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According to Nebraska's experience railroad passes judiciously planted will bear fruit at assessment time.

It is only one of those peculiar coincidences that the stove makers have to wait till summer to get warmed up to the point of forming a stove trust.

Another of the former rulers of Egypt as he has been dead for 3,500 years.

Russell Sage paid an unusual compliment to the late Roswell P. Flower the government. when he said the dead man's word was good for \$1,000,000 any time. Most people have to show Russell.

The Spanish government is investing in a new model of rapid-fire gun. If the Spanish would only learn first to shoot with the guns they have they might accomplish better results.

If the British government will only exert itself to suppress the Sunday newspaper, which has made its appearance in London, the popularity and success of the Sunday Issue will be as-

J. Sterling Morton ventures to assert that a gold standard democracy could carry Pennsylvania in 1900. This is another instance where the sage of Arbor Lodge knows he will not be put to the

claim to an English dukedom and now a street sweeper has set up his right to an earldom. An injection of such rejuvenate the English titled aristoc

Aguinaldo is reported to be debating the advisability of surrender, as "the long warfare necessary to conquer the United States would drain the Filipino resources." Aguinaldo must be getting footsore from his rapid and continued retreating.

day, but it will take them longer than effectively applied, that to get up to date in matters of government. In that line they are about three centuries behind the calen-

Under the code adopted by the state house reformers the public has no right to inquire whether or not the state secures the best bargain offered in the purchase of an executive mansion. Pay your taxes and the reform officials will attend to the matter of spending the money.

Although the railroad managers have just solemnly proclaimed that there is no discriminating rate-making going on, the Interstate Commerce commission has inaugurated proceedings in response to repeated complaints to abolish discriminations in seaboard grain rates. This does not look as if the commission puts any more faith in the assurances of the railroad representatives than do the ordinary people

The mountain would not come to Mahomet nor Mahomet go to the moun- ministrative ability and perhaps no tain, so Oom Paul Kruger and the American has made a more intelligent British representative have agreed to and careful study of the character and meet on neutral ground to discuss their differences. When two hard-headed fellows like John Bull and President fully the problem of government there. Kruger disagree the process of reconciliation is not the most placid thing in the world, but mutual admiration for work is not true; they are not only each other's qualities tells them to get together on a peace basis.

of Pennsylvania, which organization last | Cuba," he says, "to insure good order | Mr. Reed, "that two canals are ready fall put forth special efforts to secure is an army of workmen. Give them to be built by private capital, or even the election of anti-Quay candidates for work, free them from militarism, and, the legislature, was issued a manifesto with a moderate but efficient police anteed by the United States by the ropean countries. The title of Eurochallenging Quay to stand as a candi- force, good order will prevail. The dis- treaty of 1846, and both perhaps by the date for state treasurer this fall, so as orders of today are but the disorders of Clayton-Bulwer treaty, then we shall to make a test of his popularity and hungry men without food and without have to consider what we want further. save the party another demoralizing money to buy it." Any people will be If we want a canal built by the United contest in the presidential year. It may disorderly under such circumstances. States government under its own conbe safely predicted that Mr. Quay will In regard to the claim that the Cubans | trol, with power to fix discriminating wink his left eye at this proposition are not capable of governing them- rates in favor of its own citizens, with western hemisphere may offer a fair ing the way for Christ," as Dr. Wayland even in this country it would not leave them and pass it by in scornful silence.

