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enough to conclude that, in a coming genera-

tion, where one person knows and approves

and sympathizes with the attitude of the

south in 1861, there will be 100 persons who

The Careful Smoker.

Boston Transcript

Patronizing Home Industries,

churches who exhort sinners to repentance

and prate loudly of the satisfactions and

solaces of religion, while they personally

practice a good many sinful games; so there

are in every community a lot of enterprising

gentlemen who howl loudly and continuously

in behalf of "patronizing home industries,"

while they themselves will give their busi-

ness to outside concerns. In fact some of

these hypocritical advocates of home in-

terests have been known to patronize out-

side barbarians where the prices were the

same as those offered by home institutions.

Commerce can show about as many Pharl-

sees in this line as churches can of pseudo

pious people. It is one thing to preach and

another thing to practice. The former is

Just as there are many members

Sterling Morton's Conservative,

of

watched with interest.

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Subscribed and swo	orn to before me this
2nd day of May, 1899. (Seal.)	H. I. PLUMB,
	Notary Public.

His Spanish predecessors left more than a year ago

It is an ill wind that blows nobody ground the American policy has not good. The heavy rain storm will relieve the street cleaning brigade of a good part of its work.

interests of the island and that the re-The first thing Senator Peffer ought to sults already accomplished are amazing, but they think there has been a do is to reduce the length of his beard by several inches, so he may no longer lack of aggressiveness in certain direcbe taken for a bewhiskered Kansas poptions where it could have been adulist.

Congressman Mercer is wrestling with the following conundrum just now: Who is to be superintendent of the census for the Second congressional district?

One thing is assured and that is that the United States must retain control Mexican newspapers of Spanish proin Cuba for some time to come. It clivities are predicting a long and costly must remain there until political and war for the United States in Cuba. This economic conditions are established on ought to double their circulation in a stable basis and this will not be ac-Madrid.

complished in a short time. There is a The bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Bartgreat deal yet to be done in Cuba before ley have again stated their position for, its people can be left to govern them the 'steenth time, which is that they selves. won't make good a dollar of his defalca-TRADE BALANCE CHANGING. tion unless they have to. The foreign trade statistics for last It is announced that Dewey's homemonth show a declining tendency in the coming has caused a boom in bunting. heavy exports of merchandise from the United States and also an increase The bunting boom, however, will not be in imports, the trade balance for the a circumstance to the boom of the guns when he makes his appearance. month being over \$20,000,000 less in our favor than it was in April, 1898. This change was not unexpected. As a Just to prevent too sudden a transition for Admiral Schley from seafaring leading financial journal points out, the to land lubbering Omaha has received extraordinary favorable trade balance the hero of Santiago with a watery welwhich has existed for nearly two years come in a genuine western rain storm. past has been to a large extent an indirect result of our commercial and in-President McKinley is back again in dustrial depression. Contraction of Washington and the health resort which home consumption gave a larger surplus

States and Spain, in which not a dollar the war, are to be sold where only one copy The manifesto of General Gomez is, of actual cash was turned over, is an of Jefferson Davis' book is sold, it is safe conservative, conciliatory and appar- | interesting and instructive illustration ently sincere. He counsels the Cuban of a financial process that is continusoldiers to accept the money offered by ally going on in the world's exchanges. this government, return to their homes

will know and approve and sympathize with and practice patience. He urges that WELCOME TO ADMIRAL SCHLEY. the attitude of the north in the war of giants. Omaha extends a most hearty welcome to Rear Admiral Winfield S. ernment and promises to remain Schley, whose career has shed luster among the Cubans and work for that upon the American navy and who will consummation. The manifesto implies take rank in history with John Paul correspondent in support of the charge that as the Nebraska regiment. entire confidence in the United States Jones, Decatur, Farragut and Dewey. the president was poisoned with picotine, government and indicates a patriotic that he smoked five cigars a day, could only It is needless to assure the admiral have been evolved from one who was at once ment tendered its services for the Philipdesire for the pacification of the island. that the citizens of Omaha feel highly a nonsmoker and a hater of the weed. Five pines in place of the First Nebraska. He There is nothing in it suggesting any honored by his visit, which will be recigars a day is a very moderate and reapersonal ambition on the part of garded as one of the memorable events sonable allowance and marks the careful practically annihilated and the Third Ne-Gomez, but simply an earnest wish for | in its history. smoker.

