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Nebraska soil is in soak at present, but it will redeem itself at harvest time.

Jupiter Pluvius ought to know that general conference this May.

Having put Porto Rico in complete order, General Henry, like Alexander of old, is ready to look around for more worlds to conquer.

The highest salaried life insurance president in the world is dead. Presiding over a big life insurance company gives no guaranty of long life.

Baltimore has gone back to the democrats in the municipal election just held. But it must be remembered that Baltimore is normally a democratic city.

Aguinaldo proclaims he must have peace with dignity. His late foot races through the bamboo thickets must have left his dignity sadly out of repair.

All the census supervisors for Nebraska have been agreed upon excepting that for the Second congressional district. The Second district may be last, but it is not least.

And now the Peter Cooper club of Omaha is to spread itself with a dollar dinner. This extravagance would be enough to make Peter tear his hair were he only resurrected.

Washington newspaper correspondents express the belief that President Mc-Kinley has more information respecting the situation in the Philippines than he has divulged. This is a pretty safe

Spain will have to pay \$50,000 in exchange to get the money paid for the Philippines transferred to Madrid. Still we know several people who would gladly pay \$50,000 commission on a \$20,-000,000 collection.

The deputy of County Attorney Shields who refused to testify in a gambling case on the ground that he might incriminate himself still draws his salary. In the meantime penny ante players are bound over to the district court.

County Attorney Shields has not yet explained why he has pigeon-holed the complaints against sixty-one South Omaha gambling men when according to his own admission he has conclusive evidence in his possession to convict.

It is no accident that the attorney of Walter Moise and the attorney for William J. Broatch are one and the same person. The effort to seat Broatch in the mayor's office and the effort to resuscitate the blackmailers' clearing house are part and parcel of the same conspiracy.

The promotion of Former Chancellor Canfield of the Nebraska State university to be librarian of Columbia university will be hailed with gratification by his many friends in this state who are always glad to see men identified with Nebraska institutions push further to the front.

Investigations of American officials at Havana disclose facts indicating that an average of \$19,000,000 yearly of the customs receipts of that port were stolen by Spanish officials. No wonder the Spanish grafters are frantic over losing a snap better than being the Tammany boss of New York.

such a slight to the Jockey.

est, although only four months of the be bending all its energies to the election year have passed. How much of a deficit of a judge of the supreme court pledged

THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT.

A short time ago the late United States minister to Slam, Mr. Barrett, addressed a British audience, which in-Commons, regarding the new opportunities for American commerce in the far east. He urged the importance of the possession of the Philippines for the future of our trade there, saying that the archipelago controls the approaches of \$500,000,000 of foreign trade with spoke Senator Frye at the dinner given good government in the Philippines commerce with the islands will in a few years be quadrupled and that the bulk of it will be ours even with the open from Hong Kong; they introduce us to premium on gold in Spain. the Orient with its seven or eight hundred millions of people, with imports of the open door in Chiua. Who can

great opportunities for American com. additional taxes uncomplainingly. merce, but it must appear to thoughtful travagance in the prophecies of Senator Frye. Is it reasonable to believe, wants of those people are few, their place among the nations. method of living simple. Many of them wear little and subsist on the fruits of the earth pretty much as they find them. The habits and customs of genyears, particularly in a tropical country Omaha is not entertaining the Methodist | effort and there is little or no stimulus | ments seem to be in no hurry, although ment must inevitably be slow with na-

people progress will necessarily be

commerce?",

slow. As to the trade of the Orient, it is is well to bear in mind that there is a cles named in the tariff law. very aggressive competition for this grow there, not because we possess the anything will be done under the first few years. This also must be regarded Possibly the next congress will deem it reasonable conclusion seems to us to be that as civilization advances in the liberal. Orient industries will be developed there which will supply much of what is now imported and it is by no means improbable that in time these people may become our competitors in some lines of manufactures in the world's markets. What Japan is doing in this

direction is not impossible to China. American commercial enterprise will undoubtedly find a profitable field in the far east and it should be sedulously cultivated, but we should not be deluded by such extravagant and exaggerated ideas regarding it as some of the expansionists put forth.