THE DRIFT TOWARD SOCIALISM. The last quarter of the pineteenth century has witnessed a universal undercurrent toward socialism in every notably in Germany, Austria and France, this movement has been directed into channels controlled by the government with a view to preventing political revolutions. Not only has the socialistic principle received recognition. by the government through the owner Omaba: The Bee Building.
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age or death. In the United States the tendency toward centralization has become one of the most striking features not only Remit by draft, express or postal order of the body politic but also of the ensyable to The Bee Publishing Company, only 2-cent stamps accepted in payment of nail accounts. Personal checks, except on The organization of syndicates to control and operate great systems of rail ways capitalized at billions of dollars, the topologication of telegraphs and ble, but there is reason to think they telephones in the hands of two or three are by no means so bad as some corponderous corporations and the forma- respondents and private individuals tion of colossal combinations known as | bave reported. It is needless to say that trusts that have secured control of the task of the United States in Cuba is nearly every important industry have far from finished, but the statements of created a popular sentiment that must such competent and trustworthy officials eventually materialize in measures that as Generals Wood and Wilson leave no will revolutionize our present system of doubt that it is making good progress. government by establishing state socialism as the safety-valve against cor. LINE BETWEEN LOYALTY AND TREASON porate aggression and plutocratic domination.

This drift of resistless public opinion is impressing itself more and more forcibly from day to day upon every thinking mind and the irrepressible conflict between the masses and classes can be avoided or deferred only by wise legislation that will recognize the inevitable.

Less unsold and returned copies 9,643 Twenty-five years ago the number of people in America who favored postal suggestion from the president and they telegraphs or postal savings banks was insignificant. Today 90 per cent of the American people are earnestly in favor of both these propositions and were the and concluded his bitter harangue by them.

Ten years ago and even five years ago the number of people willing to advocate government ownership and operation of railroads scarcely reached respectable proportions. The dread that such a change would make the party in power invincible and the fear that the government could not perform has been found, but he is not likely to the work as efficiently and satisfactorily dispute the title of the present khedive, are giving way to the apprehension that it is safer for the people and free institutions for the government to run the generous tribute to the valor of the railroads than for the railroads to run

> Where a few years back there was one man in favor of public ownership of the facilities for supplying municipal necessity, there are now fifty calling for the abolition of the corporate franchises and the absorption of these functions by the people through their city governments. In this, as in relation to the railway question, public sentiment has undergone a change because of the prevailing impression that unless the people acquire these plants sooner or later, they will have no city government except as dictated by the owners

and managers of the franchised cor-To assume that the popular tendency toward socialistic reforms is due solely or chiefly to the pernicious agitation of cranks, demagogues and visionaries would be wide of the mark. The truth is, that the gigantic concerns which subsist on the people's necessities and sel-An organ grinder some time ago laid fishly manipulate legislatures, congresses and courts by the corrupt use of money extorted from their patrons and the abuse of the favors they are genuine hustle-for-a-living blood may able to extend to public officials and men of influence in all callings, have done more to stimulate the socialistic propaganda and its popular endorsement than all other agencies combined. The upbuilding of trusts as allied to the powerful corporations that own and control the highways of commerce has only added fuel to the flame and the disgusting exhibitions of the American money aristocracy both at home and The Russians are to adopt the Gregor- abroad fan the fire that threatens ian calendar June 1. They propose to America with a socialistic conflagration catch up the time they have lost in a unless the remedies are promptly and

GOOD WORDS FOR CUBANS.

Contradictory reports in regard to conditions in Cuba are confusing to the public mind in this country and it would be well to give credence to no statements which do not come from official sources, which may reasonably be pre sumed to have no motive for giving out anything but the truth. Newspaper correspondents cannot always be depended upon to give an entirely straightforward and unprejudiced account of affairs. Planters and property holders in Cuba, who are generally annexationists, are hardly trustworthy witnesses as to the conditions there. The most reliable testimony is that of the milli tary officers whose duties bring them into constant contact with the people. Among these there is none whose statements and whose opinion are berter entitled to confidence than those of General Wood, military governor of the province of Santlago. He has shown himself to be a man of uncommon adcapabilities of the Cuban people. At the same time he has considered care General Wood says that the charge that the Cubans are lazy and unwilling to willing but anxious to work. The problem has never been one of finding workers, but of giving work to those who Nicaragua canal without any govern-The Business Men's Republican league | wished it. "All that is wanted in ment aid. "If it should be found," says

people. The Cubans have, of course, nuch to learn in the matter of civil administration, but they do wonderfully well under the circumstances,