independence and liberty, in the interest of which he declares himself ready to appreciate the invaluable services renlabor in whatever sphere may be as-Advices from Havana state that con- entertain him and give expression to servative counsels have brought about their profound admiration of his valor a better feeling there and that the sit- and patriotic deeds. In doing homage to untion has become less threatening. An his worth they are impelled by no secofficer of the Cuban army is reported tional or partisan feeling, but by a pride as saying that it would be suicide to that is inspired in all Americans by the extent this feeling exists it is impossi-

men. ble to say. Perhaps there are many It is the hope and wish of every hot-headed men in Cuba who believe citizen of Omaha that the admiral's that a formidable resistance could be stay among them will be an agreeable made to this country and doubtless respite from the arduous duties that .710 there are some who think it is a pahave devolved upon him and that he will .470 triotic duty to resist. There are selfcarry away with him a lasting imseeking politicians, the leaders of the pression of their good will and hospiso-called national party, who hope to tality. profit by obstructing and interfering

DEMAND MAKES VALUES.

In 1896 the World-Herald and all the other

issue of May 12, 1899;

products from their lands and labors?

"The speculative demand is not as great as

in past years, the speculators' lands chang-

ing hands and going into the ownership of

persons who will cultivate and improve

And further along, to show how little at-

given to populistic prophets and Bryanarchat

tlement."

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nounces:

Prophets of Calamity Discredited by Present Conditions. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative.

advocates of financial vagaries and economic Senator McMillan of Michigan declines to fallacies in general contended that value etire under fire. He is up for re-election, was the creation of law. The same sophists notwithstanding Secretary Alger's requesalleged that the country was going down the for his brogans. toboggan slide of disaster into everlasting

When the pops got control of Kansas they annihilation because of the gold standard, which was making land lower and money populized all the offices, including the state higher all the time. And now after three ouncing act with great emphasis. years more of the oppression of the gold Much depends on the size of the war here standard the same journal declares in its

NEBRASKA'S SOLDIERS.

who runs for office on his record. So far the "That there is a growing demand for cturns show one hero successful in New homes in Nebraska cannot be disputed. In York, another defeated in Illinois.

all parts of the state is noticeable an in-The last United States senate, notwithcreased inquiry and demand for farm and standing the absence of rules generally supgrazing lands. These inquiries come largely posed to expedite the transaction of con rom persons seeking homes for actual setgressional business, passed 1.173 of its own ills, whereas the house of representatives How can this be true if the predictions of passed only 1,081 of the bills which it Bryanarchists were true in 1896? Were not originated.

the farmers to starve because of low-priced The various United States mints turned out \$14,000,000 in new coin during March, the Only speculative plutocrats, it was propheexact total being \$14,572,073.01, the largest led in 1896, would purchase farms in Neoinage for many months. The greater part braska and the northwest, because under the gold standard continued and the ex-

f this was in gold, \$9,556,260 being in double eagles, \$2,105,120 in half eagles and \$515,240 tortionate freight rates of railroads no man in single engles. could purchase or would purchase farms for The city of Toledo, in which Samuel M. the purpose of tilling them and making a

Jones, the "municipal ownership" socialist, has recently been elected mayor, has a public debt of \$6,000,000, though its population by

Cleveland, with a total population of 400,000, has a municipal debt of less than \$8,000,000. It is reported from Alabama that the resent governor of that state, Joseph F. Johnston, elected in August, 1898, by a tention and how small credence has been preponderant majority, is a candidate for United States senator to succeed John T.

