patriotism is amply attested by his able. He said he had every reason for services and his sacrifices. But it is most holding to the opinion that the revenues surprising and unfortunate that Gomez in his hat, from taxation were rapidly approaching cannot see that the direct way to securthe expenditures of the government, ing Cuban independence is in an unthat the deficit at the end of this fiscal questioning popular submission to American authority and that a different probably not exceeding \$30,000,000, and | course must not only delay the realizathat next year it might be expected that | tion of Cuban aspiration, but possibly the federal taxes would be found ample might defeat it. If the attitude of for the federal needs. There was some | Gomez is correctly reported he is mak-

PREPARING TO PILE UP THE TAXES. the school board full power to fix the school levy without revision by the city council or any other authority seems already to have excited a spirit of recklessness among the members who imagine that they have no restrictions to people's money.

At the last election a bond issue was authorized by popular vote for the erection of the new school buildings, the proposition submitted containing examounts to be expended for the differwithin these limits the school board is said to be figuring upon increasing the sums to go to the construction of the various buildings by drawing upon other resources at its command. In a word, in order to swell the building fund for the benefit of contractors and architects, who get a percentage of the total outlay, an effort is being made to rob other funds, whose deficit must be made good later by increased taxation. It is plain to any intelligent man that if \$30,000 or \$40,000 is taken out of the regular revenues of the board to be added to the proceeds of the bond sales the deficit overhanging the school treasury cannot possibly be reduced, but is more likely to be increased, and that the taxes necessary to wipe out this deficit will have to be correspondingly heavier.

There is no excuse for such financiering on the part of the school board. The people voted school bonds upon the representation that the amounts so voted would supply the needed school money they would have voted more weight down the tax burden still fur- any of the articles in stock. ther under pretext of making good an overlap created by the transfer of funds from the current expenses to the building account will be sure to lead to a

When a man from Albion tells Omaha | fact that it appears not to obstruct the | of the gamblers' gang that County Attorney Shields has complaints supported by irrefutable evidence that would convict some sixty owners of gambling devices who have been operating in South Omaha, but that he will not prosecute the criminals on condition that they offend no more. Is this not a beautiful state of affairs for a reform county attorney? It is reliably stated that the evidence has been at hand for weeks that protected gambling was going on unmolested in South Omaha, but the county attorney would not interfere until after election out of apprehension that he might injure the chances of popocratic candidates. Now he openly proposes to pigeonhole the complaints and the evidence in deference to the interests of the gang. If as is commonly reported the South Omaha gamblers had to put up liberally for protection to run how much have they had to put up to secure immunity from prosecution by Mr. Shields?

The financial danger incident to the present activity in forming enormously capitalized trusts and industrial corporations has been forcibly illustrated in the course of the stock markets of late, demonstrating anew that the only way in which the prices of these securities can be maintained is by the constant presence on the market of large sums of money to absorb all offerings of these stocks. The minute such support is withdrawn a collapse drags down with it the prices of legitimate securities. Unless some way can be devised when financial conditions are favorable to break up these combinations and prevent the formation of new ones the first wave of financial and industrial adversity which strikes the country will cause a crash. The percentage of water in these stocks is too great to stand the strain of rough weather.

The decision of the district court declaring the special taxes levied for paving Twenty-fourth street in South ends with obedience to commands. Omaha invalid will add a burden of \$50,000 upon the taxpayers of South Omaha and at the same time relieve the owners of the adjacent property who are benefited by the pavement. This will operate a great hardship upon the small home owners of South Omaha, who are already overtaxed. The decision, if sustained by the supreme court, will necessitate another bond issue and make it difficult for South Omaha to raise money for other needed public improvements.

case before the French court of cassation are proving just about as secret as the executive sessions of the United lowing publication for the purpose of preparing the public mind for a verdict favorable to the prisoner of Devil's island, for in the light of such testimony no other conclusion appears possible.

The new law providing for the election of police judge in cities of the metropolitan class is said to clash with another bill reducing the number of justices of the peace at Lincoln. If this Poynter is lost to memory. muddle makes the police judge bill invalid, there is a way of securing relief through the mayor and council. All security instead of being sent to the Philthey have to do is to appoint one of the ippines to figure as a solitary incompetent.

fluence with the masses of the people is Justices of the peace to serve as police Secretary Gage said in a speech in unquestionably very great. That he magistrate until the vacancy is filled

Forty Years Behind Jones.