CONFIRMING THE CONSPIRACY. When Governor Poynter vetoed the Omaha charter amendment bill The Bee

charged that his action was procured by members of the Herdman gang of hold ups and blackmailers as part of a conspiracy to secure a reversal of the decision declaring the police commission law unconstitutional and to reinstate the Herdman crowd in control of the fire and police departments.

The new move of the gang to secure a reopening of the mayoralty case is confirmation of this conspiracy. Although the present city charter is a product of the gang's work through the Howell Ransom delegation to the legislature of 1897, their attorneys now set up as a reason why Mayor Moores should be ousted that their own charter is unconstitutional and should be set aside, restoring all the officials they worked so hard two years ago to legislate out of office. In other words, having failed to establish their contention that W. J. Broatch should be seated as mayor because of the alleged ineligibility of Mayor Moores, they now seek to attain their object by denying the validity of the law under which they themselves as-

serted their claim. Behind all this legal fencing lies the scheme to re-establish in power the Herdman police commission and reopen the door for the levy of blackmail on gamblers, crooks, thieves and keepers of lawless resorts upon which the members of the hold-up gang subsist. If the pres-As the English racing season advances | ent charter could be wiped off the statand Tod Sloan keeps up his winning it ute books it would leave the old charter is becoming more and more evident that in force as it was prior to the legislation the prince of Wales has sunk into a of 1807, and a new attempt would be position of secondary importance. The promptly made to exercise the power of cable may neglect to chronicle the appointing a police commission for doings of the prince for a day, but never | Omaha through the old appointing board consisting of the governor, attorney general and commissioner of public lands Notwithstanding the fact that the and buildings. Though such an appointschool board has received nearly \$240,- ment would of course countervene the 000 from liquor licenses issued this year, principle of municipal home rule just as its treasury is again empty and school much as the appointment by the govwarrants are being registered for inter- ernor, in the interval the gang would

more to the blackmallers.

cluded a delegation of the House of trap has been set well enough to catch that he too may later enjoy the benefit the supreme court remains to be seen.

SPANISH FINANCES. The payment of \$20,000,000 by the United States to Spain will be a material help to the Spanish treasury, but It will not go very far in meeting the deed it is the intention to employ it in him in New York. He said that with debt paying. It is said to be generally mestic trade of these possessions," said lales, but there has thus far been a plied where it will be effective. Mr. Frye, "Is insignificant compared to brave effort made to meet obligations that regarded from a commercial-stra- as they matured. The effect of this tire China sea, are only two days' sall and conduced to a slight fall in the

The government is considering the which advancing civilization will double is apparent. Although the country is most potent voice for the preservation cause the government some political trouble. Yet unless the national obestimate the value in the future of such ligations are to be repudiated more a commanding position to our foreign taxation is imperative and must be maintained for many years. The peo-Nobody doubts that the Orient offers ple, however, are not likely to accept

The future policy of Spain should men that there is a good deal of ex- have reference solely to building up the industries and commerce of the nation, She has no further need of a large for instance, that the millions of semi- army and navy and her expenditures in savages in the Philippines, however this direction ought to be very small well they may be governed, will in a hereafter. The military element may few years so advance in the ways of be found reluctant to assent to such a civilization as to quadruple the com- policy, but its adoption is absolutely merce of the islands? At present the necessary to enable Spain to maintain a

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.