Morgan is 75 years old and has been in the "In the Valentine land office 10,685 acres | senate since 1877. His colleague, Senator were taken under homestead entry during Pettus, is 78 years old, and his term will not the month of April, 1899. This is a record expire until 1903. Both Alabama senators

The salary of the three assistant

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Philadelphia Record: Having fought the Senor Navarro Revorter, who, as minister Filipines until it has less than 300 men fit of finance, framed the budget of 1896 and for duty, the First regiment of Nebraska 1897, comes forward as critic, and gives a volunteers has petitioned General Macforecast of what is essential to restore the Arthur to be relieved from duty at the credit of Spain. The most weighty circumfront. The strain of long marches, con- stance is the extraordinary increase in the tinual fighting and nerve-lacking outpost interest charge on the debt. Before the duty has worn the men out and they ask war a nominal capital of 6,688,000,000 pefor relief accordingly. There are five other setas paid interest to the amount of 311,volunteer regiments at San Fernando and 500,000 pesetas. The debts contracted during The specification given by one Washington all are probably in the same precarious case the war and the assumed debts of the colonles were 5,000,000,000 pesstas, but draw an annual interest of 334,340,000 pesetas Springfield Republican: Colonel Vifquain of the mustered-out Third Nebraska regi- Nearly three-fourths of the entire annual income of Spain is swallowed up by this interest, leaving nothing for reducing the capital of the debt, and an insufficient sum does this because the First regiment "Is to meet the running expenses of a costly braska wishes to avenge it." What has and not overhonest administration. The

remody suggested by Senor Reverter is charannihilated the First regiment is chiefly the acteriatic: The bondholder must be mulcted climate, the heat and disease, and it is there-As the debt cannot be paid, it must be ore upon the torrid and malarious climate scaled, and as the rate of interest is usuthat Colonel Vifquain and his regiment rious, it must be reduced. The taxpayer would be avenged. Their efforts would be must be squeezed and his charges increased.

Philadelphia Ledger: The Third Nebraska The latest reports from St. Petersburg regiment, which did not see all the fighting and other points in Russia indicate that wanted in Cuba, has been mustered out, the police authorities seem to be more bent but has formally offered to re-calist as a upon inflaming than allaying the spirit of body and go to the Philippines, to take the rebellion which has broken out among the place of the First Nebraska, which is worn student classes. They are proceeding, apout by hard fighting and is soon to return parently, wholly upon the presumption that to this country. It is a commendable offer the entire movement is political and treaon the part of the Nebraskans, for, if they sonable. There is now no more room for did not experience much actual warfare, students in the St. Petersburg prisons. Those they saw enough of army life to teach them already incarcerated are examined one by

that it is no joke, and the publications in one by gendarmes. Only the procureur of the newspapers have kept them fully in- the palace of justice may be present, and formed as to the hardships endured by their the accused are not allowed to have any prethren in the Philippines. Under the cir- advocate or any other means of defense. cumstances their offer to take the tolls of | Everything is done on the basis of secret army life in the islands, which are far more | dosslers, as in the Dreyfus case. Each stuto be dreaded than its dangers, is a display dent, during and after examination, is kept of patriotism that is very creditable to them | in solitary confinement, so that he shall not and should receive the approbation of the be able to communicate any of his expecountry, as it already has that of the presi- riences to his companions. The other night the police made a raid upon the High School dent, to whom their offer was formally made. of Forestry. About 300 students were asleep

POLITICAL DRIFT.

at the time in a series of rooms on either side of a long corridor, the doors, half paneled with glass, being all closed for the night. Without warning the authorities of the establishment, about fifty policemen ob-

tained an entrance, made a rush down the passage, forcing open the doors and smashing the glass. This precipitate action was olleges. Now the republicans are doing the taken in order to prevent the inmates from destroying any compromising papers. The great majority of the arrested students are

sent back to their homes and, of course, carry with them the spirit of discontent wherever they go. Thus the seeds of future revolution are being sowed broadcast all

over the country. ... Advices from Canea, island of Crete, are that affairs under the administration of

Prince George of Greece as high commissioner, are fast assuming an encouraging aspect. After much debate on the subject the assembly has rescinded its previous de-

cision that the Candia massacres were not o be considered a political crime. It will now regard them as such, but with reservaions. The Mussulmans who took part in them will be amnestied, with the exception of those condemned by the international

tribunal. The assembly has also passed a resolution empowering the Cretan government to contract a loan of 9,000,000 drachmas (about \$1,200,000), provided that, with

the assistance of the powers, the interest the last federal census was \$1,000 only. does not exceed 3 per cent. Five millions will be devoted to making loans to the sufferers of the events of 1856-7 and the remainder will be employed to repay the powers the 4,000,000 advanced by them. News comes from Rome that the Italian government has consented to place at the disposal of Prince George six officers and presages, the same organ of flat currency an- Morgan, whose term expires in 1901. Senator eighty-six non-commissioned officers of the