Aguinaldo has not learned the art of war, but he knows how to carry his office around

Silver Top Senree to Rattle.

It now seems Coin Harvey really gave up the democratic national collection box because there was nothing in it.

Boston Transcript.

It begins to be seen by manufacturers that the promoters skim off the cream of the ousiness of trust formation. As one dis turbed manufacturer remarks, "This business appears to be generally carried on by mere outsiders, whose chief capital is their face," and he proposes that when the manufacturers want to combine they do the job The enactment of a new law vesting in | themselves and save these promoters' fees.

Legislation Against Trusts.

St. Paul Pioneer Press its origin and inspiration. On the other the thanks of a loyal country. hinder them in lavish expenditure of the hand, what has the democratic party ever Chicago Chronicle: The governor did shed. done in this direction? It has contented what will one day be approved by the great itself with platform denunciation of trusts, majority of the people when they get thorbut it has never done nor attempted to do oughly sober and come to understand what claims to the possession of Morocco and pay a small premium on the stock. The anything to control them or put them is really going on in the Philippines. But these were indirectly recognized at down. democratic party has not even tried it.

SENATORIAL EXTRAS. Some of the Things Uncle Sam Buys for Senators.

St. Louis Republic If the taxpayers of the country could cast secretary of the senate is every year rebe opened in astonishment at some of the items.

Not only do the good people-in the light -supply articles which senators absolutely need, but furnish means by which the senatorial persons are manicured, shaved, treated to hair tonics, perfumes and afterwards drenched with lemonade made with lithia waters, for which the senate receives

rebate on all bottles returned. The report reveals entries of purchases of quinine in pills and tablets; of bromocaffeine and bromo-lithia and of packages of soda mint tablets.

If the secretary's itemized report has told the whole truth there was bought for the aspirations to self-government. The re- On the 9th of March he received a short facilities. If they had wished to give 500 worth of pens, ink, paper, visiting cards, the board authority to spend more manicure sets and et ceteras, which the senators could obtain through requisition bonds. To inflate the tax rate and and call for again whenever they needed

> Much of the whole list of expenditures indicates that the fancies rather than the actual needs of the senate have been purveyed to.

Not all, but some, of the senators appear reaction that will bode no good to the to have charged about all their telegraph bills for both public and private business to the secretary of the senate and let the government do the liquidating. The largest It is announced by the official organ litems in this class of expense are charged up to Smith of New Jersey and Mason of Illinois

> While the senate's telegraph bill for a year was \$1,468 for eighty-nine men, the house, with 360 members, including delegates, in the same time accumulated an ac count of only \$52.

If these various and assorted needs of the senators, as exhibited by its secretary's account book, continue to expand, it will be economy on the part of the government to set up and run a first class department store to supply them.

AN INSULT TO SOLDIERS. Criticism of Governor Poynter's Veto

of the Resolution of Thanks. New York Mail and Express It is difficult to believe-yet we have the

ositive assertion from Lincoln-that Wiliam J. Bryan is responsible for a veto by Governor Poynter of a joint legislative esolution thanking the First Nebraska colunteers for their gallantry in the field. Mr. Bryan's influence is inferred-and natually-from a conference which he had with the governor just before the latter transmitted his veto, on the eve of final adjourn-The excuse for the veto reflects accurately

he published sentiments of Bryan. Governor Poynter declared his appreciation of Nebraska valor, but he declined to indorse he formal expression on behalf of the state for the reason that he believes a war for humanity, entered upon to rescue Cuba, has degenerated into a war of conquest, a war for the suppression of a people who had ong been buttling for liberty against the same oppressor that held Cuba in so brutal He Objected strenuously to the statement that the Nebraska troops, now in the Orient, are defending the principles f our government. Therefore he "cannot stultify myself and the calm judgment of the thinking people of this commonwealth." It is not impossible that the thinking people of Governor Poynter's state will hasten oward the "calm judgment" that they have been put in an exceedingly humiliating postion through a cheap display of unpatriotte ingratitude by a couple of short-sighted politicians. These Nebraska soldiers enlisted for a period of two years, or such part of two years as their services might be deemed necessary by the government Having enlisted, it ceased to be either their duty or their privilege to construe the olicy of the government at Washington to ignore the orders of their officers at the The soldier's business begins and front.