Other official testimony favorable to the Cubans is that of General Wilson, commanding Santa Clara province. He laws making provision for the wage are unfounded and he is so well satisfled with the orderly condition of the province and the spirit of the people that he urged General Brooke not to organize a force of rural police for the province, but to allow the money that would be thus used to be expended for other purposes. No less gratifying report comes from Puerto Principe. The conditions in the more populous provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio may be somewhat less favora-

rebels left yet down in the old confederacy. At the reunion of United Confederate Veterans held at Charleston, S. C., during the past week, Rev. Taylor. Martin of Pulaski, Va., is reported as denouncing the suggestion of President McKinley commending graves of the confederate dead to the nation's care. He declared the confederate veterans would have nothing to do with any would never place themselves in the attitude of being under obligations to the government that slew southern men. question submitted to popular vote the saying that the dead heroes of the converdict would be overwhelming for federacy had rather be in unmarked graves kept green by southern women than sleep beneath the costliest monument the federal government could

erect. This only confirms the opinion of The Bee that the president made a mistake in rating the emotional outburst of loyalty as against the Spanish enemy which greeted him on his southern tour last fall as an evidence of patriotic repentance of the war of the rebellion on the part of the ex-confederates. A south is one thing, but an attempt to place on a level the sacrifices made by the men who fought for the flag with those who fought to destroy the government is an entirely different thing.

The line between loyalty and treason should be drawn somewhere.

REED ON CANAL ROUTES. It is well understood that to the indream of 400 years will soon be a waking reality and, across the rockbound ridge which for all these years has defied the ingenuity of man, the great cargoes and the civilization of comclares that the problem is too difficult to be mastered by enthusiasm alone, that sound sense and discretion must also be called into action.

How difficult the problem is Mr. Reed plans for the construction of the Nica- come to the west Admiral Dewey will ragua canal, between which there is wide divergence, both as to the engineering work necessary and the cost. As to the former the difficulties seem almost insurmountable, while in regard to cost the estimates vary from \$65,figures are those of the Maritime Canal company, which everybody except perhaps the engineer who made them now regards as an absurd underestimate. Indeed the higher estimate is believed by some to be below what the canal would probably cost. The untrustworthy character of estimates of exkind is shown in the cases of the Suez and Manchester canals, the former costing nearly three times the amount estimated and the latter 50 per cent more than was estimated. In view of such assert that the construction of the Nicaragua canal would probably require an expenditure of not less than \$200,-

000,000 Mr. Reed is evidently favorably inclined toward the Panama route, which he says seems to be two-thirds excavated and to be one-half finished. He remarks as to this enterprise that its projectors are at work now asking help from no one, while the Grace syndicate declare that they are ready to build the one, the neutrality of one being guar-

eral Wood justly says that this record in one way has been refused amendwill compare favorably with that of any ment by Great Britain, though thereto often requested. It is also not seriously expected that, even under the present reseate relations, any change of attitude will take place," Obviously Mr. Reed is of the opinion that the advantages-financial, commercial and political-are largely in favor of the others who take this view.

NEBRASKA'S KINGMAKER bring its revences, but it often brings the annual crowning of King Ak-Sar-Ben, whose reign is supreme over all his subjects and whose title can never be disputed by upstart pretenders. But who expected any Nebraskan to achieve the distinction of acting the role of kingmaker, as has our honored fellowcitizen who upholds the honor of the at Apla, Samoa?

have just reached this office contain the following solemn proclamation:

It is hereby made known to all Samoans that Malietoa Tanu Mafili has been installed as king of Samoa by the combined naval forces of Great Britain and the United States of America on March 23. His flag There are several unreconstructed was saluted by the war ships of these pow-

> Now all Samoans of the so-called Matnafa faction are informed that if they acknowledge by sending deputations at once from each district to Mulinuu their lawful Kins-Malietoa Tanu Mafili, who holds his posttion by the great treaty and the decision of the chief justice under it, they will be allowed to return to their homes and resume their usual vocations without molestation. The very strongest measures will be taken at once against all rebels who do not comply with this proclamation.