Carabiniers, who will undertake the reorganization of the Cretan gendarmerle. All will receive full pay in addition to the emolument paid by the Cretan government. It that has had no equal within the past twelve are residents of the town of Selma.

is said that the generosity of the Italian

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mate demands of the foreign population with evasion. It has entirely ignored the fact that the foreigners alone have brought wealth into the country. The mistrust which prevails in Johannesburg is, therefore, quite justified." What is true of Germany is true of most other countries.

The Finnish people are not wholly without hope that though the new army regulations may stand, the czar will not allow the scheme of Russification to be pressed any further, nor their religion to be interfered with. What gives most anxiety is to what extent the Russian government will restrict their control of their finances, or whether it will allow them any control at all. They fear that in the event of Russia assuming the right of disposal of the Finnish state revenues it will absorb all the surplus and find it to its interest to increase the taxation, With a Russian administration managing their finances, the final crisis would have arrived. Meanwhile they maintain a waiting attitude, loyally protesting, and avoiding the traps laid for them by agents of the governor general.

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

Chicago Post: "Money makes the mare

go," he quoted. "How dreadfully out of date you are," re-turned the other. "These are the days of automobiles."

Pittsburg Chronicle: "It is said that a scorcher's heart units him for a soldier's life," remarked Mr. Penn, "I didn't know that a scorcher had any heart at all," added Mr. Pitt.

Chicago Record: "It is wonderful what Chicago Record: At is wonderful what courage and visor our volunteer soldlers have shown in this war." "I didn't think so; you know how we all get fostled and knocked around on the American trolley car."

Detroit Journal: "No," replied the veteran New York journalist, "efficient re-porters are not common. Good porch-climbers are usually not good writers, and good writers are seldom good porch-climb-ers."

Boston Transcript: Mrs. Driver-You're hungry, eh? What are you anyway? A professional tramp. I suppose. Roads Walker-No, lady. I'm not a profes-sional. Only an ammytoor, lady. I never ask for money. Something to eat and drink is all I have ever entered for yet.

Washington Star: "Are you seriously ill?" asked the well-meaning friend, "Oh, no," answered the dyspeptic, with a jarring sareastic laugh. "I hurt all over and don't care whether the sun rises to-morrow or not. But I'm not seriously ill. morrow or not. But I'm not seriously ill. I'm jocosely, flippantly and farcically ill. I'm going through all the symptoms, but I lon't mean one of them.

Chicago Post: They had been talking about the insurance on the church, when the little one suddenly broke into the conversation. "The church is God's house, isn't it?" she

asked. "Yes, dear." replied her mother. "And does He get the insurance if it burns

MOTHER'S HOBO.

renew aggressive efforts at the first ceiver of the Pella, Ia., bank sued a opportunity. There is much distress firm of brokers for bank money lost by and suffering among the people which the president in speculation. The deit is not possible for this government fense was that the directors and not the to relieve and this affords the politi- brokers were responsible to the bank cians something to work on. Destitution for the peculations of the president. lends a willing ear to the demagogue The court, however, ruled to the conwho rails against those in authority and trary, and gave judgment for the receivers. If this decision holds good it conditions if his policy should prevail, will open up a way to recover for cred-Thus the self-seeking politicians in litors a large portion of the money lost through the peculations of bank offi-

of some intelligent observers on the tion and other forms of gambling.

been sufficiently broad and firm. It is admitted by these that American advantageously employed. The criticism may be sound, but we are inclined to trouble now for Uncle Sam than they think that in the main the policy pur- ever did for the Spanish army. The sued has been judicious and certainly results in the province of Santiago

> Gomez, who, having devoted his life and fortune to the cause, is willing to continue the sacrifice, asking nothing

made Cuban independence a possibility.

There are always people who want to tolen.