There is apparently little progress being made in reciprocity negotiations. It erations cannot be changed in a few is reported from Washington that there are several possible commercial treaties where the conditions are unfavorable to under negotiation, but foreign governto advancement. Admitting that the under the tariff law the time given the Philippines are rich in resources and State department in which to make recithat the production of the islands is far | procity treaties and agreements will exbelow what it might be, their develop- pire in July. It is stated that several countries, notably Germany and Italy, tive labor and there is no other labor are anxious for a wider range for comavailable. The industry of the natives | mercial relations and are holding off the is measured by their needs and as we agreements until after the time expires have said, these are small. With such a for the present reciprocity treaties, their reason for this being that after July they can begin negotiations for a general commercial treaty which will cover easy to cite figures of population and all articles agreed upon, instead of havimports in evidence of its value, but it ing an arrangement limited to the arti-

There are two provisions for reciproc trade and we shall get only such share ity in the Dingley law, one for a single of it as superior enterprise, the ability agreement to be promulgated by the to meet the requirements of the mar- president, the other for a general treaty kets and other competitive conditions subject to ratification by the senate. can win. We have been expanding our Foreign governments are quite natutrade in that quarter of the world and rally manifesting a preference for the there is no doubt it will continue to latter and it appears improbable that shall make goods as acceptable to the reciprocity feature of the tariff law is Oriental peoples as the goods of other a disappointment. It was the expectanations and which we can sell as tion of the supporters of the law that cheaply. Mr. Frye expressed the opin- it would be largely taken advantage of. ion that with advancing civilization the but while there have been negotiations imports of the Orient will double in a the results are far from satisfactory. as an extravagant view. The more expedient to modify this feature of the law in the direction of making it more

> The insurance companies which pulled out of Arkansas with such a flourish of trumpets a short time ago, declaring the property in that state could go uninsured in the future on account of the passage of a radical anti-trust law, have commenced to return. It was predicted at the time that their action was a gigantic bluff and that the companies would not long persist in rejecting profitable business. It failed of its purpose, both to induce the Arkansas legislature to repeal the law and to prevent the Texas legislature from passing a similar one.

Marcus Daly, the Anaconda copper king, expresses confidence that the new Copper trust will not try to enhance its profits by squeezing down the wages of the miners working its properties. Mr. Daly's confidence, however, is not shared by the public with reference to trusts in general, which are expected to take advantage of every opportunity offered to cut down expenses. One of the greatest menaces of the trust is the power it vests in a small body of men to fix arbitrarily the wages of every employe in a large field of industry.

The opening of the Ute reservation with the usual rush of land seekers shows that the policy of opening government domain to settlers could be continued indefinitely if the land were only available. There is no question but that the rapid growth and development of the western half of the American continent could never have been ac complished in the time except for the liberal course of the government in the administration of the public domain.

The attorneys for the hold-up gang now want the supreme court to believe that the consideration for the enactment of the Omaha charter of 1897 was the provisions for the election of a police magistrate and the appointment of a police commission. Ed Howell knows better than that. The consideration for the enactment of that charter was the nomination and election of Howell for mayor, and it wasn't his fault that he slipped a

Before he gets out of the mood for prosecuting gamblers and penny-ante entertainers County Attorney Shields \$93,000,00 should remember that the Oerter case is still on the criminal docket waiting to be tried. The fact that Oerter's attorney a finish.

Before the council goes into the busi-Before the council goes into the busi-ness of remitting back taxes to clear up an index of advancing prosperity and inare the taxpayers to look for this time? in advance to destroy the home rule de- property titles it should figure out where creasing business activity.

cision and hand over the fleshpots once such a policy should lead. Every time one man procures a cancellation of his This conspiracy has unquestionably taxes he sets an example for his neighbeen carefully plotted. But whether the bor to refuse to pay his taxes in the hope of a compromise. The only course for the council to pursue is to treat all property owners alike by holding them rigidly to the requirements of the law.