> L. W. OSBORN. United States Consul General, With this royal edict before them, the men and women of Samoa who clothe themselves chiefly in glass beads, tattoomarks and smiles, cannot fail to do homage to Malietoa Tanu Mafili and to turn their backs upon Mataafa, who was, figuratively speaking, hoisted fifty feet in the air by the big toe of Nebraska's king pin, whose return from Samoa will some day be hailed with the would have greeted Admiral Dewey had he arranged his return to the United States by the short cut through Blair and California Junction.

All hall Malieton, king of Samoa! But thrice all hail the kingmaker.

DEWEY'S DECISION.

The decision of Admiral Dewey to come to the United States by way of the Suez canal will be a great disappointment to the people of the west, but as we pointed out a few days ago it was to have been expected. Admiral Dewey leaves Manila to obtain quiet and rest, which he says the condition of his health imperatively refluence of ex-Speaker Reed was largely quires, and he proposes to take plenty due the failure of the Nicaragua canal of time on the homeward journey. The memories, if one only gives them time. bill in the last congress. Why he op- distance from Manila to New York by posed that measure is indicated in a the Suez route is considerably greater paper in the May number of the North | than from Manila to San Francisco, but American Review, in which Mr. Reed | the railroad trip across the continent, very lucidly sets forth, from the data with popular demonstrations at nearly available, the character of the Panama every point along the route, would be and Nicaragua routes, as to which he a strain that would severely test the says the world has settled down upon physical vitality of a man in robust the belief that they are the only routes | health and which it would be reckless that can be the scene of the great com- in Admiral Dewey to encounter. Bemerce which is hoped for in the future. sides there would be little really rest-Mr. Reed is not opposed to an isthmian ful in a trip across the Pacific, with canal. On the contrary he regards the scarcely anything for mental diversion. construction of such a waterway as On the route Dewey will take he will certain of accomplishment. "The final find much to divert him, doubtless with result," he says, "no one can doubt, beneficial effect upon his health. There The commerce of the world in due time | are numerous points where he can stop will eliminate Cape Horn to as com- and pass the time pleasantly, and the plete a degree as it has eliminated the statement that he may be several Cape of Good Hope. The uneasy months on the journey indicates that it is his intention to visit all points of interest on the route. Nobody will doubt that Admiral

Dewey heartily appreciates the desire ships will go, freighted with the rich of the west to do him honor and it is to be presumed that when he shall have merce and peace." But Mr. Reed de- regained his health he will visit this section of the country. Although not disposed to seek popular applause, but rather to shun it, he will yet probably wish to give all his countrymen an opportunity to demonstrate their esteem shows in an analysis of the various and admiration. Should such a chance find that nowhere are his achievements held in higher regard than by the people of this section.

One of the results of the military control of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philip-000,000 to \$150,000,000. The lower pines is a shortage of army officers for active duty. The American military establishment, unlike that of foreign nations, does not provide for a large number of officers in addition to those necessary for actual military service. Some who could be spared have in the past been assigned as acting Indian agents or military instructors, but these compenditure for an undertaking of this prise comparatively a small number. The great difficulty is the detail of a large number of officers for the per formance of duty in the islands purely civil in its nature. The mustering out of volunteer officers with their regifacts they are not unreasonable who ments is increasing this difficulty, with which congress alone can deal. It is becoming manifest to army officers that one national military training school will not suffice to supply the wants of the government if the army is to be organized on the basis of expansion and colonial service. At least one more military academy will have to be established at the most available point. That brings up the question whether the time has not arrived for converting Fort Crook into a western West Point.