Theirs not to reason why-Theirs but to do, and dieimmortality to the fame of the Stx Hundred, and what was true at Balaklava in 1854 is equally true at Manila in 1898-as it has been true on every battlefield in every campaign between the Crimea and the Filipino rebellion. When Nebraska's Bryanite governor ignores this military truism to libel the brave men of his own common wealth he merely snatches the cap and bells from the head of his political owner and covers with them so much of his own

ears as it is possible to hide The record of the First Nebraska in the Philippines is one of unbroken gallantry. In common with the other thousands of The secret hearings of the Dreyfus men now in the Orient from our western states they have proved their mettle in a fashion to reflect signal honor upon their state. The attempt to rob them of laurels thus earned, by a flimsy entanglement of States senate. From the character of soldierly duty with governmental policy, is the published reports the court is al. a flaunting insult to the living and an outrage upon those who have elected to die rather than turn tail as a concession to the theories of Mr. Bryan.

It is, nevertheless, a pleasing reflection that no political demagogue, seeking to disrepublican legislature, can successfully hurl the stone of defamation across the Pacific, to bruise the brow of loyalty or assail the grave where gallantry lies low. The fame of Nebraska's soldiers will find a safe shelter in history and in the hearts of their countrymen long after the name of

Incidentally, it may be well for Nebraska that her presidential colonel was chosen to remain at home and eat dollar dinners i

GOVERNOR POYNTER'S VETO.

Washington Post; It would seem that the Nebraska legislature passed that resolution congratulating our troops in the of his cars.

Bryan, has withheld.

So that it will be seen whatever has been color to the rumor. But even if the war manner, Now it is far otherwise. The company assumes ownership of the C. C. done in the matter of state or federal legis- were as unprincipled as Messrs. Bryan and carving of Turkey would call for strong lation to prevent the formation of these Poynter profess to believe, the Nebraska arms and sharp knives and it would make colossal monopolies has been republican in boys are but doing their duty, and deserve southeastern Europe run red with blood apolis and since the death of Governor C.

> expression of thanks to a Nebraska regi- some reason to believe, however, resolution thanking them will be adduced pressed.

such a resolution on such grounds must to France would provoke vehement pro stultify himself, and this is what Governor | tests from Great Britain. Poynter refuses to do. He denies the truth of the monstrous proposition that the principles of our government are defended in tion furnished from Pekin, that the sumthe killing of people who have never done mary removal of the Italian minister us harm, and crushing out in blood their publican senate promptly passed the reso- despatch, which, in accordance with the the of the republican party in Nebraska.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

New Jersey has become the great health by improving the financial health of the into the state treasury.

General Monnett is making in Ohio on the ginning to regard him as a good candidate its decision and despatched a second teleto head the republicans in the next gubernatorial fight.

attention. Richard's health becomes extremely delicate when a Lexow spirit fills the local air.

The Chicago city council has appropriated \$18,000,000 for municipal purposes, including schools, public library and sinking fund, for next year; the amount set aside for the schools, public library and sinking fund was \$8,939,941, while that for other

purposes was \$9,000,000. A crow struck and shattered a window governor of New York and a party of political friends. As their appetite for that peculiar diet was below the standard the misguided bird was shipped to the dollar linnerites of New York.

Boutwell," is advised by the Springfield Mr. Hawley" has just been re-elected to the United States senate against some ob-

ections on that score. The New York state tax rate, it is estinated, will be 2.75 this year, compared with 2.08 a year ago and the city tax rate for 1899 compared with 1898 will show a still larger increase. There has been a reduction, not an increase, in the number of tate employes and a reduction in the salaries paid by the state, though not by the

city government. for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. The lower house of the legislature of that state has passed a resoution authorizing the appointment of a commission to confer with the legislatures of other states with a view to the submission of an amendment to the federal constitution providing for that method of elec-

There are already two vacancies in the Fifty-sixth house, one from a republican and one from a democratic district. The republican vacancy is in Maine, the demoial elections to be held in them to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Dingley and Mr. Greene will not in any way affect the political divisions in the next

Out in Montana, a few years ago, a legislative official was sent to the penitentiary for stealing an important bill to prevent its posure and punishment.