Omaha, Nebraska and the great west dered the nation by Admiral Schley and they will esteem it a privilege to resist the United States, but to what great achievements of their country-

said to be much easier with a great many people than the latter.

A case of more than ordinary interest These elements may abate their ac- to creditors of broken banks has been

tivity for a time, but they are never decided by the United States circuit quite idle and may be expected to court of appeals at Chicago. The re-

cials, as it is a notorious fact that a plexing and calls for the most careful great per cent of such defalcations are and patient treatment. In the opinion traceable to board of trade specula-

If the agitators opposing the distribution of money to the Cuban soldlery ministration is making for the highest were not entirely wrapped up in their own selfish schemes the straightfor-

ward statement of General Gomez would induce them to subside. The aged leader has already sacrificed more for Cuba than the entire collection of living from their products. But now the intransigeants who are making more World-Herald remarks in antagonism to its

more these men obstruct the restoration of Cuba to a peace status the brighter stands out the character of the aged

for himself from the nation which has

lock the barn door after the horse is

front at once.

no pretext be allowed to interfere with the attainment of an independent gov-

signed to him.

THE CUBAN PROBLEM.

with the policy of the United States.

holds out promise of a betterment of

The problem is complicated and per-

Cuba have a large constituency.

justify this conclusion.

OFFICES.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BUSINESS LETTERS.

he has been visiting will now begin to of commodities for export and diminreap returns on the advertising ished imports, while there has been an which the entertainment of the presiunusually heavy foreign demand for our food products. Returning prosperdent gives it.

Omaha has nothing to complain of just now in a business way except the effect of which is seen in the figures of clearing house imposition, which is doing more harm with investors abroad country for that month was nearly than can be repaired in years by local \$24,000,000 and for the last three enterprise and push. months over \$80,000,000.

What is the use of a State Board of Equalization? Why not let the railroad assessment stand unchanged till the year A. D. 2000? That would be just as rational as making the assessment for 1899 the same as for 1898.

The best evidence that the backbone of the resistance in the Philippines has been broken is the decreasing casualty list, though the troops are advancing steadily. It is plain that the natives are doing less shooting and more running.

Philadelphia Press suggests that those The czar of Russia should cut out and who are advocating radical changes in paste in his scrapbook the laudatory our currency system should get a thorough understanding of one of the most speeches delivered at the Peace conference. And if he wishes to make it a delicate and yet perfectly worked out pieces of financing the history of exhandy record he should leave a blank column alongside to be filled in at changes records. This was the transfer of \$20,000,000 in gold from the United future times when he may tread on the States to Spain without the movement toes of his present eulogistic friends.

of a dollar of coin and in such way Secretary Alger denounces as foolish that ultimately, perhaps in the near futhe report that he is interfering with ture, this entire sum will appear again as a part of the resources of the Treas-General Brooke in his treatment of the Cuban troops. It is plain that it is part | ury department. policy of the popocratic politicians who It was done as international balances shape the yellow journals to keep up are sometimes shifted by the financiers of London, that is simply by transfer the stories of friction in the War department, in the hope that they may proof credits. The gold for which warrants were issued upon the United States duce friction where it does not exist. The public will discount all these bugtreasurer in New York remains in the subtreasury vaults there, its ownership aboos for what they are worth.

The possibilities of the cakewalk are

certain yellow slips of paper which are as good as gold for those who are in apparently only beginning to be exploited. At one of these festive occasions down in Oklahoma recently the enthusiasm became so intense that the fireworks from the shooting irons have produced a list of casualties exhibiting three white men wounded, four negroes killed and several others slightly injured. All this with only fifty shots fired. When the cakewalk has been developed to its perfection it may be expected to exhibit a destructive power beside which a Missouri cyclone would fer of credits and this transaction bebe like a summer zephyr.

cutive mansion? Why should not the bids have been made public long ago so that the taxpayers of Nebraska may have some idea as to the extent of the ity has stimulated the home demand for deal that is on? both domestic and foreign products, the Signs of the Times. exports and imports for April. Still the merchandise balance in favor of this

It is probable that the reaction thus

noted will be equally marked in suc-

ceeding months. A steady increase in

imports is to be looked for because of

the improved conditions here. Our peo-

ple are better able to buy foreign goods

than they were a year ago. At the same

time the indications are favorable to

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Baltimore American. There are a few strikes now going on in the country, but the reports of increases of wages outnumber them ten to one.