By the ratification of the Anglo French agreement all the vast continent of Africa, with the exception of four small states, is apportioned among Eupean nations to the greater portion is only nominal and simply means that the powers have agreed that each shall be permitted to assimilate the territory allotted to it, provided it can do so. As to what the ultimate result will be the selves, General Wood states that it has, due fortifications for time of war, then | index. The sections settled by progress | Hoyt plously puts it?

thus far, not been substantiated in the we must consider our foreign relations. Ive people or which fall to the lot of province of Santiago. On the con- It seems admitted by the friends of the weakling nations are almost certain to trary the civil officials appointed on the Nicaragua canal that these relations do break away when they have doffed their recommendation of the people have not, as they stand now, admit such ac- swaddling clothes and world powers yet quarter of the globe. In Europe and been found faithful and efficient. Gen- tion on our part. Hitherto, the treaty undreamed of may be carved out of the also resigned. dark continent.

> If the product of the Whisky trust is diluted as heavily as the stock the price of a modern drunk will be enhanced considerably. According to testimony before the congressional investigating committee the owners of distilleries received the value of their plants in cash, states that stories of brigandage there | Panama canal, There are a great many | as much more in preferred stock and then again the same amount in common stock. The capitalists who put up the money got a corresponding amount The whirligig of time may not always in preferred stock and one and one-half times that in common stock. Bascom in on its surprises. We have witnessed the palmiest days of confederate X roads never dreamed of such extravagant watering of his stock of whisky,

Tom L. Johnson, the great street railway magnate, is a believer in municipal ownership of street railways and is more than willing that the city of Detroit should try the experiment. The nation as United States consul general principal difficulty in the way is that Tom now owns the lines and the city Latest Samoan newspapers which is not willing to pay his price to secure possession. Like a great many more alleged public benefactors, Philanthropist Johnson speaks two words for himself to one for the public good.

> The democratic central committee has decided that appointees of Governor Poynter which are to be credited to that party must have the Herdman-Dahlman stamp blown in the bottle, and the governor is said to have acquiesced in the decision. Applicants for office can regulate their affairs accordingly. If they want ple they must join the gang.

Newfoundland has expressed itself recently in favor of annexation to the United States. If promiscuous annexation is to be the order of the day it may be preferable to annex a few hundred icebergs and granite reefs enveloped in perpetual fog to volcanic islands swept by periodic hurricanes and infested with wild beasts and wilder men.

The heirs of a man who left New York to preserve his health when the British evacuated the city during the revolutionary war are suing to recover a large section of the townsite. But they will same acclaim by the citizens of Blair as probably hand their claim down to several more generations before they secure a favorable verdict.

Also a Four-Cent Fare.

At first the idea of municipal ownership of the street car in Indianapolis was thought to be a joke, but the people soon got on

Quiet on One Point.

Washington Star. Aguinaldo is perhaps entitled to some little credit for the candid manner in which he has refrained from claiming that any of his towns were fireproof.

> Better Late Than Never. Baltimore American.

statue put up in Philadelphia. Americans are not unforgetful of their great men's Value of University Training.

nounced a bloomer drill by the young women as "a grand exhibition of trained calves" have been quick to grasp modern advertising it is without a parallel in journalism and methods and doubtless will be heard from later in the theatrical world.

Prospective Job Spoiled.

The refusal of the United States immigration commissioners to allow the landing of ten Filipinos who came over to exhibit themselves in a dime museum apparently cuts off another possibility of profitable future employment for General Aguinaldo.

Pinching the Plowman.

Chicago News. The man behind the plow is to be compelled to pay 15 per cent more for his implement hereafter, owing to the fact that the plowmakers have combined against him. The manufacturers say there is no trust, but this is one of the cases in which there doesn't seem to be much in a name.

Buffalo Express

That there is an incredible amount of money awaiting investment in this country is shown by the ease with which the great trusts are financed. It is said that when the Amalgamated Copper company called for \$75,000,000 capital, \$415,000,000 was offered. The country seems to be trust crazy, Thinking people are beginning to wonder what the end will be. Will the country see another crash in industrials? It is not so many years ago that such an event brought us

Scandal in High Life.