While United States blue jackets were has hitherto escaped taxation. busy showing Spain how to destroy a 500,000,000 Asiatics. In the same vein obligations of that government, if in navy several of the little Central Americ executive tour de force Governor Roosevell can states proceeded to trample on the rights of American citizens down there. understood in Europe that it is not pos- Now that the other trouble is over a sible for Spain to pay the interest on sliver has been pulled off the board with state and municipal assessors must include her old debt, the debts resulting from which Spain was spanked and unless the war with the United States and the the Central American upstarts repent door. "But the value to us of the do- obligations formerly paid from the colo- and promise to be good it is to be ap-

The city building inspector wants a tegic point of view. They front the en- has been favorable to Spanish securities new ordinance that will enable him to tear down condemned buildings. The trouble has been that the council has passed ordinances galore, but the lawquestion of a complete reorganization yers and the courts always find holes in now exceeding \$1,500,000,000 annually, of the finances, the necessity for which them. If the owner of some rattletrap should be held for damages arising from an epoch-making measure has been added in a few years. They give us, for the now heavily taxed it is contemplated to accidents or fires caused by his premises first time, a tremendous moral force, a increase the burden, a policy which may the edicts of the building inspector would be better observed.

What has the World-Herald to say work of the office is performed by a young woman, to pay whom he solicited practice any less reprehensible in the the judges and court commissioners?

Edward Atkinson's defense is that he was simply circulating public documents. If he had only confined himself to Altgeld's Jacksonian club speech which Senator Allen kindly had inserted in the Congressional Record to beat the postoffice out of postage, he might have fared better.

The resignation of the Italian ministry not only opens another outlet for statesmen out of a job, but emphasizes again the difference between the United States in which cabinet officers never resign but one at a time and the continental countries, where they all vacate simultaneously.

Detroit Free Press. If the Filipinos defer to the wishes of

a majority of the American soldiers, they will cease insurging and permit our boys to come back where liberty dwells.

Publishing Private Letters. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Prominent men may yet find it necessary to discontinue altogether the practice of writing private letters. There have recently been many illustrations of the fact that the from a public man does is to rush with it to a newspaper office.

> Humiliation of Chicago. St. Louis Republic.

Chicago has been again humiliated. This time the humiliation comes from a Neembalmed in the days when Father Abraham dealt in beef on the hoof.

The Lynching Record.

May day was celebrated at Osceola, Ark. by the lynching of Willis Sees, a negro, who was taken from the jail where he was awaiting trial for arson and shot. The lynching record for 1899 now stands as forlows: Total number, 34; south, 32; north, 2; negroes, 31; whites, 3. The record hardly needs comment.

Will Prayers Avail Now? Philadelphia Record.

The Flour trust has taken out Jersey artieles of incorporation. It is capitalized at \$25,000,000, half common and half preferred destruction. stock, and \$15,000,000 6 per cent forty-year gold bonds. Hereafter when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," it will be with a feeling that New Jersey has tried to interpose between the Giver and His creatures.

Get Together.

Kansas City Journal. The speakership contest will afford a favorable opportunity for western men to stand for their rights. If we do not get the speaker, let us have equivalent honors, and, what is more, let us take our choice. If the western states will stand together they can have what they want, and that, too, without causing friction or creating bad feeling in the party ranks.

A Governor Who Governs.

Philadelphia Times In Theodore Roosevelt New York has seured a governor who governs. Elected as a republican, he has reversed the usual order and bossed the republican bosses in the legislature and out, and the legislature adourned without having passed a single obnoxious job and with several important measures in the public interest standing to its credit, the real credit for which, however, should be given to Governor Roosevelt.

Skinning the Small Investor. Cleveland Plain Deale

There is no doubt that many of the cominations, or trusts so-called, which are now being formed, are the work of speculative ters whose chief purpose is the fleecing of investors. In discussing combinations and trusts the fact should not be lost sight of that the small investor has rights which should be protected. The promoter, having organized the combination and havwhether the concern pays dividends. The small investors are eternally in the dark as to what the big corporation is doing.

THE POSTAL BAROMETER.

Index of Advancing Prosperity and Business Activity. New York World.