Prepared for Emergency. St. Louis Republi It may be well for the other powers to remember that Nicolas of Russia is in posi-

Why all this mystery about the ex-

tion to give them all the fighting they want if they flout his peace overtures A Model of Its Class. Chicago Tri Admiral Schley is said to be one of the navy's best speakers. His speech aboard

abundant crops abroad. Return to a the Brooklyn at Santiago to Cervera's fleet normal relation between exports and last July is regarded by good judges as a imports is consequently to be expected, model of naval oratory. Overproduction of Generals.

Globe-Democrat The New York correspondent of the According to the Cuban army rolls there was a commissioned officer to every fourteen men. In Germany the proportion is one

officer to forty-five men. The report that over 20,000 privates have been discovered in Cuba has yet to be confirmed. "Manifest Destiny."

Philadelphia Ledger. "Manifest destiny" appears to be pushing us now to the absorption of Cuba, which we did not intend when we began the war fight the Filipince. Manifest destiny is

often another name for national mistakes. Why Britain is Alarmed. Nothing is so much agitating and alarming the people of Great Britain at present as

the expansion of American industrial contracts in Europe. Our rapid advances upon the very main centers of England's industrial markets are a daily theme in the British journals. Everything from a omotive to a blcycle, together with the bridges that carry it over, seem destined to having been transferred by means of be captured by Yankee skill and enterprise.

> Signs of the Times Down South. New Orleans Times-Democrat

lawful possession. In the course of the When a narrative of the civil war by Gengovernment's business with importers eral Grant, the foremost soldier on the these slips will work through the banks federal side, is sold to the tune of hundreds into the custom house in payment of customs and be returned to the subpendent survivors, it is extraordinary and treasury, until in a little while all of anything but creditable to the patriotism and them will come back in that way and loyalty of the people of the south that the the gold in the vaults be again in the narrative of the war from the pen of the resident of the confederacy himself ("Rise

ownership of the government. More than ninety per cent of the and Fall of the Confederate Government." by Jefferson Davis) should lie, unsold on the world's business is done by the transtween the governments of the United

years, or since the homestead days of set-When the Board of Education tling up the western part of the state." called public meetings to discuss the Do the homesteaders come because of the

proposed new High school building only cheerful pictures of farm life in Nebraska, under the tytanny of railroads and money a corporal's guard put in an appearance. sharks which the World-Herald and its pop-Now that the board has acted upon the ulistic coadjutors have been publishing for general plan protests are being circuthe last half-dozen years?

lated among people who neglected to Is the April record of more than 10,000 pay any attention to the matter, but comestead acres taken at the Valentine office in a single month a result of the populistic in the same department gets \$3,000. who now profess great indignation over the idea that their wishes were not style of depicting Nebraska, its lands, its people, its courts, and its legislature, as the consulted. If anything is to be accomproperty of plutocrats and corporations? plished by these remonstrances some How much have the World-Herald and thing more will have to be done than other calumniators of the character of this merely signing papers. If anyone has ommonwealth and its institutions and people done to make a demand for Nebrasks any distinct plan for a creditable High lands at enhancing prices? school building he should come to the

STANDARD OIL TRUST PROFITS.

Extent of the Enormous Tribute Exacted from the American People. Kansas City Star. has to be judicially incarcerated for it." And

Some astounding statements regarding the Poverty Hollow wept with Tim. earnings of the Standard Oil company were made by Attorney General Monnett of Ohio before the industrial commission at Washington Tuesday. He declared that the trust's annual profits amount to more than the aggregate value of the agricultural products of Ohio and a comparison of available statistics of the petroleum business seems to bear out his statements. Mr. Monnett says that the net cost of refined oil averages 4

cents a gallon and all above that price is profit. The production of petroleum last year was 2,500,000,000 gallons. The trust controls about 70 per cent of this, according to recent estimates, or 1,700,000,000 gallons.

sanction the proposed modifications. It is probable that 70 per cent is a low estimate of the trust's part of the output. The average wholesale price last year was a little over 5 cents a gallon, so, if Mr. Monnett's statement of the cost of production is correct, the trust earned \$17,000,000 last year. It actually paid devidends amounting to nearly \$30,000,000, or 30 per cent on its \$97,250,000 of capital.