Smith sneaked in enough votes to elect senting an outlay of \$175,000,000. himself clerk. The victorious ticket was as follows: Mayor, Mrs. Charles Totten; counin defense of their allegiance to the flag O'Neill. Mayoress-Elect Totten says she degree. There is no possibility of opposwill appoint a man to be marshal.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

ing come from Macedonia and Bulgaria. Philippines for the sole purpose of enabling hereditary foes half way. Turkish garri- her mind, for she is that dreadful phenomethe populist governor to exhibit the length sons on the frontier are being strengthened New York Sun: The bravery of our sol- are moving toward Bulgaria in a manner power, and determined to sweep away all diers' defending the Stars and Stripes in the that cannot be considered less than men-Philippines is adding new and splendid acing. The whole attitude of the sultan position, from her path. Under her regime glory to the country, while the American seems to be that of a man sure of his the members of the taung-li-yamen are people accord to the gallant First Nebraska strength and willing to fight at any time powerless nonenities, trembling with fear the praise which Governor Poynter, sacrific- that his neighbors care to begin. This is lest, if they make a blunder, they may ing the regiment to the political purposes of the result of the easy victory won by the awaken the anger of their all-powerful Turks over absurd, boastful little Greece, and implacable sovereign, whose motives St. Paul Ploneer Press: It is to be hoped Since then they have been filled with new they themselves often fall to fathom. that there is no truth in the statement that confidence of their power to cause any foes Mr. Bryan is responsible for the veto by so much trouble that no one will be eager Governor Poynter of Nebraska of a resolu- to undertake the task of coercing the sultion passed by the legislature of that state tan. Meanwhile, the Turktsh army is growthanking the First Nebraska volunteers for ing stronger all the time and under Gertheir gallantry in the field. Governor Poyn- man instruction and equipped with German ter excuses the veto by saying that in his arms it has been made a very formidable opinion a war for humanity has degenerated force. A few years ago it looked as if into a war of conquest, and this is known the fate of the Turkish empire might be also to be Mr. Bryan's published opinion. settled by the great powers of Europe very Moreover, a conference between the two just much as if the Turks themselves were helpprevious to the issuance of the veto gives loss and not to be taken account of in any the consummation of the deal whereby his which Christians as well as Turks would C. Washburn have been operated under a

It is well known that Spain has historical It does not lie in the mouth of he has taken a great risk, unless he is conference which arranged the partition of any democratic journal to accuse the re- locking to a somewhat remote rather than the major part of the Dark Continent, when plicit provisions as to the maximum publican party of neglecting its duties in an immediate political future for himself. to Spain was awarded a section of the At this respect. It has at least tried to em- Not so much, however, because of what he lantic coast lying immediately south of the ent structures. Instead of keeping ploy all the constitutional powers within has actually done, but because it will be so sultanate. It is also true that Spain, alone CHINESE ARE AGAIN WORSTED its reach to prevent the growth of these easy to misrepresent him. From now on his of European powers, already has footholds combinations in restraint of trade. But the political enemies will ring the changes in on the northern coast of Morocco at Ceuta, assaulting upon the fact that he vetoed an Melilla and other fortified posts. There is ment. It will be asserted everywhere and France has acquired a lien on these places. continually that he is an enemy of the According to a Cadiz newspaper, El Renasoldiers and the fact that he vetoed a cimiento, which is usually well informed, ated Press representative at Honolulu sends there was an agreement between M. Hano- an account of a racial battle between the as proof conclusive of the charge. The fact taux and Senor Leon y Castillo that, in Japanese and Chinese laborers on the their eyes over the annual report which the that he was condemning, not the soldiers, return for the material and moral support Kahuku plantation March 26. The Japanese but a policy for which the soldiers were in of France during the recent war, Spain wielded spiked clubs, knives and axes. quired to make, their orbs of vision would no way responsible, will be carefully sup- should give to her friend Melilla and au- Three of the Chinese were killed, a dozen thorize her to remodel the fortifications of seriously wounded, some fatally, and about Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The pop- Centa, which was to pass under French forty slightly injured. A squad of police ulist governor of Nebraska has been cour- control within a designated period. It is was sent to the plantation from Honolulu of the accounts presented by the secretary ageous enough to veto a republican legisla- certain that the compact was performed and martial law has been declared. tive resolve expressing the gratitude of the on the part of France, so far as moral supstate to the Nebraska volunteers at Manila port was concerned, but whether enough for their valor in "defending the principles was done to earn Ceuta and Melilla may of our government and adding new glory to be considered doubtful. We may be sure our flag." Any American who supports that the surrender of those places by Spain It appears now, according to an explana-