Ten years ago the Postoffice department postage stamps, post-cards issued stamped envelopes to the number of 2,818,-565,321, and received for them the sum of \$52,921,784. Since that time the increase has been continuous, until in 1898 the number issued reached 4,593,853,765, and their price was \$83,289,253.

So far this year the increase has been nore rapid than ever, and the department estimates the total issues for the calendar year 1899 at 5,100,000,000, and their value at The gain is only in part due to increased

population, for this year's business, if the estimates are borne out, will be more than twice that of 1887, though the population has is serving as his chief deputy should not increased in the meantime only 20 per cent. interfere with Mr. Shields' determina- Moreover, the enormously increased use of tion to prosecute all gambling cases to the telegraph, telephone and messenger service in lieu of mail letters must be reckoned as in great part offsetting the increase of population as a cause of postal growth. The

TAXING FRANCHISES.

Indianapolis Journal: The bill which the New York agislature has passed promost important legislation upon the subject which has been attempted by any state. The value of a franchise will be based upon the quotations of the company's stock,

Philadelphia Record: By a remarkable of New York has succeeded in forcin through a venal legislature, on the last day of the session, an amendment to the state tax law which provides substantially that in their levies as taxable property not only the tangible and material holdings of corporations endowed with public franchises, but also the estimated value of the franchises and rights under which they conduc their operations. It is amazing that these vast franchises, which constitute the basis of enormous stock and bond issues, should have been so long exempt from taxation, yet it is not certain that the attempt to tax them will succeed-certainly not without a bitter struggle on the part of the corporations. Breoklyn Eagle: , For good or for evil

to the list of our laws. Wherever there is a suspicion of a public right, seized or granted, there its most comprehensive proit is a franchise tax bill. Its author de- B to Calais, bringing with them a large scribes it as the most important and revoabout County Attorney Shields putting lutionary measure passed within his Albany bronze bell weighing 150 pounds, and a statue his brother on the county pay roll as his recollection, and he is not far from right. of the Virgin Mary taken from a church stenographer, while the stenographic A New York Central railroad official de- near Havana. The church was undergoing clares that it will cost that corporation \$2,000,000 a year before it begins to settle contributions from his deputies? Is this its of the metropolis. Twenty-five millions for the privileges it enjoys beyond the lima year is a rough estimate of the revenue ties have been requested to selze and repopocratic county attorney than it was in which will go into the municipal treasury when the law is in actual operation Whether the corporations will howl or not remains to be seen. The howl against corporations will of course continue, but the operation of the franchise law is certain to has just subscribed \$50,000 to be used in have a tendency to diminish its volume. providing shore homes for sailors and ma-Lauterbach, who is occasionally heard from to the point, says that as a lawyer he would lyn, Boston, Norfolk, Key West, Galveston ever since. Howard, or Clawson, was taken Lauterbach, who is occasionally heard from rines in the United States service in Brooklike to see the corporations quarrel with and San Francisco. The only condition imthe act, because it would mean big fees, but posed with the gift is that \$100,000 be added that as a director he would advise against to it by other friends of Uncle Sam's sea-it. There is little doubt, however, that fighters. Rear Admiral Philip, Captain something more substantial than a howl will Merrill Miller, Captain McCalla, Commanbe provoked, that big fees will be earned, and that the court of appeals will have an the matter in charge. opportunity to pass upon the question of onstitutionality.

## RAVAGES OF THE TORNADO.

New York World: If news should come of a battle in Luzon with 100 soldiers killed tistic in design. The decorations upon it and 400 or 500 wounded it would appall us, are striking without being too ornate. The even though there were a victory in com- arms of the cross are of white enamel. In pensate for the sacrifice. How much more its center, within a wreath of laurel, is a shocking are the tidings from Missouri of head of Liberty, and in a circle outside the 100 peaceful men, women and little children wreath are the words: "Order of the killed and a half a thousand injured by Spanish - American War." Underneath the flerce blast of a tornado! In such events this medallion are crossed cannon and an there is no compensatory gain-nothing but anchor, representing the army and navy. dreadful disaster.