Cardinal Gibbons, in his sermon Sunday morning, said: "Only a few days ago the life, who was divorced at 3 o'clock and married again almost before the ink was dry on the divorce papers. This is a crime the "man" in the fashionable physician's against the laws of Jesus Christ." It is ante-chamber takes a fee from the patient American pulpit last Sunday met with more entire approval than this. The cardinal did not exaggerate. The country was shocked by the marriage of which he spoke.

FELLOW CITIZEN OR ALIEN? Questions Suggested by the Exclu-

sion of Tagals at San Francisco. Chicago Chronicle.

Is the chocolate-colored Filipino a fellow citizen or an alien? Are we plugging him full of lead because he is an erring brother or because he is a foreign enemy? These questions assume fresh interest because of the decision of Immigration Commissioner North, who has forbidden ten Filipinos to land at San Francisco on the ground that they are alien contract laborers. It is quite plain either that Commissioner North is wrong or that the proceedings in the Philippines are unfustifiable. For the imperialist crators and press are unanimous in declaring that the 'insurgents" are in arms against their divinely constituted government-that they are rebels, not alien foes. In other words, that they are subjects of the United States in insurrection against the central government. Hence it follows that those Filipinos who are not in arms against the United States forces are American citizens, entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizens, including the right to seek employment anywhere in United States territory. They are not allens, but citizens, and as such cannot be denied entrance to the United States by immigrant commissioners or anybody else. Either that or we must abandon the contention that in slaughtering the Tugals we are merely suppressing a rebellion. Which horn of the dilemma will the imperialists choose? Is Aguinaldo a man and brother or is he an alien barbarian whom we should slay as a preliminary to "clearSECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chicago Times-Herald: The preachers are not the only ones who are resigning. It is observed that the congregations are

Brooklyn Eagle: None of the Episcopal reachers objected to Dr. Briggs becoming a eacon. But should be become a priest be could marry, baptize and bury folks for fees, Hence the opposition?

Chicago Tribune: Archbishop Ireland cems to have stirred up the French prelates as well as the editors. When a big. live man makes a speech in France it naturally creates a sensation.

Minneapolia Tribune: Dr. Briggs has about as hard a time getting into the Episcopal church as the Presbyterians had in etting him out of their fold. But why should be care about church affiliation if he has a message to deliver?

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A patent leather trust is on foot. It could not, properly, be elsewhere. Paper collars are coming into fashion again. The move is a blow at the laundry

Alaskans are now clamoring for canned oast beef. Even Alaskans grow weary of blubber long drawn out.

The story that Brigadier General Funston is red headed is vigorously denied. Who cares about the color of his hair. He is the warmest baby in the swim.

Mount Arayat, the locality where the insurgent Filipinos threaten to make a stand, suggests olive branches. Hitherto the run has been on bamboo thickets. Iowa is accused of making "Vermont may

ple sirup" out of brown sugar and extract of young hickory. Perhaps this accounts for the disfavor in which Old Hickory tas fallen in the state. New England trots out a candidate for the speakership in the person of William L. Moody—"Moody of Essex." The Boston

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Globe vouches for him as "a man of statesmanship size." Rev. P. F. Jernegan of sea water fame is reported to have eased his conscience by giving back \$75,000 to his dupes. As he has

something like \$200,000 left, his conscience may continue rubber-necking without danger of snapping. A New York woman asks for a divorce on the ground that she is constantly pur-

i she is a thing of life or a shade is not stated. Anyhow, number one seems to have a shade A New Jersey judge trustfully rules that man may swear if he only keeps moving. There is considerable wisdom in that dictum. In circulating around a man's "burning words" are not as likely to start a

sued by her husband's first wife. Whether

conflagration as if he stood 'rooted to the A Boston paper reports that "130 of the Mount Holyoke college girls appeared on the campus Friday evening wearing red sunbonnets and flying kites." Attractive and airy costume, surely, but one wonders just how and where the girls could wear "a

flying kite." A Chicago alderman, who is evidently tired of his job, fathers an ordinance prohibiting "can rushing." When men stand up in Chicago and pronounce the Declaration of Independence a sham it is not surprising that the "pursuit of happiness" should be attacked. Imperialism and the growler are natural foes.