> Signer Martino, was due to no fault of his. lution over the governor's veto, but it failed rule of the Italian foreign office, was not in the house through populist votes. As numbered, instructing him to suspend all sure as our form of government endures, action for the time being. A few hours time will come when that resolution later, however, he received another deswill weigh like a millstone about the neck patch ordering him to present peremptory demands requiring an answer within four days. The two messages, though contradictory, left him no choice but to obey the orders he had received last, which he accordingly did. When the news of the preresort for trusts and the trusts reciprocate sentation of the ultimatum was received in Rome a telegraphic despatch was immedistate. Last month the trusts paid \$126,000 ately sent to Signer Martino, recalling him from his post. The explanation now given So vigorous is the warfare that Attorney is that the despatch directing the presentation of an ultimatum was sent first. The Standard Oil company that many are be- Italian government, however, reconsidered gram at "urgent" rates countermanding the first. Unfortunately, the two messages ar-Right on the heels of the announcement rived in the wrong order and the first, which of an investigation of Tammany methods in the second was intended to countermand, New York City comes the news that Boss was acted upon. In Pekin the general im-Croker's business abroad demands personal, pression is that Signor Martino is the victim of circumstances and that, even if he did fail to comprehend all the delicate points of the Chinese situation he has been deals with far too severely.

The South African republic now has large stores of military supplies of all kinds. Its artillery is well organized and armed and the whole male population is provided with the finest modern rifles and ammunition match. The Boers can muster at least 15. 000 fighting men and there is reason to be of a railroad car occupied by the lieutenant lieve that the number may exceed 20,000 To conquer such a force on its own ground defending a well-loved and dear-bought country against a detested foe, would probmean the killing of 10,000 British soldiers and the wounding of many thou-Senator Hawley's paper, the Hartford sand more. It would call for the bloodles Courant, having stooped to depreciate a war England has known since the invasion eading anti-imperialist as "the aged Mr. of the Crimea. This is why the petitions of British subjects residing in the Trans-Republican to remember that "the aged vaal go unanswered so long and why the British lion moves so softly and warily in South Africa, instead of springing upon tempting prey there as he is in the habit f doing in other parts of the world, where the owners of the soil cannot shoot with deadly accuracy and easily defeat an equal number of British soldiers.

Finland, since it was torn from Sweden in 1809 by Russia, has been a Russian principality, enjoying a large measure of home rule. The czar, under the title of grand duke, is their prince, and they have been Pennsylvania has started the ball rolling his most progressive, enlightened and valuable subjects. They have made their own laws in their Diet and have obeyed them They have had popular government based on a suffrage nearly universal and have made great strides forward in wealth, education and civilization, until today, through their own efforts, they compare favorably in general well-being, prosperity and happias with any people on the continent. Of the Russians, 87 per cent are illiterates against 1 per cent for the Finns. They have furnished an admirable example of industrial, social and political capacity and ratic vacancy is in Nebraska and the spe- their impending fate has excited the sympathy of the civilized world and horrified the Finnish people.