Philadelphia Record: The tornado which swept over northern Missouri visited only the United States, surmounted by the inthree towns along its pathway of destruction. but these were smitten to earth and well- clasp, consisting of an American eagle, nigh ruined. Such a calamity can be compared only with the Johnstown flood-sud- from the red, white and blue ribbon of the first thing the recipient of a private letter den, appalling and irresistible. Every beneficent impulse of charity should be stirred is giving much satisfaction to those interto activity throughout the country in behalf ested in forming it. The objects of the orof the Kirksville, Newtown and Lancaster ganization are broad, and it is hoped that tornado sufferers.

Philadelphia Times: The experience of the past teaches that there is no safety from the war. It will also take pains to procure braska cattle dealer, who separated one of the cyclones, and it is simply the duty of and preserve records of services, and will her prominent citizens from a \$4,000 bank those whose homes have been missed by the endeavor in every way to advance the in-Philippines, but for the reason that we provision. It must be admitted that the roll by employing a subterfuge that was Missouri tornado to give shelter and bread terests of the soldiers and sailors of the to those who have survived the terrific force of the wind until they can erect new homes and begin the world over again. who cannot save their neighbors from the cyclone's fury can at least heip them to get new roofs over their heads, and this they should do ungrudgingly,

Philadelphia Ledger: The tornadoes, or so called cyclones, are eddles of wind which are formed along the southeastern edge of these storms by some cause not fully under- longed period of prosperity." This is force, but the one that struck Kirksville appears to have been of the most violent class. They can be neither averted nor avoided, and as the country becomes more thickly settled we must expect to hear of their ravages more frequently and with greater

Portland Oregonian: The cyclone season storm of April 27 in Kirksville, Mo., came calamity is, indeed, an appalling one, and, is scarcely felt. rising shudderingly from its perusal, the people west of the Rocky mountains, and especially of the Pacific coast, may find by omparison of its horrors with the climatic the nations that are our competitors, has conditions which attend their section of the increased enormously, while the imports of country, abundant cause to be thankful that | these goods are steadily decreasing. In other heir lines were cast in safe and pleasant

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Colorado now sees a prospect of finishing p last winter before it begins on next one. Oom Paul is not invited to the peace conference and he probably would not go if he were. He has fences at home to look after. fabulous sum for Admiral Dewey's butterfly collection, an offer which was promptly re- | found in nearly every civilized country in fused.

Since the marquis of Salisbury has had, cheapest. his usually long hair closely cropped he has been referred to as "transformed from a availer into a roundhead."

Many years ago General Gomez first met General Arthur MacArthur. The other day he said of him: "I do not know many of the American soldiers in the Philippines, but I know MacArthur, and if he cannot win America's battles no man in the world

The prince of Monaco is now worth \$10, 000,000 and has more in prospect. The prince takes \$250,000 a year from the gambling ing floated its stock, cares little or no tables at Monte Cristo. He pays no taxes. Police, drains, electric light and government socials are all paid from the profits of the tables.

Russell Sage, while walking on Wall street New York, the other day, jostled a little girl and upset the tray of flowers she was selling. His apologies were profuse. stooped and helped to gather up the flowers and took a rose, for which he handed the girl a \$5 bill in exchange.

Jerome A. Hart, the editor of the San one in California obeying the new newspaper signature law. He announces that he lowed by the word "jahart" in fine type.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

No matter how much people may differ about the results of the war for the liberaviding for the taxation of franchises is the tion of Cuba, one feature of it is gratifying to all. The few months of war with The value thus obtained will be taxed as a foreign enemy practically blotted out its real estate. This measure will reach what remained of the hard feeling engennational reunion of hearts. A significant emonstration of the new sentiment will be mauga today, when the blue and the gray mite in dedicating a monument to emory of the soldiers of Georgia who fell ipon that field. All confederate and federal nvitations to participate in the ceremonies. lovernor Candler will accept the monument n behalf of the state and in turn transfer it General H. V. Boynton of the National onument reads:

Erects this monument

Some of the American soldiers who went o Cuba after the war was over displayed strange notions of the rights of property. rision will be found. It justifies its name- | Maine papers tell of the return of Battery amount of loot. Among other articles is a repairs at the time and these articles with thers were taken without permission. The sacrilegious action of the soldiers caused much indignation, and the national authoriturn the property to its rightful owners.