There are some things about the adulteration of food and drink which ought to be revealed by degrees, if at all. Some chemical sharp in Chicago demonstrated, without warning, that fifteen-year-old whisky could be made in fifteen minutes, and the grave Benjamin Franklin is to have his first senators for whose benefit it was done adjourned for four days. Such a shock to senatorial inspiration had not been expertenced for many a day.

The finest and most artistic specimen of orially The young men of Lincoln, Neb., who an- turned out by any newspaper in this country, is the "Greater Memphis" edition of the Evening Scimitar. The publishers claim the claim is well founded. It is a remarkable production and reflects the highest credit on the publishers, the writers, artists and printers. The greatness, beauty, prosperity and people of Memphis and vicinity have in the illustrated Scimitar a charming and eloquent advocate.

BUSINESS TIPS IN BRITAIN.

Crusade Against "Divvies," Perquisites and Such. Philadelphia Press,

Lord Russell of Killowen is a hard hitting clear headed Irishman, who has stirred up much in his day and time; but he has never addressed himself to a larger task or had a livelier fight before him than in the bill he has introduced in the House of Lords making the acceptance of a "commission" by an agent a crime unless the agent can prove that his principal knew of his acceptance of the fee, percentage or gift from the man with whom he is dealing for his principal. By "commission" is meant in And we knew if George wasn't a born dip-England the percentage paid in some form, direct or indirect, by the seller to the agent or employe of the buyer. The payment of Showed well defined, positive symptoms these "divides" exists everywhere, but the evil is out of all proportion greater there than here. As Lord Russell says in his the butler on the wines, the coachman on "Hats and Furnishcarriage, harness and horse shoeing and the gamekeeper on every gun in the gun room. Architects get commissions of plumbers and hardware men, and engineers out of builders. Druggists pay physicians a percentage of a quarter or a third on the prescriptions they send, and the physician obligingly suggests country was shocked at a woman in high a druggist at the beginning and an undertaker at the end of his case. The charge is made, though not by Lord Russell, that safe to say that no other utterance from the and that the physician has earned one from a hotelkeeper when he has sent the patient to a fashionable health resort The "drummer," or, as the English call

him, "traveler," pays the clerks to whom he sells goods, and his approach to the head of a department in a big company is made easy by tips and commissions. The assertion is even made in England, astonishing as this may seem to Americans, that the purchasers of railroad supplies collect com missions on their annual purchases and get special fees for adopting a new appliance Coal dealers pay commissions to servants and receive them from the agents of coal companies competing for trade. Breweries pay commissions to hotel managers and the commissions of the manager on all his pur chases in one case tried in court were bigger than the profits of the company owning the hotel.

This network of commissions, Lord Russell declares, affects public offices and city gas works, and in purchasing supplies for 'charitable institutions, asylums and work houses there is grave abuse, and a system of corrupt and pernicious bribery prevails." All these commissions Lord Russell proposes to stop by an act whose vital clause declares

criminal. Every valuable consideration given or of fered to any agent by any person having business relations with the principal of such egent shall be deemed to be corruptly given or offered unless it be proved (a) that the principal had given his consent thereto, or (b) that the valuable consideration was no calculated or intended and had no tendency to corrupt the agent by inducing him to do or to leave undone something contrary to his duty or by creating any other undue influence on the mind of the agent.

The courts will be busy if this act passes and is enforced in England, and we fear that A lidle.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

Truth is moral dynamite God may be worshiped at the bench as

truly as at the altar. The bible is for our transformation, all ther books for information.