Oil has recently advanced. It is quoted at 10 cents in New York now. At that price the trust apparently is making a profit of 6 cents a gallon, which will amount to \$100 .-900,000 per annum if the present price is maintained. The value of agricultural products in the rich state of Ohio does not

amount to much more than that sum. These figures are, of course, largely approximations, for the Standard Oil company does not give out any information about its business but they probably are not far from right The directors of the company yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of 12 per cent with Spain any more than we intended to Its last preceding dividend was 6 per cent This makes 18 per cent, or about \$18,000,000 to be distributed to stockholders as a result of a halt year's business. The company's

stock is worth nearly 460 per cent premium over its par value. In other words, the market value of its \$97,250,000 of capital stock is close to \$500,000,000.

A person does not have to be very vio lent in his opposition to trusts to realize that such a corporation as the Standard Oil company should be prevented by law from laying such a heavy tax on the people as is necessary to pile up the enormous profits that it makes every year. It may be conceded that the Rockefellers have wrought a beneficent work for mankind in building up such a complete and marvelously effectiv system as they have created for distribut. ing oil at a comparatively low cost to con

sumers, and they are entitled to a fortun of thousands of copies and brings quite a any public point of view for the extraor But there is no justification from dinary profits that the company is making. The war revenue law assesses a tax o one-quarter of 1 per cent on the gross earn ings of the company exceeding \$250,600 This suggests a possible method of curbing the trusts by assessing a monopoly 1.8.3 against them, which could be so adjusted a

to allow them reasonable returns on their shelves of the publishers and booksellers. capital and require them to turn into the If 109 copies of Grant's book, with its public treasury all profits in excess of the federal view of the causes and incidents of amount necessary for that purpose.

government is deeply appreciated in Canea etaries of state at Washington, of the three assistant secretaries of the treasury, of the assistant secretary of war, of the assistant of Italy and in Sicily. secretary of the navy, and of the assistant

ecretary of agriculture are \$4,500. The The regular British army amounts to alaries of the three assistant postmaster bout 150,000 men, exclusive of 75,000 in the generals is \$4,000. The director of the regular establishment in India. What with geological survey of the Interior department the Home guards, the yeomanry and the gets \$5,000; the commissioner of education olunteers, the total British army figures up n paper to about 250,000 men-nominally a Ex-Congressman Tim Campbell of New very imposing force. In the budget for 1899 York, author of the statesmanlike remark, provision is made for an increase of 22,000 'What's the constitution between friends? men in the regular army; but it is imposis now practicing law. A few days ago he sible under existing conditions to find reappeared as attorney for a milkman charged cruits for this small additional force. In with selling sour milk, and gravely informed order to overcome the reluctance of the the court that his client was innocent, inas-Eritish citizen to serve in the army several much as the milk was soured by electrical eforms have been suggested and partially disturbances. But the court declined to see adopted, among the rest an increase of pay it that way. "It's pretty hard," said the and a reduction of the term of regular restfallen Campbell, as he left the court, service from seven to three years. By 'that when the Almighty sends a bolt of hese and other means it is hoped to bring lightning on the east side one of my friends the standing army up to the full complement

of about 250,000, including the regular forces n India.

Governor Roosevelt is about to charge up the legislative hill once more. A special The progress made in the building of the session has been called, for the purpose of iberian railway has been rapid during the amending the franchise tax bill passed duroast three years and there is some promise ing the closing hours of the regular session that the line across Asia will be completed The session will open on Monday next, and in a few years to the Pacific ocean. It would eem, however, that the construction of the the governor expects it will have finished its labors by Saturday, the 27th. Considering oad has been on the penny-wise-and-poundthe tremendous opposition to the bill in foolish plan, for on the parts already in question the fulfillment of the governor's peration the fifty pound rails originally prediction will be a notable political achieve. laid have already been found inadequate to the traffic and sixty-five pound rails have ment. But the governor holds the trump card in the game. He will sign the measure peen substituted for them. The receipts per as it stands should the legislature refuse to mile on the 2,300 miles of completed line have been about at the rate of \$3,00 per annum. As originally projected the road was