Through the army and navy department of the Young Men's Christian association some one who desires to remain unknown der Stockton and other naval officers have

The new "Naval and Military Order of the

Spanish War," which held its first meeting in New York City April 21, has adopted an attractive insignia of the society. It is a modified Maltese cross, graceful and ar-On the other side of the cross the reverse of the medallion bears the arms of scription: "Duty, Honor, Country." with outstretched wings, suspends the cross it may do much to promote ties of fellowship among the officers who took part in

AMERICA'S GREATEST PROSPERITY Foreign Views Strictly in Line with Existing Conditions.

Baltimore American, The London Statist, one of the most care ful and conservative papers in the world, says that "all indications show that the American nation has entered upon a prostood. They are of varying degrees of strictly true. At this time last year this country had just entered upon a war, the result of which, in view of the talk about foreign intervention in the trouble in Cuba no man could foresee. The war was carried through to a successful issue, without asking any foreign nation to help float a loan, in itself a remarkable fact, and the commercial progress of the nation was not : has come on early in the middlewest. The whit disturbed during the continuance of the struggle. The war and what has grown inheralded and, while not unprecedented in out of it has cost the country so far over riolence, was more than usually destructive \$500,000,000, and yet the burden of it, if o life and property. The record of the the special taxes can be called a burden

The foreign business of the United States especially in the export of manufactured goods, which is the fact most alarming to words, we are manufacturing all we need at home, and selling millions of dollars worth of our goods to foreigners, and that, too, as in the case of Germany, for instance, in the face of great obstacles. The grain exports from the great ports of this country are steadily increasing, which means that we are feeding the people whose lands are powerless to support those at home. From Baltimore alone in Apri A New York firm is reported to have bid a over 5,000,000 bushels of grain were sen abroad. American-made goods are to be the world, because they are the best and

In the newer fields for business-such as in the South American republics, in Africa and especially in the east-Americans are making more progress in extending their business than any other people. That this increase will continue can hardly be doubted. Competition and the excellence of goods are always the determining factors in business. What we need now is intelligent legislators in congress who will watch American interests, the condition at home and all over the world. Any laws that will tend to cripple the progress that is now so satisfactory would be a serious blow. COMRADES FOR LOOT,

England and Russia Agree on a Joint System of Spolintion. Philadelphia Times

The most threatening source of trouble in the east has been laid by agreement between Russia and England in respect to China. By it the struggle for supremacy will merge into a joint system of spoliation in which China will lose the protection it enjoyed by reason of the international jeal-Francisco Argonaut, appears to be the only ousies which prevented the powers cutting

The old story of the partition of Poland is will sign all the articles which he has to be re-enacted, and upon a larger scale dictated, written, suggested, inspired or and without the protexts that were named whatever it may be called," and the result as being extenuating in that continental outis that every item in the Argonaut is fol- rage. Russia, Austria and Prussia all agreed that the geographical relation of Poland

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themselves, with its warlike and restless people, was a menace to peace, but China holds out no active threat of disorder. It wants to be left alone, and while it blocks the ways of commerce and does not take its share of the responsibilities of nations, Spain accomplished more in drawing north and moreover has had in view its manifest and south together than all the events of destiny for a century, there is something thirty years past. A short struggle against pathetic in the helpiceoness of 300,000,000 people to maintain a national existence. They are just fading away without a glow of much of the property in New York which dered by the civil war and made possible patriotism to keep them alive, without courage, hope or apprehension, in calm apathy dropping out of the affairs of the world had on the famous battlefield of Chicks- whose civilization has outpaced their meth-