So great is the least man that nothing less han God will ever satisfy him. Men may be born with fortunes ready made, but character they have to achieve.

Some forms of hible study are attempts to satisfy soul hunger by eating the dishes instead of the dinner. The rewards of heaven are not based on he size of our sheaves, but on the single-

henriedness of our service. There is a world of difference between letting your light shine before men and

making a fireworks display. DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Chicago Record: "My wife is great with a

pistol
"She is"
"Yes, she fired at a burglar the other night and hit the electric button, which set an alarm going all over the house."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "It appears that Compkins married a tartar."
"That's a horse on Tompkins."
"It's certainly a steady nag."

Chicago Tribune: "You disgusting readure!" exclaimed the pink and white coung woman who met him at the door. You are as repulsive as—as a cabbage corm!" Yes'em," replied Tuffold Knutt, who was on his journey westward. "An I'm a so deal like a cabbage worm, b'sides, eatin' my way into the interior, ma'am,

New York Weekly: Paterfamilias (furiously)—You scoundrel! You villain! Why did you clope with my daughter? New Son-in-law—To avoid the insufferable fuss and nonsense of a society wed-Paterfamilias (beamingly)—Thank heaven! my daughter got a sensible husband.

Detroit Free Press: "Is it true, darling, that you gave the minister \$20 for marrying "Yes, but keep it to yourself. I was never so swindled in my life."

Indianapolis Journal: "When one breaks an engagement," suggested the bud, "I suppose it is the proper thing to return the engagement ring."
"If it were not," replied the girl who had been out three seasons, "some girls would have to have their engagement-ring fingers lengthened."

Chicago Post: "How is it that your wife is so tractable?"
"Whr. I told her when we were married that she could do just exactly as she pleased, and so of course she finds no pleasire in doing it.

Detroit Journal: "I haven't had a square neal since I was married!" he protested, ngrily. His wife contemplated him with horror, not unmingled with scorn.
"Of course not!" she exclaimed. "The
truly artistic taste recoils from angular
figures! Square! Ugh!"

Chicago Record: "Oh, Harry, listen to his: in Siberia they chain convicts to heir wheelbarrows. their wheelbarrows,
"Well, Harriet, you know very well you'd
chain me to the lawn mower if you weren't
afraid the neighbors would blow about it."

Somerville Journal: You never can please a girl when she shows you her photograph by exclaiming: "Oh, what a pretty olcture!" and then saying, thoughtfully, a relinute afterward: "And it really looks a good deal like you, too,

Washington Star: "Sot" exclaimed the Ohlo judge scornfully, "you are the kind of man who would try to get a divorce from your wife simply because she had an artificial optic." "It wasn't simply that, your honor," said the man, defiantly, "She made life a burden to me asking me if her eye was on straight."

DEWEYS STORY OF IT.

W. J. Lampton in New York Sun W. J. Lampton in New York Sun.

"Say, Dewey," says I, in a neighborly way,
To the admiral quietly loating one day
And resting from labor out Philippine way,
A little bit sea worn, a little bit gray,
In the time that had passed since the great
First of May,
"I wish you would tell us of just what occurred
Out there at Manila; for what we have
heard
Is serond-hand mostly, and that isn't what Is second-hand mostly, and that isn't what The folks want to hear when they want it We know how you swatted the Spaniards The Bay of Manila; how you wiped up the And the sea and so forth with all that Spain had In a manner to make the Spanish feel bad; We know that you floated the Flag a notch higher Than ever it floated, and we never can tire of singing your praises for what you have To haughty Castile and to proud Aragon, and we're anxious to listen-to hear it from Who has thrown a new light on the Red, White and Blue." White and Blue."
Then Dewey he blushed and he squirmed in his chair And said that we gave him too much for his share. But that didn't go-we insisted the more, Fill pleading had grown to be quite a bore And this is the story the admiral told;

That the story we got of the scrap in the

ings"

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