Some striking facts about the navy are attracting attention. The year 1899 will be unique in British records, for not only will the personnel reach 110,640 men, twice as many as ten years ago, but no fewer enactment into law and down in Colorado than fifty war ships of different types will the other night the chief clerk of the house enter the navy ready to hoist the pennant was knocked down and dragged before the for action. These include the five great legislature while attempting the same con- battleships, Albion, Canopus, Glory, Gotemptible trick. In both cases, however, liath and Ocean, totaling 54,750 tons and the directly responsible parties escaped ex- costing £5,000,000; fourteen protected cruisers and thirty-one unprotected ships. More Down in the town of Beattle, Kan., over, six new armored ships will be begun, vomen went into the campaign hammer and making a total of thirty-two armored veshatchet and routed the opposing men. sels, seventeen protected vessels and forty-There had been much dissatisfaction over nine unarmored vessels completing, ad the way the men ran the town. The women vancing or beginning. That is, 1899 will see put up a ticket composed wholly of women the stupendous number of ninety-eight Britand won out with only one scratch. A Mr. ish war ships under construction, repre-

The empress downger of China is emcil. Mrs. Schlight, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kuhn, peror in all but name, she has ideas and Mrs. Watkins and Mr. Smith; clerk, Miss a will, and she is suspicious to the last ing her, for she has drawn together 80,000

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I troops around Pekin, who while she pays their generals will execute anybody she The familiar stories of plotting and arm pleases; there is no possibility of appeal from her, for she represents a theocracy; but the Turks are more than meeting their and there is no possibility of overpowering non four or five times revealed in history, and Turkish troops and munitions of war an Asiatic woman possessed of absolute who oppose, or whom she suspects of op-

BIG DEAL IN FLOUR MILLS

Washburn-Crosby Company Acquire the C. C. Washburn Interests in Minneapolis,

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 7 .- J. S. Bell, manager of the Washburn-Crosby Flouring Mills company, today announced Washburn group of mills in this city. These are among the most important in Minnelease by the present purchasers.

The C. C. Washburn company was capitalized at over \$1,000,000 and the purchasers conclusion of the negotiations definitely withdraws the mills from the possibility of going into the McIntyre trust scheme, according to the statement of the new owners.

Racial War Breaks Out Among Las borers and Mikado's Subjects Are Victorious.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.- The Associ-

THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

St. Louis Republic: The Sandwich islanders estimate the beauty of women by their weight. With them the relgning belle in the Highweighin' belle.

Washington Star: "Mr. Barkiss, can't we persuade you to join our society for the moral renovation of the community?" Do 1 get a job on the investigating

Philadelphia Times: New York has a Chinese base ball club. Hitting the sphere is better than hitting the pipe, and the exercise may be good for their joints. Detroit Journal: "Why can't a woman be content with having a good husband, and not be sighing for all manner of things

"Well, how else is she to know that her husband is good?" Chicago Tribune: The red-headed girl, as she stepped carelessly out of the car, slipped and fell in the mud.

that won't make her happy if she gets

"Shake not thy gory locks at me," neighed the white horse that passed at the moment, "Thou canst not say I did it." Indianapo'is Journal: The Exuberant Optimist—Ah! Look at old glory fluttering in the breeze! And no power on earth can haul her down!

The Tinhorn Pessimist—Huh! You could say that much

say that much about a toy balloon with the string broken. Chicago Tribune: "Don't you have some uneasiness as to the result of this operation, doctor?" anxiously inquired the patient.
"Not a bit," cheerfully answered the surgeon, arranging his instruments so they would be handy when needed. "My dear sir, at least 15 per cent of the operations of this nature are entirely successful."

LIFE'S SCARS.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox. They say the world is round, and yet I often think it square; Torten think it square,
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But one great truth in life I've found,
While journeying to the west:
The only folks who really wound
Are those we love the best.

The man you thoroughly despise Can rouse your wrath, 'tis true; nnoyance in your heart will rise

At things mere strangers do; But these are only passing ills, This rule all lives will prove; The rankling wound which a

Is dealt by hands we love. The choicest garb, the sweetest grace Are oft to strangers shown;
The carcless mien, the frowning face
Are given to our own.
We flatter those we scarcely know—
We please the fleeting guest,
And deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those who love us best,

Love does not grow on every tree,
Nor true hearts yearly bloom,
Alast for those who only see
This cut across a tomb!
But soon or late, the fact grows plain
To all through sorrow's test—
The only folks who give us pain
Are those we love the best.

Our Hats"

Are all that hats ought to be-They are as well made as any, they are as correct in shape, they are as well finished.

We have not alone the conventional shapes in derby and soft hats, but we have always in stock, what you cannot find everywhere in town,

Silk Hats

and our prices are especially low- \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00-and if we cannot suit you-you cannot be suited in town, everyting taken in consideration.