THE THIRD'S FIRST COLONEL. to be 4,740 miles long, but the main line, according to present intentions, will cover Word in Defense of His Retirement in Advance of His Regiment. New York Sun. 3,958 miles. with about 700 miles branches. The branches have been partially built and the main line is operated on the The Third regiment of Nebraska volum Western and Central Siberian divisions for teers was mustered out in Cuba the other day. This is the regiment in command of 2,315 miles.

down?" was the next question. The Italian Carabinlers is a picked corps which does police duty in the rural districts

Whilst working one morn in my kitchen I heard a strange knock at the door. And said quite provoked, "There's another "Old tramp! I declare that makes four

Twe fed yet this morning, no telling "Wherever this nuisance will end. T wish all the tramps in the country "Their days in Jamaica might spend!"

I ope'd wide the door as I scolded, And there in his blue gingham dress, Stood my own precious boy and he stam mered, "I ain't never had nuffin, I dess,

"I'm most starved, I am, for a tookey, "I didn't have one all today, "An' I want a dink awful bad, too, "Den, hones", I'll go light away!"

I gathered the "tramp" in my arms And straight to the cooky jar went, And as later I looked out the window "Neath the old apple tree, gnarled and beauting the straight tree in the straight tree is a straight tree is straight tree is a straight tree is straight tree is stra

Where my wee tramp, with lap full of cookles.

Cookies, Was happy as happy could be, I thought, "Oh! dear Heavenly Father, "Have mercy, have mercy on me.

"And guide my boys footsteps e'en safely "Along down the pathway of time. "For I know that once these poor hoboes "Were a mother's dear tramp, just like mine."

-ANNELLA S. GILMORE.



which Colonel William Jennings Bryan did should hostilities now break out between in which to purchase a suit not win any remarkable amount of glory. the Pretoria government and the British He soon wearied of the stopper which millthorities in the Cape Colouy and in Natal for the big or small boy-at a tary discipline applied to his eloquent lips. the Boers will learn that they have lost big discount what they possessed three years ago, to-

wit, the good will of Germany. The present views of the German press and people are effected in the Cologne Gazette, which recently pointed out that "in Germany where the action of Dr. Jameson was justly ondemned, it was expected that the grievances of the Uitlanders would be dealt with

the Boer government has met the legiti-

his capabilities correctly. In the civil war merous gentlemen plunged suddenly from politics into the army, not always with esults gratifying to the country. It must have required considerable courage and the repression of a not unworthy vanity for the olonel of the Third Nebraska to leave th service without having won any laurels i If his heart was not in it and he fell that he had no especial fitness for it, he acted as a good citizen in resigning. He consulted the public interests. We could wish that he had the same sense of his de-

must have endured hardships much greater than have fallen to the lot of his old regi ment. While he may not recall his militar, career with any unusual degree of satisfac tion, nothing can deprive him of the title of colonel. He has acquired a martial flavo at small expense of time and effort.

a conciliatory manner. Instead of this A common expression is: "The human race is growing weaker and wiser." That we are growing weaker is proved by the large number of pale, thin and emaciated people. That we are growing

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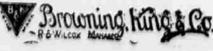
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He seems to have pictured military life as a series of tableaux in which a handsome colonel waves his sword. No spectacular opportunities occurred. Silence and routine were not to the colonel's taste. He left his

regiment just as it was about to go to Cuba, where its service has been useful and its record honorable. Some casuists hold that it would have en better for the colonel if he had stuck

to his job and his regiment. They assert that he should have taken the evil with the good of military life. Should have accepted cheerfully its dullest duties and should have showed that as John Hay wrote of Senator and Colonel Edward Dickinson Baker, "h went into the war for use, not fame." We notice that some critics of Colonel Bryan

use the discharge of his regiment as a text for a homily on what the colonel should have done. It seems to us that Colonel Bryan judges

ficiencies as an economist.

In facing dollar dinners Colonel Bryan