The terms of the agreement are based upon ommercial opportunities, being equally divided spheres of influence. That was the reanizations in that vicinity have accepted way it was done in Africa when France, England and Germany made new maps of the continent and printed their national col ors on them to indicate the territorial boundaries they intended to adopt when the farci-Park commission as the representative of cal pleas of "spheres of influence" ceased to he United States. The Inscription on the be effective. Russia will of course erect such barriers as it may in Manchuria against the entry from the sea of any commerce whatever and to maintain its present trade n China as exclusive and preferential by

right of having developed it. Our interest in Manchurla le considerable, although not so vast as that of Great Britain, but the prospective interests of the United States are second to no other power. It therefore concerns us to open up such a diplomatic policy that when we may we will take place with the most favored nations in the east upon equal terms. The mere declaration of this intention would serve for the present to hold the "open door" of eastern commerce at our disposal-a neglect to take action of some kind may result in our finding it closed when we seek to pass it.

Capture an Escaped Prisoner. KANSAS CITY, May 3 .- A special to the Star from Arkansas City, Kan., says:
Deputy United States Marshal Trigg today
arrested George B. Howard, alias J. W.
Clawson, alleged to be a fugitive from justice, having escaped, it is said, from the federal insane asylum at Washington, D. C. In 1891 Howard was a pension attorney in Chester, Ill., and was convicted on the charge of having forged pension vouchers. He was later removed to the federal insane asylum from where he escaped on December to the federal jail in Wichita, where an order will be obtained from the United States district judge to take him back to

BREEZY TRIFLES.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What did he "About one hour and fifteen minutes."

Indianapolis Journal: Barker—Our chair-man says we ought to be able to carry the election by good, honest work. Carker—I hope that isn't all he has to de-

Puck: Madge—Hevings! See dat short-stop jump outen de way uv dat hot one! Pansy—Shucks! And dat's de feller dat says his ole man wuz wit' Hobson on de Merrimac! Dat shows wot ancestry amounts to!

Philadelphia Bulletin: "Look! There's a colored messenger boy, running." "Suro enough, They ought to advertise him as 'Warranted, fast black,'" Chleago Post: "Remember how Brown

was always boasting of his remarkable "Well, he's lost it."
"When did he lose it?"
"When he went on the witness stand in hat political investigation."

Washington Star: "What do you think of my son's prospects in life?" inquired the young man's father.
"Well," answered the professor, "he may be a great and financially successful policician one of these days. He says 'I don't remember' to almost every question I ask aim."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I read the other day that some one lately sent the conscience fund \$3,000."
"Gee! I wish I was rich enough to afford such amusements."

Detroit Journal: This is an allegory.
"You are dreadfully slow!" exclaimed the
World, with a groan.
"Yes, it's about the worst attack of spring
fever I ever had," protested Winter,
languidth.

To be sure allegory is not precisely scien-tific, yet it is not unsuggestive. Shirt Walsts.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland Plain Dealer,
The shirt waists, the shirt waists,
They've captured all the town;
In stripes, in checks, in curlycues,
In blue, and white, and brown,
In spots, in blocks, in wavy lines,
In red, and gray, and green,
In yellow, ecru, purple, too,
In tapestry and sheen.
The shirt waists, the shirt waists,
In rainbows half unrolled,
We love 'em, oh, we love 'em for
The treasures they enfold.

VIOLATING PRECEDENTS. Chicago Tribune.

The dame stepped into the crowded car, Nor aught of ill forboded, A young man gave her a seat and yet She didn't know it was loaded. The reckless gamester cast the die. To desperation goaded. and he won a half a dollar, though He didn't know it was loaded.

The boy looked down the bore of the gun And an ancient fake exploded. For he's living still, aged 90-yet He didn't know it was loaded.

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